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Attending a Sept. 27 reception held by Asian American Law Assn. of Delaware Valley in Philadelphia's Chinatown were Philadelphia JACL president Jack Ozawa, Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo, LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, and Judge William Marutani of the Common Pleas Court.

Mail-order brides potential victims of abuse, say panelists

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Asian immigrant women are vulnerable to exploitation because of isolation, lack of familiarity with the law, and popular stereotypes in mail order bride catalogs and the media, according to panelists at a Nov. 2 program held by Pacific Southwest District JACL Women's Concerns Committee and Asian Pacific Women's Network.

JACL program director Lia Shigemura gave a presentation on mail-order bride companies which arrange marriages between their clients, usually middle-aged white men, and young women from the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and other Asian nations.

"These are countries that experienced a large U.S. military presence during the Vietnam

War," explained Shigemura. ed catalogs which promise poten-"The then-new 'rest and recreatial clients, "When it comes to sex, to meet the sexual needs of our U.S military men. With the withdrawal of troops . . . the mail-order bride businesses were quickly born to fill the slack in the marketplace."

"The women come from economically poor countries with little hope of improving their situation . . . and may view marriage to a white man as their only real alternative for upward mobility."

"Catalog companies are exploiting the women's desperation, and that of their families," she stated, recalling a conversation with a Filipina who was motivated to go to the U.S. when her male correspondent sent her family \$25.

In addition, she charged, these businesses use "racist and sexist marketing techniques." She quot-

tion' industry was created in part Asian women are uninhibited and love to do things to make their husbands happy" and "Asian women have an inborn sense of devotion and dedication to their husbands."

Exploitative Aspects

She criticized media coverage of these companies as "sympathetic to the plight of men alienated by feminism and giving tacit acceptance to the stereotype of the passive Asian woman...It also generates free publicity and hype while failing to mention the many negative and exploitative factors."

One of these factors, she said, is unequal access to information. "The women complete a personality evaluation which asks very intimate questions...This information is shared with the male cli-

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Two indicted in Cambodian's death

BOSTON—John Febbi, 24, and Scott Arsenault, 23, were indicted Nov. 6 on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery for the killing of Bun Vong. a 34-year-old Cambodian refugee (see Sept. 13 PC).

Asst. District Attorney Michael Pelgro told Pacific Citizen that reduction of the charges from murder to manslaughter was felt to be "more appropriate" after an investigation of the facts. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for Nov. 15.

The incident took place Aug. 4 when Bun Vong and Som Bunyoen, driving on Veterans Parkway in Medford, cut in front of a car being driven by the two defendants.

Shouts were exchanged, and according to Som, he and Bun Vong pulled over, hoping that the other car would pass by; instead, the two white men also pulled over, got out of their car, and attacked the Cambodians.

Bun Vong suffered a fractured skull and died after 11 days in a coma. Som received minor in-

Febbi has applied for a criminal complaint against Som, charging assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon (a tire iron). He alleges that it was the Cambodians who initiated the violence.

A hearing on the complaint was started in mid-October and will be continued Nov. 19, when it will be determined whether there is reasonable cause for the complaint to proceed.

In an interview with Pacific Citizen, Rob Sherman, Som's attorney, called the cross-complaint "a typical tactic" of attempting to shift the blame to the victim.

Sherman, who works with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, has been involved with other Boston-area cases of alleged anti-Asian violence, including the case of Long Guang Huang, a Chinese immigrant who was beaten by police detective Francis Kelly.

Kelly, who was found guilty in September of falsifying records and excessive force, had accused Huang of assault and battery.

Donations in memory of Bun Vong can be sent to: Bun Vong Trust Fund, Central Savings Bank, 50 Central St., Lowell, MA 01852.

New Republic claims 'Jap' not a slur

WASHINGTON—A weekly magazine, the New Republic, declared in its Nov. 18 issue that "Jap" is "not an ethnic slur."

The statement was made in response to a letter from JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi protesting The New Republic's use of "Japs" in the headline of an editorial on U.S.-Japan trade written under the pen name TRB.

"The article titled 'How to Gyp the Japs' (TRB, Sept. 2) is catchy," Wakabayashi wrote. 'I had to wonder whether any of those involved gave any thought that it was at the same time ugly and offensive.

"Given some of the other articles that you have published on

Asian Americans, I was hoping that there would be some anguish over the title. Asian Americans get tormented and beat up when we allow the word 'Japs' to be thrown around."

TRB replied: "Don't be so stuffy. 'Japs' is not an ethnic slur, like 'Niggers' or 'Kikes' (or 'slants'). It is a national nickname, like 'Yanks' or 'Brits' (or, at worst, 'Frogs'): mocking, perhaps, but surely not beyond the pale, especially in the title of an article ridiculing anti-Japanese sentiment"

Wakabayashi called the magazine's response "absurd."

For those who wish to respond, The New Republic's address is 1220 9th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Arguments given in Hirabayashi case

by Frank Abe

SEATTLE—In mid-November, a U.S. District Court Judge is expected to turn his attention to the ruling he must make in the case of Gordon Hirabayashi, a Seattle area native who accuses the wartime U.S. government of withholding evidence that could have changed the outcome of his Supreme Court challenge to the forced expulsion and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans.

The ruling will focus on narrow grounds-Hirabayashi's appeal of his convictions for violating military curfew and evacuation orders

—but the findings entered by Judge Donald Voorhees could clear the legal record surrounding the JA wartime cases.

Attorneys made their final arguments in written briefs filed with the court. Many witnesses were called in a two-week trial held in June, but the case hinges on thousands of pages of documents.

In closing briefs filed July 31 and Oct. 4, Hirabayashi's attorneys contend the U.S. government in 1943 developed a "win-at-all-costs campaign" in its earnestness to have the Supreme Court find its curfew and evacuation orders to be constitutional.

They accuse the government of

suppressing "vast amounts of information, including military and intelligence reports, which directly refuted Government claims of military necessity." They also argue the government in 1985 has raised "transparently groundless" issues in its "unwillingness to acknowledge its own misconduct" of 42 years ago.

Justice Dept. attorneys argue no misconduct occurred, that the allegedly suppressed reports represent nothing more than "internal dissenting policy views which were not adopted" by the government.

In a brief delivered Sept. 4, they also contend that purportedly new information used to bring Hirabayashi's "collateral attack" on his conviction was available to him as early as 1949, so that Hirabayashi has failed to "carry the heavy burden he must bear to overturn these 40-year-old misdemeanor convictions."

Hirabayashi's lead attorney, Rod Kawakami, argues the government "carefully tailored" its evidence "to paint a false and misleading picture of imminent threat to the security of the West Coast," despite receipt of military and intelligence reports that repudiated the need for a program of mass exclusion for JAs.

Those reports, recently discovered in the government's own archives, were filed by Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Ringle of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Agriculture Dept. employee and businessman Curtis Munson, the Federal Com-

Commission, the munications FBI, and Army Intelligence.

Kawakami says Munson was part of an "informal intelligence system" operated for the personal benefit of President Roosevelt through journalist John Franklin Carter, "who helped Roosevelt obtain information and estimates by exploiting sources outside the Government." The attorney says Munson gathered intelligence "under the guise of being a Government official."

Kawakami portrays Ringle as "an expert on the Japanese American population" working for the agency "primarily responsible for investigation of the ethnic Japanese population"-Naval Intelligence.

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AP coalition gives redress donation

WASHINGTON—Asian Pacific American Heritage Council, Inc., has voted unanimously to contribute \$1,000 to JACL's redress program.

Presenting a check to National JACL president Frank Sato, APAHC president Seiko Wakabayashi said that APAHC "is fully in sympathy with, and supportive of, the JACL redress program and is hopeful that this token gesture will encourage other ethnic and civil libertiesoriented organizations to do likewise."

APAHC is a coalition of 19 organizations whose purposes include reaffirmation of pride in their cultural heritage, the sharing of this heritage with fellow Americans, and giving recognition to contributions Asian Pacif-



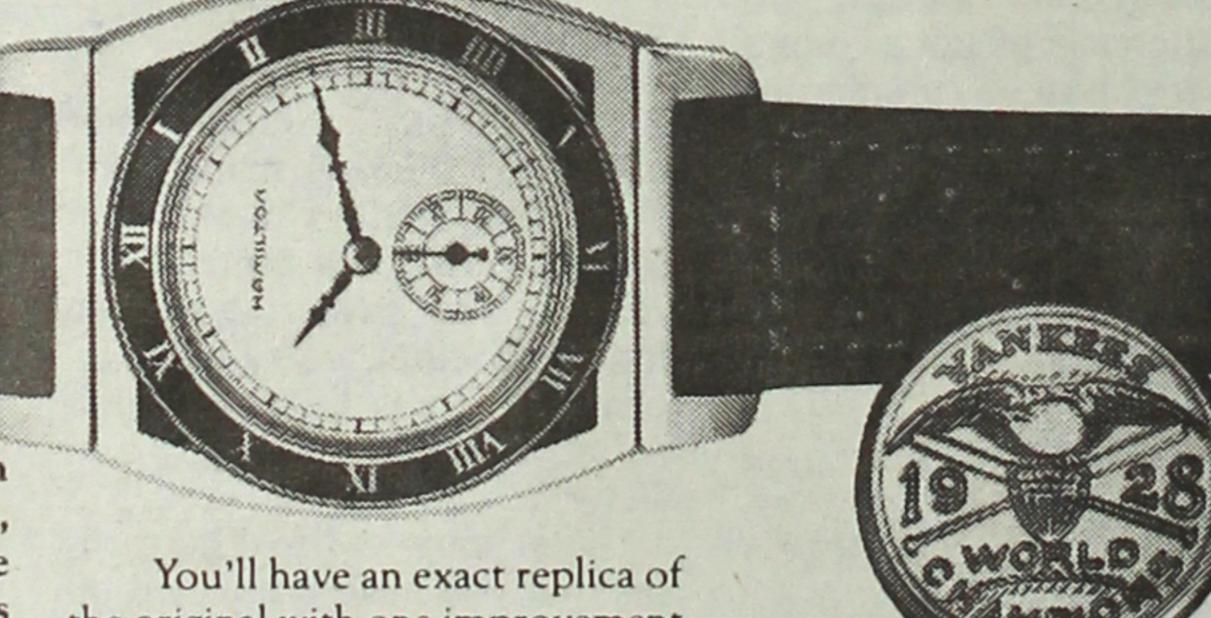
Officers of Asian Pacific American Heritage Council of Washington, D.C. presenting \$1,000 redress program donation to JACL president Frank Sato (second from right) are (from left) Sekwon Chong, treasurer; Ruth Wong, 1st v.p.; Seiko Wakabayashi, president; and Pat Tenorio, secretary.

ic Americans make to the U.S.

Recent APAHC activities include presentation of the 1985 Outstanding Asian Pacific American Award to astronaut Ellison Onizuka and mounting a nation-

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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES-A home video workshop sponsored by Visual Communications will be held Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-noon, at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Fee: \$20. Info: (213) 680-4462.

"Asians in Politics: An Insider's View," with speakers Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Los Angeles city councilman Mike Woo, will be held Nov. 15 by the Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and Chinese Bar Assns. at L.A. Athletic Club, 431 W. 7th St., 6 p.m. (cocktails), 7 p.m. (prime rib dinner). Cost: \$25. Info: Fred Fujioka, 681-7056.

Info: (213) 680-3700.

it as a second language. Five will com- Asian Pacific American Advocates of Adult Division at the JACCC, 2nd floor 5365, (408) 998-1544.

