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## Justice Scalia May Not Hear NCJAR Case

WASHINGTON — By not taking part in the Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments on the class action suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress (see Nov. 21 PC), Justice Antonin Scalia has raised the possibility that he will disqualify himself from the case because he participated in a previous ruling on the suit.

Before he was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Reagan, Scalia served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which ruled in NCJAR's favor last May. He was one of the judges who dissented from that opinion.

### Appeals Court Ruling

After a U.S. District Court judge dismissed the suit in 1984, ruling that former internees had waited too long to sue the government, the case went before the Appeals Court. Two members of a three-judge panel ruled last January that the plaintiffs had to wait for a signal that the government itself questioned the legality of the WW2 internment. The creation in 1980 of a federal commission to investigate the internment was that signal, they ruled.

In response, the government petitioned for a rehearing by the full Court of Appeals. The ruling on this petition—a 6-6 tie—was a defeat for the government, which needed a majority to win.

Scalia concurred with a dissenting opinion by Judge Robert Bork, who said that internees had sufficient evidence to present their case in court as early as 1950.

A review by the Supreme Court was sought by both the government and NCJAR. The government's petition was granted on Nov. 17. The Court is expected to hear the government's position, as well as a rebuttal from NCJAR, in the spring of 1987, and may reach a decision in May or June.

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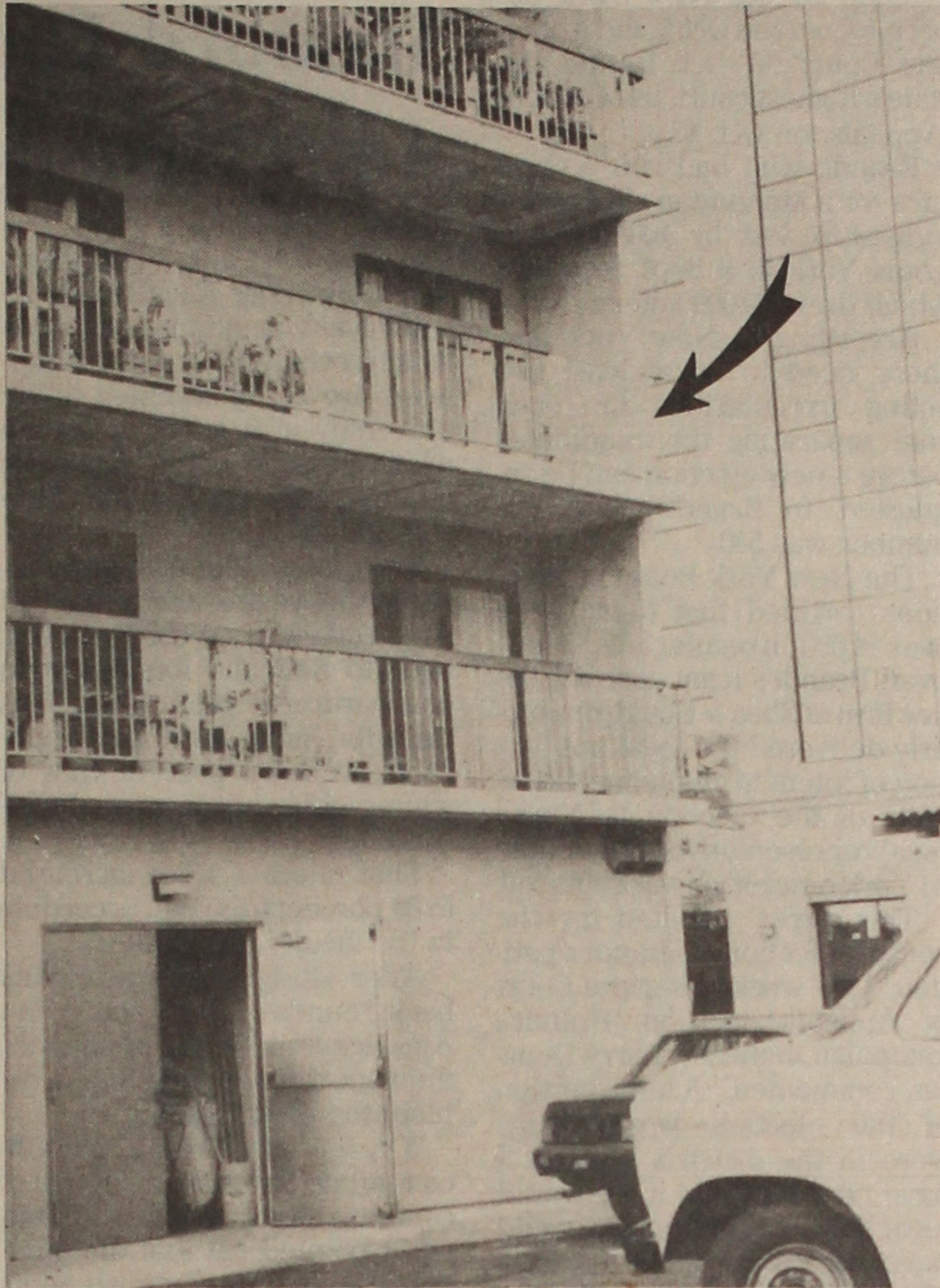


Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Northeast corner of Little Tokyo Towers. Arrow indicates where murder suspect entered. Police have removed a portion of the railing for study.

## Security Increased After Issei Is Murdered in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — An elderly tenant of the Little Tokyo Towers apartment complex was found murdered in her room Nov. 16, becoming the building's first homicide victim.

Yoshie Mitoma, 89, was assaulted by a burglar who had gained entry by climbing onto the balcony of her third-story apartment. A security guard responding to a silent medical alarm discovered the body and saw the attacker escape over the balcony railing, part of which was later removed by the police for examination.

Early results of the autopsy showed that Mitoma died of blunt force trauma to her head.

On Nov. 19, the police released a composite of the suspect, described as a 35- to 40-year-old Hispanic, 5'5" to 5'8" tall, 135 to 140 pounds, with short black hair and brown eyes. His brown short-sleeve shirt and khaki pants were both described as dirty.

### Security Increased

According to building manager Mac Sasaki, both police and private security patrols have been beefed up, and the height of the fence around the building has been increased.

The 300-unit complex is occupied mainly by Issei and Nisei retirees. Although there had been

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## Black Residents in D.C. Seek to Expel Asian Store Owner

WASHINGTON — A movement to oust a Chinese American take-out owner from Anacostia after he allegedly pulled a gun on a Black customer has drawn attention to conflict between Black residents and Asian merchants in this economically depressed area.

On Sept. 27, Cheung Hung Chan, owner of the Good Hope Carry-Out, was arrested after an argument in which he allegedly threatened a customer, Sarah Carter, with a gun. Chan was charged with carrying a pistol without a permit and possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition, and Carter filed a \$1 million lawsuit against him.

According to Chan, Carter ordered chicken and soda, quarreled with Chan's wife about the price, and was given a refund. Carter returned to the store with some chicken she had bought elsewhere, he said, and an argument ensued when he told her to leave.

### Continuous Protests

Since that incident, a group led by the Rev. Willie Wilson, pastor of the nearby Union Temple Baptist Church, has picketed Chan's store, which has remained closed. Wilson has been joined by several other Black residents who agree with his contention that Asians "come into the community, take all the money and resources out and treat us bad."

But some Black neighborhood supporters appeared with Chan at his store on Nov. 7, when he announced that he would reopen the carry-out in two weeks.

"I like the business and I like the community here," Chan said. "... but Mr. Wilson, he don't want to sit down and talk. He just want to close my store."

### 'He Has Got to Go'

Speaking before about 400 protesters the next day, Wilson declared that Chan's Black supporters lacked "the guts to be the men and women God made them to be."

"When I read that a man came into this community and pulled a gun on one of my Black women, he has got to go," said Calvin Rolark, president of the United Black Fund and the husband of D.C. Council member Wilhelmina Rolark.

Responding to criticism of his hard-line stance, Wilson said, "They say, 'Rev. Wilson, you are not forgiving.' But we did forgive him. If we didn't forgive him we would have cut his head off and rolled it down the street." He later said that he merely meant that the demonstrations prevented some people from reacting violently.

The larger issue in the dispute,

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### Racial Slurs Used

## Suspect Pleads Guilty in N.Y. Stabbing Case

NEW YORK — Raymond Cruz, 19, who stabbed a Chinese American in an apparently racially motivated incident, pleaded guilty to all charges brought against him on Oct. 24.

He was indicted for first-degree assault, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, second-degree aggravated harassment, and discrimination under the Civil Rights Law.

On May 31, Cruz and three other Hispanic teenagers passed Gary Moy, 17, and another Asian American as the two were walking to catch a bus home after an afternoon at the New York Aquarium. According to Moy and his friend, identified only as "Frank," one of the Hispanics shouted, "These Chinks don't belong in this neighborhood," and the one female in the group said, "Let's get these Chinks out of here."

Cruz knocked Moy to the ground and stabbed him once in the upper right back. Moy was in critical condition for a few days at Coney Island Hospital.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's Office has recommended a sentence of three to nine years. Judge Alan Broome is scheduled to pass sentence Dec. 12, 2:15 p.m., at the Brooklyn Supreme Court building, 360 Adams, fifth floor.

