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Racial Tension Raised

Shop Owner Pleads Guilty in D.C. Dispute

WASHINGTON — The Chinese American owner of an Anacostia carry-out, accused of brandishing a gun at a Black patron during a dispute, pleaded guilty Nov. 25 to reduced charges in the two-month-old incident that has exacerbated tensions between Black residents and Asian merchants in that neighborhood.

Cheung Hung Chan pleaded guilty in D.C. Superior Court to one count of failure to register a firearm. He was arrested Sept. 27 after a customer, Sara Carter, complained that he had chased her outside his restaurant and threatened her with a gun.

Protests Continue

Since the incident, protesters have held daily demonstrations outside Chan's Good Hope Carry-Out in an effort to keep the business closed. The Rev. Willie Wilson, leader of the protest and pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, has accused Chan and other Asian merchants of taking profits out of the Black community while treating Black customers rudely.

With a translator at his side, Chan acknowledged to Judge Harold Cushmanberry that he had a pistol that day, but challenged the prosecution's version of what happened.

Prosecutor Andrew Fois told the judge that if the case had gone to trial, the government ex-

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New Series a Unique Chance for JA Actors

by Norman Cohen and Rick Momii

It was an interesting atmosphere in which to hold an interview. We sat at a long kitchen table in a friend's old-fashioned, but smartly renovated, Hollywood home with three actors, all of us talking into a small Sony tape recorder.

These three actors—Gedde Watanabe, Sab Shimono and Patti Yasutake, recreating their movie roles in Paramount Network Television's "Gung Ho"—had recently heard the good news: Their series is scheduled to debut on ABC today (Dec. 5) at 9:30 p.m. PST (check local listings for exact air times), opposite NBC's "Miami Vice" and CBS's "Dallas." As we talked about the show and their expectations, the air was filled with an exciting mix of jocularity, anticipation and apprehension.

Conflict Between Cultures

We first asked what the series was about and were greeted by a chorus of answers. Watanabe, who plays Kaz, one of the two leads, answered first: "It's about an American auto plant that is scheduled to close. The Japanese are invited to take over the management because of their industrial success and, of course, clashes between the two cultures ensue."

"That's the plot," interrupted Shimono, "and also where the conflict begins. The characters must discover how to get along with each other. The two cultures have to meet somewhere in the middle and learn to work together."

"And that's where the growth is," concluded Yasutake.

The inevitable question arose early in the interview: How do Japanese Americans play Japanese nationals, foreigners? "Actually, aliens," quipped Shimono.

Japanese Sensibilities

Watanabe said that he still has a lot of the Japanese sensibilities he felt as a boy growing up. Some of his thought processes are the same as Kaz's. Consequently, being Japanese American was helpful in developing his character. "I find a lot of Gedde in Kaz," he remarked.



Photo by Rick Momii

Nikkei regulars on "Gung Ho" include Gedde Watanabe (seated), Patti Yasutake and Sab Shimono.

Yasutake added that she uses her "own experiences, personal and professional, to shape Umeki [her character] into a unique, individual woman."

Shimono said that he uses his father as a positive image, but summed it all up: "We try to approach our characters as human beings."

We asked them about demographics, TV's favorite audience measure. What audience segment would "Gung Ho" appeal to? Much of the humor is derived from the struggle between the working classes. "What I'm curious about," said Yasutake, "is how middle America responds."

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Immigration Bill

Attorneys Try to Decode New Technicalities

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Anticipating a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding over the recently passed immigration bill, a panel of attorneys explained the provisions of the law to social service agencies and the ethnic media at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center on Nov. 24.

"If you're confused, believe me, you're not the only one," said Linda Wong of Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. "INS knows less about this new law than you do... Only now are they beginning to translate that information into the field offices."

Employer Sanctions

The employer sanctions provision makes it unlawful for an employer to knowingly hire, recruit or refer for a fee an alien who is not authorized to work in this country, she said, and it applies regardless of the number of employees in the workforce and includes people hired on a temporary or part-time basis. As for non-profit agencies, her "tentative interpretation" was that they would not be covered.

In order to protect themselves, employers must ask for documentation that proves identity and authorization to work in the United States. A green card, a natural-

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Asian Plans to Run in L.A.'s 'Latino District'

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — An Asian American has declared his candidacy for the new 1st District seat on the City Council, challenging the widely held belief that the seat is intended for a Hispanic.

Leland Wong, 29, made his announcement at a Nov. 19 press conference in Chinatown. He will be competing with Assemblywoman Gloria Molina and School Board member Larry Gonzales in a special election scheduled for Feb. 3.

The district, which includes Chinatown, Echo Park, Cypress Park, and parts of Highland Park and Mount Washington, was created by the City Council earlier this year in response to a Justice Department lawsuit alleging that the city's district boundaries weakened the voting power of Latinos.

Non-Latino Can Run

But the redrawing of district lines to include more Latinos in the 1st District "does not insure or guarantee an elected office" to a member of that group, said Wong in an interview with PC.

He charged that the local press has been "unfair" in implying that the seat is reserved for a Hispanic. "People in this district are beyond looking at race," he said,

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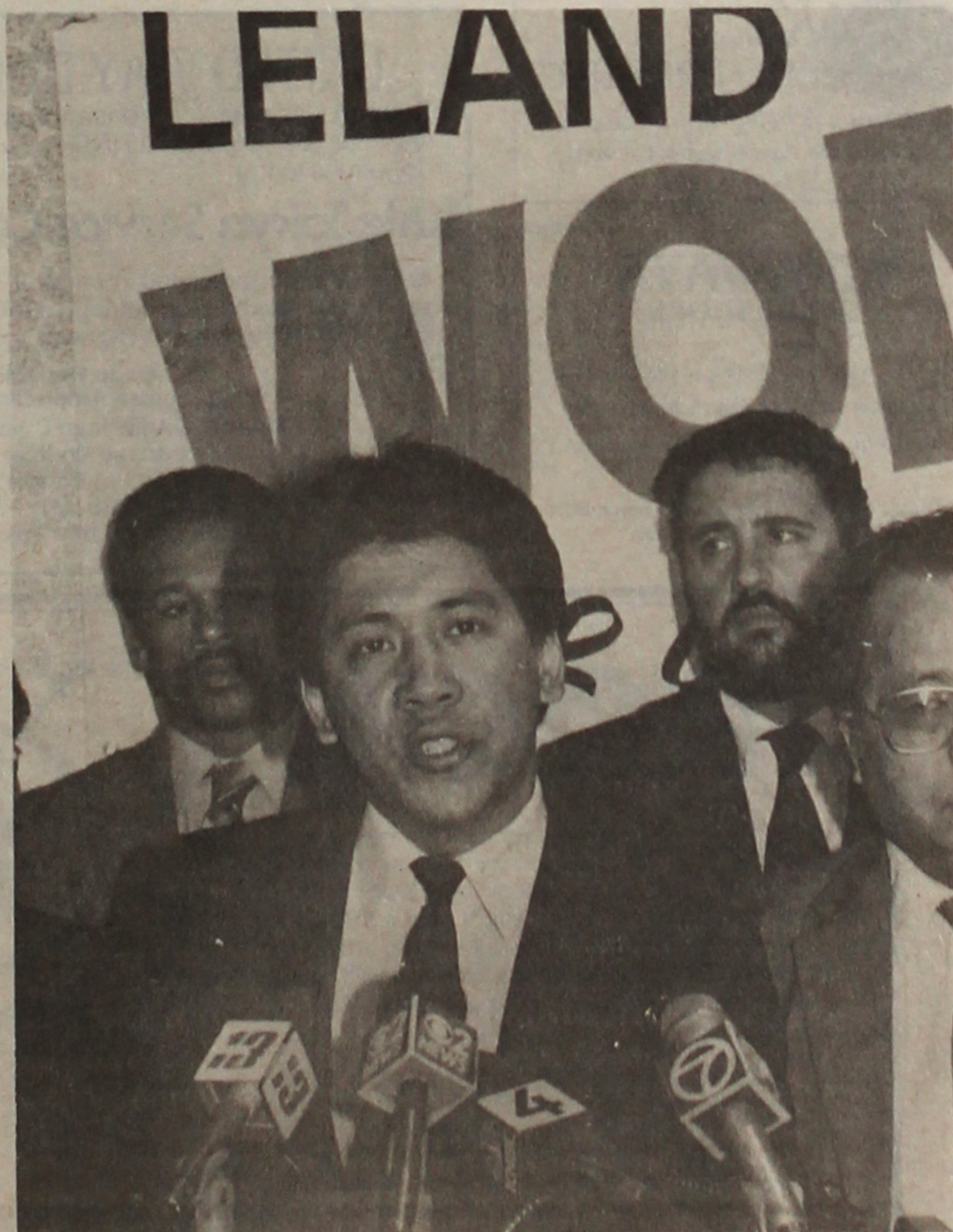


Photo by Jon Takasugi/Rafu Shimpo

Leland Wong announcing his candidacy at Chinatown press conference.