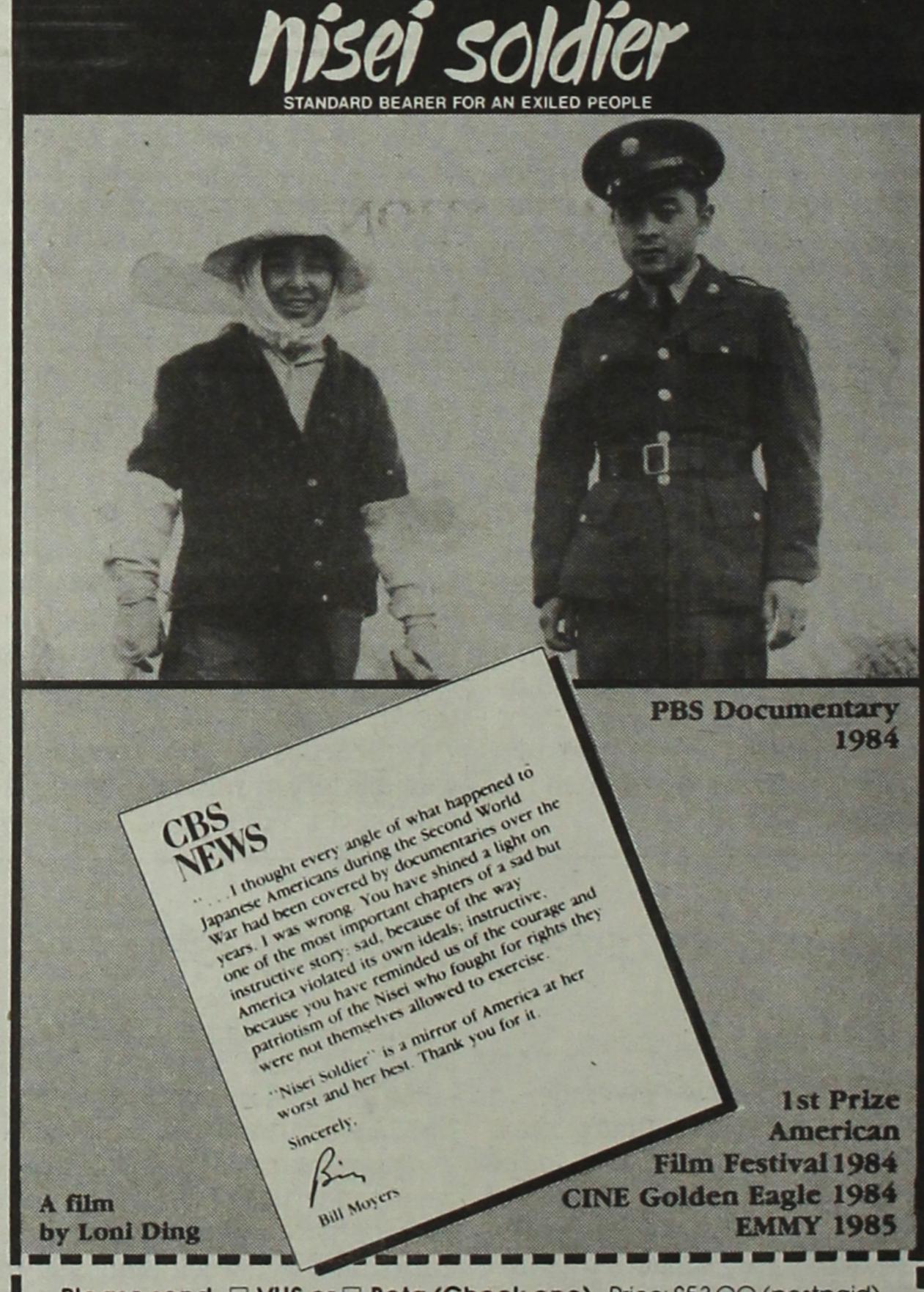
conference room, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. The contest, sponsored by Franklin D. Murphy Library, is open to the public.

The San Fernando Singles will hold a Sunday brunch at Amagi's, 6114 W. Sunset Blvd., Dec. 1, 1 p.m. Cost: \$7.95. Info: Phil Shigekuni, (818) 893-1581.

Senior tax auditors Karen Kotake and Joyce Urushima-Wong speak at a tax update seminar of the American Society of Women Accountants, LA. chapter, Nov. 16 at the Mayfield Hotel. Fee: \$45. Info: Barbro Hoeglund, (213) 306-6251 (day), 397-9734 (eve).

Japanese contemporary dancer and SAN FRANCISCO — Lee and Miyo choreographer Kuniko Kisanuki pre- Burton will lead a 3-hour Nisei and sents an evening of solo performances Retirement workshop, "Getting More at Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Out of Relationships," Nov. 23, 1-4 p.m., Pedro St., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Voted 'Best Hospitality Room of the Japantown Dancer of the Year" and "Best Per- branch of Sumitomo Bank Through former of the Year" by the Dance Cri- exercises and group discussions they tics Assn. of Japan, Kisanuki will per- will explore the importance of reform her dance series "Tefu Tefu." Ad- lationships and role-identification. mission: \$12 orchestra, \$10 balcony. Info: Jim Kajiwara, 731-2967 (evenings).

Dr. Leland Yee, consultant for the Twelve finalists will participate in Oakland Unified School Dist., will the first Japanese speech contest in speak at the Nov. regional meeting of Southern California for those who speak the S.F. Bay/No. Coast Region of the pete in the Junior/Senior High School Calif., Nov. 19, JACL Nat'l HQ., 1st floor, Division, while six will compete in the 1765 Sutter St., 7-9 p.m. Info: (415) 397-



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JACCC artists-in-residence named

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center has been named a recipient of a California Arts Council (CAC) grant to fund an artist-inresidence program for 1985-86.

The multi-residency program will feature workshops and miniperformances focusing on Japanese festivals and will be held at JACCC and various locations in the Little Tokyo area. Four artists

Drug abuse program receives video grant

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Drug Abuse (AADAP) Prevention Unit was recently presented with a \$665 grant by Kaiser Permanente Medical Program.

The grant will be used to make additional copies of the AADAP video "Before It's Too Late" and to print 1,000 Prevention Unit brochures on how the community can get involved in preventing drug and alcohol abuse.

Narrated by actor Robert Ito, the video documents the work of Gardena Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, in which AADAP, community leaders, high school students, parents, schoool personnel, and Lions Club members work together to make a positive impact on elementary school age children.

For information, write 5318 S. Crenshaw Blvd., L.A. 90043 or call (213) 293-6284.

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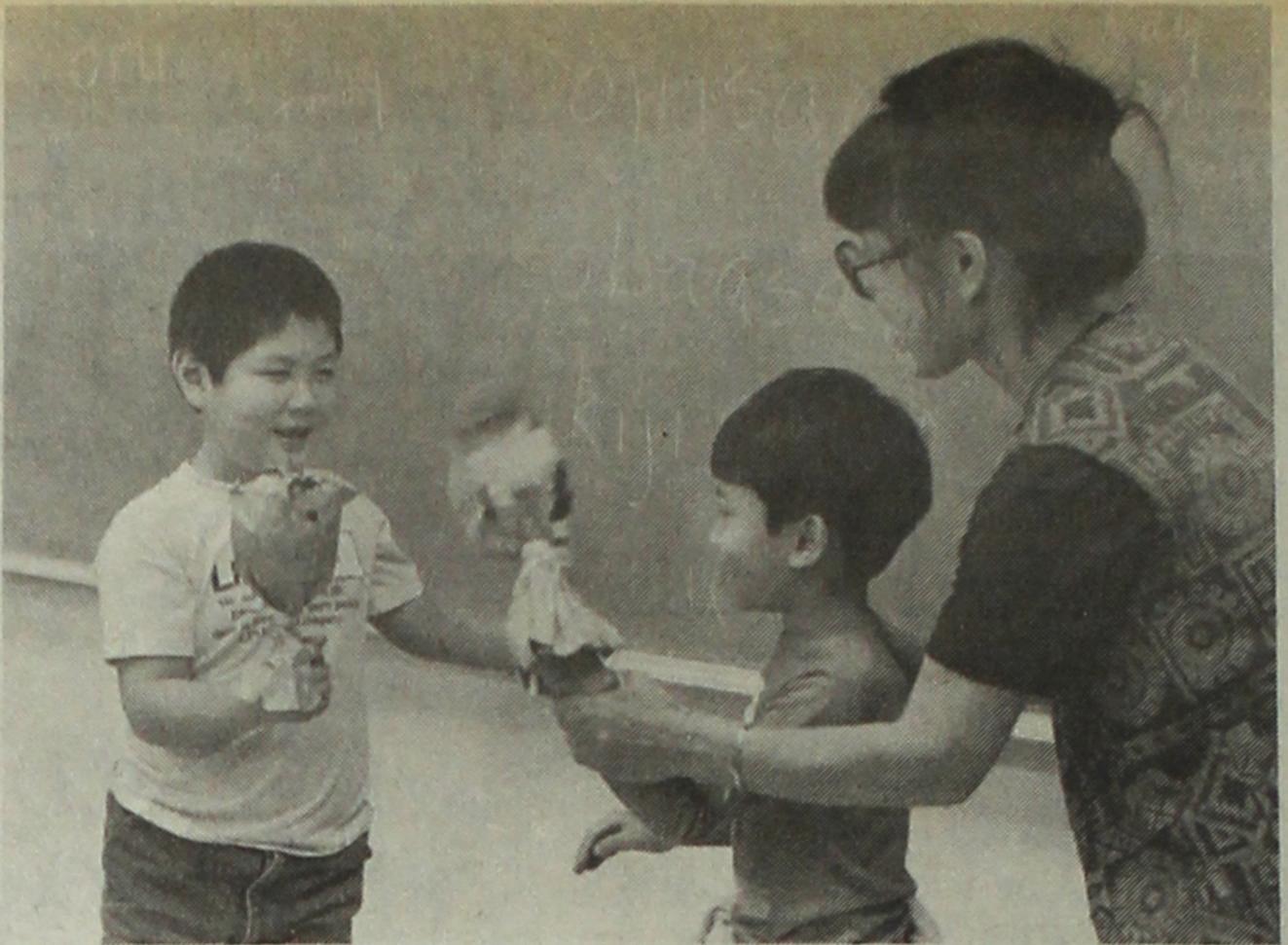
—Fujima Chiseye, a teacher and performer of classical Japanese dance who received her natori in dance at Fujima Kanemon School in Tokyo.

—Takusen Inoue, who holds the highest rank in pen and brush calligraphy from Bunka Shodo Gakkai, the highly regarded institute for calligraphy studies. She is director of the American Branch of Bunka Shodo Gakkai and continues to win awards for her work.

—June Kuramoto, a noted koto player and principal in the jazz-fusion band Hiroshima. A second-time awardee in this program, she has been studying koto under Mme. Kazue Kudo since 1954 and is currently working on Hiroshima's fourth album.

—Michiko Tagawa, a Tokyo native who has studied puppet construction and performance with the famed Takeda Marionette Troupe, which has been designated a Municipal Treasure of Tokyo. She has performed internationally and is a consultant to film studios, specializing in special effects and mechanical models.

Activities for both children and adults are being planned, commencing in December with workshops focusing on Oshogatsu, the Japanese New Year. The program continues with Children's Day in May and the Obon Festival during the summer. Info: Kathy Harada Carmel or Chris Iwanaga Aihara, (213) 628-2725.



Artist-in-residence Michiko Tagawa instructs children in her puppet workshop at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Sacramento AAJA chapter formed

SACRAMENTO—A local chapter of Asian American Journalists Assn. (AAJA) was established at an Oct. 6 meeting. It is the third new branch of the group, which formed chapters in San Francisco and Seattle earlier this year.