—from a report by New York Nichibei

## Exclusive Rights to JAs' Stories Raise Questions

by Robert Shimabukuro

A growing interest in the story of the Japanese American experience has generated a host of documentaries, books, magazine articles and museum displays. That interest also has produced some conflicts within the AJA community, some of which are the result of old antagonisms based on individual perceptions of events 40 years past.

But recently, a different kind of conflict has surfaced — a conflict based on competition for resources from a community that anxiously wants its story told.

Museums, publications, movie and television productions, and even some of the "major" players in the WW2 AJA story, have all

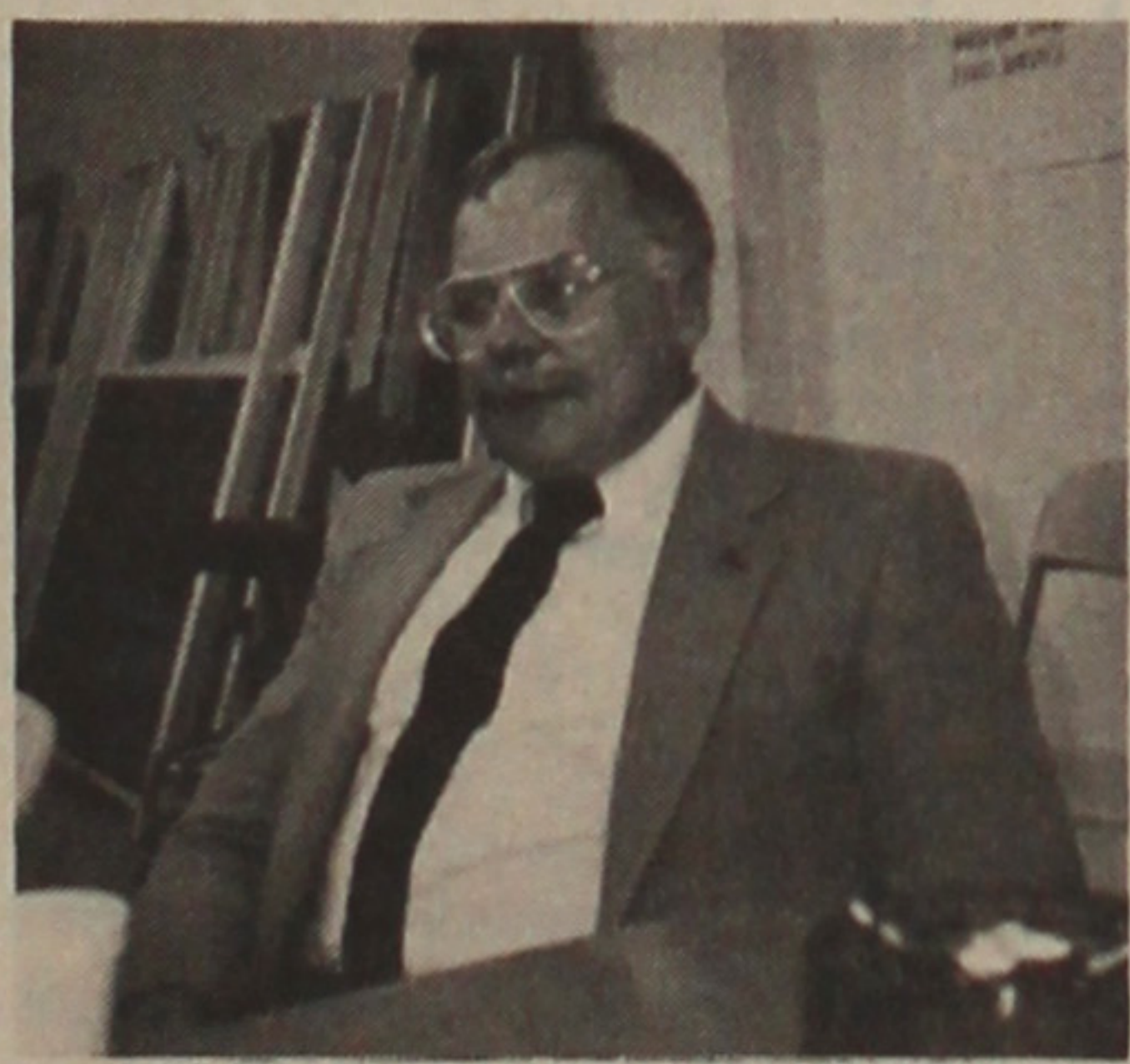


Photo by Robert Shimabukuro

Tom Crouch of the Smithsonian.

been caught in the game.

### Exclusive Contracts

One dispute involves the Los Angeles-based group Inner Circle, which is producing "U.S. on Trial," a docu-drama mini-series

based on the WW2 experience of Japanese Americans. Inner Circle has signed a few of its "consultants" to exclusive contracts for the dramatic rights to their stories.

Frank Emi, one of the members of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, which organized internee draft resistance, was one such consultant signed to an exclusive contract.

That contract resulted in the Smithsonian deciding not to use Emi's story in its exhibit on Japanese Americans scheduled to open in September 1987, in conjunction with the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution celebration.

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## Oregon Services For Yasui Scheduled For December 5

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — A memorial service for Minoru Yasui will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 616 State St., on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

Portland Chapter JACL will be arranging travel from Portland to Hood River for those who wish to attend. Those who plan to fly to Portland and need ground transportation to Hood River are requested to leave flight information with chapter president Terry Yamada before Dec. 2. Yamada can be reached at (503) 227-4586 or 287-3284.

A private, family-only interment will precede the memorial service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund, c/o Shirley Baird, United Bank of Denver, P.O. Box 5247, Denver, CO 80217.



## LITTLE TOKYO TOWERS

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problems with crime outside the building, which is located one block away from Skid Row, residents had felt secure once they were inside. LAPD Lt. William Hall said Little Tokyo Towers was considered "well secured, kind of an island" before the murder.

LAPD officers addressed a gathering of more than 200 at the Towers on Nov. 20, assuring residents that security was being increased and urging them to report any unusual noises immediately.

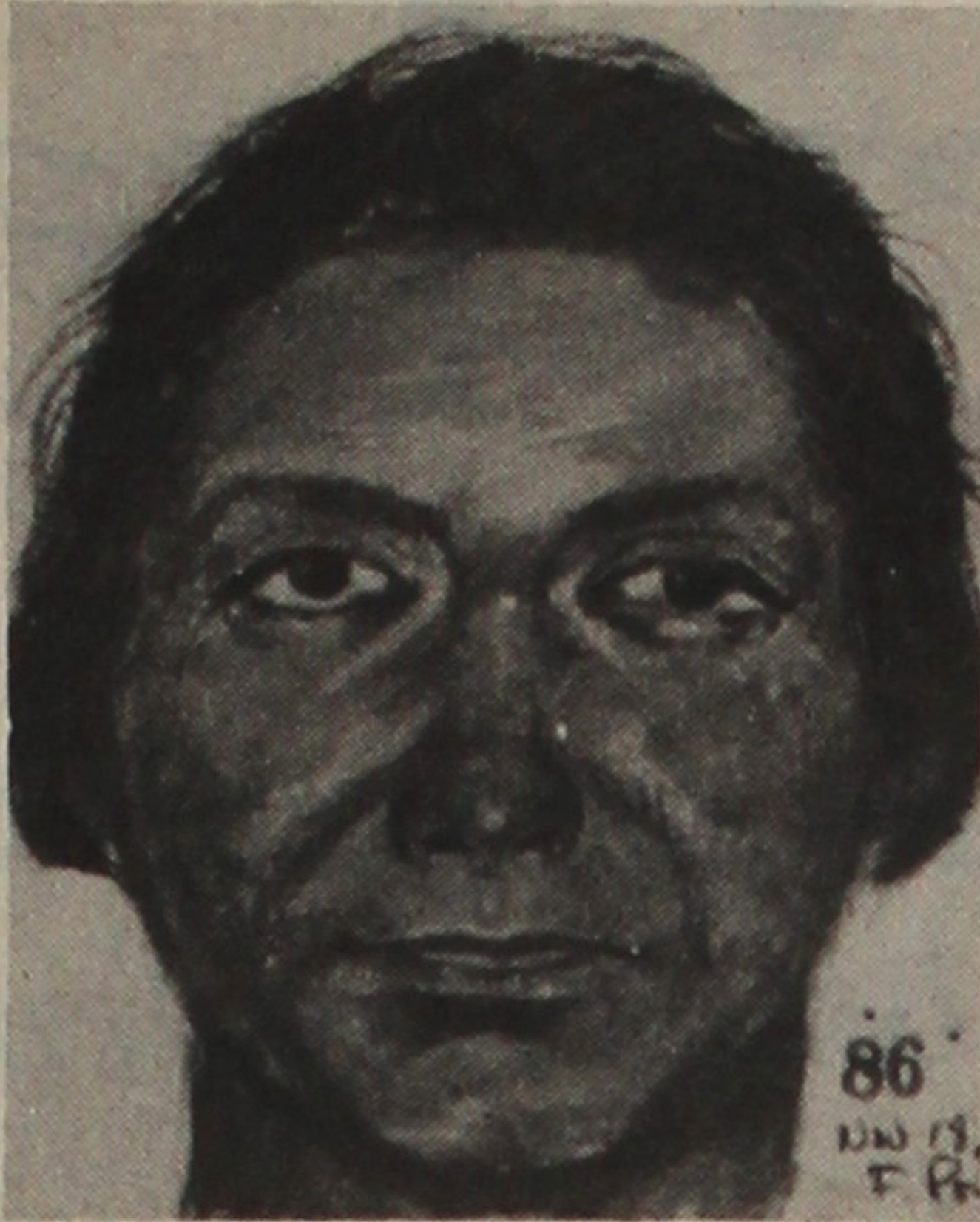
Dr. Linda Morimoto of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce told the seniors to keep their balcony windows locked at all times.

