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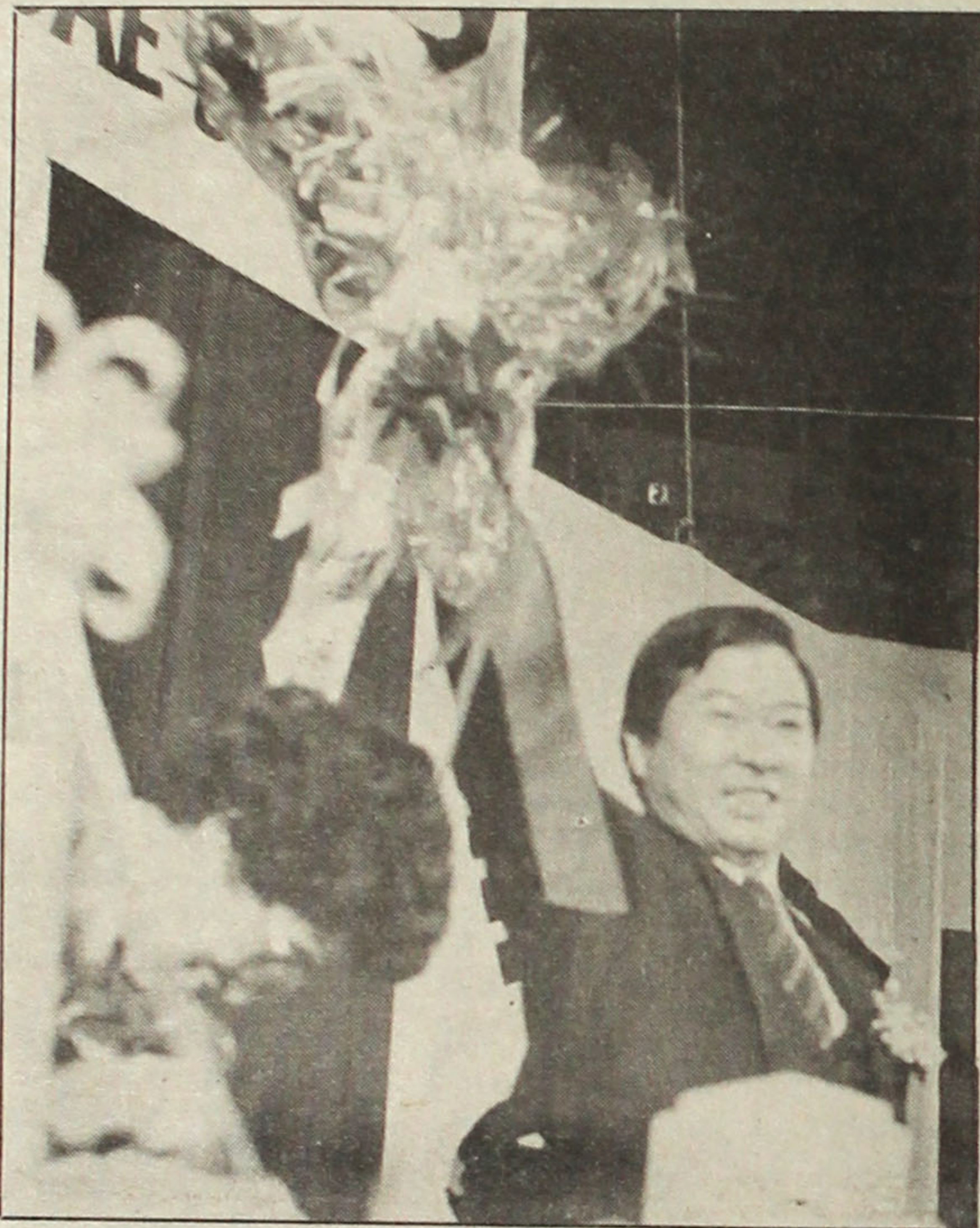


Photo courtesy Rafu Shimpō
TAKING LEAVE—Kim Dae Jung thanks crowd at farewell gathering in Los Angeles while Mrs. Lee Hee Ho, Kim's wife, acknowledges reception. They return to S. Korea on Feb. 8.

Uncertain future faces dissident leader Kim

by Robert Shjmabukuro

LOS ANGELES—Amidst banners supporting the return of Dr. Kim Dae Jung to Korea, a crowd of more than 4,000 persons waited patiently at the Olympic Auditorium through three hours of speeches, congratulatory messages and songs to hear the exiled leader speak on Jan. 19 about his desire to help restore democracy to Korea and about the role Koreans can play in the U.S.

Displaying a keen and poetic sense of humor, Kim had the audience laughing and applauding as he detailed the reasons for returning to Korea. He spoke first of personal sacrifice. No matter how safe life abroad had been, he said, he could not live away from the 40 million who are waiting for the restoration of democracy and the 60 million who are awaiting unification of their country.

"Democracy cannot have heroes," Kim declared. "People say that Kim Dae Jung is a great man who has paid a price, but democracy requires full participation of everyone in the community. If few people are involved, individual sacrifices are large. If many people are involved, then individual sacrifices are small. Therefore, if democracy is restored, since many people will be involved, Kim Dae Jung will not be a hero."

Everyone will be a hero."

Profile in Courage

But it was obvious that those in attendance held Kim in very high regard, certainly having "hero" status. Who is this man?

Kim entered politics in 1954 and was a constant critic of autocratic president Syngman Rhee from 1954 to 1960. In 1960 he became the official government spokesperson for Prime Minister Chang Myon, and in 1961 he was elected to the National Assembly, only to see that assembly dissolved and the constitution rewritten in 1962 by Gen. Park Chung Hee.

Reelected in 1963, 1967, and 1971, Kim continued to oppose Park and, as the New Democratic Party's presidential candidate against Park, Kim captured 46% of the vote, despite Park's control of the campaign conditions and ballot-counting.

To this day, Kim maintains that the election was stolen from him. At any rate, it was too close for Park to feel comfortable.

Since that time, Kim's life has been in constant danger. A 1971 auto accident, later acknowledged to be the responsibility of the KCIA (Korean Central Intelligence Agency) caused permanent disability.

In 1973, during a stay in Japan,

he was kidnapped from his hotel room, beaten, drugged, taken to a nearby ship, tied and bound with weights. Only an airplane flying above prevented his captors from throwing him overboard, Kim said.

He was taken back to Seoul, placed under house arrest and later imprisoned for "overseas agitation" and for spreading "false" rumors that Gen. Park, if elected, would impose a permanent military dictatorship.

(On Oct. 17, 1972, Park did in fact suspend portions of the constitution which his government had written in 1962, dissolved the National Assembly, banned all political activity, closed the country's 81 colleges and universities for 6 weeks, and forced through a new constitution granting him unlimited powers.)

Chun's Ascension to Power

After the assassination of Park in 1980, Kim was released from prison and entered the race for the presidency. However, another coup, this time by Major Gen. Chun Doo Hwan prevented that election from occurring, and Kim and other leaders were detained.

On May 17, 1980, Chun's troops killed an estimated 1,000 persons demonstrating in Kwangju for democratic rights. (Official Korean government figures listed casualties at 180, while other observers cited figures as high as 3,000.) Kim and other leaders were held responsible and were sentenced to death. Only because of international pressures was Kim's sentence reduced to life imprisonment in January 1981 and to 20 years imprisonment in March 1982. In December 1982 he was exiled to the U.S. for "medical treatment." Earlier this year Kim announced that he would return to Korea on Feb. 8.

During his speech here, Kim outlined a three-point plan for Chun to facilitate the restoration of democracy:

1. Apologize for the Kwangju massacre and compensate victims and survivors. By doing so, Kim said, Chun would restore some "civility" in government.

2. Meet with the three Kims — Kim John Pil, prime minister under President Park; Kim Young Sam, another opposition leader; and Kim Dae Jung. These three were considered the front-runners in the election that Chun thwarted in 1980.

3. Grant freedom of choice. This would include free press and speech, free electoral choice, and local autonomy.

Kim added that unless there

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News in Brief

Taiwan government in crisis over Liu slaying

TAIPEI, Taiwan—The murder of Henry Liu (see Jan. 25 PC) has set in motion a series of crises for the government of President Chiang Ching-kuo that some observers are likening to Watergate, reports Jim Mann for the Los Angeles Times. Liu, who had written a critical biography of Chiang, was killed Oct. 15 outside his home in Daly City, Calif. Members of the underworld Bamboo gang and officials of the Defense Ministry's intelligence bureau have been arrested in the case.

Observers say the most significant effect of the murder will be to undermine public confidence in the Taiwan ruling party, the Kuomintang. The case may also reduce the possibility that Chiang Hsiao-wu, grandson of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and son of President Chiang, will take power any time soon. In any case, analysts agree, the controversy will lessen the influence of the military and security officials in Taiwan.

Professor forced into retirement, sues college

SANTABARBARA, Calif.—A political science professor, saying he was forced to take early retirement because of his age and race, has sued a private Christian college, reports the Los Angeles Times. Norman Nyun-Han, 63, said he was the only tenured professor released during a cutback last year while younger white professors were allowed to stay on. Nyun-Han taught at the school for 13 years.

Midwest Jewish group backs compensation

CHICAGO—The governing council of the American Jewish Congress endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Shirley Sachs, executive director of the Congress, stated that the governing council "officially adopts the resolution supporting the resolution that JACL has been working so diligently to have enacted into law."