Present at the gathering were Judy Tachibana, Lois Chin, Mary Downes and Gay Lum, Sacramento Bee; Mickie Enkoji, Roseville Press-Tribune; Sandra Yep, Corinne Fat, Sydnie Kohara and Michael Liang, KCRA-TV; K.W. Lee, Sacramento Union; Ron Makabe, Auburn Journal; Sharon Okuno and Greg Yamamura, KXTV-TV; Lonnie Wong, KTXL-TV; Mayumi

Shirai, Nichibei Times and Asahi Homecast; Pamela Yip, Stockton Record; and Susan Inouye, CSU Sacramento student.

AAJA executive director Karen Seriguchi and Southern California chair Bill Sing explained AAJA's programs. Mike Castro, Sacramento chapter president of Calif. Chicano News Media Assn., invited AAJA to work with CCNMA on such projects as student career days.

A general membership meeting will be held Nov. 17, 10 a.m., at KXTV, 400 Broadway. A board of directors will be elected at that time.

Wada to speak at anti-apartheid event

SAN FRANCISCO—'Free South Africa," a program sponsored by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Japanese Community Progressive Alliance and Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament, will be held Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Admission is \$3.

Featured speakers are Univ. of Calif. regent Yori Wada, who will discuss divestment of the UC system from South Africa; and Karega Hart of the Oakland-based Committee Against Apartheid.

The program is a benefit for the S.F. Rainbow Coalition's "Aid to South Africa" project. Literature on apartheid and the U.S. movement opposing it will be available.

Info: Jean Hibino, 921-5748; Marlene Tonai, 436-5259; or Steve Morozumi, 444-2226.

Senior tenants sought

CHULA VISTA, Calif.—Kiku Gardens, a 100-unit, rent-subsidized senior housing project in the San Diego area, has a limited number of openings for prospective tenants.

A new waiting list is being compiled for seniors 62 or older with an income of \$9,650 (single) or \$11,000 (double).

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Authentic Soul Food



HAVING BEEN INVITED to the annual Indochinese-American Council dinner to be held at a Vietnamese restaurant in these parts, which restaurant has had good reviews, and further anticipating that the dishes would be authentically native—we went. Many leaders of the Asian American community, including our own chapter president, Jack K. Ozawa, were present. Other leaders were from the Cambodian community, Chinese, "ethnic Chinese" (which I understand refers to refugees from Southeast Asia of Chinese extraction), Filipino, Korean, Laotian and Vietnamese. Dr. Vuong G. Thuy, president of the council, was the spark and energetic force for the dinner.

WE WERE SEATED at a table with the chair of the Philadelphia

him was the president of the Philadelphia Teachers' Union. (Although I confess that I anticipated some serious business would be "informally" transacted during the course of the evening, if that came about I missed it. At any rate, I was too busy partaking of the multiplecourse dinner to have my attention diverted to more worldly concerns.) Dr. Susan Gimm, president of the Asian American Council, graced our table. She's among our concerned Asian Americans. A Chinese American community activist described her, admiringly, as a "gutsy gal."

IN MID-EVENING, we were joined by U.S. Congressman 'Bob'' Edgar, in my assessment one of the finest public servants we have. And his constituents obviously agree, for the Congressman has been repeatedly returned to office since 1974 from an area that is the stronghold of Republicanism. And the Congressman, who never held office before, did it as a Democrat. Rumor has it that he may be seeking to move up into the U.S. Senate.

The Senate will gain a concerned and committed citizen.

SEEING THE CONGRESS-School Board, and seated next to MAN, I was reminded how, two



years ago, when I made a run for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court without any party endorsement, that Bobhad thrown his support to me, as did a few other gutsy public servants. Including subsequently to become Mayor W. Wilson Goode. The party had endorsed another of the seven candidates then in the field, and "political wisdom" would dictate that any official interested in surviving, "toe the party line." But Bob, Wilson, and a few others went with their hearts rather than political expediency. We did extremely well in Eastern Pennsylvania, and had the western area

come through even close, there well may have been an Asian American on our highest court.

As we commented that evening: "There are a lot of Americans of goodwill out there."

THE DISHES WERE delicious. There was a salad that was, as they say, "out of this world." It was a first for me. Our table cleaned it up, with one diner savoring the sauce. I recalled enjoying a Chinese parsley salad in San Francisco that was about its equal. I also recalled another salad (Japanese-style) prepared by my sister with a crispy content that I thoroughly enjoyed. She

wouldn't tell me what it was until I had finished. Jellyfish.

GENERALLY, I'M GAME to try almost anything in foods. In the past I've eaten rattlesnake meat, enjoy namako, and a few other non-usual dishes. But I have my limits. I just couldn't bear to bring myself to eat whole-fried suzume (sparrows) in Japan. And the other week, at a Chinese banquet, one of the courses was duck's feet, sauted in soy sauce. I took one, peeled the skin with my chopsticks and hit bone.

Just didn't have the appetite to eat it. Moved on to the next dish.

A Retraction (Of Sorts)

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER



Bob Shimabukuro

Gray skies today. Listening to the radio broadcast of an exciting Raider-Charger game, on one of the few "indoor" days in Southern California. Reminds me of being back in Portland, where at this time of the year, it's all "indoor" days. Snow on the mountains, rain in the city.

Mira called last week. Told me that I was giving everyone the wrong impression of her. So I checked to see exactly what I have written about her in the past. Well, I've written that she is popular with her schoolmates and teachers, helpful and re-

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sponsible at home, and very "adultish" at times; in addition, I have also written about her interest in boys, music videos, teenage fashion magazines, and, oh yes, those "glorified dog shows" called beauty contests. Not exactly what I would call uncomplimentary.

A touchdown pass from Wilson to Christensen gives the Raiders the lead with 1:49 to play. Can Fouts bring the Chargers back? It's now more than just gray outside. The skies look ominous. It's looking more and more like Portland every minute.

But perhaps after the last column that I wrote about Mira, she felt that I've been presenting her as a "fluffhead," which she most definitely is not. So, for the record, let it be known that Mira actually has a wide range of "untrivial pursuits," is very precocious and possesses a sense of humor that is a cross between that of her dad, her mom, and her maternal grandfather, Montana artist Bob DeWeese—a combination of an interest in the bizarre matched with a needling, sarcastic wit which is to the point, often fun and, in some instances, healing Like acupuncture, I guess.

The Chargers have just scored with 53 seconds to go. Fouts to Charlie Joiner. Fouts has taken the Chargers 71 yards in 56 seconds. Tied ballgame. It's getting dark now. The sun is setting a lot earlier these days, even in Los Angeles.

Mira will probably have something to say about what I've just written about her. I finally convinced her to write something for the Holiday Issue. Which reminds me, all of you reading this column, think Holiday Issue. The days are getting shorter, the skies are grayer, the temperature is dropping. (Who cares about air conditioning?) It's getting to be holiday time and Holiday Issue is at hand. Get your ads in!

The Raiders fail to score in the final 53 seconds. The game goes into overtime. At this time of the year, the gray skies and the unrelenting rain begins to affect Portlanders even when they no longer live in Portland. It seems as if melancholia dementia—Hamlet's disease—begins to set into the general psyche of Portland. Come late January, everyone seems depressed.

Mira is also a very good student. Aces almost all of her classes. Spends a lot of time in drama; watches movies a lot. The only test I remember her failing was a written P.E. test on the rules of football.

The Chargers win the toss for first possession in the overtime period. They start on their own 20. Fouts and "Little Train" James take them 80 yards for a score and the win! What a game! I wish I was there rather than here. Outside it's dark and drizzling.

A Redress 'Huddle'



The progress of HR 442 and S 1053 and identification of possible additional support in both the House and Senate were among the topics discussed at a legislative planning meeting hosted by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) in the Capitol Office Building on Oct. 30.

Also present at the meeting were Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii); Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.); Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR); Joseph Rauh, legal counsel for LCCR and JACL-LEC board member; JACL national president Frank Sato; and myself.

Also discussed was the need to enlist and activate the support of other ethnic and civil rights groups. Inouye stressed the need for other groups to view the redress bills as a civil rights issue.

Along these lines, Neas emphasized the importance of making a big push between February and July 1986, before attention is focused on the elections. It was pointed out that appropriations are seldom passed in an election year. We are faced with carrying the redress issue into the 100th Congress. Now is the time to complete the building of a strong core of support.

We will be working closely with LCCR to start the coalition of support. This will require the development of appropriate informational materials for the other human and civil rights organizations to use in lobbying with LEC.

Senate

Matsunaga's assessment of S 1053 is that it has a good chance in the Senate committee. Additional hearings will not be necessary and Sen. William Roth (R-Del.), chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, will hold a mark-up session. Both Inouye and Matsunaga emphasized the importance of constituent contact with Roth.

House

Mineta noted that Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), chair of the Judiciary Committee, has funds for the subcommittee to travel to the hearings. Matsui saw an improved situation for HR 442 with Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) replacing Rep. Sam Hall (D-Tex.) as chair of the subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations.

The recent addition of three Republican co-sponsors, Reps. Henry Hyde (Ill.), Raymond Mc-Grath (N.Y.), and Charles Pashayan (Calif.) gives us momentum in gaining co-sponsorship from other Republicans.

The exact timing of the subcommittee hearings is uncertain. These hearings will impact on the new committee members.

PSW JACL-LEC Fund Raiser

The PSW District's "Redress" dinner is scheduled for Jan. 17,

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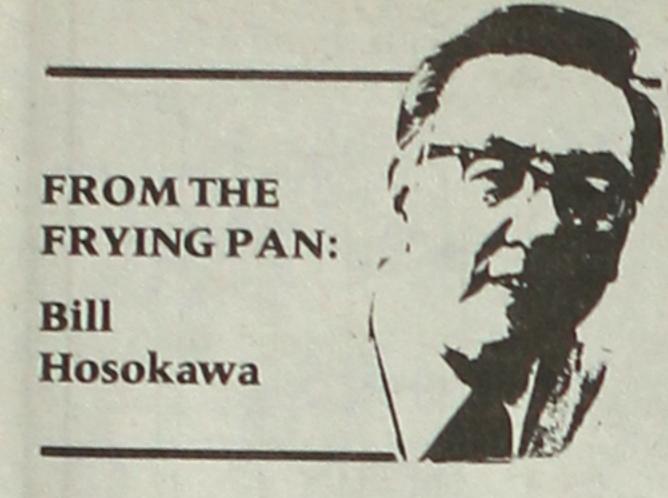
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A Royal Visit



Prince Hiro, eldest son of Japan's Crown Prince Akihito, was in Denver a few weeks ago en route home to Tokyo after spending a couple of years at college in England. He turned out to be an engaging young man, soft-spoken and somewhat shy, and not without a sense of humor.

The prince was making a hopscotch tour of the United States to acquaint himself with the country. Among other things, he visited with some highdomes at Harvard, met Brooke Shields at Princeton, went out with a Cajun alligator hunter in the bayous outside New Orleans, plowed a furrow on Bob Sakata's Colorado farm aboard a giant diesel tractor. When he left he was looking forward to a quick glimpse of Las Vegas and the L.A. Rams-49ers football game.

LEC

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featured speakers.

1986 at the Bonaventure Hotel in

Los Angeles. The dinner has re-

ceived support from all four Nik-

kei members of Congress, who

committed themselves to sched-

ule attendance at the dinner as

part of the LEC fund raising strat-

egy; funds are needed to lobby

targeted members of Congress

and develop the coalition sup-

will convene on the same week-

end as the dinner, the first major

LEC event. There will be a good

possibility of leadership rep-

resentation from the eight JACL

districts. The dinner committee,

chaired by Toy Kanegai of Los An-

geles, promises a very special

evening to the large number of

Washington Scene

for this interim executive direc-

tor who is commuting from West

Chester, Pa., weekly, spending 2-

3 days in the Washington office

and working the rest of the time

out of my home office. It's been

learning the job on the run. It's

also been a challenge and a test

of stamina to stay with whatever

help in putting out the informa-

tion so that our membership will

know what is happening with the

redress bills and what they can

do to lobby members of Congress

about 140 people took three days.