'Pearl Harbor' Demo Planned

Union Pickets Japan Embassy to Protest Toyota's Policies

WASHINGTON — More than 300 members of the AFL-CIO picketed the Japanese embassy Nov. 17 to protest the hiring of non-union workers by Toyota.

Chanting "Toyota should play by American rules," the protesters denounced the corporation's use of non-union construction workers at its \$800 million assembly plant in Georgetown, Ky.

"Japanese companies are coming to this country and attempting to eliminate collective bargaining agreements," said Joseph Maloney, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department. "Toyota is hell-bent on destroying the standard of living that middle-class Americans have worked years to achieve."

Non-Union Hiring

Scheduled for completion in mid-1988, the new plant will employ about 3,000 workers and produce 200,000 Toyota Camry-model cars. Ohbayashi Corp., the project's contractor, has hired subcontractors through competitive bidding, refusing union demands to restrict non-union hiring.

Union officials are considering another demonstration in Kentucky on Dec. 7, the anniversary

of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Leaders of some non-construction unions have privately expressed fears that the Pearl Harbor Day rally might be perceived as appealing to racial prejudices.

'Not Racists'

"It's not a question of ethnics or racists," said Patrick Campbell, president of the 700,000-member Carpenters union. "It's all a question of fairness. We can't go to Japan and say we're going to compete with their contractors. They won't even let us bid on work there."

Campbell favored using even more strident rhetoric. "We ought to have tougher signs reminding people about Pearl Harbor," he said.

Labor leaders have not formally approved the Dec. 7 rally, but two of the largest building trade unions—the Carpenters and the Sheet Metal Workers—are pushing hard to hold the event.

For years, the AFL-CIO, United Auto Workers and other unions have instructed their officials attempting to organize workers at Japanese-owned plants to avoid

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ization certificate, or, in some cases, a birth certificate will satisfy both requirements, said Wong, adding that as alternatives, a driver's license or state-issued ID card can be used to show identity and a Social Security card or passport can show authorization to work.

Noting that some employers are accepting only green cards, she stressed, "An employer is not supposed to ask for more than what is required under the law." Nor are they to question the authenticity of a document "if it appears, on its face, to be genuine," she said.

Employers must keep records of this documentation, and Wong predicted, "Simply because it means more work... any employer will find some rationale that they can use to justify the hiring of an American citizen over a non-citizen" even if the non-citizen is here legally as a permanent resident. "We're going to see a great deal of discrimination in the workplace," she said.

Wong emphasized that the sanctions do not apply at all to employees hired before Nov. 6, the date President Reagan signed the bill into law.

Eligibility for Amnesty

Wong listed several hurdles that an illegal alien must pass in order to obtain amnesty under the new law.

The applicant must prove illegal entry or illegal immigration status prior to Jan. 1, 1982, as well as continuous residence since then. "The law does permit 'brief, casual and innocent absences' outside the United States," said Wong, "but we do not know at this time what that means."

Also required is continuous physical presence from the bill's effective date, Nov. 6.

Lastly, the applicant must overcome 33 "categories of exclusion." For example, said Wong, failure to "demonstrate sufficient resources to support himself and his family without having to rely on public cash assistance" will result in disqualification, as will any felony conviction.

The application period, tentatively scheduled to begin in June, is "a window that will stay open for only one year. There is no appeal for late filing," she warned.

But applying before the deadline "does not mean that you're going to get an answer," she added. "The delay could be as much as two years."

Marriage Fraud Act

A less well-known part of the new law, said attorney Fred Hong, is the Marriage Fraud Act, designed to prevent "paper marriages" in which an alien marries a citizen or permanent resident for the sole purpose of getting legal status in this country.

"It imposes a two-year conditional residency requirement," he said. "The couple jointly must file a petition three months before the second anniversary... and satisfy the INS that the marriage is real."

There was very little debate on this provision in Congress, he said. "The argument was, if you have a good marriage, if both married for love, not for immigration benefits, you don't have to worry."

But, he asked, "What happens to those people who... genuinely got into marriage but then develop problems within that two years?" Although the law makes allowances for marriages terminated "for good cause" with the alien "not at fault," said Hong, "I don't know what 'at fault' means."

In cases of physical abuse or alcoholism, for example, the law does not say how much proof is needed to show good cause for dissolving the marriage, he said.

The law, he concluded, raises questions about "how the government, through the immigration office, can legislate people's marriages."

Other panelists were Deborah Lim, Carl Hufana and Bert Nishimura, who discussed concerns in the various Asian communities. Many Japanese, said Nishimura, enter on student or visitor visas and continue to live here after the expiration date. If the visa expired after Jan. 1, 1982, the individual is not eligible under the amnesty provision, he said.

Stewart Kwoh of the legal center announced plans to educate the Asian Pacific community about the law and to combat abuses by government agencies, employers, and "so-called professionals... who will rip off people for thousands of dollars" by promising instant amnesty through their legal services.

'87 Journalism Program Open to Minorities

BERKELEY — The Summer Program for Minority Journalists, a nationally recognized training program, is accepting applications for its 1987 program until Feb. 1.

Sponsored by the Institute for Journalism Education, the program will be held from May 31 to Aug. 15 at the UC Berkeley campus.

Applicants must demonstrate a command of English grammar, spelling, syntax and be able to type at least 35 words per minute. Professional experience in journalism is not required; however, applicants should demonstrate a desire and commitment to work for a daily newspaper.

Participants will receive intensive training for 11 weeks under the direction of a faculty composed of veteran journalists representing newspapers across the country. During that time, participants will receive free tuition, room and board and a modest stipend.

The Summer Program for Minority Journalists is not an internship. Participants will be placed in a full-time reporting job after successfully completing the program.

Further information and applications may be obtained by writing to the Summer Program for Minority Journalists, B-28 North Gate Hall, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, or by calling (415) 642-5962.

Sculptor Noguchi Gets Kyoto Prize

KYOTO — Japanese American sculptor Dr. Isamu Noguchi was honored as a recipient of the Inamori Foundation's 1986 Kyoto Prize during ceremonies held Nov. 10-13.

Noguchi, 81, received the honor in the category of Creative Arts and Moral Sciences. He is best known for his garden designs at UNESCO headquarters in Paris and Chase Manhattan Plaza in New York.

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'GUNG HO' TV SERIES

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"We as performers have to take the risk of being a fool," said Shimono.

"But," cautioned Yasutake, "for the right reasons."

Watanabe explained that the show may run the risk of poking fun at the Japanese. "It's okay," he said, "if it is balanced with an understanding of what's behind the joke."

Community Reaction

And how will the Japanese American community specifically, and the Asian American community in general, accept the show? The three said they hope the show will be something the community can be proud of. Unfortunately, when members of the community like something they tend not to express it; it seems they're heard from only when they don't like something.