Chicago Chapter JACL redress co-chairs Chiye Tomihiro and Lary Schectman were responsible for obtaining the resolution.

Pierman sentence: 6 years

MARTINEZ, Ca.—James "Jay" Pierman, 18, convicted last year of voluntary manslaughter in the stabbing death of fellow Davis High School student Thong Hy Huynh, was sentenced Jan. 22 to six years at the California Youth Authority.

Judge Richard Patsey of Contra Costa County Superior Court based his sentence, the maximum allowed, on Pierman's previous criminal record and the fact that he used a knife in his fight with Huynh "without a valid claim of self-defense." However, Patsey dismissed a recommendation that Pierman pay a \$10,000 restitution fee and gave Pierman 629 days credit for time already spent at Juvenile Hall.

Pierman killed Huynh on May 4, 1983 in a fight provoked by Pierman's friend Rusty Clark. Both Pierman and Clark had reportedly harassed Vietnamese students on previous occasions. On the day of his sentencing, Pierman said, "I didn't know I hit him. Yes, I am very sorry." He will be eligible for parole in three years.

Asian American observers of the trial, including the victim's

mother, Phung Xung Huynh, were dissatisfied both with the manslaughter verdict and the six-year sentence.

In a letter read to the judge by Davis resident Lena Zee, Mrs. Huynh said, "The jury's verdict of voluntary manslaughter is truly unfair to my son." She asked the court to impose a longer term, saying she was "seeking justice as well as protection of others."

Diane Tomoda of Coalition of Asians for Equal Rights (CAER), which has been monitoring the trial, said that the sentence "will not repay the Huynh family and Asian American community for the violent taking of Thong Huynh's life and the racial prejudice shown by both the defendant and his friend Rusty Clark. Moreover, given the defendant's prior record, it may not be sufficient as a rehabilitation period."

Pierman's previous offenses include battery (once in Los Angeles and once in Davis), petty theft, and brandishing a knife. He had never been incarcerated before the killing of Huynh, however.

The Sacramento-based CAER said in a prepared statement that

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Kim Dae Jung

...On Security and Democracy

National security is unthinkable without a democratic government ... our national security has been weakened because the government lacks the spontaneous support of the people. This lack of support stems from the denial of democratic freedoms and social and economic justice for the South Korean people.

Only a democratic government can guarantee freedom, justice, and human dignity to the people. Without democratic government, political and social stability is inconceivable.

...For Korean Americans

I ask Korean Americans to ask their American congressmen to impress the government not to support the dictatorship, because American support of the dictatorship is creating anti-

American feeling among our young ... American influence is decisive in Korean national affairs because America has 40,000 troops with nuclear weapons. Japanese Korean policy follows the initiatives of American Korean policies.

If America and Japan change their attitudes toward South Korea, to respect our people's aspirations for democracy, then that will give decisive encouragement to our people.

...On Minority Struggles (in the U.S.)

If the Korean community wants to maintain or promote minority rights, they should be cooperative with other minority groups, especially Black people ... [They] have led the minority rights movement. We must be grateful to Black people, but unfortunately, some of our people disregard Black people ... It makes me feel indignant and sorry.

Taken from interview and prior speeches



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was a restoration of democracy, there was little chance for unification of Korea. With a democracy, he said, South Korea would

Rep. Long, redress supporter, dies

WASHINGTON—Rep. Gillis Long (D-Louisiana), a co-sponsor of redress bill HR 442 and longtime supporter of civil rights legislation, died Jan. 20 at his Washington home after suffering a heart attack. He was 61.

Long was an original co-sponsor of redress bill HR 4110 when it was introduced in 1983 and again became a co-sponsor when the bill was reintroduced as HR 442 in January.

He was chair of the House Democratic Caucus from 1980 to 1984 and was second ranking Democrat on the House Rules Committee at the time of his death. He was described as "a legislator's legislator" by House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Tex.), who said, "He was constructive and creative in his approach to the problems of the country. He never sought confrontation for the sake of confrontation, and he tried to work out acceptable solutions to the nation's problems."

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) praised Long as "a leader in civil rights, a terrific legislator and a friend of Asian Americans. He supported redress at a time when we needed his support most. Most importantly, Gillis' career in the House of Representatives was proof of his concern for his nation and for his fellow man. I will miss him greatly."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) echoed those sentiments. "When we first introduced the redress legislation in 1983, Gillis was chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, and his support for redress was a great help to us. Although there are few Americans of Japanese ancestry in his district, Gillis understood the national significance of this legislation." Long was the only Louisiana congressman to support redress.

Considered the most liberal member of the Louisiana delega-

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be strong enough to begin negotiations with North Korea because of the support of the people. With a dictatorship, there could be no strength and nothing to negotiate.

Americans of Korean Ancestry

Kim also called on Korean Americans to be proud of their culture. "I appreciate what it means to be an American with a Korean background. I encourage you to fully understand Korean history and culture while internalizing American concepts as respecting the privacy of others."

He also urged them to grow as citizens of a Pacific nation, while maintaining a rich connection to their history. "Take it upon yourself to help the Korean people who are breathing heavily under the Korean dictatorship ... Seek to touch base with and influence American legislators," he urged.

At the same time, Kim encouraged Korean American cooperation with Blacks, Jews and Mexicans in local communities. "Because of the struggles of Black Americans, we minorities have gained much." By fighting for democratic ideals, Korean Americans would be participating in spirit with compatriots at home.

Not an Easy Journey

Kim's wife, Lee Hee Ho, preceded him at the podium. In a

moving speech, Lee, herself a target of attacks from Park and Chun, called on Koreans not to despair. "Our journey is not an easy one, which ordinary people may not understand, but this journey is our mission, and we gladly welcome this opportunity. This is a new life being born, and like all births, this implies a measure of hardship, whether it be the birth of a nation, or the birth of a child. In the birth of a unified nation, the joy we will experience will also demand some price in the form of hardship."

Because numerous American and international dignitaries will accompany Kim on his return home (among them are Raul Manglapus, president of Movement for Free Philippines; Robert White, former ambassador to El Salvador; U.S. congresspersons; and representatives of various American and international human rights organizations) and because Chun's poor record on human rights may draw an Olympic boycott, Kim feels that he will escape the fate of Benigno Aquino, Philippine dissident murdered upon his return home.

His wife, too, believes that "God will always extend His helping hand to lead us out of these difficult moments and will take us to the final destination."

TV host's caricature draws protests

DETROIT—An Asian caricature done by a white TV host is being protested by American Citizens for Justice, a Detroit area Asian American community organization.

The object of the protest is Jim Harper, who hosts WXON-TV's "Martial Arts Theater" with buck teeth, eyelids painted to appear slanted, and a long Fu Manchus-style moustache. Using the name "Charlie Rum" (a variation on Charlie Chan), he speaks in broken English, mixing r's and l's and frequently saying "ah so."

The Saturday night program, which features martial arts movies, is introduced by Harper, who appears periodically throughout the broadcast.

Harper, who is also a disc jockey on WNIC-FM, was recently quoted in a local newspaper as saying, "All I can say is the characterization is in the same style as some of the things that great comics have

done on any number of great detectives ... My interpretation of the character is that he's just a funny guy, and not at the expense of any ethnic group ... I would be interested in talking to anyone who feels they're picking up any negative feelings as a result of the show."

ACJ members were given a similar explanation when they contacted WXON to lodge a protest about the "extremely negative caricature." Station manager Doug Johnson said that "the program inserts of Jim Harper are designed to be humorous. We do not believe this to be derogatory of any Asian Americans."

Having concluded that the station management is unwilling to change the format of the program, ACJ is urging concerned individuals to write letters of protest to WXON and to companies which advertise during the "Martial Arts Theater" time slot.