In response to the murder, aikido instructor Daniel Furuya, who lives and teaches in the Little Tokyo area, has offered free self-defense classes.

### Victim Taught, Wrote

The victim was a native of Aomori-ken who graduated from Nihon Joshidai, a prestigious women's college in Tokyo, and taught high school English before immigrating to the United States in 1964.

Mitoma was a regular contrib-



LAPD composite of suspect.

utor to the Japanese section of the Rafu Shimpō and co-author of a book, *Recollections of 60 Years in America*, with her late husband Toshichi. She was a member of Koreisha Chushoku Kai, Pioneer Center, Union Church, Nanka Fukuoka Fujin Kai, Nanka Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, and other community organizations.

She is survived by son Fumio and daughters Masako Kawamoto and Emi Tsutsumi, all of Japan, daughter Sachi Hayward of San Francisco, stepson Edwin Mitoma of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and many grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 23 at Fukui Mortuary.

—from reports by Rafu Shimpō

## Chinese American Loses

# Courts Reject New Election for Judgeship

NEW YORK — "Technical errors" by attorneys for Dorothy Chin Brandt resulted in the rejection of her petition for a new election by the New York Supreme Court on Oct. 7, the Appellate Court on Oct. 9, and the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, on Oct. 17.

Brandt, who had run a close race for a Manhattan Civil Court judgeship, lost by 108 votes to Louis York in a Sept. 9 contest which drew 79,000 voters.

According to New York law, there need to be at least five voting irregularities for each vote separating the candidates before a new election can be requested. In Brandt's case, the number was 540.

The New York Board of Elections certified that there were over 4,000 irregularities. However, Brandt's legal counsel, the law firm of Shea & Gould, improperly delivered the legal notification of intent to challenge the results of the election to York's legal representatives rather than to York himself, as was required.

This error resulted in the courts' rejection of Brandt's petition. Two weeks after the Court of Appeals decision, Brandt's campaign manager, Larry Douglas, commented, "A large portion of the election irregularities were in the districts he won. I have no doubt that if we would have had a reelection, we would have won. York won by less than one-eighth of one percent of the vote."

—from a report by East West

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# Stanford Looks at Possible Anti-Asian Admissions Bias

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The Stanford University Faculty Senate will review an admissions study which revealed that Asian Americans are being accepted to the university at a lower rate than whites despite equal academic qualifications, the San Jose Mercury News reports.

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid reviewed records dating back to 1982 and found that in one particular year, admissions rates for Asian American applicants were 66 percent that of whites with equivalent qualifications.

That rate has since increased to 89 percent this year, according to the faculty committee.

After studying the academic backgrounds of both the Asian American and white applicants, the report found nothing to explain the discrepancy.

"On the other hand, the subcommittee found no evidence of conscious bias," the report stated. It pointed out that the number of Asian American students has been steadily increasing at Stanford.

Asian Americans represent just over 2 percent of the nation's population but represent about 16 percent of this year's freshman class at Stanford.

The report did express concern that unconscious bias or other factors may be causing the disparity.

A 55-member Faculty Senate, which sets admissions policies at

Stanford, will review the committee's recommendations, which include:

- A declaration that Stanford does not discriminate against applicants of Asian or any other ethnic extraction in determining undergraduate admissions;
- A request that all student applicants identify their ethnic background;
- An annual comparison of Stanford's admission rates on whites and Asian Americans, with an explanation of any difference in the rates;
- A training session for new admissions officers to avoid unconscious stereotyping of applicants.

# ABC Delays 'Our World'

ABC has again delayed the broadcast of the segment of "Our World" originally scheduled for Nov. 13 and then postponed until Nov. 27 (see Nov. 21 PC).

The show, which deals with the effects of WW2 on Americans in 1943, includes a segment on the internment of Japanese Americans.

According to a staffer at the program's New York office, the show is now scheduled for Dec. 4, although he did not rule out a last-minute change. Check local listings for the exact time of the broadcast.

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# Rights Could Be Affected by Bird's Defeat, JA Judge Says

LOS ANGELES — The defeat of California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird in the Nov. 4 election is bad news for individual rights, according to a Japanese American U.S. District Court judge.

"The public lost when Chief Justice Bird lost," Judge Robert Takasugi told PC, adding that his concerns were "certainly in terms of individual rights, which obviously impacts on minority rights and women's rights."

An indication of the present political climate, he said, is the fact that Bird lost because her opponents portrayed her as unwilling to enforce the death penalty, whereas U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist was confirmed by the Senate despite charges that he was insensitive to civil rights issues. "The death penalty takes priority over the kinds of issues that were used to attack Rehnquist," Takasugi commented.

Takasugi had defended Bird prior to the election at an Oct. 24 awards banquet held by the USC Asian Pacific American Support Group. In adhering to the Constitution, he said, the judiciary must sometimes "go against the will of the majority, and that's in the job description of judicial policy."

He asked the audience how Bird would have decided such issues as the Japanese American internment during WW2, immigration laws based on race, the Alien Land Law and anti-miscegenation laws, all of which had popular support when they were enacted.

Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge David Doi told PC, "I'm concerned that there may be an effect resulting from the politicizing of the judicial system."

Doi said that any negative effects of Bird's defeat would be felt by all people, not just minorities.

—J.K. Yamamoto



OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE — Cast members of "Gung Ho," Paramount Network Television's new comedy series debuting Dec. 5 on ABC are, clockwise from top left, Emily Kuroda, Sab Shimono, Rodney Kageyama, Stephen Lee, Heidi Banks, Clint Howard, Scott Bakula, Scott Atari, Gedde Watanabe and Patti Yasutake. "Gung Ho," based on the movie of the same name, is about a failed American auto plant that is revived by Japanese management. Check local listings for exact air times.

## 'Career Criminal'

# Suspect in Beating, Robbery of Eu Arrested in Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS — A 27-year-old man, described by police as a "career criminal," was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with the Nov. 10 attack on California Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

The suspect, Gregory Lee Moore, was arrested by Beverly Hills police who were responding to a break-in call. Moore was found hiding in the laundry room of a home in the affluent Westside neighborhood and surrendered after being cornered by a police dog.

He was charged by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office with three counts of residential burglary, one count of inflicting great bodily injury and five counts of burglary. Separate charges are expected to be filed by Beverly Hills authorities.

Police declined to say what evidence ties Moore to the Eu

case; however, Deputy District Attorney Tony Barreto did tell the Los Angeles Times that detectives used the California Identification System, which matches fingerprints, in their investigation.

According to police reports, Moore has been in and out of prison for the past 7½ years, mostly for burglary. In fact, he had just completed a year in prison for the possession of stolen goods taken from a home only four doors away from Eu's residence.

Eu was attacked and robbed in her Hancock Park home on the evening of Nov. 10. She suffered three cracked ribs and facial and head cuts after being struck with the blunt end of an ax.

Moore, at press time, remained in custody at the Beverly Hills Police Department, pending his arraignment.