The three agreed that it's important for viewers who like the show to let ABC know about it, and that small criticisms should not undermine viewers' overall acceptance.

"Gung Ho" offers a unique experience for these actors, as well as other JAs in the cast (which includes Scott Atari, Rodney Kageyama and Emily K. Kuroda).

Burden Lifted

In the past, television shows which had an Asian character usually burdened him/her with having to be an Asian "everyman/everywoman." But, because of the number of Asian roles in "Gung Ho," each actor has the luxury of exploring his/her role to the fullest.

"There is a very fine line between truth and stereotypes," said Watanabe, "I think the real world has many people like Kaz and Saito."

Shimono, who plays the caustic, traditionally minded Saito,

said, "Lots of people like my character. They would like to say some of the things I get away with saying."

"In the context of the show," added Yasutake, "the Saito character works, but if you put him in a different show by himself, there might be a lot of problems in swallowing that character. In the context of our show, it is not necessarily the racial or cultural aspects that make him the villain, it is simply that the character has antagonistic qualities."

Public Response Sought

The three look upon "Gung Ho" as a groundbreaking effort, and indeed it is. This series represents a breakthrough in network television in starring a predominantly Asian cast. This is an important opportunity for the Asian American community to promote a positive voice in the media. An enthusiastic public response could encourage the continued development of the show, but if the series does not garner the necessary ratings, or enough viewers who call or write in their support, it will not last more than the six filmed episodes.

"For us [the community] to have any power," concluded Yasutake, "we must be watched."

It was growing late. The interview was winding down. The fire that roared in the fireplace was now embers. The cassette tape had been turned over and then replaced. Gung ho is slang for "work together." And if you spent only a short time with Gedde Watanabe, Patti Yasutake, and Sab Shimono, you'd soon know that the gung ho spirit is deeply entrenched within them.

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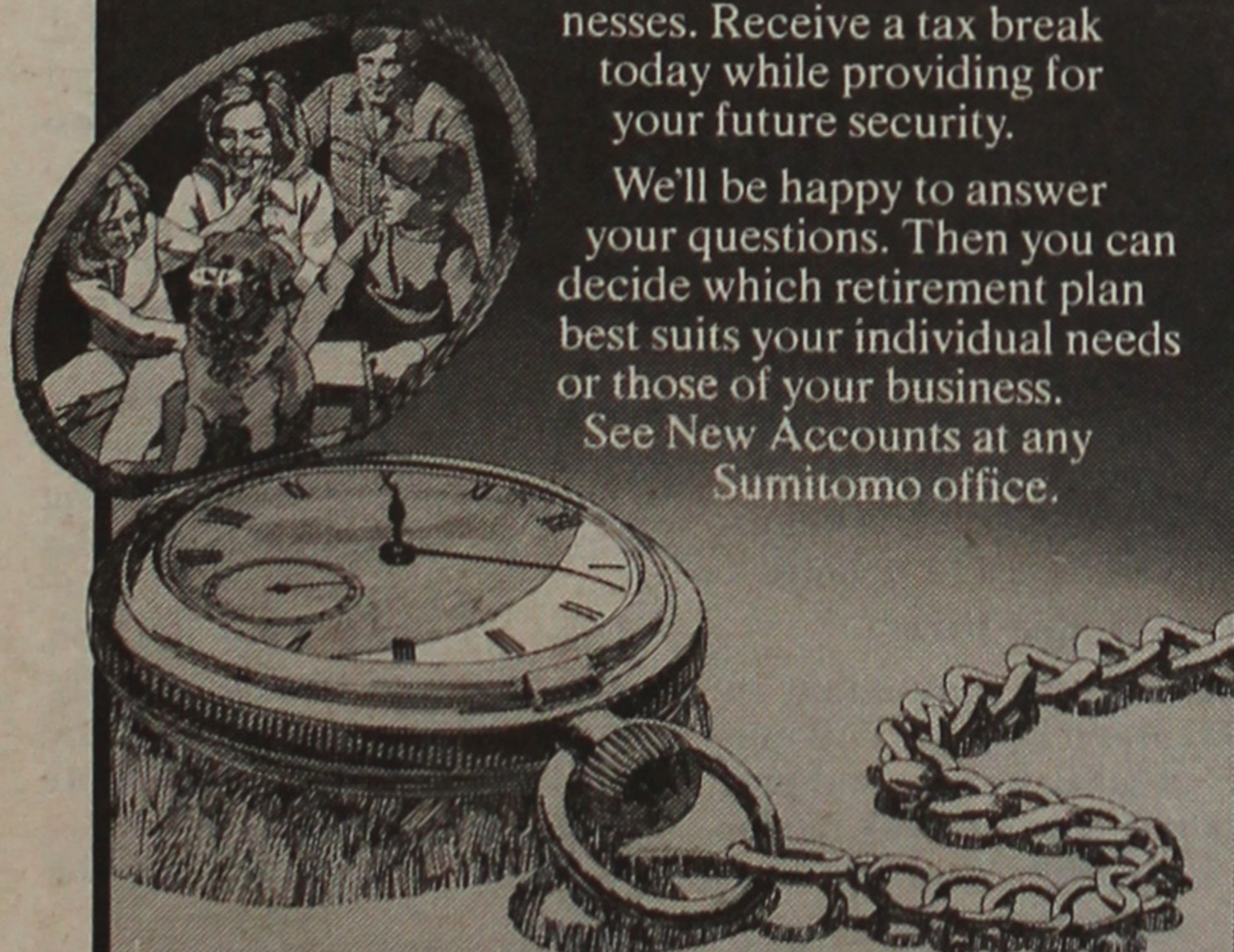
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MOCHI

THE ISSEI... when they immigrated here many, many years ago from Japan, brought with them not only their high hopes, stoic courage and immense pride, but also their culture. Among other things, it included MOCHI, which was not only good to eat, but was also used as a centerpiece for very special occasions as a "Gift to the Gods." Usually, a small *mikan* sat on top of the *Kazari-MOCHI*.

Every house had the MOCHI display during New Year's and the day started with a bowl of *o-zoni*, which literally means "cook everything in it." Whatever, but it isn't *o-zoni* if it does not have a few pieces of MOCHI in it. The practice of eating *o-zoni* during the holidays still holds sway today in many Japanese American families.



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Budgetary Realities

By the Board

by Thomas Hara
Governor,
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Two seemingly unrelated articles in the Oct. 31 Pacific Citizen caught my attention for this piece. In the first, National Youth Council chair Diana Kato outlined an ambitious set of objectives by and for our young people ("Major Plans for Youth").

While this was encouraging to hear about and pleasing to contemplate, I was bothered by her conclusion (which is correct, nevertheless) that the success of her agenda is dependent upon "strong National JACL commitment behind the youth and their programs."

Having seen the youth programs' line item drop from an already paltry \$40,000 to \$19,000 in the current budget, and having just voted to approve a sizeable borrowing by JACL at the last National Board meeting, my reaction was, "Good luck, Diana and Ruth."

Shortfall in Pledges

National President Harry Kajihara's "Pledge Scorecard" was the second item of interest. It detailed the \$64,000 shortfall in calendar 1986 redress pledge receipts to the national organization (not to be confused with the shortfall of \$28,000 or so still outstanding from years 1-3).

Taken together, these arrearages may be seen to comprise a large part of JACL's current deficit problem, a problem which may well force your National Board to request repayment of \$50,000 previously transferred to our Legislative Education Committee (LEC) for redress lobbying purposes.

My purpose here is not to wail and moan about the potential rescission of the LEC transfer, although it should appear obvious (in light of the 1986 Senate election results) that if this should come to pass, it will occur at about the worst possible time in the lobbying process, as we enter into the critical two years of the 100th Congress. Nor do I wish to dwell upon any causal relationships between non-endowment lobbying expenses and our general budgetary crisis. I devoted a few lines to that subject in these pages during the summer, to no avail.