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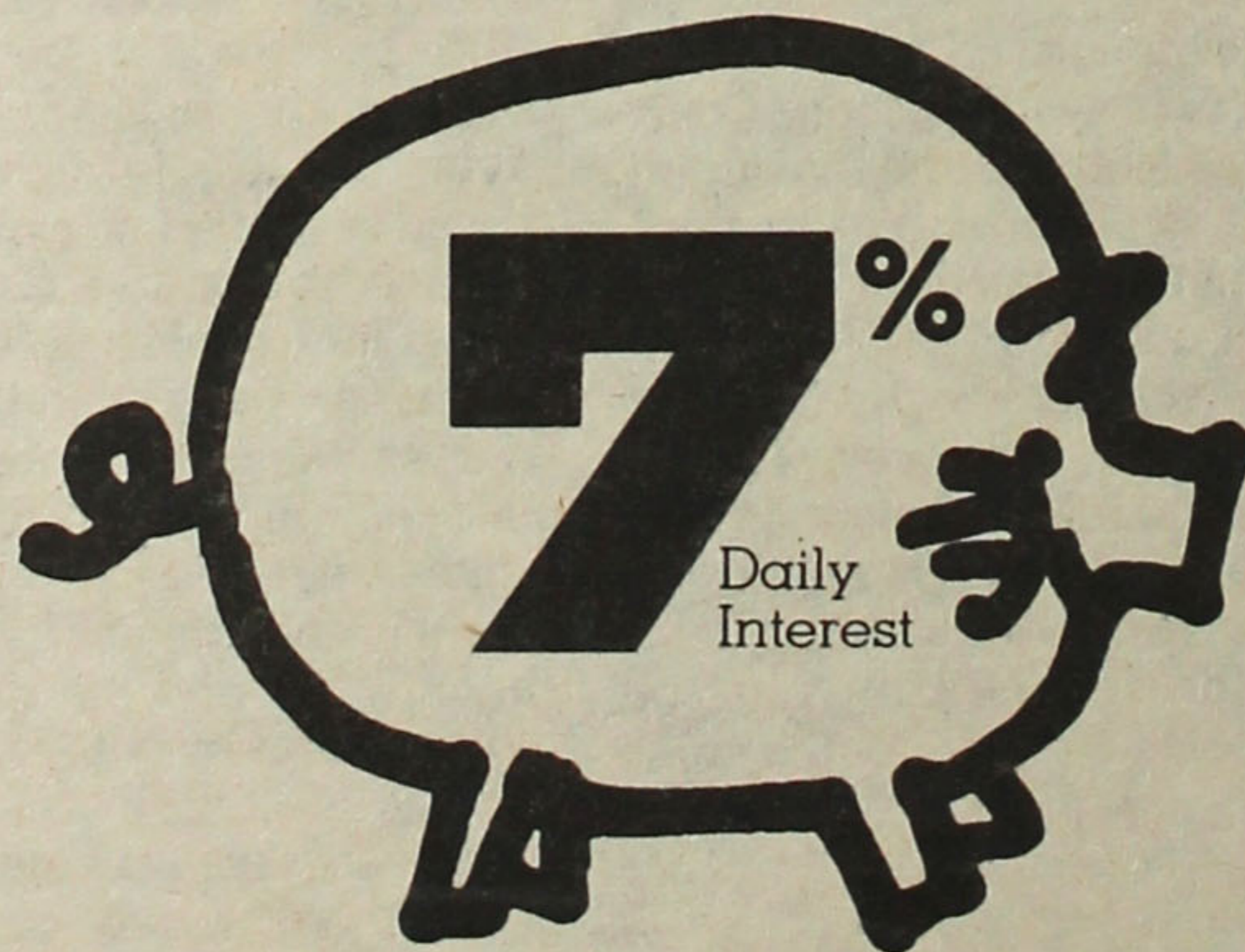
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Heart Mountain reunion set

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The second Heart Mountain Reunion will be held during the Labor Day weekend of Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at the Red Lion Inn. A steering committee headed by Ernie Inouye and Karl Kinaga is meeting monthly to formulate plans for a memorable event.

The first gathering of this group was successfully held in Los Angeles under the leadership of Shig Honda in April 1982 at the Hyatt Regency, with some 1,000 in attendance and a good number of turnaways because of capacity advance reservation.

Heart Mountain's population of 11,000 was composed roughly of 40% from Southern California, 30% from Santa Clara Valley and the balance of 30% from Washington, Oregon and other areas. With a heavy influx of new residents from Heart Mountain more than doubling the prewar Japanese population here, a large crowd is anticipated for the reunion.

Registration forms are available now from either Kim Akiyuki, 545 N. 3rd St., San Jose, CA

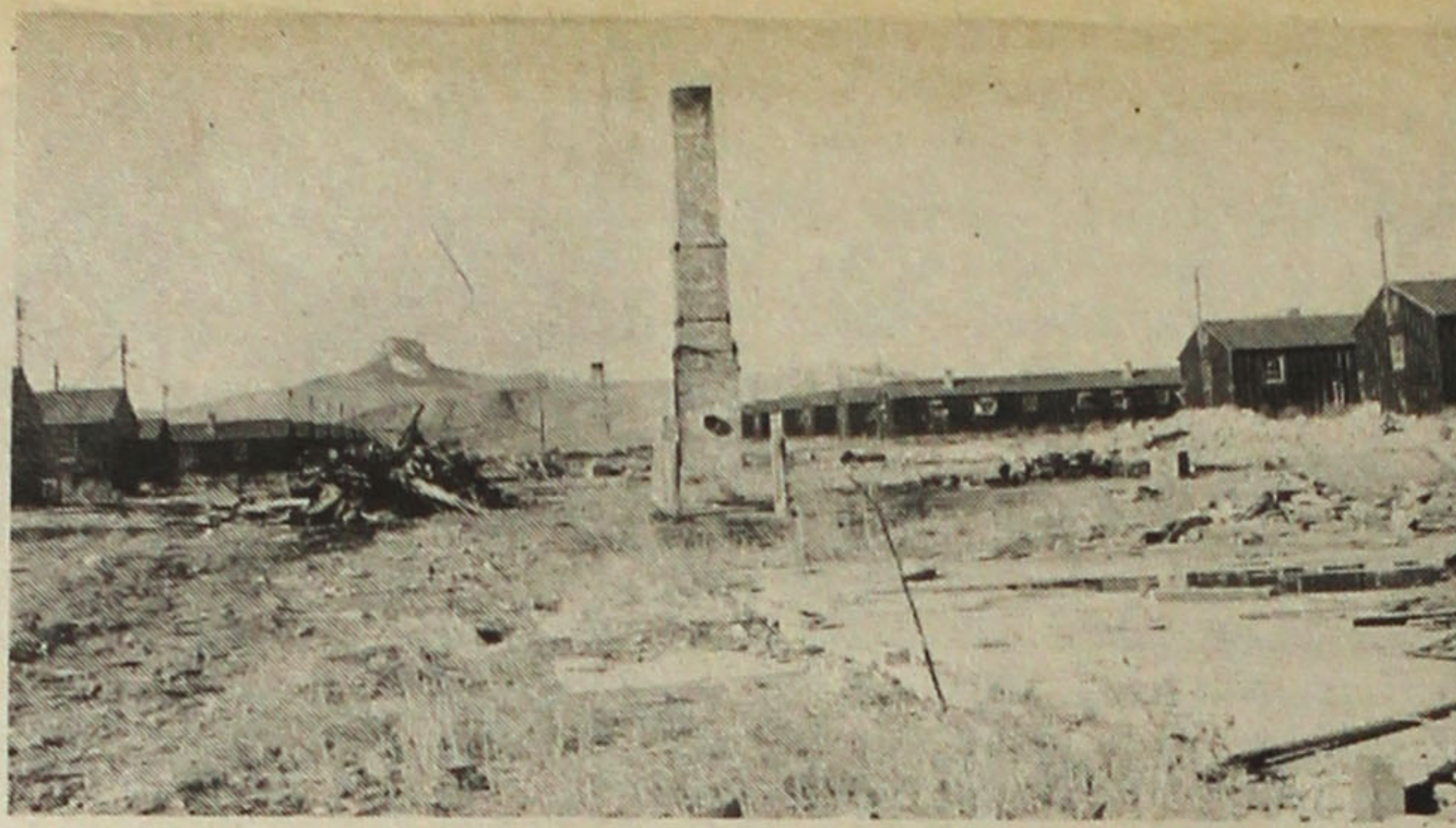


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Ruins of mess hall and laundry at Heart Mountain camp, 1947.

95112; or Alice Tanouye Yamane, 780 Santa Rita, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Area coordinators assisting as contact persons are:

Washington—May Umemoto, Wapato; Kara Konda, Yakima; Toshi Terayama, Kent; Yuri Suzuki, Bellevue; Yosh Iwamoto, Seattle.

California—Sachi Sasaki, Monterey Park; Bob and Arvene Sasaki, Richmond; Max Hamamoto, Sacramento; Alice Yamane, Los Altos.

Oregon—Joan Suematsu, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Shiz Kono, Portland.

Colorado—Mary Pagano, Denver.

Registration fee is \$75 for the reunion. However, those registering by April 30 will be given a reduced rate of \$65. For the pioneer attendees 75 and older, it will be \$40. The fee includes the banquet, Sunday brunch, photo album and a registration packet with program booklet, souvenir items, list of persons attending, name tags, and so forth.

The theme for the reunion is "Memories." Headquarters will be at the new Red Lion Inn where a special rate of \$50 per room, single or double, has been arranged.

Igasaki named to human relations post

CHICAGO—Paul Igasaki, president of Chicago JAACL, was named the new Asian American Liaison for the city's commission on human relations.

Mayor Harold Washington said that Igasaki's appointment gives the commission expert legal assistance as well as the ability to reach out to the city's Asian American community.

Igasaki, currently staff director of the legal services division of the American Bar Assn., is a native Chicagoan. He was graduated with honors from Northwestern Univ.

and received his law degree from the Univ. of California at Davis in 1979. He has been admitted to the bar in the states of Illinois and California and has served as law clerk to the chair of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board of California, law clerk for the Asian Legal Services Outreach Program, and as an intern for then-congressman Abner Mikva of Illinois.

The position of Asian American liaison within the commission on human relations was established in 1984.

Two physicians to speak on 'Dem Nisei Bones'

LOS ANGELES—A seminar entitled "Dem Nisei Bones" will focus on arthritis and osteoporosis Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Dr. Sidney Bluestone, renowned authority on arthritis, will speak about state-of-the-art treatments for this leading chronic disease.

For those who wish to hear the "bone-chilling" facts about a silent, unnecessary epidemic which invades the lives of older women, Dr. Joseph Li, specializing in the field of obstetrics and gynecolo-

gy, is speaking at the same workshop on the topic of osteoporosis. Literally "porous bone," osteoporosis is a major cause of fractures of the spine, hip, wrist, and other parts of the skeleton. Li will give preventive techniques that can be used by all individuals, especially women.

Registration is \$5 per person and \$7.50 per couple. Refreshments will be provided. To register, send a check to: Little Tokyo Service Center-NCE, 244 S. San Pedro #411, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Information: Bill Watanabe, (213) 680-3729.