The copier in the Washington of-

fice is beginning to show its age.

It does not have collating ability,

nor will it function without time

out—the machine heats up and

The first mailing of packets to

The wonderful part is the staff

comes through each day.

(MC).

One month has quickly passed

supporters of redress.

Both the JACL and LEC boards

port of LCCR organizations.

This dinner is an important

Since the prince's visit was informal and unofficial, there was little pomp and circumstance, no official calls here in Denver, no ribbon-cutting or tree-planting. Still, he traveled everywhere in stretch limousines (except on the outing to Rocky Mountain National Park in a brand new Isuzu fourwheel drive vehicle) in a caravan headed by a highway patrol car. He was accompanied everywhere by unobtrusive State Department security officers, some of whom had checked out in advance each route of the prince's itinerary, and each stop, just in case.

As the likely heir to the imperial throne some time in the distant future, Prince Hiro was fortunate to be able to see (and learn) something of the country that is his nation's ally and most important trading partner.

He experienced the vastness of our land, the majesty of our mountains, the astonishing diversity of the states and the people

who make up our nation. But beyond that, he learned something of the kindness of our citizens and of their interest in his country.

For example, he spent a pleasant and educational hour at the University of Colorado with a half dozen young Americans, only a

little younger than he, who chatted with him in his native tongue. It was a bit startling to hear nearperfect Japanese coming from the mouths of blonde and redhaired young people. Of course they were the most advanced of Prof. Willie Nagai's language students, but they demonstrated that many Americans are seriously studying about Japan.

The prince had an opportunity to meet a few Japanese Americans—the officials in his entourage had insisted that there be no more than 24—at a reception and spent a good deal of time talking with young Nisei and Sansei. He made his trip to Rocky Mountain National Park in faded bluejeans and sneakers. Later, when he had sampled Rocky Mountain Oysters, he suggested mischievously to his aides that they report the fact to Tokyo without explaining what it was he had eaten.

There is no way to tell what part the emperor will play in Japanese life by the time Prince Hiro ascends the throne. He may be only a revered figurehead, or he may be in position to exert some influence on national outlook and lifestyles, which he also may be able to do as crown prince when that time comes. In any case, he will know important things about the United States and Europe, and that is comforting.

Pilgrims' Pride?

On a drive from Boston to Cape Cod, I recall, Plymouth lies approximately midway. It is where the Pilgrims landed some 350 years ago. Across the street from Plymouth Rock is a wax museum depicting the lives of the early colonists.

The wax figures seemed out of proportion. Colonists were smallboned and tiny; Indians were large and much taller. I mentioned this to a docent.

"That's how it was," he said. The legendary Captain Miles Standish, made famous by the poet Longfellow, was barely 5 ft. 3 in. tall.

The first Thanksgiving was in 1621, a year after they landed in the New World. William Bradford, who led the Pilgrims out of England to the New World, kept detailed records.

"Horrible it is to mention," he wrote, "but the truth of historie requires it."

Records show that the colonists were into wife-swapping as well as all the sexual misconduct known to man. Drunkenness and uncleanliness were constant problems. It appears that they did not even have a religious observance before digging into the turkey, venison, roast corn,

-Sanseis need to be re-educat-

—Take a realistic view of their

ed. They have problems just as

their parents do, e.g., redress af-

career backgrounds to slot them

for positions on local chapter

CLIFF'S CORNER:

Clifford Uyeda



pumpkin pie and boiled molasses at the first Thanksgiving.

In a book on the role of women in 17th century New England, a history professor states that 46% of the women at Plymouth before 1690 did not marry even after discovering they were pregnant.

One of the Pilgrims' first acts in the New World was to steal 10 bushels of seed corn from the local Indians. The Pilgrims also welshed on promises to repay Old World benefactors who had underwritten their passage.

These are not the schoolroom images of the pious Pilgrims. Bradford blamed his people's waywardness on Satan.

"The Song of Hiawatha" by Longfellow was about the Chippewas who lived in the woodland areas around Lake Superior and to the west.

In a Senate-ratified treaty which gave most of this land to the U.S. government, the Chippewas retained the right to hunt and fish within specified areas south of Lake Superior.

The local sportsmen resent this as "special privileges," and anti-Indian sentiment is boiling over. There is a fear of violence against the Indians. Bumper stickers are appearing which proclaim: "Save a Deer, Shoot an Indian."

Hunters fear the Chippewas will deplete the wilderness. In 1984 the Chippewas bagged 700 deer; over the same period, 250,000 were taken by other hunters and motorists killed another **25,000**.

The origin of American Indian Day is unclear. Both President Lyndon Johnson and President Richard Nixon have been given the credit by some.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the roots go back to Sept. 28, 1915, when the Boy Scouts of America set aside the second Saturday in May as the day to honor the American Indians.

History has shown that the U.S. government has usually separated their outward show of reverence to Native Americans from their practice of according equality to these people. It was not until 1922 that Indians, whose land was systematically taken over by the U.S. government, were given U.S. citizenship.

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has a temper tantrum if pushed too hard.

The staff collates by hand, sitting on the floor. Our appreciation to Colleen Darling, associate director, and Rochelle Wandzura, office secretary, for managing our production under these conditions.

I have Mike Masaoka and Kaz Oshiki to counsel me to make up for my lack of experience in Washington. Stuart Ishimaru, assistant counsel with the Judiciary subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, called to take me to lunch and to share his insights on some of the Judiciary committee members.

Colleen and I met with Charles Kamasaki of National Council of La Raza, Wade Henderson of ACLU and Frederick Schwartz of the National Forum. We also attended the reception to meet the new ACLU executive director, Mort Helperin, at ACLU's Washington office.

We are in the process of identifying constituents in those districts where we have targeted MC. Our priority is to develop a strong grassroots lobbying effort within JACL and with coalition support.

The message is quite clear in Washington—the MC know who votes them into office. If we are silent, our issue will not be heard. The redress campaign requires the heat to be turned on by direct lobbying through visits to the MC and their staff, through letters and telephone contacts. There are people living in California who have written to their friends in other states asking them to contact certain crucial members of a committee.

Our thanks to Sharon Tanihara of Garden Grove, Calif., for her practical suggestion to the LEC Fund Drive in her letter (Oct. 25

by Tom Nakao

As a member of JACL's Leadership Development and Recruitment Committee, I was asked to facilitate a workshop on this topic at the August Midwest/Eastern/Mountain Plains convention in Milwaukee.

The workshop was based on small-group discussion of three questions:

(1) How can we identify potential leaders?

(2) Once these leaders are identified, how do we guide their involvement in JACL?

(3) What can we do to attract and keep the 22 to 45 age group?

The workshop groups were very enthusiastic and, in spite of time limitations, came up with the following responses:

Question 1

-There is no clear way to identify leaders.

-We need to bring people along slowly; leaders will emerge.

PC). She is right that people do not know where to send contributions, since prime solicitors have not been contacting the whole chapter.

The Countdown

HR 442 has an "official" count of 117 co-sponsors as of this date. Three of these co-sponsors do not have a vote on the floor. We need 217 votes.

S 1053 has 27 co-sponsors. We need 51 votes.

Thought-Provoking Ideas

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fects them as well.

boards.

—Create diversity by also identifying non-Nikkei leaders. —Make JACL more visible. Question 2

—Show the way slowly. —Too much too soon; use Nisei in an advisory position without stifling growth.

—Have a slow transition in the task of running the chapter.

—Remain flexible in your outlook.

Question 3

—Look at the programs. —Objectives of national and

local JACL do not often relate. —Institute a membership sur-

vey. —Target programs at specific markets such as young families, singles, etc.

—Important programmatic issues may be interracial marriage and career-oriented programs.

-Identify and clarify objectives of JACL

—Highlight those members who are good role models.

—Develop a mentor system.

Considering the time available to discuss these questions, I believe the group came up with some thought-provoking ideas. Hopefully, the results of this workshop and others will not fall by the wayside but will be translated into positive programming for the organization.

Chapter Pulse

Seabrook

SEABROOK, N.J.—Senior citizens will be honored by the chapter at "Senior Citizen Appreciation Night," Dec. 14, 6 p.m. at the Seabrook Buddhist Temple Social Hall. The senior citizens, who will be sent special invitations, will be honored for their "untiring efforts and support." A \$6 donation to help defray expenses will be asked from all other participants.

Entertainment, a buffet dinner, and a souvenir picture are among the offerings. Reservations along with donations should be sent by Nov. 26 to: Seabrook JACL Senior Citizen Appreciation Night, c/o Mrs. Lenore Wurtzel, 14 Dawson Dr., Bridgeton, N.J. 08302.

The Mary C. Nagao Memorial Scholarship has been established in recognition for her dedication to the Japanese American youth in the community. Nagao served on the chapter scholarship committee for over 20 years, and was an advocate for the participation of young people in chapter affairs. Approximately \$2,000 has been donated to the chapter in her memory.

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — The third annual "Spaghetti-Crab Feed" is set for Dec. 7, 5-8 p.m., at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. This is one of the major fund raising events of the chapter. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. There will be an extra charge for beverages.

Cincinnati

CRESTVIEW HILLS, Ky. — The chapter's "Focus on Japan" workshop, designed for elementary and middle-school teachers

of social studies to increase community understanding of the Japanese, was presented outside Ohio for the first time Oct. 19 at Thomas More College at the invitation of Judy Harris, assistant professor of education, who had been impressed by the quality of the presentations at the 1984 workshop; as a result, the college co-sponsored this year's workshop.

Thirty-three persons registered for the workshop, which included lectures on and discussion of the modern Japanese family, language and culture, as well as demonstrations and participation in activities useful in the classroom.

Florin

SACRAMENTO—Over 200 people attended the Florin chapter's 50th anniversary at the Hilton Inn on Oct. 26 and paid tribute to the organization's history, chapter presidents and scholarship recipients over the last five dec-

ades, and Mary Tsukamoto, a long-time chapter member active in the district and national JACL. The event was chaired by Bill Kashiwagi and Alfred Tsukamoto.

Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY—The chapter's 50th anniversary, as well as 100 years of the Japanese in Utah, will be observed Nov. 23 at the new Holiday Inn, Second West So. Temple, on the Salt Palace grounds, once the heart of Japanese town.

Roy's Grill, Kanagae's NP Cafe, Hashimoto Co., Tofuya and Salt Lake Leather Co. were among the businesses located there.

Ted Nagata will compile an album of photos dating back to pre-1924, tracing the origins of Utah Nippo, Rocky Mountain Times, and the Buddhist and Christian churches. The 32-page album is \$10; early orders are advised, as only 400 will be printed.

Dinner reservations, \$35 each, \$50 per couple, include bar, orchestra, and the album. Ask any board member for reservations.

board member for reservations.

Photo by Riichi Fuwa

Members of Florin JACL gathered at the Sacramento Hilton Inn Oct. 26 to mark the chapter's 50th anniversary. Seated are (from left) former JACL president Jerry Enomoto, Sacramento mayor Ann Rudin and husband Dr. Edward Rudin, Reiko wakami, secretary for Rep. Robert Matsui, and Doris Matsui, the congressman's wife. Matsui himself was unable to attend. Standing behind them are past presidents of Florin JACL.

Letters

Legislators' Letter

Recently, a copy of a letter cosigned by congressmen Mineta, Matsui and Panetta, addressed to their colleagues in the House of Representatives, was received by Violet K. de Cristoforo, redress chair of Salinas JACL.