Program Selection

Rather, I speak to the broader issue of the manner in which our organization goes about its program selection. On redress, for example, our National Council has repeatedly declared this to be the first priority of JACL. And this is entirely appropriate: the

constitutional principle is vital, the human and economic costs being memorialized are demonstrable, and if we do not take the lead, I daresay no one else will. But as a program, it is the largest one undertaken by the group, and I am skeptical of membership's willingness to pay the freight. The "Pledge Scorecard" suggests this and the LEC solicitation seems to confirm it.

Goals vs. Resources

At the same time, the National Council consistently affirms its support for youth activities of just the type proposed by the current National Youth Council. And again, this is commendable, for here we are talking about the development of the next generation of JACL leadership and the very future of the organization. Yet even when the non-scholarship programs budget stood at \$40,000, more often than not that allocation did not really exist in available cash. At \$19,000, God forbid that anyone should come up with more than one viable project in the same year.

My point is that it is much easier for the National Council to embrace an attractive proposal than it is for the National Board and staff to implement it with the resources provided.

We have always had creative people among staff and volunteers, able and willing to develop substantive programs to accomplish the stated objectives of our charter. But equally so, I think, JACL has always had a budget crisis of one sort or another which has tied our hands in following through with these programs as successfully as we might. If I am correct — and I might not be, if the halcyon days of Mas Satow were economically "flush" — then I am led to believe that we should, in the future, begin to "think small," funding only programs which we can afford, and to develop only those programs which we know we can fund.

Should the question arise in February, I will vote to leave the \$50,000 with the LEC and muddle on with the rest of our budget problems as prior national boards have done. As I have opined before, JACL has too much credibility at stake in the redress movement to waffle now, at the last minute. Yet I will do so with the knowledge that we would definitely jeopardize other and equally worthwhile ventures, such as the youth proposals, for lack of funding.

National President Kajihara has frequently cited his desire and intention to expand the funding base of JACL, and I certainly agree with the need. But having attended a few sessions of the National Council, which mostly engender titillating but nonpurposeful debates about the election of officers, my reaction must be, "Good luck, Harry."



Min Yasui — An Incredible Hero

by Fred Hirasuna

Min Yasui was, in our estimation, one of the most incredible of our heroes in Japanese American history—tremendously talented, with unbounded courage and with completely unselfish dedication to principle and ideals, unmatched in dedication to JACL and to the common cause of redress.

His untimely death is a great loss, not only to JACL, but to all Americans of Japanese ancestry—indeed, to all Americans.

We in Central California did not really appreciate Min until he came twice to our area as a keynote speaker at two of our annual conventions. I came to know him very intimately. I learned his real character and became a deep admirer and a personal friend.

Talented Speaker

He was gifted with great legal talent. He had tremendous speaking ability—second not even to Mike Masaoka, whose ability as a public speaker is legendary. No one could question his sincerity, his honesty and candor, and his complete readiness to accept any challenge.

After being defeated for the National JACL presidency at the 1984 convention in Honolulu by the narrow margin of one vote,

he accepted his defeat graciously and was the first to congratulate his successful opponent and to offer his complete support. He dedicated himself anew to the cause of redress and plunged even more vigorously into his efforts to seek its success.

Personal Sacrifice

We asked Min to be our keynote speaker at the 1985 CCDC convention, which was scheduled for Nov. 16. He and his wife True went on an extended tour to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore and Japan, leaving Oct. 23 and returning to Portland on Nov. 12 to spend a few days with relatives there.

To make our convention, he cut short his stay in Portland and returned to Denver on Nov. 14. The next day he flew to Fresno via San Francisco, arriving in Fresno at 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, he participated as chairman of a morning session on redress. He had press interviews in the afternoon and ended by making the keynote address at the evening banquet which closed the convention.

He left the following morning for Las Vegas, where he met with Grayce Uyehara, chapter president George Goto and other members of Las Vegas JACL to dis-

cuss the progress of redress.

In Las Vegas, Min and True celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary, which was actually on the 16th, but which they postponed until the 17th to permit Min to participate in the CCDC convention activities. It was a personal sacrifice that CCDC appreciated very much.

In a letter to Tom Shimasaki, dated Aug. 30, 1985, discussing the matter of getting Congressman Charles Pashayan to co-sponsor the redress bill, Min wrote:

"... I believe that monetary redress is essential—we are talking in terms of justice—and the American way is to pay off with the coin of the realm... To do less than that is an affront to all of us, in my opinion... I know that no amount of money will ever give back to my deceased father the things that he lost... but a substantial amount would give recognition to the enormity of what was done to him and his family during 1942-1945..."

Our greatest tribute to Min's memory would be to continue the fight for redress with renewed vigor. A successful conclusion would justify his tremendous efforts toward this cause.

Hirasuna is the CCDC representative on the Pacific Citizen Board.

A Disservice to the Asian Community

by Elaine Song
Asians for Justice

The Sept. 19 Pacific Citizen article titled "Vincent Chin and Bun Vong: Similarities and Differences" was inaccurate, irresponsible, and a disservice to Asian Americans seeking justice for victims of anti-Asian violence.

In trying to draw distinctions between these two cases, this article analyzed the Bun Vong case in strictly legal terms, while ignoring the real issues that touched the Asian American community in Boston.

In light of the serious level of anti-Asian violence occurring in Boston recently, the beating death of Bun Vong, a Cambodian refugee, was seen by the community as a serious incident of racial violence with vast civil rights implications. PC ignored this perspective, and instead chose to print the legal justifications for not considering this case a civil rights case—as though the legal definitions constitute the absolute truth.

Further, failure to solicit any reaction to this perspective from members of the community, including the Asians for Justice coalition which organized around this case, reinforced the one-dimensional line of thinking.

The article claimed that Asians for Justice did not know that the \$15 charge to each of the defendants applied to the assault and battery of Bunyoeun Som, Vong's traveling companion, and not to the manslaughter of Bun Vong. It also said that the coalition did not know that the \$15 charged to each defendant was not technically considered a fine, but an administrative fee.

Asians for Justice was fully aware of the legal status of this case, yet that was not the issue. The importance of this case to the Asian community lay not in how many legal technicalities one could fish out of it, but in the message that a light sentence sent to the entire community: that Asian Americans cannot expect protection from the criminal justice system.

Six months and a \$15 fee made up the only punishment imposed on the two defendants after a 10-day trial, which resulted in a hung jury and an acquittal on the manslaughter charges. With no guarantee of a retrial, it was possible that Scott Arsenault would have served six months in prison and never have to pay for killing another human being.

The message that this sentence would have sent to the community would be clear regardless of

whether \$15 was an administrative fee or fine; regardless of whether there was enough evidence to satisfy the standard of proof of civil rights violations; regardless of whether Asians for Justice acknowledged that a six-month prison sentence for assault and battery applied to Som and not Vong.

Asian Americans have struggled throughout our history to gain equality and justice, and the battle is continuing with the Vincent Chin case and other cases of anti-Asian violence nationwide. Only a strong political voice will allow us to continue our quest for fundamental change. We depend, therefore, on the organizational base and mediums of expression that Asian Americans have built up so far. One such medium is newspapers such as the Pacific Citizen.

The most disappointing aspect of this article was that the PC could so easily adopt the legal and government viewpoint and so clearly ignore the Asian American perspective. Just as government officials often fail to respond to the Asian American community's perspective, so too did PC fail to present the views of our community. Printing this article without seeking response

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A Gratifying Response

by Harry Kajihara, National President

During the past month, a letter has been sent to each chapter president from me, requesting continued support and action regarding fourth-year chapter redress pledges. National has since received an additional \$8,146 in pledge money. The outstanding amount is now reduced to approximately \$58,000. Please continue to support the redress effort by sending in your fourth-year pledges. Thank you.