Mineta: 'Long climb ahead'

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo Business Assn. launched the New Year with a festive dinner featuring Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and attended by Japanese Consul General Taizo Watanabe, City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay and 150 guests at the New Otani Hotel on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Mineta spoke on the importance of community organizations and public activities, reviewing how far Americans of Japanese ancestry have come in the role they play in American society.

Although the First Amendment guarantees the right to petition for redress, there is no guarantee that the people will accept the commission recommendations, he said. Legislatively it is only 18 months since the report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was issued. In that short time legislation was drafted that garnered 25% of congressional support. There is still a long, slow climb ahead, with the vast majority of the public still to be educated, Mineta said.

This message is "not only to redress, but to other problems. We must always work together, pool resources and jointly be heard. . . . There is satisfaction to be shared working together with members of a community and colleagues," he exhorted. Master of ceremonies Bruce Kaji, noting that the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center has \$900,000 in outstanding debts, suggested this as an area for pulling together.

Greeting the attendees were:

Koshiro Torii, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California; Frank Kuwahara, president of JACCC; Carl Tamaki, president of Pioneer Social Service Center; Kats Kunitsugu, chair of the 1985 Nisei Week Festiva; Takeo Taiyoshi, LTBA chair; Mike Woo, city council candidate; Fred Fujioka, president of the Japanese American Democratic Club; executive assistant Jeffrey Matsui for Mayor Tom Bradley; senior deputy Jim Miyano for Supervisor Ed Edelman; administrative assistant Audrey Noda for state senator Art Torres; field representative James Vigil for assemblywoman Gloria Molina.

—Miki Himeno

Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—"The Gambling Den," a play in progress directed by Nobu McCarthy, opens at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., on Feb. 3 (Sunday matinee) and Feb. 4. Written by Akemi Kikumura, author of "Through Harsh Winters," the play is about a Nikkei family who run a gambling den in Central California just before WW2. Information: (213) 660-0366.

The 23rd annual convention of the Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Assn. of So. Calif. will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, 711 S. Hope. Keynote speaker is Edward Teller. Entertainment features Alvin Ing and Liz Kubota. Tickets are \$25. Information: Munson Kwok, (213) 648-5441, 828-6911.

Bishop Roy I. Sano of the United Methodist Church will be honored at a dinner on Monday, Feb. 4, from 6:30 p.m. at the New Otani Hotel, 100 S. Los Angeles St. Tickets and information: George Nishikawa, (213) 293-8701.

TACOMA, Wash.—Tacoma Nikkeijin Kai was a recipient of the 1984 Achievement in the Arts Award of the Tacoma Arts Commission for its sponsorship of a November concert of traditional shamisen music and Naga-uta singing; for its donation of a hand-carved granite lantern installed in the Japanese Garden at Pt. Defiance Park; and for its sponsorship of the exhibition of Ukiyoe and Nihonga presented at the Tacoma Art Museum by sister city Kitakyushu, Japan. Tak Ikeda, president of the organization, accepted the award.

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JACL and Japanese churches, etc., but are not as willing in organizations which may be predominantly white." She continues: "The willingness to stretch yourself and try for goals which you might not make is crucial for growth. It also helps others outside the [Japanese American] community to realize and recognize that [Japanese Americans] are not only 'reliable and hard-working,' but are capable of moving upward and ambitious."

To all of which we would add, "A-men."

POINT NUMBER ONE, that Japanese Americans should consider political contributions as a normal part of their living expense, is indeed one that should be adopted by all. It should be part of everyone's budget, set aside for essential political contributions. If you be among those who thinks that one "lives by bread alone," perhaps you'd better check into

where all that bread you earned has been going. Someone's either taking it or getting ready to take some of it, or both. (They cleaned us out in '42.) So part of our "living" expenses indeed should be to promote and preserve that living. And by regularly giving to a cause, a candidate, etc. of your choosing, will help to make your voice heard, your views known. Like exercise, to remain healthy, you've got to do it regularly.

OH, BY THE WAY: we've stopped using the term "Nikkei" as a synonym for Japanese American. Instead, we intend to use the abbreviation AJA, for Americans of Japanese ancestry. Reason: I checked the term "Nikkei" in the *jiten* and sure enough it means just what it ought to mean: Japanese ancestry or lineage. I've been (erroneously) using it as if it meant *Nikkei-beijin* which does translate into "Japanese American." And no hyphen in between, please.

Commentary

In Defense of 'Nikkei'

by J.K. Yamamoto

The arguments presented against using the word *nikkei* to refer to Japanese Americans (Jan. 18 PC) compel me to write a few words in defense of the term.

First of all, Glen Fukushima is quite right when he points out that *nikkei* is not a complete word in Japanese. It is used to modify nouns, as in *nikkei-jin* (person of Japanese ancestry). In that sense, it is incorrect to use *nikkei* as a noun (e.g. "There is one Nikkei riding aboard the space shuttle").

So if you are talking to someone from Japan, be sure to use *nikkei* with *-jin* or, if you want to be more precise, *Amerikajin* (American), *Kanadajin* (Canadian), *Burajirujin* (Brazilian), or whatever.

But whether our usage of *nikkei* is accurate in terms of Japanese grammar should not be too big an issue if we are using it in English sentences. A lot of *nihongo* words used by Japanese Americans are either inaccurate (like *buta-dofu*, a term which is not used in Japan) or outdated (like *Rafu* for "Los Angeles" instead of the currently

used *Rosu Anzerusu*).

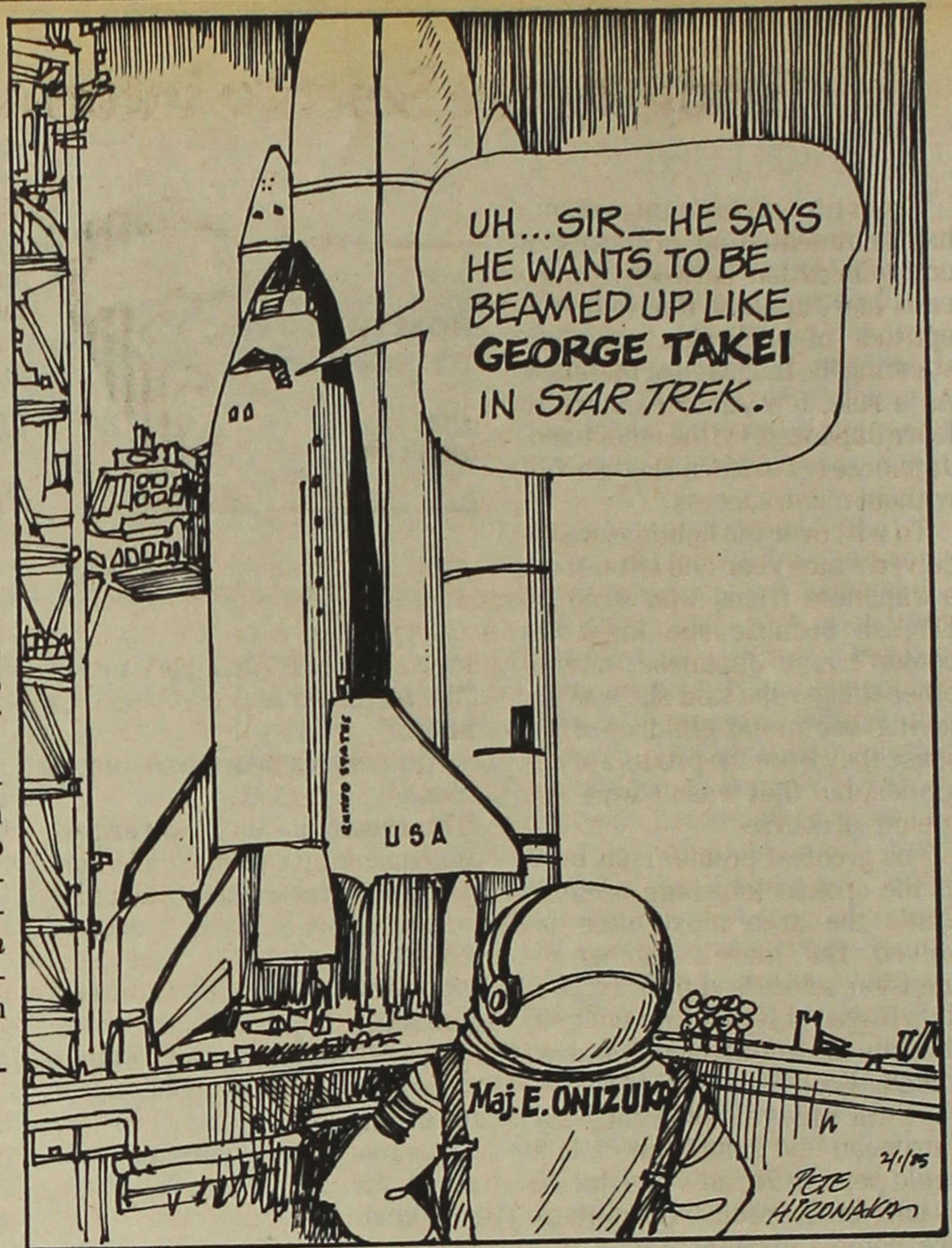
And when it comes to using foreign words in strange ways, the Japanese are way ahead of us. In Japanese, the English adverb "now" is used as an adjective, the verb "spell" is used as a noun, and *hoomu* is understood to be an abbreviation of "platform." The list goes on and on.