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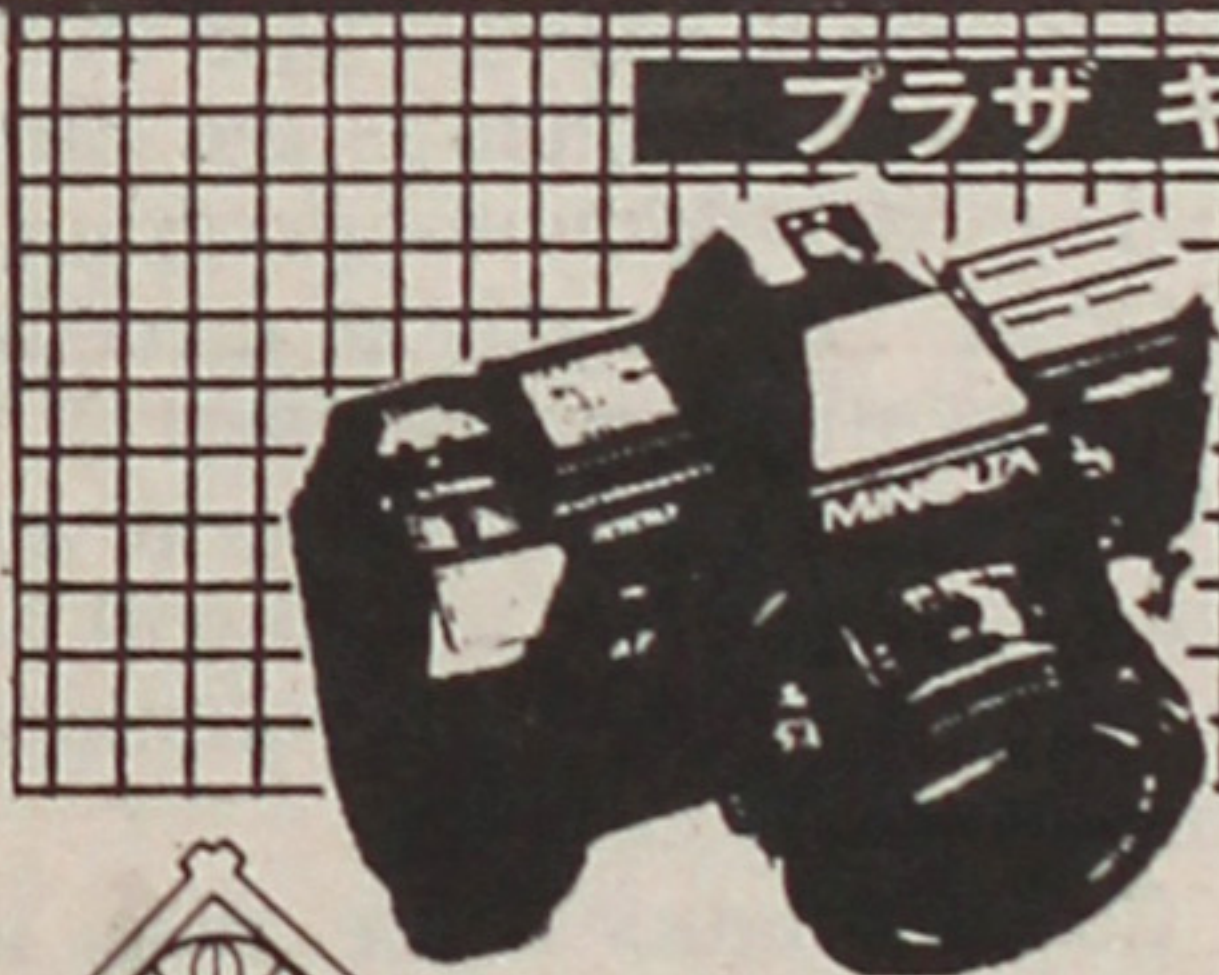
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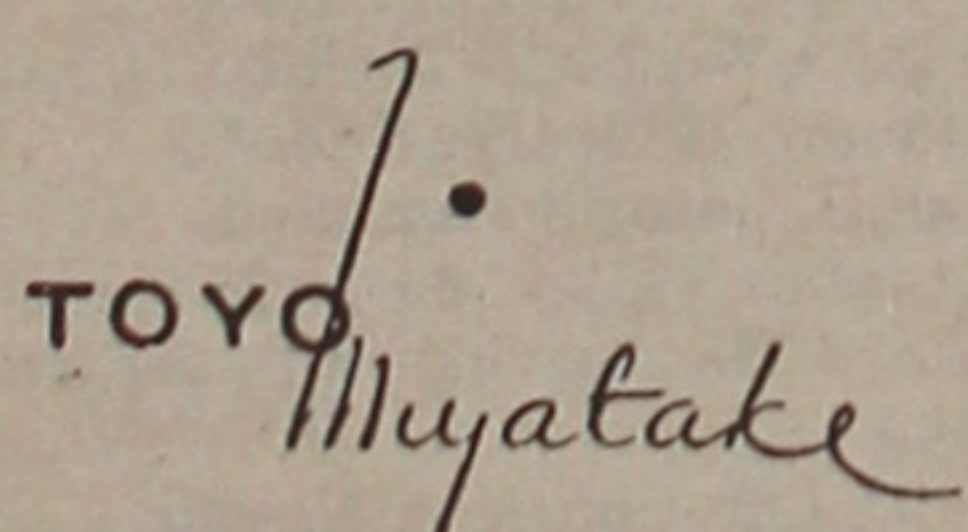
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# A Man of Principle

FROM THE  
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Bill  
Hosokawa



Min Yasui was in a hospital bed the last time I saw him, wan and drawn. But he managed a grin and declared: "I'm going to beat this."

"Sure," I said. "If guts can do it, you will."

He didn't. Guts weren't enough. There's irony in Min Yasui's death, just as there was in his life.

Min had a bad heart. He told me once that doctors had said it was in such poor shape that surgery was out of the question. When I urged him to slow down, he shrugged and said he didn't see any sense in that; he'd keep going until the heart gave out. The Big C got him before his heart quit.

The biggest irony of many in his life is that it ended before total vindication of the unpopular position he took in the early days of 1942.

The Great White Father in Washington, speaking through the authority of a three-star general named DeWitt, had said the Constitution had no validity in time of peril. DeWitt said we were a national security risk by reason of racial affinity to the enemy and must be put away without due process and all the other democratic safeguards written into the Bill of Rights.

Most of us said that's not right, the Constitution should mean what it says even though our skin is of a different color. But we also said something else: *Shikata ga nai*. It can't be helped.

And so, under the watchful eyes of soldiers with rifles and bayonets, we yielded our rights and marched into concentration camps as our patriotic duty, and in an eminently more practical sense, to avoid the possibility of bloodshed. Min, standing up for principle, went to jail.

It's now known that when Min's case, and those of Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu, went before the Supreme Court, government attorneys concealed and perhaps distorted evidence that would have been favorable to the appellants. The government admitted as much when the three sought *coram nobis* hearings to correct a grievous judicial wrong, and asked that the old charges be dismissed.

That wasn't enough for Min. He contended he was entitled to more than a simple dismissal of charges. He wanted a court finding that yes, indeed, his constitutional rights had been violated. He was denied that vindication during his lifetime.

I don't know what the law says about making such a finding after death, but it would be abandoning what Min stood for if the case is not pursued.

Min was a remarkable Nisei in that he believed in the Establishment, yet he dared to swim against the stream. He was a man of principle. He fought the curfew and the evacuation because he believed they were an unlawful exercise of authority; but in that troubled period he also counseled young, confused Nisei draft resisters to accept military service because that was the law.

In 1952 Yasui was named Japanese American of the Biennium. In 1982, 30 years later, he was chosen JACLer of the Biennium. That tells the depth of his commitment.



## The Pearl Harbor Syndrome

EAST  
WIND

Bill  
Marutani



THE PRIME MINISTER of Japan had just committed his now well-known gaffe relating to Blacks and Latinos in the United States. There was a long-distance call from a reporter in Washington, D.C. who writes a column for the Gannett newspaper chain; He wanted to know if I had any comments in reference to Mr. Nakasone's remarks.

I was puzzled as to how he got my name (one of his contacts in Philadelphia had provided it), but more significantly, I inquired, "Why are you asking me the question? Are you asking me because I am just another American or does my ancestry prompt you to pose the question to me?"

His reply: "Well, you know, Japanese Americans traditionally are quite silent when it comes to matters of civil rights."

SEEKING TO GET a line, a perspective, on my caller (it's always difficult to conduct a meaningful exchange with a disjointed voice, especially on a subject with philosophical or moral overtones), we chatted about civil rights in today's context: the cynicism engendered by what is called the "Civil Rights Commission" in

Washington and going back to the uprooting and incarceration of AJAs and their parents in 1942; Rosa Parks, who refused to sit in the back of the bus; Viola Luizzo, who was gunned down during the Selma march; Martin Luther King's letter from the Birmingham jail; and so on.

It soon became apparent that the caller was Black.

EVENTUALLY I RETURNED to the initial question I had posed to him when we had first spoken to one another: "Why are you asking me the question relating to Mr. Nakasone's remarks?" After awkwardly fumbling about for some kind of response, he suggested that he'd like to come up to Philadelphia to chat with me.

He seemed to be quite well-informed and morally motivated; but, not surprisingly, he was not as well-informed as he might (or should) be on what had happened to us in the 1942 uprooting and exclusion. Since he wanted something from me, so I wanted something from him. This would be a good opportunity to provide further perspective to a newspaper columnist. And in the exchange, I would most assuredly learn a few things.

We fixed an appointment for a Saturday.

WHAT BOTH OF US had anticipated would be no more than an hour's interview turned into a number of hours of mutual exchange of views. We picked up from where we had left off in our

telephone conversation.

The one ground rule agreed upon was that he was to conduct the interview "of an American" who happens to be of Japanese parentage, and "proudly so." By now we had sufficiently plumbed one another so that certain conclusory statements could be made and understood. And so I provided him with the answer to the question that I had posed to him:

"Are you aware that in asking me to comment on Mr. Nakasone's remark, you are motivated by the same principle, namely race, that put me and my parents into barbed-wire camps in 1942?"

He was visibly taken aback.

I WENT ON, seeking to explain my conclusory statement. "In 1942, based on one criterion, and one criterion alone—race—I was supposedly held accountable for the actions of the Japanese Imperial Forces. One who believed himself to be what he was: an all-American boy. Now, today, you—seemingly innocently—seek to hold me accountable for the statements of the Prime Minister of Japan. And on what criterion? You have the answer."

"I decline to play the game. Again."