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Pacifica	260	
Pan Asian	870	150
Pasadena	635	705
Progressive Westside	130	
Riverside	435	435
San Diego	2315	
San Fernando Valley	1725	1725
San Gabriel Valley	930	
San Luis Obispo	415	
Santa Barbara	600	600
Santa Maria	430	
Selanoco	1740	1740
South Bay	885	
So. Cal. American Nikkei		
Torrance	225	
Venice-Culver	1310	500
Ventura County	930	
West Los Angeles	5455	
Wilshire	670	
District Total:	37,345	8380
N.C.W.N.P. / JAPAN:		
Alameda	\$1250	\$1250
Berkeley	1665	1000
Contra Costa	2000	2000
Cortez	990	506
Diablo Valley	565	565
Eden Township	1000	1000
Florin	600	600
Fremont	500	595
French Camp	720	720
Gilroy	675	675
Golden Gate	20	20
Honolulu	420	160
Japan	375	375
Livingston-Merced	940	940
Lodi	1450	840.50
Marin County	425	425
Marysville	1360	1360
Monterey Peninsula		
Oakland	490	580
Placer County	1370	1370
Reno	385	385
Sacramento	4500	4500
Salinas Valley	1910	1910
San Benito County	365	365
San Francisco	5000	2500
San Jose	3000	3000
San Mateo	3200	3200
Sequoia		
Solano County	250	250
Sonoma County	1500	1500
Stockton	2025	2025
Tri-Valley	285	285
Watsonville	1710	1710
West Valley	1515	1515
District Total:	42,460	38,126.50
PACIFIC NORTHWEST:		
Gresham-Troutdale	\$660	
Lake Washington	305	
Mid-Columbia	870	
Portland	780	
Olympia	205	
Puyallup Valley	940	
Seattle	3030	2835
Spokane	610	630
White River Valley	345	
District Total:	7745	3465
MOUNTAIN PLAINS:		
Arkansas Valley	\$370	
Fort Lupton	475	
Houston	170	
Mile High	435	
New Mexico	300	
Omaha	545	294.50
District Total:	2295	294.50

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Letters to the Editor

An Issue That Hit Home

I found the Oct. 3 PC one of the most exciting issues I've read.

Aa past JAACL chapter president, I recall a time when I had to get an alternate to vote for us because a delegate and an alternate could not make the convention at the last minute. Unfortunately, I forgot to instruct her to vote as our chapter wanted; I had forgotten she was not at the meeting at which we selected our candidate. Although others were upset, I felt she did the best she could for all concerned.

I personally feel there should be no proxy votes. If the chapter cannot have a person at the convention, it should mail in a vote before the convention with signatures from the chapter board. If there is a tie in the first ballot, the chapter's absentee ballot should become an abstention.

District bloc voting must be approved by all delegates represented. Each delegate must vote his/her conscience unless instructed by the chapter board to do otherwise.

Re: "Tearing Ourselves Apart" by Bob Shimabukuro: Right on, Bob! I believe in healthy disagreement, but political issues and differences of opinion should not be the basis for petty grudges and personal vendettas.

After all, our goals are similar: to have JAACL represent the best in JA socio-political and cultural thoughts in our American society.

Min Yasui, Frank Sato and John Tateishi are fine men who worked in the best way they knew how for our organization. LEC is invaluable to us, and how many of us would give the commitment and energy that Grayce Uyehara has given for the cause?

Let's rise above personal feelings and commit that energy to completing our goals.

REIKO GASPAR
Philadelphia

This letter was written prior to Min Yasui's death. — Ed.

Computer Credit

I am writing to supplement some of the things which were said about the Leading Edge computer which my district (Mountain Plains) presented to headquarters during the Oct. 10-12 National Board meeting (Oct. 17 PC).

To begin with, the actual credit for making the decision to purchase the computer, and convincing the rest of the district to go along with it, belongs to Bob Sakaguchi, president of Mile-Hi Chapter, and Steve Hasagawa, vice governor, of Omaha Chapter.

The actual legwork in finding the best buy and transporting the computer to San Francisco was done by Bob. He also did 99 percent of the programming in setting up the system for the headquarters staff, working for the better part of two days.

Our district, besides making the initial purchase and coordinating the purchase of the entire system, is committing itself to providing advice and consultation (commonly referred to as "support" in the computer business) to headquarters staff. We are also cooperating with LEC in making a maximum number of JAACL's computer needs compatible with LEC's. LEC has purchased the same computer model that we have.

The next part of this project involves coordinating the purchase of the remaining hardware and software. In order to avoid needless duplication, Bob will

be making the purchases according to a predetermined schedule of needs. The other districts have already indicated they will try to provide an additional \$3,000 for this purpose.

We have asked that any contributions be sent to Bob, 1450 Dunsford Way, Broomfield, CO 80020. He will in turn deposit the funds into our district treasury, and we will provide a separate accounting of them to the National Board.

Since the software will be selected for certain specific functions, we will not be able to guarantee that any contributions of software will be utilized in the system. Therefore, anyone wishing to make contributions of software or hardware should contact Bob first.

We hope that within a year our actions will have some noticeable effect on the operations of headquarters by increasing the efficiency of our hard-working staff.

PAUL M. SHINKAWA
Former MPDC Governor
Austin, Texas

Harsh Reality

I received my Oct. 24 PC a few days ago, and it was with sadness that I once again read about our continuing budget problems and declining membership. It seems that this vicious circle will never end. Without adequate funding, we cannot develop worthwhile programs, and without worthwhile programs, we cannot increase our membership.

There is, however, a harsh reality that no one talks about. The fact is, the Sansei and Yonsei for the most part do not need or want to join JAACL. Where, for instance, are the sons and daughters and grandchildren of our past and present JAACL leaders? I would venture to guess that most of them are not even dues-paying members. Without young members, there really is no future for JAACL.

There may be other problems in some chapters, such as the unwillingness of the Nisei to relinquish leadership to the Sansei, but that certainly is not the case in Chicago. And yet, I have met a number of Sansei professionals, many of whom are children of long-time JAACLers, who are not members.

Personally, I feel that redress must be pursued at all costs for our own self-respect, and therefore, I am going to make this radical suggestion: Why don't we commit 100 percent of our human and financial resources, including the Endowment Fund, to our redress program for two years?

At the end of this period, whether we succeed or not, we take a brutally honest look at our organization in terms of membership, programs, finances, and most importantly, future potential. If it is our conclusion that JAACL in its present form is no longer viable, we can at least walk out into the sunset with our heads held high.

CHIYE TOMIHIRO
Chicago

Don't Be Wallflowers

From the days of the American Loyalty League in the 1930s to the present, JAACL has come a long way, experiencing the valleys and enjoying the peaks. But ahead of us looms a steep mountain that must be scaled for JAACL to continue—namely, redress.

The wavering of interest and dedication, a sense of apathy, is my main concern. There are a

number of supporters, but too many more who linger by the wayside, hoping for the other fellow to carry the load. All of us could more readily relish the fruits of labor if more of us pitched in for a common cause. I deplore the attitude of some who give the impression of "What's the use?"

That impression should awaken the desire in the rest of us to commit ourselves to the fact that redress must be a success to prove to the world that we shall continue the everlasting fight of fairness and equality for all people. Too many of us sit on the sidelines thinking of the monetary aspect when the focus should be on the fact that evacuation was all wrong. People should be made aware of that fact.

Let's all dedicate ourselves to assist those who now carry most of the burden. Let's not be wallflowers any longer. The future of JAACL rests on our shoulders.

SAM NAKANO
Valley Park, Mo.

Overlooked Hero

Bainbridge Island is not only a nice place to live, but it is also a community blessed with citizens and neighbors who are both concerned and caring.

The PBS television special "Visible Target" has brought attention to this by showing for the first time the personal and community memories and feelings which surrounded the relocation experience. The bonds of family and friendships so poignantly portrayed sustained the Bainbridge Island Nikkei during this trying time and its aftermath.