The letter, entitled "Justification for Redress to WWII Internees," says in part, "Recently, we were contacted by the Redress Committee of the Salinas Valley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. The group had prepared an information sheet analyzing this issue and we wanted to take this opportunity to summarize this information for your benefit."

Copies of this analysis have been reproduced by the three legislators and made available to their congressional colleagues; thus, the fact sheet is a significant medium for informing and educating our representatives of the tragic wartime injustice committed against Japanese Americans.

The congressmen's letter concludes, "We encourage you to consider this information during future debates on H.R. 442. The experience of the Japanese

American internees, while long ago, has not been forgotten by those who experienced it and

their survivors."

The "Justification for Redress" mentioned in the letter includes the highlights of the internment, the effect of the exclusion and detention on Japanese Americans, the economic losses suffered by the internees, and the importance of redress legislation to all Americans.

WILFRED H. de CRISTOFORO Salinas, Calif.

Credit to Central Cal

Having just returned from an extended trip, I read the report that Congressman Chip Pashayan had finally agreed to co-sponsor

HR 442 (Oct. 18 PC).

The article failed to mention that the JACL Central California District Council, led by Tom Shimasaki and a few dedicated individuals, played a major role in persuading Pashayan to change his stand of adamant opposition to redress payments, especially on an individual basis. It took many meetings to accomplish this final result.

We do not disparage the efforts of Congressmen Mineta and Matsui and the influence they may have had in changing Pashayan's stand, but according to a letter from him, he gave the major credit to Tom Shimasaki and the CCDC for his decision to co-sponsor HR 442.

FRED Y. HIRASUNA Fresno, Calif.

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Members of Contra Costa JACL celebrated the chapter's 50th anniversary Sept. 7 at Mira Vista Country Club. Featured speaker was Congressman Norman Mineta (front row center, flanked by chapter president Yoshiro Tokiwa and v.p. for membership Natsuko Irei). The chapter was formed in April 1935 with the late William Furuta as its first president.

District Beat

PNWDC

JACKPOT, Nev.—Pacific Northwest District Council reelected Denny Yasuhara as district governor at its Oct. 13 meeting.

Yasuhara, an educator for over 25 years at Garry Jr. High School in Spokane, led the fight to institute an Asian American studies program at Washington State University as president of the Spokane Minority Ethnic Coalition from 1972-75.

He served as president of the Spokane Human Rights Coalition, composed of seven major civil rights organizations, from 1976-79. He is currently chair of the Governors Caucus of the National JACL Board.

The slate of officers elected for 1986-87 include: Ted Masumoto of Olympia, v.p. for Washington; Terry Yamada of Portland, v.p. for Oregon; Sam Nakagawa of Spokane, treasurer; Ben Nakagawa of Spokane, treasurer; Ben Nakagawa of Seattle, recording secretary; Dr. James Watanabe of Spokane, historian; and Michi Maebori of White River, 1000 Club.

During the joint meeting with Intermountain District, a redress workshop was conducted with LEC chair Minoru Yasui following the Minidoka pilgrimage.

The next PNWDC meeting is scheduled for February 1986 and will be hosted by Lake Washington chapter in Bellevue, Wash.

NCWNPC

SAN FRANCISCO—Golden Gate chapter JACL was the winner in the "best overall programs and activities" category of the No. Calif.-W. Nevada-Pacific District "Chapter of the Year" awards given last month.

Golden Gate, the second JACL chapter in San Francisco, was or-

ganized in 1980. Of the 25 resolutions acted on at the 1984 national convention in Honolulu, five were introduced by Golden Gate.

Among the chapter's activities last year were:

—Presentation of a certificate of recognition and appreciation (with district council and national board approval) to author Masayo Duus for her works introducing the JA experience to readers in Japan;

—A nationwide survey of chapter presidents on impressions of the controversial Japanese TV series "Sanga Moyu";

—The laying of flowers at the Holocaust Memorial in Lincoln Park;

—Supporting the reinstatement of the deputy director of Community Mental Health Services, whose firing was felt to be detrimental to the local Asian American community.

Katherine Reyes was chapter president in 1984. The current president is Donna Kotake.

This year the chapter originated the National JACL Edison Uno Civil Rights Award, named after the late civil rights activist (1929-1976). The first recipient will be named at the 1986 national convention in Chicago.

In the "scrapbook" category, the winners were Solano JACL in the small chapter group and Watsonville JACL in the large chapter group.

PSWDC

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest District LEC Committee meets Nov. 19, 7 p.m., at JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, to prepare for the Jan. 17 fundraising dinner. All interested persons are invited.

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Wherein Lies Reality?

BYTHE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

We have recently been reminded that we must pull together and donate together in the best interest of the "Cause." We are told that a new creative plan of action or strategy has been presented and that this will, with adequate funding, assure success with Congress.

new; in fact, the strategy is several years old with some new names and some minor changes to make it seem new. There is no effort made to give credit where it is due and to make room for all keypersons who have been in the forefront for many, many years. Personalities seem to have taken the lead with little room for others who have and could continue to contribute significantly to the important effort.

Re-inventing the Wheel

Instead of trying to re-invent the "wheel" on this issue, we

need to inform the membership and the community that the plan of action is the same as was created and approved several years ago. The attempt to imply that the new plan is better constructed and more effective has led to the confusion and appearance of apathy among the rank and file.

This latest plan has been put forth with the mandate that we move forward with it or fail miserably. There is no doubt in some of our minds that some of us are being set up to be scapegoats if the program fails. The word "teamwork" seems one-sided The so-called strategy is not in that it seems acceptable only if one point of view completely folds into the other. There seems to be no room for accommodation or compromise.

Accountability

The reality of success during this session of Congress has been promoted too confidently and can ultimately lead to inability to raise funds for the long drive ahead. One must show concern and care in the wording and effort to raise monies for the redress program. The major source to date has been the loyal and faithful, and the converts. How long

January and has an active mem-

bership of 25, Ikegami said. Most

members are college-age Sansei.

Ikegami said the main goal of

shall they continue their support without strong, cohesive leadership and being kept fully informed that their support has been wisely and frugally spent by all and not just some? Those who speak the message of failure have not understood the issue of accountability.

Finally, the unwillingness of the present program to integrate the strong education program can lead to several steps backward before the movement once again possibly moves forward. We are told that we lack the luxury of time, but can this present drive be fruitfully sustained without a proper and necessary information-sharing and education of the constituency, who need to understand why the legislation is critical and vital for all people, not just Japanese Americans? If we really gain true teamwork, then the goal is attainable and strong support can come to fruition as necessary.

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Chapters are now soliciting Holiday Issues greetings to raise funds for their projects. Chapters which solicited greetings in 1984 but which have not reported are shown with only a line of dots; those which have not are shown without a line of dots. Close to three-fourths of the 113 chapters participated; we trust all will be recognized here this year. The (g) indicates one-line greetings have been solicited.

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ents, who aren't required to submit similar information."

Another problem is that "Most of these foreign brides are very unfamiliar with our legal system and the regulations of the INS ... As a result, they may miss an opportunity to become a naturalized citizen, forfeit rights as a legal spouse, or live under unwarranted fear of deportation, which could be fostered by the spouse as a means of control."

Because the companies "do not follow up on the well-being of these women," she said, "it's also impossible to determine the relative number of these marriages that include aspects of deceit, abuse, mistreatment or abandonment."

These aspects do exist, she said, citing her recent meeting "with several battered Filipinas who came to the U.S. in similar situations. And though they felt their experiences to be unusual in that they were battered, I think that what was unusual is that these women sought refuge in a women's shelter."

Being "scattered around our country, without Asian communities and without any kind of support network outside their spouses

... There's a real possibility that even in cases of mistreatment. women in this situation, ignorant of their legal rights, will not go to authorities," said Shigemura.

Steps to be Taken

As for concrete action, she urged the audience to "take this issue back to our families, friends, churches and organization. It's important . . . to educate the public to the ramifications of these businesses, which affect not only the women involved ... but also public perceptions of all Asian people."

"We must tell the magazines, newspapers and periodicals that carry advertisements for these businesses to stop," she added. "We have to balance the hypedup, sensational attention given to these businesses...By expressing our concern, perhaps more women in a threatened situation will come out and seek appropriate assistance."

Social service agencies must "become aware of the potential existing problems and sensitize themselves to the myriad issues involved," she said.

Lastly, Shigemura stressed the importance of working with international women's groups. "We should conduct our work with the larger issue in mind, that being the issue of the sexual and economic exploitation of women globally, of which the mail-order bride issue is just one small part."

GI Brides

Bok Lim Kim, author of Women in Shadows and chair of National

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by Katie Kaori Hayashi JAUA, a young adult group of Downtown JACL, was formed in

JAUA critical of J.A.P.S.S.' hair salon

LOS ANGELES—Members of Japanese American United Alliance unanimously criticized the name of J.A.P.S.S., a West Hollywood hair salon, at their monthly meeting Oct. 6 at Japanese American Cultural &

Community Center.

Treasurer Ellen Koga said, "I don't think that they [the salon owners] were ignorant at all. There is no way that they could have not known that 'Jap' is offensive to Japanese Americans."

The owners, who used their first initials to create the name, have asked for \$15,000 from the Japanese American community for the cost of changing the name, said Koga, but she did not think that the community should pay for it.

JAUA president David Ikegami said there would be further discussion about whether JAUA would be involved as a group in pickets in front of the salon organized by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR).