THE OTHER DAY he phoned me again from Washington. Since I'd not seen his resulting column, he said he would send me a copy. Based on past experience, it is not without trepidation that I'll turn to his column. I'll wait and see.

## Assisting the Arts

ONE THING  
LEADS  
TO ANOTHER

Bob  
Shimabukuro



The Brody Arts Fund, an endowment created to assist emerging artists and arts groups, has awarded grants totalling \$57,150 to 18 Los Angeles non-profit arts organizations. Among the grantees are two Asian American organizations: Great Leap, Inc. and Visual Communications (VC).

VC, which was founded in 1970, received a \$5,000 award for "commitment to professional standards of excellence in media arts at the grassroots community level."

VC director Linda Mabalot said the award will be used to continue and expand VC's existing programs, such as the filmmakers' development program.

Great Leap artistic director Nobuko Miyamoto said that GL's \$4,000 grant was a general administrative grant which will be used to upgrade their administrator's position.

Congratulations are also in order to the Bay Area groups receiving California Arts Council grants, which we overlooked in our Nov. 21 article on the CAC winners. Among the Bay Area recipients were: Japantown Art and Media Workshop (\$7,716), Asian American Dance Collective (\$3,507), National Asian American Telecommunications Association (\$6,466), San Francisco Taiko Dojo (\$2,806), and the Theatre of Yugen (\$2,020).

## A Trip to IDC's Past

### By the Board

by Hid Hasegawa  
Governor,  
Intermountain  
District Council



The Intermountain District Council quarterly meeting/reunion took place Sept. 20 at Cactus Pete's Convention Center in Jackpot, Nev., centrally located within the district on the border of Idaho and Nevada, 40 miles south of Twin Falls.

The district meeting was conducted in the morning hours with workshops in the afternoon.

Also, works by Fred Ochi, a nationally known watercolor artist from the Idaho Falls Chapter, were exhibited. Members from other chapters displayed their historical scrapbooks and made oral presentations on the history of each chapter.

### 'Old-Timers' Saluted

Workshops were followed by an evening banquet that paid tri-

bute to the district's "old-timers." Some of those in attendance were Sud Morishita, Joe Nishioka, Fred Ochi, Kiyoshi Sakota, Kay Tera-shima, Ichiro Doi, Alice Kasai, Seichi Hayashida, Saige Aramaki and Bob Endo.

The aforementioned individuals were involved in the formation of the IDC, JACL's fourth district, on Dec. 29, 1939, with Mike Masaoka unanimously appointed executive chairman.

The district charter was issued in February 1940, and formal confirmation of the IDC took place at the National Convention in Portland, Ore., in September of that same year.

### Birth of 1000 Club

Seven years later, the National Board convened in Idaho Falls, Idaho, hosted by the local chapter. It was at that meeting that the Thousand Club was born.

Many of those who attended the meeting/reunion are charter members of the Thousand Club and/or served as past officers of the IDC at both the district and chapter levels.

## 1000 Club Roll

(Year of Membership Shown)  
\* Century; \*\* Corporate; L Life;  
M Memorial; C/L Century Life

### Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total) ..... 1,981  
Total this report: #45 ..... 26  
Current total ..... 2,007

### NOV 10-14, 1986 (26)

Arizona: 3-Fumiko Okabayashi.  
Delano: 32-Sadawo Yonaki.  
Detroit: 27-Shig T Kizuka.  
Downtown Los Angeles: 9-John D Hokoyama, 18-Yoneo Narumi, 35-David Y Nitake.  
Eden Township: 33-Kenji Fujii.  
Fowler: 30-Judge Mikio Uchiyama.  
French Camp: 33-Mitsuo Kagehiro.  
Fresno: 10-Dorothy K Kanenaga.  
Marina: 6-Kerry N Doi.  
Pacifica Long Beach: 30-Dr Katsumi Izumi.  
Pasadena: 31-Mich Tsuchiyama.  
Placer County: 16-Jack K Yokote.  
Progressive Westside: 38-John Ty Saito.  
Sacramento: 28-George S Oki\*.  
Saint Louis: 3-Roy S Yamahiro.  
San Fernando Valley: 6-Don N Yamaoka.  
San Jose: 2-Thomas Sugishita, 5-Richard K Tanaka.  
Seabrook: Life-Charles T Nagao.  
Seattle: 11-Ben Nakagawa, 1-Donald Yee.  
Selanoco: 3-Wayne Isa\*.  
Stockton: 32-Sam M Itaya.  
National Associate: 6-Cary H Nishimoto.

### CENTURY CLUB\*

14-George S Oki (Sac), 3-Wayne Isa (ZLA).

### LIFE

Charles T Nagao (Shk).



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# The Congressional Scorecard

## LEC UPDATE

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The Legislative Education Committee of JACL was activated in mid-1985, when the LEC Board decided the time had come to lobby the two redress bills extensively. What has LEC accomplished in the task of seeking redress through the legislative process?

The major effort during the past year focused on developing and identifying grass-roots lobbyists within JACL chapters, in the Nikkei community and among organizations which passed resolutions of support for redress. We also realized we had to locate supporters in areas where we did not have a base of Japanese Americans in the community.

Why did we decide on this strategy? When we started to make our contacts on the Hill, we found out quite early that most members of Congress were not hearing from their constituents about redress bills H.R. 442 and S. 1053. For members of Congress, it is the constituents who decide who will return to Washington after each election.

This assessment was proven correct in the just-concluded national election. Big campaign funds did not always guarantee the candidate would be elected; the constituents and their concerns decided.

Getting a big grass-roots lobbying action activated is much harder than doing the lobbying in Washington with members of Congress. To "fire up the troops" requires constant communication and searching to find more and more people willing to take time to act for a cause where there is no guarantee the end we seek will be achieved.

Fourteen of the H.R. 442 co-sponsors will not be returning to the House in January:

**California:** Eugene Chappie (R) (*Retired*)  
**Colorado:** Tim Wirth (D) (*Elected to Senate*)  
**Hawaii:** Cecil Heftel (D) (*Resigned to run for governor*)  
**Louisiana:** Gillis Long (D) (*Deceased*)  
**Maryland:** Michael Barnes (D) (*Resigned to run for Senate*)  
 Barbara Mikulski (D) (*Elected to Senate*)  
 Parren Mitchell (D) (*Resigned to run for lieutenant governor*)  
**Michigan:** Mark Siljander (R) (*Lost in primary*)  
**Missouri:** Robert Young (D) (*Lost in general election*)  
**Nevada:** Harry Reid (D) (*Elected to Senate*)  
**New York:** Joseph Addabbo (D) (*Deceased*)  
**Oregon:** James Weaver (D) (*Resigned to run for Senate*)  
**Pennsylvania:** Robert Edgar (D) (*Resigned to run for Senate*)  
**South Dakota:** Thomas Daschle (D) (*Elected to Senate*)

The following House co-sponsors will resume their posts in the 100th Congress:

**Alaska:** Don Young (R)  
**Arizona:** Morris Udall (D-2nd)  
**Arkansas:** Tommy Robinson (D-2nd)  
**California:** Douglas Bosco (D-1st)  
 Robert Matsui (D-3rd)  
 Vic Fazio (D-4th)  
 Sala Burton (D-5th)  
 Barbara Boxer (D-6th)  
 George Miller (D-7th)  
 Ronald Dellums (D-8th)  
 Pete Stark (D-9th)  
 Don Edwards (D-10th)  
 Tom Lantos (D-11th)  
 Norman Mineta (D-13th)  
 Tony Coelho (D-15th)  
 Leon Panetta (D-16th)  
 Charles Pashayan (R-17th)  
 Richard Lehman (D-18th)