Speaking of accuracy, all my life I have heard JAs refer to each other as *nihonjin*, which means "Japanese national." Of course, they know the difference between themselves and the Japanese in Japan, but *nihonjin* has been used as a term of convenience to mean anyone of Japanese ethnicity. *Nikkei* may not be as familiar, but it is more accurate because it clearly distinguishes between JAs and Japanese nationals.

Some have rejected *nikkei* because it is a foreign word. True, it does not come from English. But I wonder if these same people say "bean curd" instead of *tofu*, "raw fish" instead of *sashimi*, or "rice wine" instead of *sake*. Unless they are fanatical about avoiding anything Japanese, I think they will agree that some Japanese words are a part of our everyday lexicon, with no great harm done.

Also, English is notorious for incorporating words from other languages. The above-mentioned words are among many Japanese words now commonly used by non-Nikkei Americans. It is conceivable that *nikkei* might someday be adopted, just as the Spanish word *Chicano* was years ago.

We don't have to insist on being called *nikkei* by others. But even if we did, it would probably make little difference; whether we call ourselves *nikkei*, JAs, or AJAs, we are still identifying ourselves as an ethnic group. And even if you think *nikkei* inappropriate for mixed company, there's no reason why we can't use it among ourselves.



A WHILE BACK (Dec. 14 & 21) we wrote on the general subject of AJA's cultural heritage as it related to political activities, including running for office. Those of you who read those columns will recall the thesis advanced: While the heritage handed down to us included many admirable qualities—efficient organizing ability, attention to details, dependability on getting the assigned task accomplished—all important ingredients for a well-run campaign—there are also cultural restraints which (needlessly) impeded full-fledged involvement in politics. And if our columns did not get the point across, may we do so now: it's a shame.

IT'S A SHAME because the AJA, conscientious and dedicated as (s)he is (most of the time), could make a real difference with the great leverage that the political arena provides. Rather than just griping about what is wrong with our society, we could get in there ourselves and help change things for the better. We have so much to contribute that it's a shame that we hide our candles under bushel baskets.

ON THIS SUBJECT, we received some "feedback" from a reader, Jean M. Ushijima, City Clerk of the City of Beverly Hills. Among other things, Ms. Ushijima made two points, with which I fully concur. Japanese Americans (1) "should recognize the appalling cost of running for a political office and be willing to consider political contributions as a normal part of their living expense" and (2) "should also join, participate in, and run for political office in social organizations that are not wholly Japanese American."

AN OBSERVATION MADE by Ms. Ushijima, one that I'd not thought of, struck me as being absolutely so. To quote: [M]any [Japanese Americans] are willing to run for office in the local

SLAYING

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"The defendant's prior history of assaultive behavior and use of weapons against people and his action to deliberately procure and use the knife...clearly show the actual or implied malice required for a higher conviction of murder." Although testimony indicated that during the fight Pierman went to his car to get his knife, Pierman's previous offenses were not admitted as evidence.

'No Deterrent'

Citing the distribution of leaflets approving of the killing—printed by a group called the White Students Union—and the defacing last summer of a memorial marker dedicated to Huynh, CAER said, "This light sentence...will not discourage these individuals from acting out their frustrations and misplaced hatred toward minorities. The judicial statement made by this court is not strong enough to deter future racist behavior lurking in our communities."

"The judicial system has demonstrated here its inability to adjudicate racially motivated crimes. This fallacy places a heavy burden on government, schools, employers and families to discourage racism and correct this intolerable behavior before more lives are lost."

Although Yolo County District Attorney Dave Henderson had sought a second-degree murder conviction and a sentence of 15 years to life, CAER observers charge that racism was not discussed as a possible motive.

Family Defends Pierman

Rose Mary Pierman, the defendant's mother, made an emotional statement to Mrs. Huynh in court: "I'm sorry this happened, and if I could give my life to get your son back, I would. But I can't. All we can do is keep on living, and I hope...eventually we can

live in peace."

Members of Pierman's family deny that he is a racist. Mrs. Pierman said her son was a "16-year-old boy who made a mistake. He has to live with it." Jackie West, Mrs. Pierman's sister, said that in the Los Angeles neighborhood where Pierman lived before moving to Davis "there were Oriental, Black, and Mexican children...I never heard racial slurs of any kind." Pierman's sister Tonya said her brother "had a Korean girlfriend, and his best friend was Japanese."

Also speaking on Pierman's behalf were staff members from Yolo County Juvenile Hall, who said he avoided physical confrontations and avoided associating with gangs while incarcerated. California Youth Authority case workers said that Pierman was "genuinely remorseful" about the killing.

CYA psychiatrists said that Pierman has severe learning disabilities which have gone untreated. His aggressive behavior, they said, was learned from his father, and moving and changing schools more than 10 times contributed to his poor self-image. They recommended CYA confinement over state prison because prison "would only exacerbate his criminal behavior."

William Maas, Pierman's attorney, maintained throughout the trial that the stabbing was accidental. In the hope of lessening the sentence to four years, he said that Pierman has changed since his arrest. "He's more mature, more considerate, he reads books, he's found religion."

Pierman, who said that he has learned to "walk away from trouble" and that "I can read better, I can write better, I can spell, I can have a conversation with other adults or minors," stated that he plans to learn the construction trade and return to school upon his release.

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Bridging the Science Information Gap

From time to time this column has commented on problems of communication between Americans and Japanese due to the ineptitude of each side in understanding the language of the other. As a rule, few Americans try to learn Japanese. On the other hand, Japanese try to learn English, but without much success.

To wit: over the holidays we received a nice year-end letter from a Japanese friend who wrote in English because she knew we couldn't read Japanese. Among other things, she said she was enjoying her gland children. In a sense they were the product of her glands, but that wasn't what she meant, of course.

The greatest problem has been in the spoken language because that's the area most often involved. But there's another dimension, addressed by Prof. Makoto Nagao of Kyoto University in the Jan. 10 issue of the publication called "Look Japan." He writes:

"Until only a few years ago European and American nations could point to Japan's high tariffs as barriers to trade, but now there are complaints that Japan protects itself with a 'language barrier.' Foreigners have actually grown unhappy about the fact that all results and papers from re-

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



search in science and technology that Japan vigorously conducts are written in Japanese, a language almost totally inaccessible to them. Thus scientific and technological information tends to flow in only one direction—into Japan."

This creates problems for Japanese manufacturers as well. Operation and maintenance manuals to accompany high-tech equipment must be written in Japanese, then translated into several other languages.

"It is estimated," Prof. Nagao writes, "that the volume of material for translation every year in Japan amounts to at least several tens of million pages and costs more than 50 billion yen." He points out a manufacturer exporting computers must allocate several million yen per year for translation fees.

Considerable progress has been

made in translating by computer, although their work still requires human assistance. For example, take this Japanese sentence: *Tsuyoi suisogenshi bimuo tsukuru tame no, kantan de benri na rf houdengen ni tsuite nobeta.*

The machine would translate that literally as: "Convenient simple rf discharge sources for producing strong atomic hydrogen beams are described." But it would take a human to edit it into readable English: "(It) describes convenient and simple radio-frequency discharge sources for producing strong atomic hydrogen beams."

That gives you an idea of the problems involved even with the help of the present generation of super-smart machines. Prof. Nagao's conclusion: "...the development of a practical machine translation system can be justified as a must for the world in the future."

Japan's Council for Science and Technology, affiliated with the Cabinet, in 1982 began development of a system to translate scientific and technological papers from Japanese to English, and English to Japanese. It hopes to have a workable system ready by 1986. Good luck.

For National Headquarters

L.A.'s the Place

by S. Stephen Nakashima

Now that the Year of the Ox is upon us and everyone is looking toward the year 1985, I feel that it is time to consider major surgery for National JACL. I believe it is time that National JACL start studying the idea of moving its headquarters from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

The headquarters in San Francisco has been good, but the time has come when it should be moved to where the action is. We should go where the bodies are. We would be able to serve more people more efficiently, and in addition thereto, consolidate that which has been separated for too long a time—namely, our National Headquarters and the Pacific Citizen office. It seems ridiculous not to have the PC and National Headquarters in the same building.

I like San Francisco and Northern California, but one's personal preferences should not in any way affect the best interests of any national organization. San Francisco is more convenient for me, but Los Angeles would be more convenient for more people. I made this suggestion in 1978 in Salt Lake City to some individuals from Northern California and was almost lynched on the spot. However, this has been on my mind for several years.

Naturally, there will be several problems in making such a move. There will be a myriad of pros and cons as to where the National Headquarters should actually be. Problems of availability of land or structures, the cost thereof and how to finance the acquisition would have to be studied. Perhaps

part of the financing could come from the sale or disposition of the headquarters building in San Francisco. It may be advisable to keep the building in San Francisco and use it for the Northern California headquarters. Portions of the property could also be rented to third parties or other organizations.

There is no question in my mind but that practically all national activities involving Japanese Americans will center in the Los Angeles area. We must start immediately to develop adequate facilities, not only for JACL and Pacific Citizen but also for all the other activities involving the Japanese American community. JACL could be the catalyst to bring all of these activities together.

A suggestion is made that the National Board study this idea and empower the National President to select a committee to undertake the task of determining whether or not the move should be made. We cannot continue to operate out of the small building in San Francisco. Aside from the fact that it is the National Headquarters, it is nothing more than the headquarters for Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District. We must look beyond the present.