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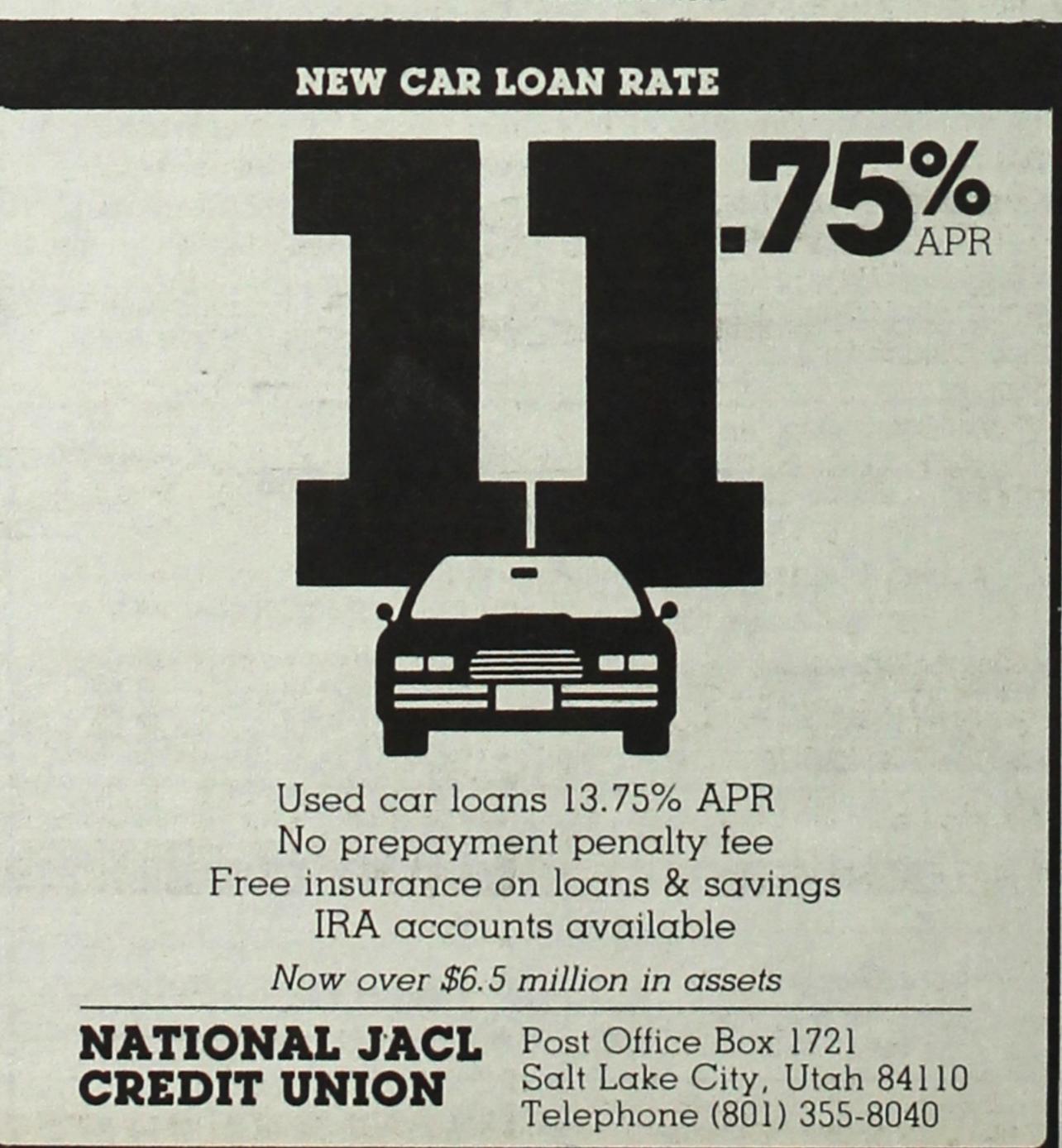
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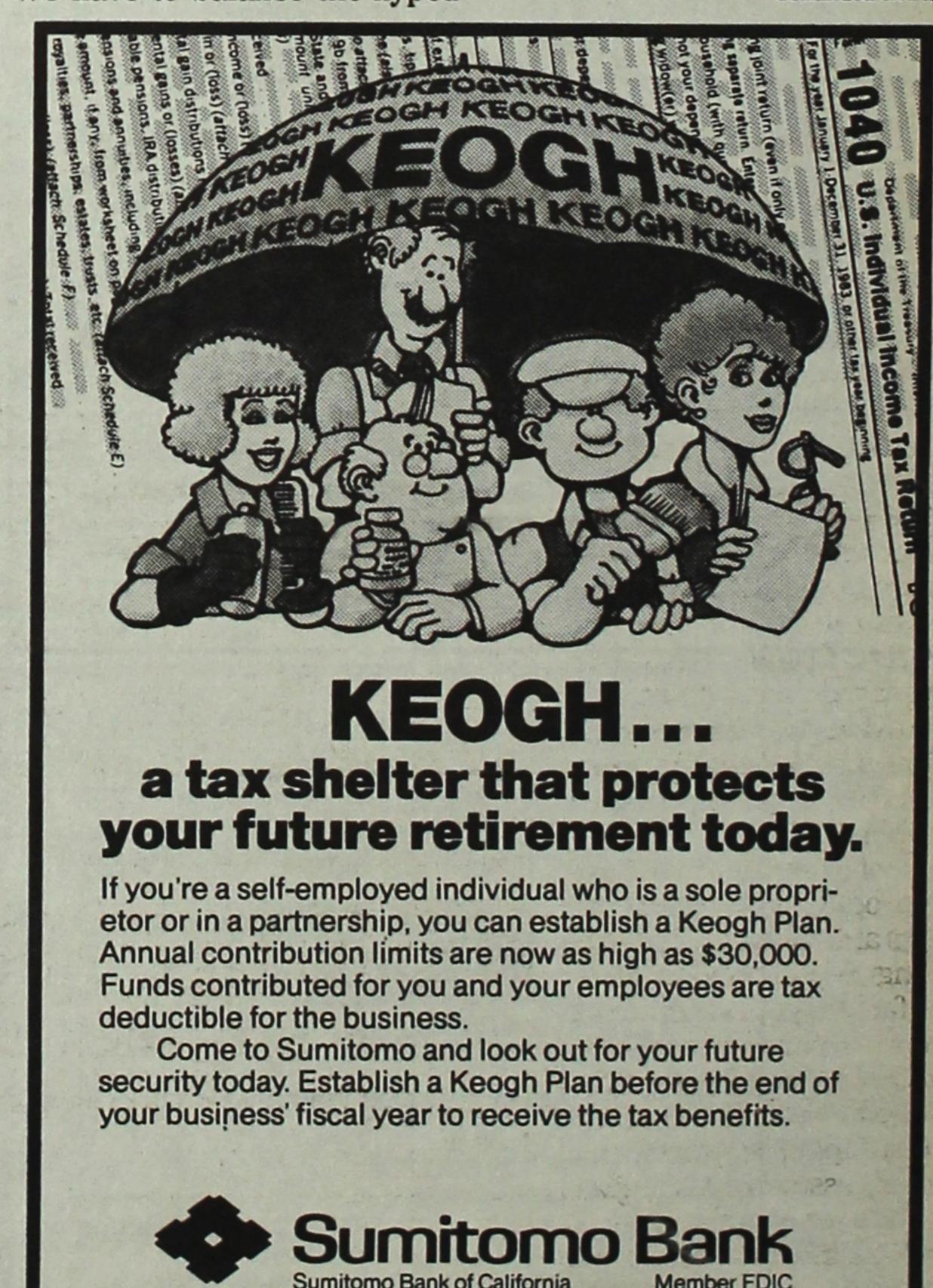
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The Suitcase and the Smithsonian

bamboo and purchased in Hiro- families had been relocated for the shima in 1934.

The suitcase followed Mary and Alfred Tsukamoto to Florin, Calif., in 1936. There the suitcase rested at home until 1942, when wartime hysteria, economic greed and race prejudice drove Mary and Al, along with 120,000 other innocent Japanese Americans, out of their homes to dozens of "holding pens" like the racetrack stall in Fresno where the Tsukamotos were sent.

From there, it was a long trip for Mary and Al and their families in the latter part of 1942 to the relocation center in Jerome, Arkansas. For the trip to Fresno and Jerome, the suitcase had received a broad stripe of green paint around its midsection for ease of identification.

In 1943, the suitcase traveled to Mary and Al were lucky enough to find a job and thus work their way out of camp. When WW2 ended, Mary and Al returned, suitcase in scrap materials by Herb Kurima

It was a \$2 suitcase, woven from hand, to Gila, Arizona, where their third time.

> With the camps closing, and families in tow, Mary and Al and suitcase embarked for Florin. From 1945 until 1985, the greenstriped suitcase stayed dutifully at home except for a occasional vacation trips.

In 1985, Mary and Alfred's suitcase traveled to Go For Broke, Inc., in San Francisco, and awaited pickup by Artransport, the official artifact drayer for the Smithsonian Institution.

There, hopefully, with the other artifacts being picked up, Mary's green-striped, \$2 suitcase will find a final resting place as one of the items exemplifying the Japanese American experience, which will highlight the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

Other items donated by the Tsukamotos were two packing crates Kalamazoo, Michigan, where made in Jerome from scrap lumber in 1943.

Another crate bears the family number 22096 and was built of

of Florin, who also donated two duffle bags, a mattress ticking, and two strawberry totes complete with baskets.

June Sakato Scroggins of Sacramento donated a five-drawer dresser built in camp from scavenged lumber. An "orange crate" trunk bearing colorful Pennsylvania Dutch motifs was donated by Masako Tanaka.

The donated articles were taken to the Go For Broke office, which serves as the central shipping point for these artifacts. There they were picked up in October.

The Smithsonian is seeking artifacts, memorabilia or photos relating to the relocation experience. Persons having articles that they wish to loan or donate should write, describing the article (height, width, weight, color, etc.), to:

Dr. Harold Langley, Curator, NMAH-Room 4012, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560, (202) 357-2249/50; or Go For Broke, Inc., 1855 Folsom St., Room 161, San Francisco, CA 94103, (415) 431-5007.



Mary and Alfred Tsukamoto and Herb Kurima, all of Florin, Calif., with crates and suitcase being sent to Smithsonian for an exhibit on the JA experience.

Thoughts on Trade

by Mariko Yamagami

I don't know how other readers feel, but I find the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance a problematic and worrisome topic these days. My concern probably stems from a subconscious fear that history could easily be repeated if discord continues to exist between the two nations. The economic and political issues are highly complex and I would like to share what I have learned about the trade dispute through recent news articles.

Economic indicators point to continued growth in the U.S. economy. However, major industries-

steel, textiles and electronicshave shown signs of faltering. As a result, the trade position of the U.S. has deteriorated over the last few years. Since 1981, the U.S. has gone from a surplus to a deficit of about \$125 billion. The trade deficit with Japan is close to \$50 billion and rightly or wrongly, blame has fallen largely upon what is perceived as unfair Japanese trade practices.

Even though the U.S. staunchly upholds free trade, anger and frustration over the trade deficit has caused government leaders to consider protectionist measures as a means of economic retaliation.

The consequences of protectionism are far-reaching and damaging. Retaliation by industrial nations would be swift if the U.S. embarks on such a course. World trade would be disrupted, risking defaults throughout the Third World by denying developing countries access to markets, thus cutting off their only means of raising funds to service their external debts.

Japanese leaders are well aware of what is at stake. In fact, Japan has come a long way in eliminating trade barriers and opening its markets. In July, for example, Prime Minister Nakasone announced a three-year program to reduce tariffs and nontariff barriers. Financial markets have been opened to permit U.S. and European banks to woo Japanese consumers.

Unfortunately, many Americans think Japan is still too slow and continue to clamor for more drastic action. However, a grim irony exists in that even if the U.S. had its way on all the issues it has raised, it would improve the balance of trade by only \$10-\$15 bil-

So what does all this boil down to? As far as I could glean from my readings, it's time for the Japanese government to open its purse strings. In a recent issue of

Fortune, Japan was described as a "self-centered tightwad," implying that it has profited at the 2 giver. expense of the U.S. and other countries and has yet to pay back the system. Critics believe Japan should do the following to meet its fair share.

One, increase government spending to stimulate the domestic economy. Supporters argue that growth in Japan's economy will increase demand for U.S. products, thereby improving the U.S. trade deficit.

Two, increase defense spending instead of continuing to take advantage of America's military forces. However, U.S. defense manufacturers would suffer a loss in exports if Japan ceased to buy its weapons from the U.S. Besides, pacifism was instilled in Japanese foreign policy by the U.S. in the aftermath of WW2.

Three, increase foreign aid. In the past, Japan was quite tightfisted with foreign aid but over the past decade, the Japanese government has increased it impressive-

ly. Last year, Japan surpassed France to become the world's No.

I hope I have succeeded in conveying the gist of the trade dispute to readers in a coherent fashion. At times, I fancy the muddled and peculiar state of affairs between Japan and the U.S. to reflect somehow the constant turmoil inside me. One minute I feel pride for Japan's economic success and the next minute I feel vexed and indignant because the U.S. is losing ground somewhat.

While I'm on the subject, will someone please explain why it's okay for West Germany to have a trade surplus and not okay for Japan to have one also? It just seems like Japan is always wrong in the eyes of the U.S. no matter what.

I wish I could figure out why, because then I would understand where I stand as a Japanese American living in this country.

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Committee Concerned with Asian Wives of American Servicemen, found the situation of GI brides similar to that of mail-order brides in they experience a "language and cultural barrier," are 'totally uprooted from their own culture" and come "into a society without any support, without any adequate preparation."

She also set as a major goal 'identification and reaching of these people . . .get them connected with the network so they can earn about their rights and responsibilities, so that they will be less vulnerable to exploitation."