Anthony Beilenson (D-23rd)  
 Henry Waxman (D-24th)  
 Edward Roybal (D-25th)  
 Howard Berman (D-26th)  
 Mel Levine (D-27th)  
 Julian Dixon (D-28th)  
 Augustus Hawkins (D-29th)  
 Matthew Martinez (D-30th)  
 Mervyn Dymally (D-31st)  
 Esteban Torres (D-34th)  
 Jerry Lewis (R-35th)  
 George Brown (D-36th)  
 Jim Bates (D-44th)  
**Colorado:** Pat Schroeder (D-1st)  
**Connecticut:** Barbara Kennelly (D-1st)  
 Samuel Gejdenson (D-2nd)  
 Bruce Morrison (D-3rd)  
**Florida:** Lawrence Smith (D-16th)  
 William Lehman (D-17th)  
**Hawaii:** Daniel Akaka (D-2nd)  
**Illinois:** Charles Hayes (D-1st)  
 Gus Savage (D-2nd)  
 Henry Hyde (R-6th)  
 Cardiss Collins (D-7th)  
 Sidney Yates (D-9th)  
 John Porter (R-10th)  
 Edward Madigan (R-15th)  
 Lane Evans (D-17th)  
 Terry Bruce (D-19th)  
**Indiana:** Andrew Jacobs (D-10th)  
**Maryland:** Steny Hoyer (D-5th)  
**Massachusetts:** Barney Frank (D-4th)  
 Nicholas Mavroules (D-6th)  
 Edward Markey (D-7th)  
 Joe Moakley (D-9th)  
 Gerry Studds (D-10th)  
**Michigan:** John Conyers (D-1st)  
 Howard Wolpe (D-3rd)  
 M. Robert Carr (D-6th)  
 Dale Kildee (D-7th)  
 David Bonior (D-12th)  
 George Crockett (D-13th)  
**Minnesota:** Bruce Vento (D-4th)  
 Martin Olay Sabo (D-5th)  
 Gerry Sikorski (D-6th)  
**Missouri:** William Clay (D-1st)  
 Richard Gephardt (D-3rd)  
 Alan Wheat (D-5th)  
**Montana:** Pat Williams (D-1st)  
**New Jersey:** James Florio (D-1st)  
 William Hughes (D-2nd)  
 James Howard (D-3rd)  
 Bernard Dwyer (D-6th)  
 Robert Roe (D-8th)  
 Robert Torricelli (D-9th)  
 Peter Rodino (D-10th)  
 Dean Gallo (R-11th)  
 Jim Saxton (R-13th)  
**New Mexico:** Bill Richardson (D-3rd)  
**New York:** Thomas Downey (D-2nd)  
 Raymond McGrath (R-5th)  
 Gary Ackerman (D-7th)  
 James Scheuer (D-8th)  
 Thomas Manton (D-9th)  
 Charles Schumer (D-10th)  
 Edolphus Towns (D-11th)  
 Major Owens (D-12th)  
 Stephen Solarz (D-13th)  
 Charles Rangel (D-16th)  
 Ted Weiss (D-17th)  
 Robert Garcia (D-18th)  
 Mario Biaggi (D-19th)  
 Hamilton Fish (R-21st)  
 Benjamin Gilman (R-22nd)  
 George Wortley (R-27th)  
 Matthew McHugh (D-29th)  
 Frank Horton (R-29th)  
**Ohio:** Thomas Luken (D-1st)  
 Tony Hall (D-3rd)  
 Edward Feighan (D-19th)  
 Louis Stokes (D-21st)  
**Pennsylvania:** Thomas Foglietta (D-1st)  
 William Gray (D-2nd)  
 Robert Borski (D-3rd)  
 Joseph Kolter (D-4th)  
 Peter Kostmayer (D-8th)  
 William Coyne (D-14th)  
 George Gekas (R-17th)  
 Douglas Walgren (D-18th)  
 Austin Murphy (D-22nd)  
**Tennessee:** Harold Ford (D-9th)  
**Texas:** Charles Wilson (D-2nd)  
 Jim Wright (D-12th)  
 Mickey Leland (D-18th)  
 Albert Bustamante (D-23rd)  
 Solomon Ortiz (D-27th)  
**Vermont:** James Jeffords (R-1st)  
**Virginia:** Frederick Boucher (D-9th)  
**Washington:** John Miller (R-1st)  
 Sid Morrison (R-4th)  
 Thomas Foley (D-5th)  
 Mike Lowry (D-7th)  
**West Virginia:** Harley Staggers (D-2nd)  
**Wisconsin:** Robert Kastenmeier (D-2nd)  
 Gerald Kleczka (D-4th)  
 James Moody (D-5th)  
**Wyoming:** Richard Cheney (R)

The JACL-LEC strategy planned with the four Nikkei members of Congress was to move the House bill forward first, so there was less activity on the Senate side.

Three Senate co-sponsors will not return next year:

**Alabama:** Jeremiah Denton (R) (*Lost in general election*)  
**Colorado:** Gary Hart (D) (*Seeking 1988 presidential nomination*)  
**Washington:** Slade Gorton (R) (*Lost in general election*)

Following is a list of Senate co-sponsors who are returning in January, plus four House co-sponsors who have been elected to the Senate and one new supporter:

**Alaska:** Frank Murkowski (R)  
 Ted Stevens (R)  
**California:** Alan Cranston (D)  
**Colorado:** Tim Wirth (D) (*Former House co-sponsor of H.R. 442*)  
**Connecticut:** Lowell Weicker (R)  
**Hawaii:** Spark Matsunaga (D)  
 Daniel Inouye (D)  
**Illinois:** Paul Simon (D)  
 Alan Dixon (D)  
**Iowa:** Tom Harkin (D)  
**Maryland:** Paul Sarbanes (D)  
 Barbara Mikulski (D) (*Former House co-sponsor of H.R. 442*)  
**Massachusetts:** Edward Kennedy (D)  
 John Kerry (D)  
**Michigan:** Donald Riegle (D)  
 Carl Levin (D)  
**Minnesota:** Rudy Boschwitz (R)  
**Montana:** John Melcher (D)  
**Nebraska:** James Exon (D)  
**Nevada:** Harry Reid (D) (*Former House co-sponsor of H.R. 442*)  
**New Jersey:** Bill Bradley (D)  
 Frank Lautenberg (D)  
**New York:** Daniel Moynihan (D)  
 Alfonse D'Amato (R)  
**North Dakota:** Quentin Burdick (D)  
**Ohio:** Howard Metzenbaum (D)  
**Oregon:** Mark Hatfield (R)  
**South Dakota:** Thomas Daschle (D)  
 (*Former House co-sponsor of H.R. 442*)  
**Washington:** Daniel Evans (R)  
 Brock Adams (D) (*Has stated that he will co-sponsor redress bill*)  
**Wisconsin:** William Proxmire (D)

We have said earlier through this column that the lobbying work to advance the redress legislation must continue. The follow-up task after the November elections is to write to the co-sponsors to thank them for their co-sponsorship during the 99th Congress, congratulate them on their re-election or election to Congress, and request their co-sponsorship and active support during the 100th Congress so that the bills will pass during the celebration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Your continuing effort will help us get off to a running start in January. The redress lobbying must move into the fast lane. This great task must be completed soon. The Issei are almost gone from our midst; slowly and inevitably, the Nisei will no longer be with us to finish this particular race.

I have heard from some of you that the community is getting tired of redress. Do we give up before we have given our best efforts? I don't think so—not yet. For we have not been fully tested to show what we can do to guarantee freedom and justice for all.

To all of you who have supported the first year of lobbying work under JACL-LEC by writing numerous letters, visiting either the district or Washington offices of the members of Congress, organizing major fund-raising events, finding new organizational support, setting up chapter letter-writing nights, presenting educational programs in your community on redress and reaching to an ever-widening effort to find new supporters to help in the redress cause—we thank you for your participation.

It would be irresponsible of me if I did not say that the road ahead has no promise that we will arrive at our final destination. I do believe that we stand a chance if we coalesce all the forces who believe that we must and can help justice prevail.

## Automotive Diplomacy

I have just finished reading Bill Hosokawa's Sept. 19 column, "Made in the USA," which gave his reason for buying an American-made car. He mentions desiring a large car but more importantly points to "a delicate sense of public relations" and how sensible it is for him to have an American-made car and a Japanese-made car in his driveway.

Roughly speaking, there seem to be two kinds of car owners: those who are sold and those who buy. American-made cars are sold by low interest rates, lifetime warranties, any kind of trade-in, free cases of pop, etc. Imports are sought and bought by those who most likely desire more quality and dependability.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of prejudice, misunderstanding, unhealthy envy, hostility and frustration in our neighborhoods—and in the world society, for that matter. I admire Mr. Hosokawa's sensitivity and course of action and appreciate his contribution to alleviate the situation, or to put it more positively, his contribution to the betterment of human relations. I hope he enjoys his new GM, though he mentions already "an odd hitch in the transaxle," a not inconsequential matter.

I'm sure all of us are concerned with better neighborhoods, better human relationships and a better world society, but it could be said that more of the hope for improvement lies with those of us who are "minority," "in-between," "not really American and not really Japanese (or whatever ethnic background)"—if you know what I mean. We are in a unique position and consequently bear a special challenge to do something about the situation we are in.

FRANK IRITANI  
Bakersfield, Calif.

## For Your Information

Your readers, especially Asian Pacific American study centers and libraries, may be interested in a listing I have made of different hearings and reports about anti-Asian violence and racism which have been published since 1980. Original publication sources with their addresses are available by writing me and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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## BLACK-ASIAN RELATIONS

Continued from Front Page

said Wilson, is the need for Blacks in the area to "reclaim the economic sovereignty of our own community."

Stating that the protests threatened his administration's plans for economic development in Southeast Washington, Mayor Marion Berry announced Nov. 10 that he would intervene in the dispute. "We must all work together for the mutual benefit of the Anacostia area and others like it throughout the city," he said.

After meeting separately with Wilson and Chan, Berry said he sympathized with the protesters but that he would not support the demonstrations. "The government cannot be in the business of encouraging people to run people out of business," he said. "This is a free enterprise system. On the other hand, you've got to be sensitive to the tensions in the community, to the Asian and the Black community."

### Mixed Reactions

During a Nov. 12 meeting sponsored by the Ward 6C Advisory Neighborhood Commission, differing opinions were heard. Area resident Lisa Price said she respected Wilson "because he has taken a nonviolent approach. It is not a racial issue. It is a matter of principle."

The Rev. Lorren Hackett, pastor of Anacostia Bible Church, disagreed. "I do not think a man should be arbitrarily put out of business for breaking a law," he said. "I think this is a racial thing."