Let's face the facts and be realistic. Los Angeles is where the action is.

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Letters

'Anti-white' Resolution

Mr. Yoshimoto's judgment on JACL (Letter to Editor, Dec. 7, 1984) concerning the Bible Year resolution is, I believe, misplaced. I took it to be something other than anti-Christian. However, I did not accept it as being a profound pronouncement in support of any principle of separation of church and state. Rather, to me it was blatantly anti-Caucasian, and specifically anti-Western.

Why the JACL would accept such a resolution is of great concern to those of us who belong to the organization because of our marriages to persons of Japanese descent, and because of our children of those marriages.

The Bible, it is often said, was the property of the white colonialists, while the natives had the land. After a period of time the natives had the Bible, and the whites had the land. In reviewing the history of the expansion of the Western world into the entirety of the globe we observe that it was much more complex than that, and in fact, were it not for the Bible, most likely there would not have been any natives left to have one. The Bible is certainly representative of the West, and its teachings have served to moderate the impact of Western history.

I will assure you that had the Vikings succeeded in the pre-Christian period in settling North America and Asia, we would all be Viking, tall, blond and violent. A few ethnic Japanese might be holed up on Mount Fuji fighting a losing battle if that had been the case. Even today, an old non-Christian Viking state, once

known as the Duchy of Moscow, is a serious problem to us all.

It was my feeling that a fair number of the leaders and important spokesmen in JACL sponsored and pushed the anti-Year of the Bible resolution through to acceptance because of their elemental anti-white bias. These folks, combined with some old-time Buddhists, constituted a sufficient and noisy enough plurality of the representatives at the convention to cause the resolution to be accepted.

Quitting JACL is not the way to deal with the problem of racism at the top. Rather, it is the responsibility of the membership to make sure that these people do not rise to the top, and that we get representation with an understanding of the fundamental reasons for the existence of JACL.

Things are changing, and in the next century, the membership of JACL will be predominantly mixed-race people. The Bible will be the least of their worries. In fact, church-state relations are such an insignificant problem to mixed-race people as to make the JACL anti-Bible Year resolution laughable.

One thing I have found in discussions with a wide spectrum of Americans of Japanese descent is a total misunderstanding of the American Constitution as it pertains to religious liberty. The Constitution prohibits state interference in matters of religion. It does not, however, prohibit religious interference in matters of state.

Let's consider the imposition of the orders that sent Japanese Americans to the camps. My own

church, the Disciples of Christ, was the first church group to go on record opposing this. It was almost the only church to do so. The state, of course, did not oppose the orders, and in fact sponsored them.

Certainly there are only a few JACL members who would suggest that the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) should have kept its collective mouth shut and stayed out of the affairs of the state in that case. We might also consider who these D of C people were and where they lived. They did not reside in Washington, D.C., or other great Eastern cities. Rather, their strength comes from the flatlands of Indiana and Texas, and the hills of Missouri and Arkansas. For the most part they live in areas which were and continued to be settled by Bible-believing Christians. In fact, the hallmark of the Christian Church is that it has as its only doctrine the Bible. Where the Bible, specifically the New Testament, speaks, they speak. Where it does not speak, they are silent. Obviously the D of C felt that the Bible said that it was wrong to rip Japanese Americans from their homes and cast them into camps.

When the JACL passes a resolution which condemns the Year of the Bible congressional resolution, it goes on record as stating, in effect, that it, as a corporate body, is not all that upset about the history of the Japanese Americans during the World War II years in this country.

To say the least, this is inconsistent, wrong-headed, and an insult to white persons because of their race. Certainly JACL was

not established to behave in this manner.

PHILLIP T. BOHALL
Springfield, VA

To Computer Owners

Just purchased an IBM PC computer, 256K, 2 DD, DOS 2.1, Microline 93 bottom feed printer, COBOL compiler and SPF/PC editor. After trying out the capabilities of my computer, I am now ready to start programming the following:

- (1) Create a membership file with name, address, phone, office codes, committee codes, dates, etc.; will update, add & delete members.
- (2) Print postcard mailers, 3"x5" or 4"x6" with printer tractor holes; members can be selectively printed.
- (3) Print letters—8 1/2"x11 "quickies".
a. Two-thirds-page letters: On first third page, print return and forwarding address; members can be selected out; letter is written beginning second third, with "Dear First Name"; after letter is printed, it is folded in thirds, with forwarding address showing, stapled and mailed.
b. Full page or over: After address, two-thirds of a page is printed, print another page; fold, staple, mail.
- (4) Important letters: Turn "Correspondence quality" switch on, otherwise use dot matrix; Probably better to get friction feed "Daisy Wheel."
- (5) Print Avery mailing labels—various kinds available; print for all or selectively; print return address labels.
- (6) Sorted outputs: Sorters are

available (\$50 to 150) that can sort any way desirable.

(7) Simple treasury reports: A complete sample treasury report is made up of all possible entries; on a copy of report, all activities are filled in proper accounts; all unused accounts are deleted; execute treasury program that will print report with new balances; update treasury file.

Programming can get complex, but can be done.

I have done these things on another home computer and it is not complex at all. Applications that can be done are endless. I am not a "personnel" type programmer so I am not familiar with all that is needed. Chapters not having a programmer for a member should recruit one, as that person can be a most valuable member. (I'm on my option year.)

I think chapters using computers should form an informal group to share ideas and softwares. My "SPFPC" is a super utility, almost the same as the "ISPF/PDF" I use at work. My COBOL compiler is "RMCOBOL" (\$750). Those using computers, please send me your name, computer type, years doing this, and I'll ask a qualified person to lead this. I'm just a beginner.

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Chapter Pulse

Marysville

YUBA CITY, Calif. — Chapter members and friends are cordially invited to attend the 50th anniversary and the 1985 installation banquet at the Bonanza Inn Convention Center, Saturday, Feb. 2, beginning with a no-host cocktail at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner program at 6 p.m.

Toastmaster is George Inouye. Jon Minagawa, television producer (Ch. 10), is the evening speaker. Awarded the coveted Golden Mike by the Radio and Television News Assn., Minagawa also received several Emmy nominations, one of which was for a documentary on Los Angeles street gangs.

Speaking about the history of the chapter are Frank Nakamura and Akiji Yoshimura. Honorees include charter members and recipients of chapter scholarships. Entertainment is provided by Judy Toyoda-Coe, David Coe and Lavinia Livingston.

Tickets are \$16. Reservations: Helen Manji, 674-8544; Momo Hatamiya, 743-5654; or Terry Itano, 673-1054.

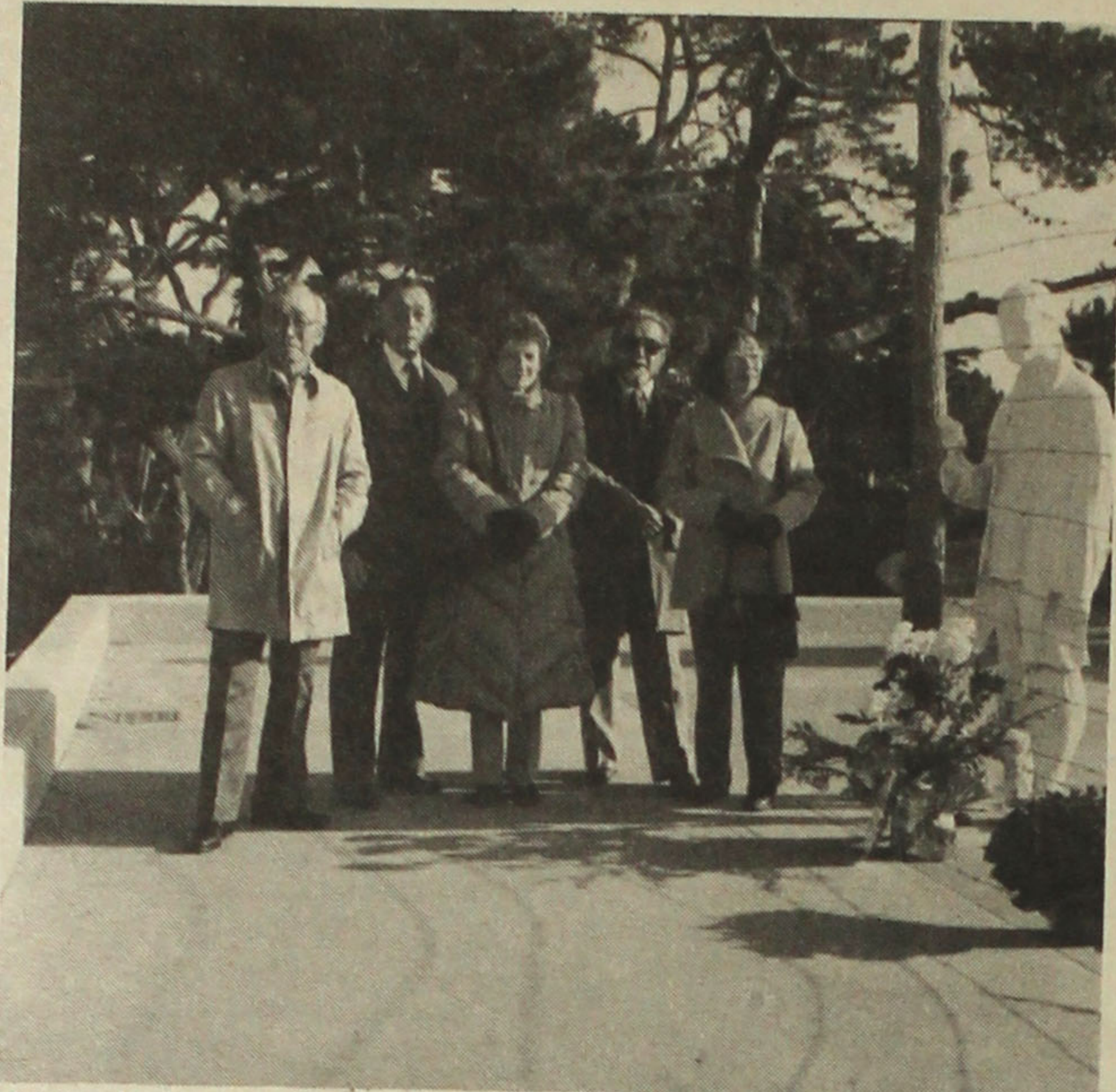
Marina

MARINA DEL REY, Calif.—“Outmarriages” will be presented by guest speaker Ken Fong, associate pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, on Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Burton Chase Park.