An additional problem of GI brides she cited is that the couple may "have the illusion that they get along" when they first get married because the woman feels "competent and functional" while

in her home country. According to her studies, problems may arise after they move to the U.S. because of the bride's social isolation and disapproval of the marriage from the surrounding community.

Media Influence

Sumi Haru, producer and moderator at KTLA-TV and recording secretary at Screen Actors Guild, said that "when males are portraying us on television or in film, they seem to not know what the women are about and don't realize that rape, or being used as sex objects, hurts and demeans us."

In the recent film "Year of the Dragon," for example, the lead female character "is an Asian woman who gets raped by the male lead and falls in love with him. Later she gets raped by Asian men, and it doesn't seem to bother her that much," she said.

The script of another film currently in production, "Big Trouble

in Little China, "contains "prostitutes...Chinese women being sold into slavery . . . a female Fu Manchu," she continued, adding that most TV crime shows have had episodes about Asian gangs. "When we see images of women, we're just sisters or girlfriends of the gang members."

Because the average American family "is watching television almost seven hours a day," Haru said, "that means that television ... is probably a stronger educator, a more influential educator than you as parents."

Kimura Case

Eileen Kurahashi, an attorney with the law firm of Quan, Cohen, Kurahashi, Hsieh and Scholtz, drew parallels between the case of Fumiko Kimura, who killed her two children in a suicide attempt, and the Issei and Nisei experience.

Kurahashi's U.S.-born mother

underwent culture shock twice, being sent to Japan at age 6 and then being sent back to America at age 14, making her "unable to really express herself...[to] demand things and make [her] feelings known."

These abilities are "just not something right at the fingertips of most Asian immigrant women at all," Kurahashi said.

Kimura has "been here for 13 years now ... but basically had the traditional Japanese idea that you only negotiate with the outside society through your husband," she said. "Clearly the isolation is a huge factor. [She was] unable to find help when she needed it, unable to express herself in any way, to unleash that frustration that she must have felt" when she discovered that her husband had been unfaithful.

Consequently, although most Americans "would have understood if Fumiko had killed her husband and his lover," Kurahashi explained, "being Japanese ... explains the precise act that she did undertake."

But because "there really is no such thing in law" as a cultural defense, Kimura's attorney instead sought to establish that Kimura was too mentally disturbed to have premeditated the killings or to have committed them with malice, she said.

Kurahashi predicted that Kimura, having pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter rather than murder, "can get straight probation. She's been in jail all this time [since January], so all this time will count toward her sentence."

Having had clients who, like Kimura, "are practically crazy from their isolation . . . don't really know what to do ... completely dependent on their husbands," Kurahashi said that "it's important to keep up a lot of communication with people like that . . . Let's make sure that things like [the] Fumiko Kimura [case] don't happen again."

The Samrai

Under the Tokugawa regime, especially in the samrai class, iye (house) in its non-physical sense was an almost sacred entity. It was the shelter under which the individual found security, spiritual as well as material.

So long as he performed what was expected of him and comported himself properly his iye was safe, and with it its hereditary stibend. In the depressed and staghant economy of the class, especially for those of the lower ranks, the stipends meant livelihood, nowever inadequate, or even binched.

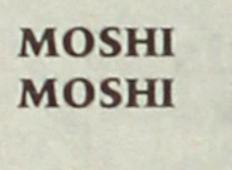
So Iye came to be held in semi-'eligious reverence. The samrai's loyalty was first to his lord, or to the O-iye, (the august house), then o his iye. The overriding concern of his existence was to preserve and perpetuate the kamei (name of the *iye*) unsullied, for which he was expected to sacrifice even his

This did not come about by the natural evolution of the Japanese

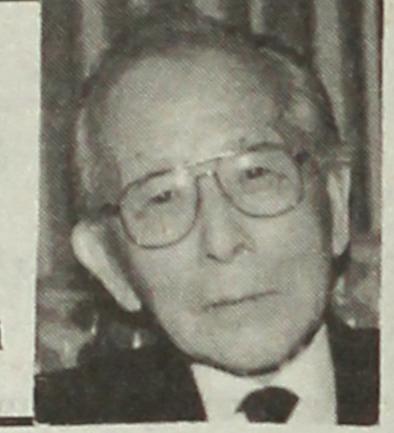
amily. The Tokugawa Shogunate, one of the most cynical and ruthless lynasties of the world's history, was constantly looking out for the east pretext to reduce the number of daimyo houses, so as to increase ts own revenue, and also to acnuire land to reward vassals leemed more deserving than its ntended victims. One article in he daimyo code of conduct dereed that the iye of a daimyo who lied heirless was to be punished y toritsubushi (abolition). Quite few daimyo houses became exinct for failure to meet this law. The same principle was extended o the hatamoto (the shogun's peronal vassals), and the retainers f daimyo.

The daimyo could not afford to be caught without heirs, for torisubushi meant the end of their ye as daimyo houses. It also neant their retainers would be hrown out into the cold world with lim prospect of finding new masers. From the very beginning of he Tokugawa regime, unemploynent was always high.

It was ostensibly for this reason hat the lords were encouraged to lave a reserve of potential heirs



by Jin Konomi



by concubines. Many of them found such responsibility not at all distasteful. In fact, they enjoyed it. Indulgence in sex is highly addictive. Many daimyo were disso- heirs. When their brothers suc-

rites of the lords, all of whom were rice eaters). usually ruthless and self-serving.

lords pampered and ignorant. For the lords there was greater survival value in being mediocre, if not actually stupid, than in being ambitious and enterprising. The perception of tonosama as dumb creatures was very unfair to them, but it was in their own interest to encourage it.

Since the iye was the most important in the samrai's existence, the heirs were marked for special care from the moment of their birth. In many households, they were fed and clothed better than their brothers. All the male offspring from the second son down were maintained only as reserve lute, even lecherous, characters. ceeded to the iye headship, they The actual rulers of the clans had to live as freeloading drones were the chamberlains, counsel- on the sufferance of their brothers. lors, and other high administra- They were contemptuously nicktive officials, and the close favo- named the hiyameshikui (cold

So obsessive became the idea of It suited their purpose to keep the preserving the iye name that a samrai without an heir or a daughter would adopt a boy and let him carry on the name, with a wife who also was totally unrelated to himself.

Yamauchi Kazutoyo of Tosa was one of the rarest type of daimyo. He absolutely refused to have a concubine, even when it became apparent that his wife would never bear him a son. He saved the Yamauchi name by adopting one of his wife's nephews. So the Yodo of my last article was totally unrelated by blood to the founder of the clan.

Two hundred and sixty years of the Tokugawa's cynical reign of intimidation generated the samrai ethos of iye veneration, which effectively emasculated the class. The view of the samrai as the flower of Japanese manhood, and Bushido as the highest expression of Japanese moral values is based on a myth which was sedulously fostered by the Meiji government.

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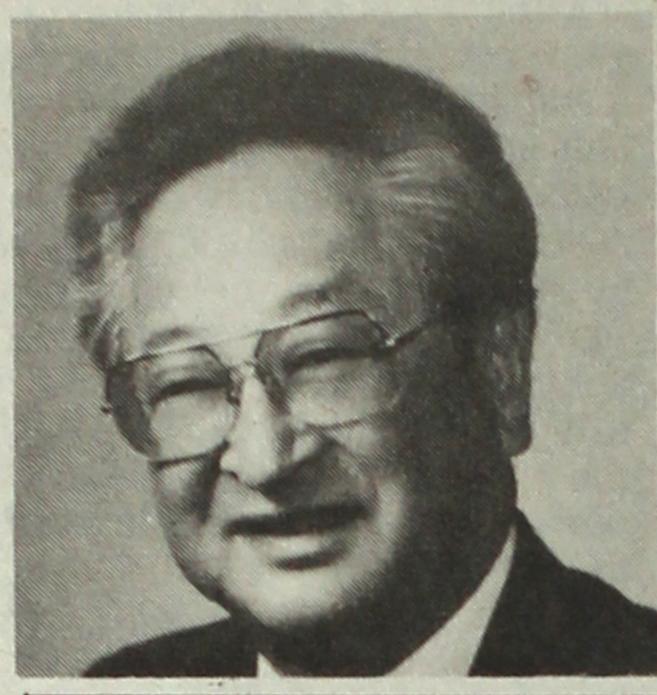
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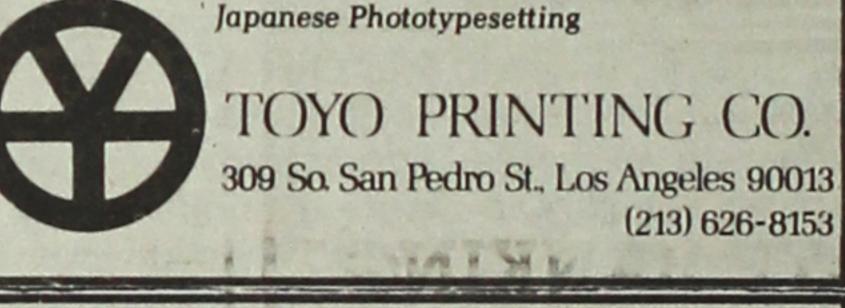