"I think that Mr. Chan has been used as a scapegoat," said Joseph Shao, one of several Asian merchants attending the meeting. "Now that he has been used, can't you leave him alone? ... I feel we should move [beyond the dispute] to better the economics of Anacostia."

Differing statements were also heard from the D.C. Council. Nadine Winter, who represents the neighborhood, said that she wanted to stem the proliferation of Asian-owned businesses in the city's Black communities so that there are "not on every corner Asian" stores.

D.C. Council Chair David Clarke called the arguments made by Wilson and his supporters "unhealthy," adding, "I don't think that the majority of the District of Columbia community wants to run Asians out of the community."

Council member Frank Smith expressed sympathy for Chan, saying, "I don't think people who work hard and are willing to sacrifice and to save should be punished."

### 'Race-Baiting Talk'

While not condoning Chan's actions, the Washington Post, in a Nov. 11 editorial, condemned what it called "all this violent, race-baiting talk" from Wilson and other protesters.

The issue of race was again raised when Wilson addressed a Nov. 13 rally at Kramer Junior High School, urging the audience to develop their own businesses rather than rely on other ethnic groups.

"The Asian community is the last of a series of ethnic groups that have economically disrespected us, economically raped us and, by standing upon our backs, has gained upward economic ability at our expense," he said.

He denied, however, that his remarks were racist: "There is a difference between racism and economic nationalism."

### 'It's Not Right'

Sun Chang, a vice president of the Anacostia Supermarket Warehouse, said he is concerned about the tone of the protests.

"It's not right to say all Asians are bad," he said. "I'm a member of the Korean Chamber of Commerce, and I tell members we have to treat Blacks well and with respect because we are doing business in the Black community."

"It's my opinion that it's time to cool down. I think the Chinese [Chan] should be punished if guilty. But why put all Asians in it now?"

—from reports by the Washington Post



## JACCC Joins In

# Ethnic Arts Groups Form Consortium

LOS ANGELES — In an effort to introduce the ethnic arts to broader audiences, four major ethnic arts institutions joined forces Nov. 12 to form The Arts Consortium.

The consortium, composed of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the California Afro-American Museum, the Craft and Folk Art Museum and Plaza de la Raza, also will provide cost-effective programs through joint marketing, membership acquisition and services, and fund-raising efforts.

Each organization will continue to retain its individual identity while benefiting from the alliance's seven-point program as follows:

- Commission of a major study by an independent research firm to determine current and potential audiences for ethnic cultural programs;
- Bimonthly publication of "Experience L.A.," a guide to leading cultural and ethnic activities throughout the area;
- Initial planning for a joint fund-raising event in the fall of 1987, proceeds from which will be used to expand the consortium's public service activities;
- Retention of a marketing/public relations firm to create and direct public awareness and support programs as the keystone of a joint marketing effort;
- Major promotion designed to increase attendance at all four institutions, sponsored by a leading Southern California corporation;
- Creation of a joint task force to investigate savings through pooling of computer, membership relations and related functions;
- Establishment of a team approach to acquiring financial support from foundations, corporate funders, and others.

The consortium grew out of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, established in 1982 to assist in increasing private sector support for the arts and humanities.

Initial funding for The Art Consortium's activities comes from \$150,000 in two grants from the W.M. Keck Foundation.



Consortium founders (from left): Patrick Ela, Craft & Folk Art Museum; Isabel Castro, Plaza de la Raza; Gerald Yoshitomi, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center; and Aurelia Brooks, Afro-American Museum.

## Chapter Pulse

### PUYALLUP VALLEY

- The annual chapter mochitsuki will take place Dec. 14 at Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 S. Fawcett, beginning at 9 a.m. All rice pounders are requested to be present at 8:45. Mochi orders should be picked up between 1 and 4 p.m. Orders may be placed before Dec. 8 with the following people: Tacoma—Charles Rich, 535-2454; Sarah Sugimoto, 752-1101; Carolyn Takemoto, 564-4504; Fife—Yosh Tanabe, 922-7045; Olympia—Ted Masumoto, 352-7520; Valley area—Jeff Hiroo, 848-8970.

### DIABLO VALLEY

- The chapter's annual Christmas pot luck party will be held Dec. 6 at the San Miguel Swim Club, 2727 San Carlos Dr. Members and friends with small children are asked to bring a gift (\$5 maximum) labeled with the child's name. The fun starts at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

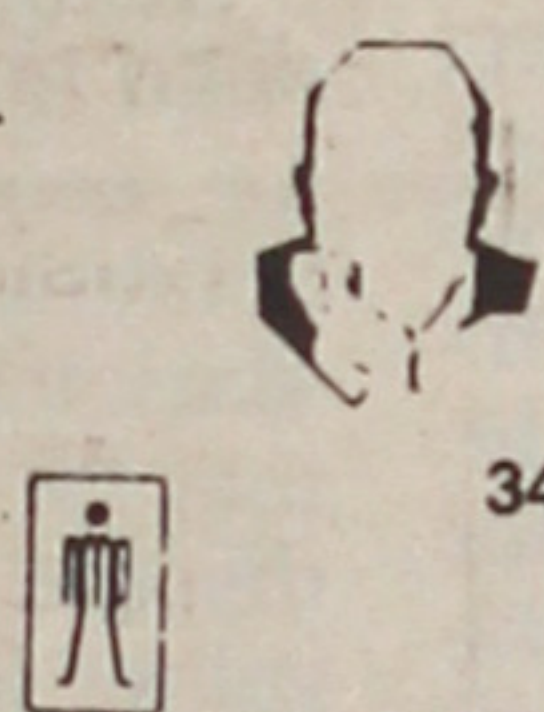
### SEQUOIA

- All members are encouraged to attend the Dec. 9 meeting of the chapter at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Rd. Chapter officers will be elected. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

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The half-hour presentation, laced with humor, news and opinions, covered the CBS miniseries "Fresno," why more people didn't vote on Election Day, and anecdotes about her 15 years in broadcast journalism in the greater Los Angeles area.

Toyota commented that "we [Japanese Americans] are fighting stereotyping yet" and appealed for public support of more decent news coverage in television

because, she said, the quality of news is suffering today.

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### JACL Business

Banquet agenda items also included the installation of new CCDC district and chapter officers by National President Harry Kajihara.

Conference chair Dr. Mae Takahashi, a pharmacist, was elected the third consecutive woman governor by the nine-chapter district, following a string of 24 men wielding the gavel.

The 1987 chapter presidents are Charles Takahashi, Clovis; City Councilwoman June Fukawa, Delano; Ken Hashimoto, Fowler;

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Dr. Franklin Ng, Fresno; Bill Tsuji, Parlier; Stanley Ishii, Reedley; Lloyd Kurihara, Sanger; Mits Shiroyama, Selma; and Larry Ishimoto, Tulare County.

Last year's CCDC governor, Maude Ishida of Tulare County, was presented the Sapphire Pin by National Director Ron Wakabayashi. The President's Pin was presented by outgoing governor Peggy Liggett to Gene Tsukamoto, Clovis; Joe Katano, Delano; Gerald Nakayama, Fowler; Wayne Nishio, Fresno; Bill Tsuji, Parlier; Tom Shitanishi, Reedley; Tom Moriyama, Sanger; Mits Shiroyama, Selma; and Kay Hada, Tulare County.

Fred Hirasuna and Tom Shimasaki also were honored. Both men received plaques citing their more than 50 years of continuous service to JACL.

Ken Yokota, manager of California First Bank's Fresno Nihonmachi office, was toastmaster for the evening.

Deran Koligian, chair of the County Board of Supervisors, extended greetings. In addition to local officials, a party from Arita, Delano's Japanese sister city, gave the occasion an international touch.

## Issues Discussed

Prior to the banquet, conference attendees participated in three daytime workshops.

Gerontology professor Satsuki Tomine of CSU Fresno led "You and Your Aging Parent" with coordinators Kathy Sasaki and Deborah Ikeda.

The heavily attended workshop on anti-Asian violence featured a panel discussion with Patti Chang, Fresno Merced Legal Services; Fresno Police Lt. Art Venegas, head of the Southeast Asian Neighborhood Services Officers Unit; and Robin Wu of San Francisco's Chinese for Affirmative Action.

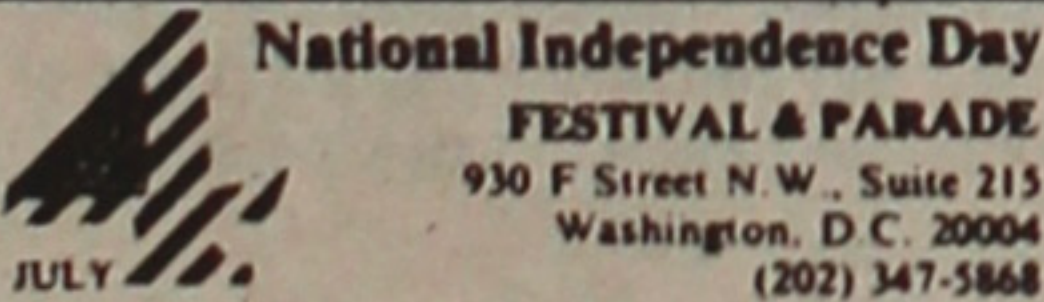
The workshop on JACL goal-setting, coordinated by attorney Dale Ikeda of Clovis, covered six key areas: chapter relations with headquarters, membership recruitment, civil rights, community service, fund raising and networking.