Also, those interested in attending the Prince concert at the Forum on Friday, Feb. 22, are urged to attend the Feb. 7 meeting. A pre-concert cocktail party is being planned. Due to the limited number of available tickets, Marina Chapter members will be given first priority. Information: Larry Takahashi, (213) 479-8479.

Salinas Valley

SALINAS, Calif. — The 1985 installation dinner will be held Feb. 2 at the Salinas Golf and Country Club, 475 San Juan Grade Rd. No-



At the Holocaust Memorial on Christmas Eve were, from left, Karl Yoneda, Clifford Uyeda, Tanette Goldberg of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Morgan Yamanaka, and Kathy Morooka Reyes.

host cocktails will be served from 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Keynote speaker is Eric Saul, curator of the U.S. Army Museum at the Presidio of San Francisco and authority on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the MIS. “Nisei Soldier,” a documentary film by Loni Ding, will also be shown. Tickets are \$18. Information: John Momii, 442-3541.

Marin

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Members should bring their appetites and \$3.50 (\$1.50 for children) to the chapter's spaghetti feed and bingo night, Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Marin Buddhist Church, 390 Miller Ave. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., with bingo at 7:30 p.m. Information: Nell Noguchi, 479-4277.

Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the chapter placed flowers at a

memorial to the Holocaust victims and survivors on Dec. 24. George Segal's memorial sculpture depicts a life-size figure behind a barbed-wire fence. Lying on the ground behind him are white “corpses” in grotesque postures.

The chapter unanimously endorsed the idea of the offering when it was brought up by member Morgan Yamanaka. Clifford Uyeda gave a brief dedication statement, and Kathy Reyes, chapter president, laid the flowers in place. Members of Jewish organizations were present in what one called “a very moving” ceremony.

Mile High

DENVER — Attorney James Shimura of Detroit speaks at a special dinner meeting of the chapter on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Denver Regency Hotel, I-70 and W. 38th Ave. No-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Shimura, a co-recipient of the JAACL of the Biennium Award, was instrumental in bringing the attackers of Vincent Chin into federal court.

Officers and board members will be installed at the dinner as well. Tickets are \$17. Information: Mits Kaneko, 433-8373.

Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — The chapter's annual crab feed will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Sacramento Buddhist Church. Proceeds support the national redress campaign.

bers to develop the necessary confidence and skills to assume these types of responsibilities.

The committee normally meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the JAACL district office in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 507, Los Angeles.

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Reviewed by Fred Houn

Great American cultural forms have emerged from under some of the most bitter and difficult oppression: the African American slave narratives and slavesongs (so-called spirituals) are filled with messages of freedom and resistance; the Chicano folklorico dances, ballads and teatros; and for Japanese Americans, the profusion of sculpture, drawings, crafts and writings from the concentration camps.

Poets Behind Barbed Wire is an immensely important collection by the local Hawaiian movement for indigenous Hawaiian literature, Bamboo Ridge Press. The publication and distribution of this vital and major collection of powerful and poignant poetry by four Japanese American writers (Keiho Soga, Taisanboku Mori, Sojin Takei, and Muin Ozaki) interned in America's concentration camps needs much greater support and attention from all of us.

The poems in this collection were first published in magazines started in the camps and later republished in anthologies and Japanese newspapers in Hawaii. Here is an example of the powerful, realist tradition in Asian American literature. Such horrendous oppression as the concentration camp experience did not dampen or diminish the creative expression of the Japanese American people. Rather, cultural expression became a major form of

survival, resistance and unity. Poetry, and its baring of the mind and soul, was a spiritual force against the barbed wire, the isolation, the wastelands, and the ubiquitous machine gun towers.

Furthermore, *Poets Behind Barbed Wire* demonstrates the nature of Japanese American writing, and Asian American culture for that matter, as a *continuum*. The Japanese in America had formed numerous local poetry clubs that wrote in the traditional syllabic forms of haiku and tanka: haiku, with 17 syllables in line patterns of 5-7-5, and the longer tanka, with 31 syllables organized in lines of 5-7-5-7-7. Traditionally, haiku and tanka have been excellent forms to comment on nature, the human soul and emotions. Simple, yet profound.

With the camp experience, Japanese American poetry continued to utilize these traditional forms, but, as so clearly evidenced in this excellent collection, communicated a completely Japanese American ethos. The camps have singularly affected the entire historical development of the Japanese American community, its consciousness and culture.

This collection includes English translations as well as *romaji* (Japanese phoneticized into English) and some stunning fine-line drawings that capture and complement the simplicity of the tanka poetry and its concentrated impact.

Poets Behind Barbed Wire is an essential must for any serious account of Asian American art and culture as well as a deeply moving revelation of a distinctly Japanese American literary ethos.

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Women's Concerns

A Chance to Get Involved

Sandi Kawasaki and Marilyn Nakata

As the newly elected co-chairs of the PSWD women's concerns committee, we would like to extend our invitation to all chapter residents and to interested members to help participate in planning and implementing our activities for the coming year. The goal of the women's committee is to promote greater involvement and leadership of women at the chapter, district and national levels.

For JAACL to become a stronger and more effective organization, we need to be able to draw on all of our resources. Our most important resource is our members, both men and women. Although women are playing an important role in JAACL activities, they need to be encouraged to take on leadership roles. We will be focusing on leadership workshops for all mem-

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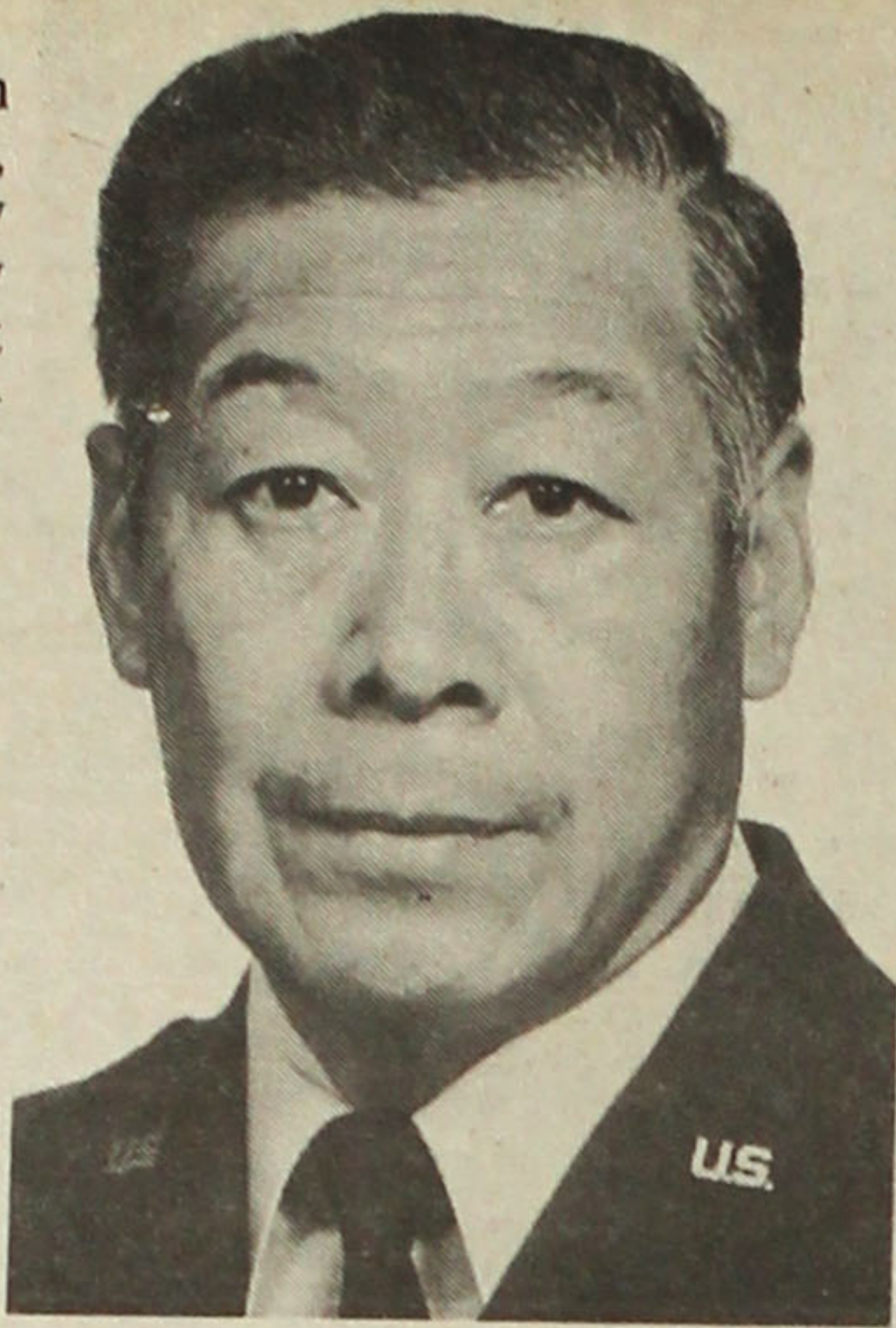
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He was born in Portland, Ore., in 1924, and interned in Minidoka (Idaho). In 1943 he enlisted in the Army, serving in three campaigns with the 100/442 and being wounded in action during the battle of the Gothic Line.