A recent example of this covered by the Pacific Citizen is the recognition paid to Walt and Millie Woodward for their courage in standing up for the Nikkei of Bainbridge Island during the relocation ordeal. The JAACL gave them a crystal dove for their support, an appropriate symbol of peace and friendship.

What many do not know is that another Bainbridge Islander, Art Barnett, also stepped forward in those troubled times, in his case to act as the first legal counsel for Gordon Hirabayashi at the time when Gordon was deciding how to face the internment order.

A young and inexperienced lawyer, Art had the courage to advise Gordon and went with him as he turned himself in. As legal matters became more complex, Art sought the aid of more seasoned counsel. As the pioneer defender, however, Art took a case no one wished to touch, and to this day serves as a resource to the young team of lawyers who brought what he started to a successful conclusion.

To complete the recognition of those who helped the Japanese of this area, those of us on Bainbridge Island wish now to publicly acknowledge and thank our friend and neighbor, Art Barnett.

ISAMU NAKAO
HERMAN D. LUJAN
KAZUKO NAKAO
Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Typesetter Fund

We recently celebrated our 50th anniversary and some friends chose to gift us, so we are turning these checks over for the Typesetter Fund.

We have always supported JAACL and Pacific Citizen and felt that PC needed the help most at this time. Keep up the good work.

GIICHI and JUNE YOSHIOKA
Hayward, Calif.

Community Calendar

Dec. 6-20

DELRAY BEACH

Dec. 20 End of the year tea ceremonies will take place hourly from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Road. Info: (305) 495-0233.

EL CERRITO

Dec. 12 Mary Ann Tatagi Memorial Benefit Dance, sponsored by the Asian Women's Shelter Project, will take place at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Music will be provided by Toru's Shanghai Bar and Grill Band. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Info: (415) 526-8432. Tickets will be sold at the door.

FRESNO

Dec. 13 Nichigo Bible study, sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church, will take place at the home of Richard and Sumi Wall, 10050 Haven Lane, Hanford. Study will be led by the Rev. Toshimasa Yamamoto. Info: (209) 264-4135.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dec. 14 Nisei and Retirement Christmas party will take place at Christ United Presbyterian Church, Sutter and Laguna streets. Info: Nisei and Retirement, c/o 2932 Santiago, San Francisco, 94116.

LOS ANGELES

Dec. 7 Jazz pianist Toshiko Akiyoshi will be presented in two concerts at the New Otani Hotel and Garden, 120 S. Los Angeles Street. Afternoon cocktail show will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Evening concert, which will include dinner, begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening show are \$40 per person. Info: (213) 629-1200.

Dec. 13 Asian Business League's second annual Christmas Ball and Awards Banquet will take place at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel, 150 S. Los Robles Ave. Guest speaker will be CBS-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Mitchell Matsumura, (213) 749-5053.

OAKLAND

Dec. 13 Hawaiian-style Christmas celebration will take place at Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave. Entertainment will be provided by Hui Pa Hula 'O Leianuenue. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. Info: (415) 278-6266.

WEST COVINA

Dec. 14 San Gabriel Valley Singles Club will host its first Christmas party at the Sambi Restaurant of Tokyo, 8649 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Info: (714) 861-9676.

NCWNP Committee

Women Plan JA Directory for No. Calif.

SEBASTOPOL, Calif. — Plans to publish a resource directory of Japanese American women in Northern California were announced Nov. 10 by the Women's Concerns Committee of JACL's Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council.

The project will be headed by the newly organized Resource Directory Committee, composed of Nikki Bridges, Chizu Iiyama, Susan Nakamura, Mei Nakano, Sharen Muraoka, and Marian Uchida.

"No such directory is available today," said Nakano, "and this reference should provide a much-needed, authoritative source of personal and professional information about women of Japanese ancestry in this region."

The geographical and ethnic boundaries of the work are limited for now because of budgetary constraints, Nakano added. But the committee plans to compile a comprehensive listing within these limits, and to publish the directory in a format which can be expanded and altered.

Categories for listings in the directory include: Family; Employment and Careers; Health and Nutrition; Aging; Personal Development; Legal Matters and Financial Planning; Education; Politics; Women Entrepreneurs; Building and Design; Arts; Communications and Media; and Businesses.

Those who wish to submit possible listings are asked to send the name and address of each nominee (individuals and organizations), along with the category in which they might be included, to Mei Nakano, P.O. Box 854, Sebastopol, CA 95472.



Members of the Tanaka family in "The Gambling Den" are, from left, Mako, Sala Iwamatsu, Shizuko Hoshi and Mimosa Iwamatsu.

New East West Play Focuses on Conflicts in Prewar Family

LOS ANGELES — "The Gambling Den," a play by prize-winning playwright Akemi Kikumura, opens Dec. 11 at East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., under the direction of Mako.

Kikumura's play focuses on the struggles of an Issei man and his family in California prior to WW2 by examining the issues of racism, acculturation, tradition and generational conflict.

"The Gambling Den" stars Mako as Saburo Tanaka, Shizuko Hoshi as Massan Tanaka, Mimosa Iwamatsu as Anna Tanaka, and Sala Iwamatsu as Jeannie Tanaka. Also featured are Ralph Brannen, Lowell Gytri, Tad Horino, Pat Li, Nelson Mashita, Richard Lee Sung and Momo Yashima.

Show times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

A special pre-opening performance on Dec. 10, 7 p.m., will benefit East Wind Magazine. Tickets for the benefit performance are \$12 for general admission and \$8

for students, seniors and unemployed persons.

Further information regarding regular showings may be obtained by contacting the East West Players box office, (213) 660-0366. For information regarding the benefit performance, call Meg at (213) 293-6284.

BUN VONG CASE

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from any members of Asians for Justice, the coalition attacked in it, was plainly irresponsible.

It is ironic that this article should appear at a time when justice for Vincent Chin is in danger, at a time when it is crucial to understand the Asian American community perspective. In renewing and continuing our tireless struggle for justice, equality and betterment for all Asian Americans, we hope that in the future we can look to the PC to stand strong with us, maintaining the integrity of our people.

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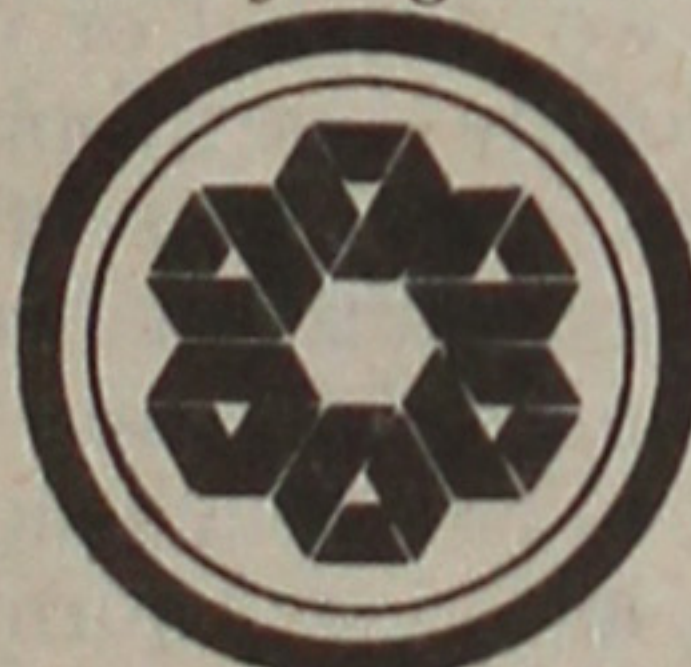
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5. Working knowledge of computers helpful.
6. Strong personal commitment to the mission of seeking redress through the legislative process.

Salary Range: \$30,000 - \$35,000 (negotiable based on background and experience.)