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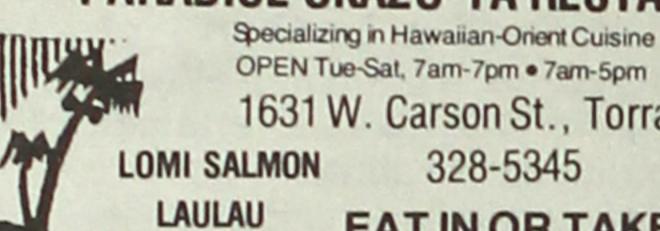
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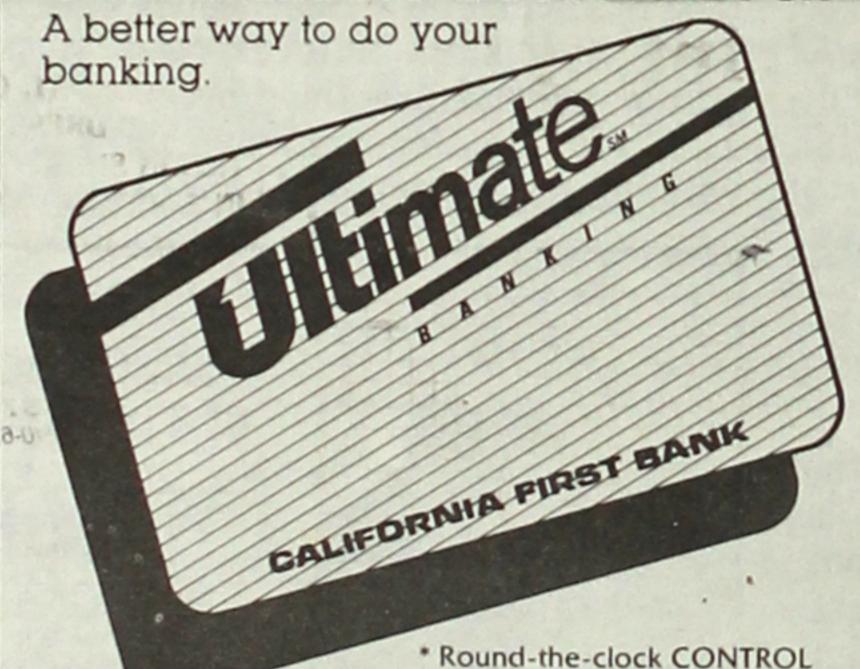
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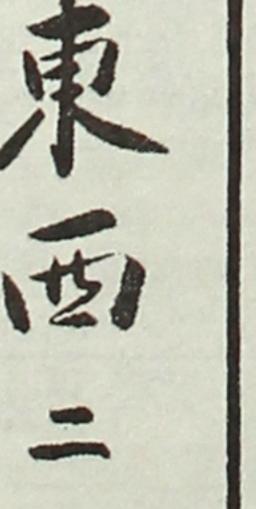
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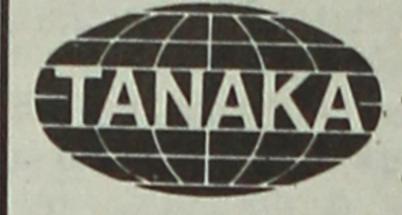
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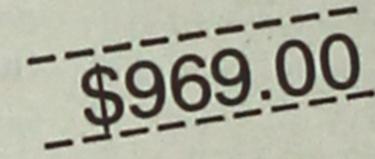
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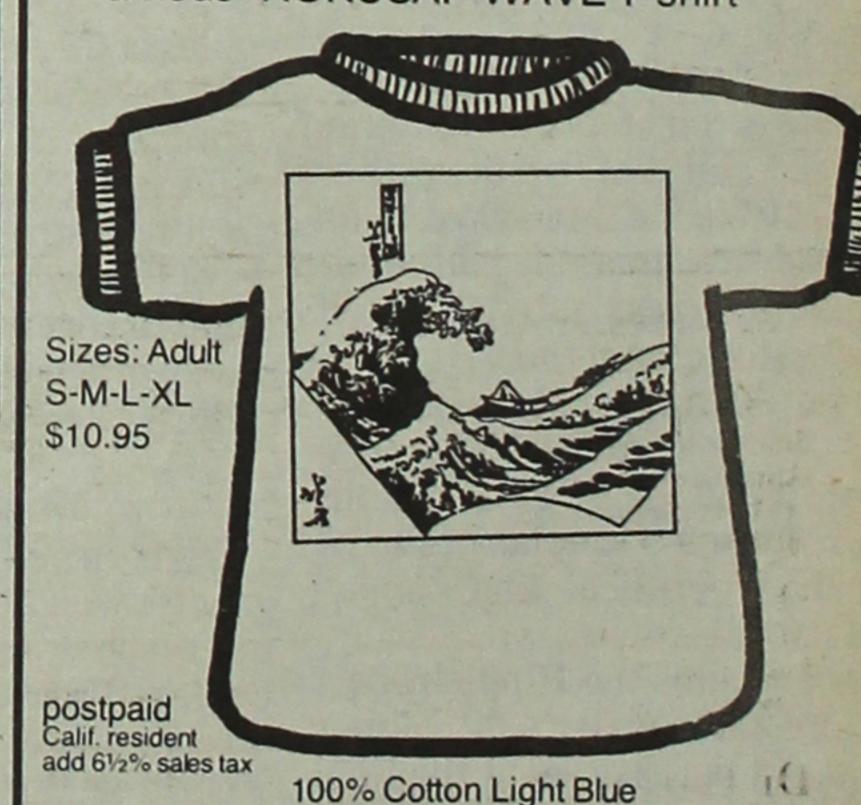
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According to Kawakami, both operatives concluded that the great majority of JAs were loyal to the U.S. and that "the potentially disloyal were readily identifiable," consisting mostly of Kibei and members of actively pro-Japan organizations. Kawakami says the Munson and Ringle reports concluded the government should institute only a selective evacuation, not a wholesale one.

The FCC and FBI reports, says Kawakami, do not substantiate a single allegation of shore-to-ship signalling or illicit radio transmission, nor, he says, do they provide a shred of evidence to bear out suspicions of espionage or sabotage on the part of JAs.

Kawakami says Hirabayashi's criminal convictions were upheld on the basis of "racist characterizations" which the government told the high court should be ac-

cepted as facts. Among those characterizations: that JAs were by race, religion and culture predisposed to disloyalty; that JAs were somehow involved in the attack on Pearl Harbor; and that disloyal JAs were organized into a "fifth column" ready to aid an "imminent" Japanese attack on the West Coast. Should the government have been required back up those assertions in court, Kawakami says, the Ringle, Munson, FCC, FBI, and Army Intelligence reports would have refuted them.

Hirabayashi's star witness, former Justice Dept. official Edward Ennis, testified this summer that his office knew of the disputed reports but did not disclose them at the time to the Court or to Hirabayashi. He also testified that he too believed only a selective roundup was necessary.

Government attorney Victor Stone argues the views of Ringle and Munson were those of lowerlevel officials which were not adopted by their superiors. Their reports, according to Stone, contain no "hard intelligence data... which could have been considered exculpatory."

Internal FBI memos offered by Stone show that Munson once admitted having "no knowledge of ...investigative work," that 26 years prior to WW2 he'd been employed as a "cub reporter for three months," and that two days after Pearl Harbor he'd bragged to an FBI field chief that "he had better access to President Roosevelt than the director of the FBI."

Stone dismisses Munson's reports as "colorful and unprofessional," and says FBI memos found Munson's conclusions to be "purely theoretical and conjectural."

Stone argues the Ringle report was circulated under a disclaimer that it did not represent the final views of Naval Intelligence. He also points out that a shortened version of Ringle's report was submitted to the Court in the form of an unsigned article published in Harper's magazine.

DeWitt's Report

Kawakami contends the West Coast commander's Final Report on the incarceration originally stated a racial—and therefore unconstitutional—basis for the curfew and evacuation orders.

In the first version of his report, Gen. John DeWitt is shown to have insisted that the loyalty of individual JAs could never be determined no matter how long they were interviewed or interrogated. In a cover letter to his Final Report, DeWitt spoke of "an urgent need" for his material by the Supreme Court as it heard Hirabayashi's constitutional challenge.

In telephone transcripts and telegrams offered by Kawakami, Asst. Secretary of War John J. McCloy appears alarmed at the racial implications of DeWitt's statements. Kawakami believes this "true expression" of the racial basis for DeWitt's curfew and exclusion orders should have been disclosed.

Instead, Kawakami argues, "a trail of documents" shows McCloy and Army Colonel Karl Bendetsen —DeWitt's aide—collaborated to remove from DeWitt's report the tinge of racial bias; the government's new premise, according to Kawakami, was that it did not have the time or "the ready means" with which to sort out the loyal from the disloyal.

The alteration of the Final Report and the subsequent recall and destruction of nearly all copies of the printed and bound first version, Kawakami contends, "allowed the government to present after-the-fact, tailored and more defensible arguments to the Court rather than the actual indefensible justifications," which Kawakami contends were more racial than military. In the end, DeWitt's report was not shown in any form to the Supreme Court in Hirabayashi's case.

Stone casts a different light on those events, arguing the War Dept. considered the first version of DeWitt's Final Report to be nothing more than "a galley proof and not meant to constitute 'a thing of finality." He also contends DeWitt "decided to make his own changes," adopting "most of the War Dept.'s suggestions."

Stone acknowledges that most copies of the early drafts and their printing plates were recalled and destroyed, but he says the very discovery of the allegedly hidden documents is proof that "two copies of the first printing and two copies of the second printing were each carefully preserved and inventoried...all the documents still exist. None have been intentionally destroyed." All other copies of the first version of DeWitt's Final Report were destroyed, says Stone, in accordance with the procedures then prevailing in WW2.

Magic Cables

Stone urged the judge to lend greater weight to the thousands of intercepted Japanese diplomatic cables which were given the overall code name "Magic." He argues

the deciphered messages show that the Japanese in 1941 believed they had "recruited some second generation' Japanese Americans in West Coast airplane factories and in the United States Army" as spies.

By tracing the distribution of this "most important source of wartime intelligence data" to De-Witt, McCloy, Bendetsen, Naval Intelligence and the FBI, Stone purports to show that the information gleaned from the "Magic" cables "lay behind the fears of the leaders of the professional intelligence community"—fears that the JA community harbored spies or saboteurs ready to undermine U.S. defenses.

Stone says it was accepted at the time that the then-classified material could not be brought out in public at a time when the U.S. was still fighting the war. What the government faced in 1942, according to Stone, was a "difficult decision during wartime in a declared war zone, and under those conditions its actions were rational and therefore minimally acceptable."

At trial the government's witness, David Lowman, testified that the cables named "a halfdozen or so" JAs, but a rebuttal witness, retired Lt. Col. Jack Herzig, dismissed five of the six names as those of Japanese consular employees, not JAs.

No Factual Basis

Kawakami attacks the "Magic" cables as "totally irrelevant" to the issues of government misconduct and denial of due process. "There is not a single cable nor group of cables taken collectively," he argues, "which can reasonably demonstrate that recruitment efforts were successful. There was never any evidence of a second generation espionage network which operated for Japan. No Japanese American was ever convicted of espionage or sabotage activities in the U.S."

He characterizes the data that was transmitted to Tokyo as "publicly available information," such as the congressional testimony of a Boeing Co. president, the public statements of Gen. De-Witt, and military plane production figures copied out of the Los Angeles Times.

Kawakami also contends "there is no evidence which even suggests that DeWitt utilized...the information from the intercepts as a basis for his decision to order evacuation." He points out that Naval Intelligence and the FBI the two agencies responsible for domestic security—concluded after further investigation that there was still "no factual basis or need for the military orders."

In closing, Stone recited the legal barriers to reopening a case simply to take advantage of more favorable treatment in the climate

of later years. He says two books, Carey McWilliams' 1944 Prejudice and Morton Grodzin's 1949 Americans Betrayed, recount "in great detail" the internal government controversies involving the FCC, FBI, and Ringle reports. The essence of the Ringle report, he adds, was published in Harper's magazine in 1942.

Stone compares Hirabayashi's case to the class action lawsuit filed in 1983 by National Council for Japanese American Redress. With essentially the same books and public records offered by the government in that case, Stone says, the judge decided that "documents concealed from the Supreme Court in 1944 became public and were available to diligent plaintiffs from the late 1940s onward."

In that case, the judge rejected the suit on the grounds that "40 years after the camps were closed .. much time has passed, memories have dimmed, and many of the actors have died."

'A Fraud on the Court'

In rebuttal, Kawakami attacks the government's failure to call two first-hand witnesses who are still alive, McCloy and Bendetsen. "Instead," says Kawakami, "the Government paraded a series of witnesses whose testimonies provide absolutely no insight into the real issues at hand."

Given the lapse of time, Kawakami urges the judge to depart from any procedural rules barring Hirabayashi's petition because of what he calls the government's "unclean hands" in the case, a "shocking and indefensible pattern of government misconduct which Kawakami believes "constitutes a fraud upon the court."

"Given the Government's unwillingness to acknowledge its own misconduct," adds Kawakami, "it is imperative that the Court speak clearly through its ruling and declare to the Government that suppression of exculpatory evidence will not be condoned." He concludes, "No document the Government put into evidence even suggests the misconduct... did not in fact occur. No document in evidence legally justifies the misconduct."

Bringing in matters outside the evidence, Kawakami reminds the judge of a WW2 veteran who interrupted court to exclaim, "It was a threat of invasion" in answer to a question directed to a trial witness. Kawakami said that incident, hate letters received by Hirabayashi, and the recent slaying of Vincent Chin in Detroit, all dramatize that distinctions are still not always made between Japan and Japanese Americans.

A law clerk says Judge Voorhees does not expect to begin writing his decision until mid-November. The judge can either give his ruling orally, issue a written decision, or call for further oral arguments.

Hirabayashi's legal team, which worked without pay, consisted of Kawakami, Camden Hall, Benson Wong, Kathryn Bannai, Michael Leong, Craig Kobayashi, Daniel Ichinaga and Arthur Barnett. Historian Peter Irons laid the legal foundation for the coram nobis petition, as well as testifying at the hearing.

Representing the U.S. Dept. of Justice were Stone and Richard Edwards, attorneys in the Department's litigation and legal advice section.

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