In 1950 Sadanaga obtained his doctorate in optometry from Pacific Univ. and joined the reserves. In 1955 he entered active duty with the Air Force. Decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and many others.



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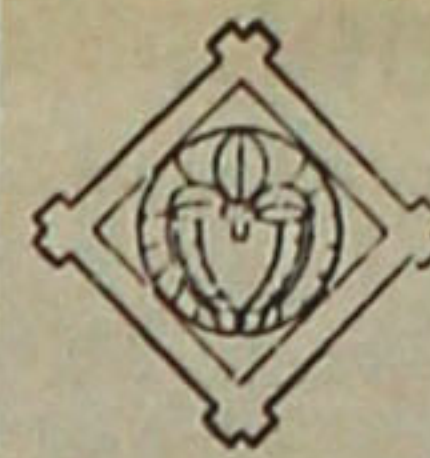
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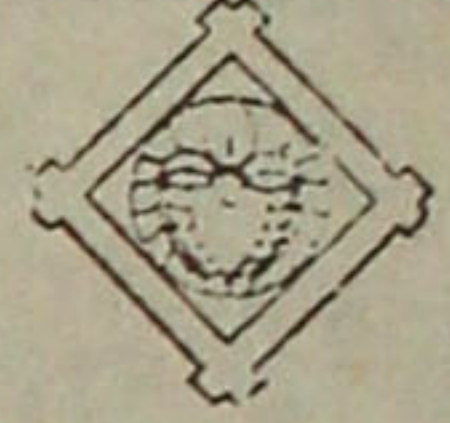
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Gerald Yamada, past

president of Washington D.C. JAACL, assumes the position of acting general counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency. A career government attorney, Yamada joined the EPA in 1977 after a stint in the Justice Dept.

Business

Robert J. Matsumoto, president of Great West-

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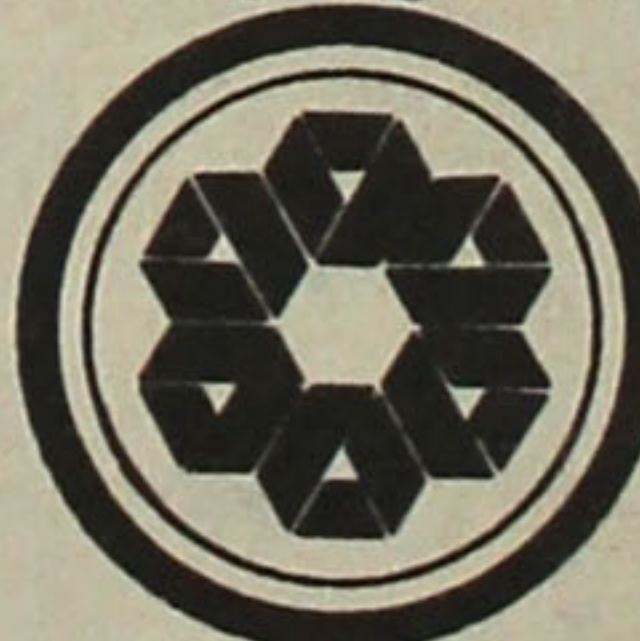
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"I think there are, there is a ten-

gency of some individuals who have positions in organizations that have been created for whatever purpose but for some purpose to rectify some ill, that then once that gets going they're reluctant to admit how much they've achieved, because it might reveal then that there's no longer a need for that particular organization, which would mean no longer a need for their job.

"And so they keep, there's a tendency to keep the people stirred up as if the cause still exists. And I think that there's some of this that's been going on. Because if you look at the accomplishments and the achievements that we've made, in this field, from the very beginning—I ordered a program of aid to the historic black colleges and universities because of their great tradition and what they have done in the field of making education possible at a time when without them it wouldn't have been possible....

"And I think there is a need for us to focus more on what has been accomplished and less on creating an ill will and a feeling that all the grievances still remain. No, we haven't done the job completely. There is still further to go.

"But let's not forget what has been accomplished. And one of the things a black leader referred to the other day was his protest that some leaders in this cause are actually striving to build, for whatever reason, two Americas: a black America and a white America. That isn't good enough. That isn't what we need or what we want. That would be very destructive to the very things that these people say they're striving to attain.

"What we need, what my goal is, is an America where something or anything that is done to or for anyone is done neither because of nor in spite of any difference between them racially, religiously or ethnic-origin-wise."

SUPPORTER

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tion, Long first served in the House from 1963-65, then lost his bid for reelection when he was accused of favoring passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by voting to give liberals the advantage on the House Rules Committee. Later, in his attempt to capture the governorship, many members of the Long family supported his opponent, who went on to win the election.

However, Long returned to the House in 1972 and has represented Louisiana's 8th district continuously since then, having little difficulty retaining his seat.

As chair of the House Democratic Caucus, Long was instrumental in the fair treatment accorded the southern Democrats, dubbed "Boll Weevils," who voted for President Reagan's 1981 budget cuts. Though he was opposed to Reagan's policies, he consistently refused to use the caucus to punish the Boll Weevils, saying, "When I ran for caucus chairman, I pledged to try to unify—not purify—the Democratic members of the House."

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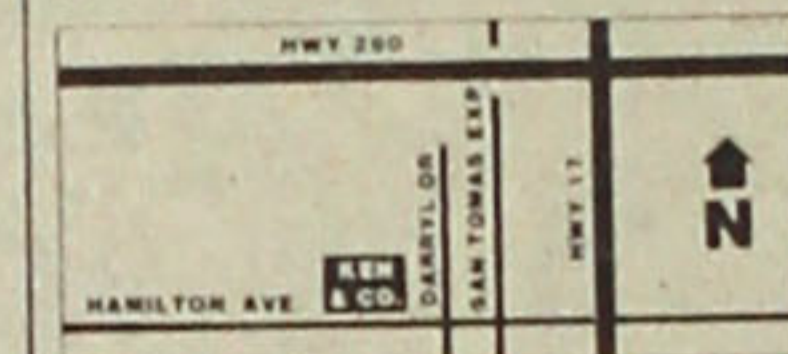
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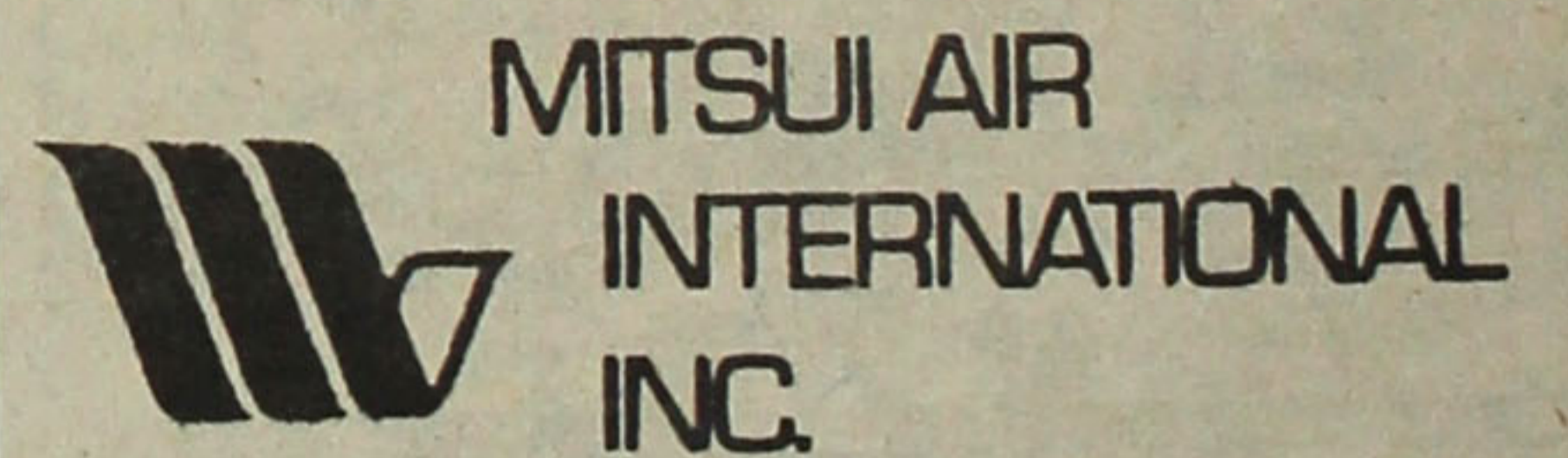
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