Application due within 30 days (Dec. 28, 1986) from first announcement.

Position begins January, 1987, in the Washington Office of JACL. Employment is with the JACL-Legislative Education Committee.

Application: Please send resume with cover letter which states interest in this position to:

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Blue Shield to Include Health Analysis With Plan in 1987

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL Blue Shield Health Plan recently completed negotiations for its 1987 contract with Blue Shield of California.

John Yasumoto, plan chairman, reported that the dental plan will be improved at a modest 3.7 percent rate adjustment and a health promotion program, called Healthtrac, will be added to the plan effective Jan. 1, 1987.

Dental Improvements

The dental improvements are: (1) reduction of calendar year deductible from \$75 to \$50; (2) payment of preventive services at 100 percent of the prevailing fee, with the \$50 year calendar year deductible waived; (3) improvement of the dental schedule up to the prevailing fee allowance, with percentage allowances remaining the same (50 percent on prosthetics and 80 percent on others).

Effective Jan. 1, 1987, the new rates will be: subscriber, \$234.90; subscriber and one dependent, \$469.50; subscriber and two or more dependents, \$601.11.

In the near future, subscribers will receive detailed information on Healthtrac, along with a Personal Vitality Questionnaire which should be completed and returned. With the help of computers, Healthtrac analyzes the data about lifestyle choices. The personal health analysis is then measured against a vast storage of medical data.

Confidential Report

The Healthtrac analysis is strictly confidential; the Personal Vitality Report and a letter summarizing the report will be sent directly to the subscriber's home. Included will be specific, personal advice on how to re-



Betty Waki and Steve Hasegawa dig in during "Hasegawa Shrimpfest."

New MPDC Officers Elected

HOUSTON—During its week-end meeting Nov. 7-8, the JACL Mountain Plains District Council elected new officers.

Succeeding Paul Shinkawa of Houston Chapter as governor is Steve Hasegawa (Omaha). Other officers are: Bob Sakaguchi (Mile-Hi), vice governor of Colorado; Sharon Ishii Jordan (Omaha), vice governor of Nebraska; Sei Tokuda (Albuquerque), vice governor of New Mexico; Betty Waki (Houston), vice governor of Texas; Harry Watson (Albuquerque), secretary; and Tom Masamori (Mile-Hi), treasurer.

The meeting also included a "Steve Hasegawa Shrimpfest" and a workshop on aging and retirement led by psychologist Toaru Ishiyama of Cleveland, who also spoke at the banquet on the subject of Nikkei heroes.

A redress update was given by LEC Director Grayce Ueyehara, who stressed the need to contact potential redress supporters not only in the four states in the district, but also in Kansas, Montana, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. The 10 states account for 20 senators and 55 representatives.

verse unhealthy lifestyle patterns that could result in serious illness later on.

Yasumoto is encouraging all persons turning 65 to remain in the program in order to be assured of better coverage.

On Oct. 1, the JACL Blue Shield contract was amended to open the plan to new members who are over 65. JACL members of all age levels can now join the health and dental plan.

Started in 1965, the plan now includes six JACL district councils with over 5,000 subscribers.

Administrative Committee members are: John Yasumoto (San Francisco), chair; Jim Yamaguchi (Fremont), vice chair; Kikuo Nakahara (San Mateo), treasurer; Tad Hirota (Berkeley),

Richard Ikeda (Sacramento), Joe Sugawara (Contra Costa), Gerald Takehara (Sacramento), Jim Tsurumoto (Eden Township), board members; Kevin Nagata (Fresno), Central California DC representative; Douglas Urata (Riverside), Betty Oka (Orange County), Pacific Southwest DC representatives.

Frances Morioka is the plan administrator. For more information, write to 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, or call (415) 931-6633.

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Chapter Pulse

FLORIN

•Chapter, along with the greater Florin area Japanese community, will honor Mary Tsukamoto, recipient of the JACLer of the Biennium Award, at a Jan. 9 dinner at the Sheraton Sunrize Hotel, Sunrise Boulevard and Highway 50. Program will also include the installation of 1987 chapter officers. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained by contacting Tosh Fukushima, (916) 487-0434. Reservations deadline is Dec. 26.

NEW YORK

•Annual bazaar and fund-raiser will take place Dec. 13, noon to 6 p.m., at the Japanese American United Church, 255 Seventh Ave. Potluck dinner will be served from 2-5 p.m. To participate in the potluck, bring a dish or \$7. Info: Hisayo Asai, (212) 663-4860.

PHILADELPHIA

•Chapter Christmas party will take place Dec. 13 from 2-7 p.m. at Moorestown Friends Meeting House and School, Main Street and Chester Avenue, Moorestown, New Jersey. The potluck dinner is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members. Please call Sim Endo, (215) 844-7317, or Gladys Kamihira, (609) 866-1476, to coordinate dishes.

GARDENA

•The chapter holds a paper drive Dec. 7, 9-11 a.m., at 1476 W. 153rd St. For paper pick-up, call 329-6040 or 329-3003.

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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FAMILY AFFAIR — Works by origami artist Daniel Nakamura are on display through Jan. 31 in an exhibit, "A Family Creates," at the Pico Rivera Art Center, 9110 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, Calif. Also featured in the exhibit are Yoshio Nakamura, printmaker, photographer and painter; Grace Nakamura, photographer and painter; Joel Nakamura, graphic illustrator and painter; Linda Nakamura, photographer; and Jay Oberholzer, photographer.

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Contributions may be sent to: Walerga Park Dedication Project, c/o California First Bank, 700 L St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

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 —HI Coordinator (Harry Honda).

Peace Marchers Leave Flame From Hiroshima at JA Church

NEW YORK — En route to Washington, D.C., participants in the Great Peace March left the Hiroshima Peace Flame at the Japanese American United Church on Oct. 26.

The church is now responsible for "taking care of the flame and keeping it lit until all nuclear weapons are eliminated from the planet," said Mike Mertens, a marcher of Korean, German and Irish descent who had been keeping the flame in a kerosene lantern.

An ember from the flame that burns in Hiroshima's Peace Park was brought to Los Angeles in 1984 and kept at Koyasan Buddhist Temple in Little Tokyo. The flame was turned over to Mertens when the marchers left Los Angeles in March.

During services in New York, Mertens, Kazue Shinohara, Walt Cobb and Bill Stevens presented the flame and spoke to the con-

gregation. As a native of the only country to experience a nuclear attack, Shinohara said, "We have to tell our experiences to the world."

The march officially ended in the nation's capital on Nov. 15.

—from a report by New York *Nichihei*

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Yoshiko Uchida: **Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family** 1985: 154pp. \$8.95 (soft). A personal account of the Berkeley family who live through the sad years of World War II internment in the Utah desert.

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C. Harvey Gardiner: **Pawns in a Triangle of Hate: The Peruvian Japanese and the United States**. 1981: 248pp. \$27.50. The full account of a little-known chapter of WW2 history—the forced removal of nearly 1,800 Japanese from Peru to the U.S. Some were exchanged for American prisoners of war in Japan; fewer than 100 returned to Peru. Gardiner (who testified on this phase before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians) relates the policies of the U.S. and Peruvian governments that resulted in U.S. internment.

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Senior Center Moves to New Site, Reaches Out to Nisei

by Soji Kashiwagi
 SAN FRANCISCO—On Nov. 25, a new era began for Kimochi Senior Center.

Kimochi's hot lunch nutrition program, for years operated out of the Konkō Church Hall and Hinode Towers, moved into the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNC), located at 1840 Sutter St. between Webster and Buchanan streets in Japantown.

Kimochi's plan is to form a complete senior center all in one building. Before now, the lunch site at Konkō Church was a steep block-and-a-half away from other programs at the Kimochi Home.