The facilitators of the JACL workshop were up-and-coming CCDC leaders Richard Berman, Celeese Kai, Sam Masumoto, Nadine Nishio, Wayne Nishio and Ken Yokota.

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Nov. 29 - Dec. 13

LOS ANGELES

Nov. 29  
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Megamillions, a Nikkei widows/widowers group, will host its sixth annual Christmas party at the Marina Marriott Hotel, Marina del Rey. Evening will include dinner, dancing and "Las Vegas Night" games. Info: Shiz, (213) 821-3219, or Betty, (714) 835-5330.

Dec. 6  
6 p.m.

Radio Li'l Tokyo will celebrate its 34th anniversary with a banquet at New Won Kok Restaurant, 2411 N. Broadway. Tickets are \$20 per person. Info: (213) 628-4688.

Dec. 11  
8 p.m.

"The Gambling Den," a play by Akemi Kikumura, will open at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Performances will be Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. through Jan. 11. Info: (213) 660-0366.

SALT LAKE CITY

Dec. 6  
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Issei Center buffet luncheon will take place at King Quong's Restaurant, 7355 S. 900 East. Info: Edythe Hara da, (801) 943-9511.

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Dec. 3  
7 p.m.

Mike Tharp, reporter for the Wall Street Journal, will speak on "Final Exam: Lessons From the Classroom for Japanese and American Competitiveness" in the Upper Emperor Norton Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery streets. Fee for the lecture, sponsored by the Japan Society of Northern California, is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Info: Japan Society, (415) 986-4383.

Dec. 6-7

Fifth annual Nihonmachi Little Friends all-day Christmas Craft Fair will take place at the Japan Trade and Cultural Center, East Building. Proceeds will benefit the child development program which serves 70 preschool and 50 school-age children.

Dec. 7  
11 a.m.

Nisei Widowed Group will host its annual Christmas brunch at the Officers Club on Treasure Island. Cost is \$10.50. Info: Elsie Chung, (415) 221-0268.

SAN MATEO

Dec. 5-6

Tomodachi Senior Women's Club of the JACL Community Center will conduct its Holiday Boutique at the center, 415 S. Claremont St. Hours are Dec. 5 from 4-8 p.m., and Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: (415) 343-2793.

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Inouye, who ran unopposed, has held this post since 1979. Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia will serve as Majority Leader in the 100th Congress, and Alan Cranston of California will be Majority Whip.

"I expect Senate Democrats, as the majority party, to closely and actively examine the President's policies and programs," said Inouye. "There are serious concerns about the conduct of our foreign policy in areas such as arms shipments to Iran and military activities in Nicaragua, as well as the continuing problem of our escalating national deficit. These issues deserve the full attention and scrutiny of the Senate."

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## EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS DISPUTE

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Tom Crouch, director of the Smithsonian exhibit, told PC, "When we heard about the exclusive contract with Frank Emi, we decided to find some other subject. The Smithsonian is a highly visible target [for litigation] and the threat of a lawsuit was too much of a risk."

Loni Ding, who filmed an interview with Emi for a separate film project, negotiated to pay Inner Circle a nominal fee (all of which was paid to Emi) after Inner Circle producer Maria Cellino questioned Ding's right to interview Emi.

## Contracts Defended

Inner Circle co-producer Kerry Nakagawa defended his production company's actions. "We knew she [Ding] was making a film which was coming out before ours. We didn't want to have to go to her and secure rights. The exclusive contract was for our protection. And we didn't want a lot of burn-out on the part of the resistors."

He added that major studios want to ensure that they won't be faced with litigation should they decide to back a project. "They want to make sure that we have the rights to the stories we are using before they'll commit themselves."

Both Nakagawa and Cellino offered the opinion that all consultants should be paid anyway, even if it is a documentary that is being made. "There is always some benefit to the producers," said Nakagawa. "It's only fair that their subjects should share some of the compensation."

He expressed surprise when informed that Ding and filmmaker Steven Okazaki had not paid their subjects.

Okazaki, whose movie "Unfinished Business"—the story of Min Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu—won an Oscar nomination, said that he has never made back his production costs. As far as the distribution of the movie goes, "it's on a break-even basis," he said.

But he did agree that a TV movie has entirely different legal problems. Studios insist that they have exclusive rights.

## Honorariums Customary

As far as documentaries go, he added, it is customary to give honorariums to the major participants. "But if you do give an honorarium, there is some legal commitment on the part of the participants [to grant exclusive rights]."

Okazaki said that while he did not give honorariums to Yasui, Hirabayashi, or Korematsu, there

was an agreement that the movie would be used to raise money for their *coram nobis* cases.

## Not For Profit

Ding said her film "Nisei Soldier" went \$56,000 over budget. "They [Cellino and Nakagawa] are of the opinion that we all are in this to make money. They seem to think that we are getting some profit out of this. But we [documentary filmmakers] are more concerned about breaking even and getting the story out. You don't do these things to make money. If you want to make money, you do something else."

Reviewing the economics of her movie, Ding said, "Over the lifetime of a movie, you'll be lucky to sell a hundred prints. Many of the showings of 'Nisei Soldier' [which cost \$75 per screening] were donated. As far as television rights go, PBS has exclusive rights to 'Nisei Soldier' and they got it free."

Ding felt that Inner Circle operates too much within the Hollywood system, expecting "a lot of return, a lot of big bucks, while issuing a community support line."

## Information Restricted

Dean Toji, program coordinator of the Japanese American National Museum, also had reservations about the impact of the Hollywood system. "I can understand that working on a commercial film might make it necessary to get exclusive contracts, but the effect has been to restrict the flow of information," he said.

Nakagawa said that restricting the flow of information was never the intent of Inner Circle and that it was perfectly all right for the Smithsonian and JANM to use Emi's story. "We have no reservations about that," he said. "A Smithsonian piece on Emi

would help Inner Circle."

According to industry experts, the use of exclusive contracts is standard operating procedure, and suits of copyright infringement are commonplace.

## 'Milagro Beanfield' Suit

As a recent example, a suit for copyright infringement, unfair competition, and invasion of privacy was filed Oct. 22 against the Robert Redford-Moctezuma Esparza movie "The Milagro Beanfield Wars," based on the 1974 novel by John Nichols.

Redford and Esparza obtained the rights to the novel in 1979; however, the plaintiffs, producer Larry Cano, land-grant activist Reies Tijerina, and directors Frank Zuniga and Ralph Rivera, charged that "Milagro" draws heavily on the life story and persona of Tijerina, and that Cano owns the dramatic rights to Tijerina's life story.

Both the novel and the movie focus on the activities of Joe Mondragon, a fictional character who stands up to developers for the right to water a tiny beanfield. Cano claims that Tijerina's life parallels Mondragon's.

Cano and the other plaintiffs also charge that because of the Redford-Esparza movie, Columbia Pictures lost interest in their project, "King Tiger," which is based on the life of Tijerina.

Whether Ding's upcoming documentary would have the same effect on "U.S. on Trial" is questionable, but Inner Circle felt it necessary to cover its bases in its attempt to produce an accurate story about AJAs with commercial appeal.

As such, they have to protect themselves commercially. But the success of their project depends in part on the support of

## Minorities Now the Majority in New York, Researcher Says

NEW YORK — Blacks, Hispanics and Asian Americans now constitute a majority of the city's residents, according to an analysis of new census data.

The analysis, by John Kasarda, chairman of the sociology department of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, appears to be the first documentation of a historic shift that has long been forecast.

However, Kasarda emphasized that his figures, which said minorities comprise 54 percent of the city's population, were based on population samples and should be interpreted with "extreme caution."

A City Planning Department spokesman, Tucker Ashworth, said there was no conclusive information on the racial makeup of the city because the polling samples in the Census Bureau's monthly Current Population Surveys, which Kasarda drew from, were not large enough.

However, others said the careful use of the survey material could provide valid results.

"Kasarda's conclusion on New York City is probably right," said Rosemary Scanlon, chief econom-

the AJA community.

Only time will tell whether they will successfully negotiate that fine line between community obligations and the necessarily commercial aspects of production.

ist of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "It is our conclusion as well."

Kasarda's statistics indicate that despite the movement of younger white professionals into Manhattan and other areas, the city's total white population fell by 276,000 between 1980 and 1985. During the same period, according to his figures, the Hispanic population grew by more than 416,000, the Black population by 146,000, and the Asian population by more than 20,000.

"One has to interpret the data with appropriate caution," Kasarda said, because they were based on a survey of 65,000 households around the country, of which 2,000 were in New York City.

Nevertheless, he maintained it could be said with "some certainty" that Blacks, Hispanics and Asians now constitute a majority in the city.

—from a report by the New York Times

## SUPREME COURT

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Scalia's absence would be "an important thing from a tactical standpoint," NCJAR chairman William Hohri told PC. "If Scalia does recuse himself, it would be very much in our favor."

If the remaining eight justices were to end up in a 4-4 tie, the government would lose again and the suit would no longer be barred by the statute of limitations.

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