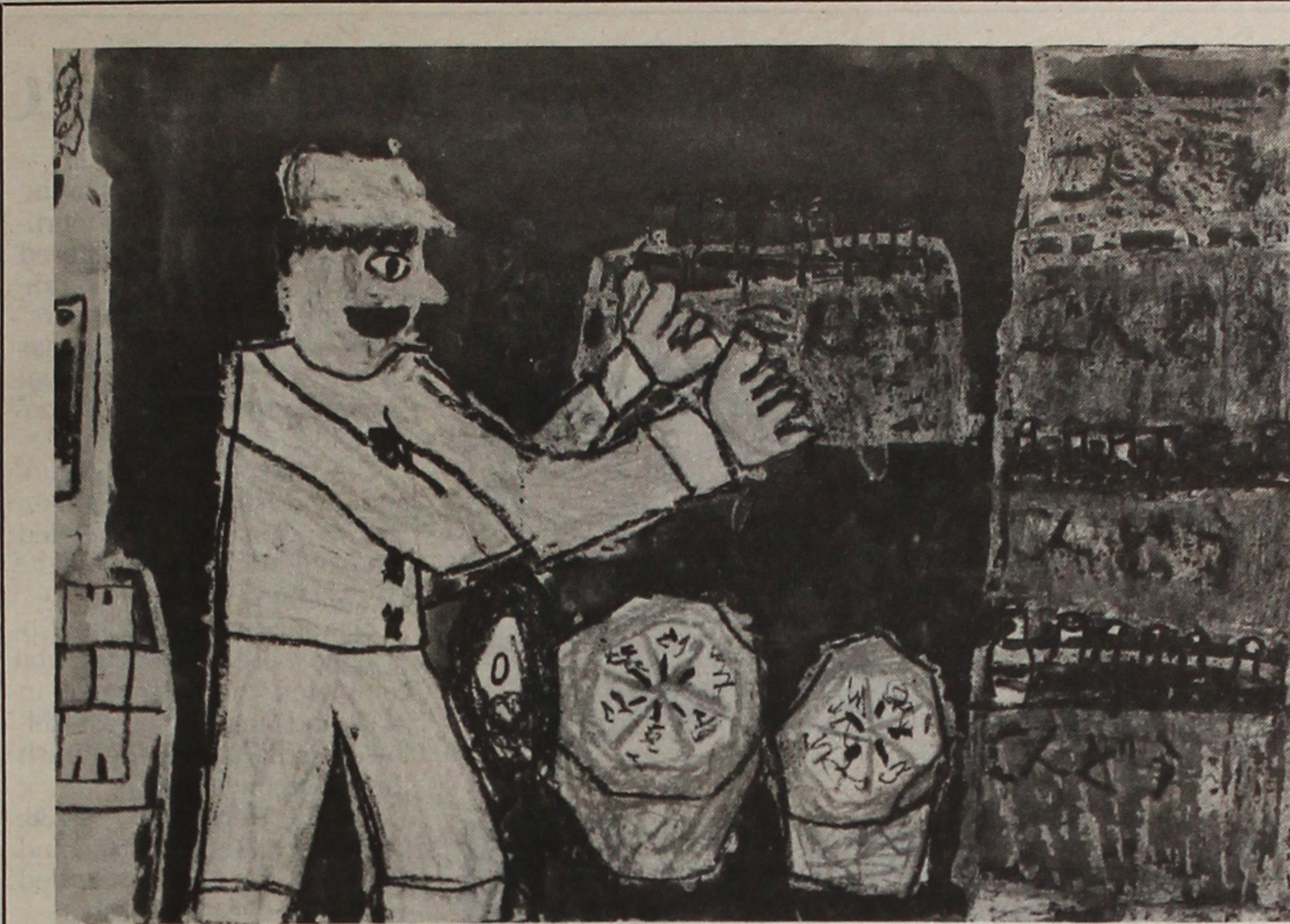
In the JCCNC, lunch will be served as always from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., but now seniors will be welcome to stay after lunch and participate in such programs as lectures on health, nutrition, and medical and financial needs, recreational activities, and on-site counseling.

Free Transportation

The transportation program will also operate out of the center and will begin a "Nihonmachi Run," a free service for seniors 55 and over. Participants will be picked up and dropped off at the Kimochi Home, Hinode Towers and Peace Plaza.

"This building will be the focal point for seniors in the community," said Kimochi finance director Richard Eijima, who wrote the project's 100-page proposal and was instrumental in acquiring the \$250,000 needed for completion.

Located on the first floor of the JCCNC, the new facility has a 160-person seating capacity, a spacious kitchen with brand new equipment, a walk-in refrigerator and freezer, and plenty of storage space. Another new feature is the addition of round tables to encourage socializing.



A VISITOR FROM JAPAN — "A Man Working" by seven-year-old Takuma Suzuki is just one of the drawings by children from Yokohama on display at the downtown Los Angeles Children's Museum, 310 N. Main St., through the end of March 1987. The exhibit was arranged by actor and patron of the arts George Takei, and by independent filmmaker Lucinda Travis, in cooperation with Kazuo Akitsu and Toshio Koizumi of the International Division of the Kanagawa prefectural government.

The move to the JCCNC coincides with Kimochi's push to attract more Nisei to its programs.

"This is their building," said Kimochi executive director Steve Nakajo. "The Nisei built it—their money is in it. I hope they would feel good about coming here."

Eijima encouraged Nisei to conceive and develop their own programs. "It's all programming," he said. "If they're enthusiastic about the programming, they'll make the effort to come."

Reluctance to Participate

But getting Nisei to participate has not been easy. Eijima cited several possible reasons for their lack of participation: "Cultural—*enryo*, *hazukashii*; they feel they don't need it; they don't feel old; they still feel it's the Isseis' program; pride—they think Kimochi is a charity program."

"This is not a charity program," emphasized Eijima. "This is their right. Kimochi programs are funded by their tax dollars."

Sandy Ouye Mori, Kimochi's program director, receives simi-

lar responses from the Nisei she talks to.

"A lot of Nisei tell me, 'I don't really need it and I don't want to take someone's meal away.' What I say to that is everyone in the Japanese American community is entitled to a nutritious meal. Kimochi's goal is to serve Japanese Americans," she said.

Kimochi needs the Nisei to at least give the program a try, she added, because in the next five to 10 years there will be very few Issei left to serve.

"We're here to provide support and encouragement to the Nisei," said Eijima. "We want to help them maintain their independent lifestyle, and to help them live out their lives with dignity."

Current programs geared toward Nisei include recreational classes, lectures, a weekly exercise class and a monthly shopping excursion. Eijima said fish-

ing and other sports-related trips are possible future activities.

Nisei can also be seen volunteering for such events as the annual "Sansei Live" fund-raiser and on a daily basis at the nutrition program.

The feelings of loneliness and isolation many retired people face are not as bad when there is something to look forward to, Nakajo said. "If you have something that you enjoy in your everyday life, it really helps."

For more information on the program, visit Kimochi's administrative office, located at Room 208 in the JCCNC, or call (415) 931-2294.

Subjects Needed

Study Looks at Camps' Effect on Sansei Lives

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Dr. Donna Nagata of Smith College is currently conducting a research project on the cross-generational effects of the WW2 evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans.

"While much has been written on the historical circumstances surrounding the internment," said Nagata, "there has been little systematic research on the long-range social and psychological consequences of the camps."

"Although a large number of Sansei did not actually experience the internment, it is still possible that they have been indirectly affected by the experience that their parents and grandparents went through. The Sansei Project hopes to study the impact of the internment upon the Sansei generation."

The project will assess: (1) how much knowledge Sansei have about the internment; (2) ways in which Sansei have come to learn about the camps; (3) the nature of communication between Sansei and their parents concerning the internment experience; and (4) how this knowledge affected the Sansei's own lives.

Nagata will mail a confidential survey to a large number of Sansei from a wide range of ages and geographical areas. Sansei whose parents were not interned are also sought for the project.

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Newspapers Comment on Redress Issue

Because of the Nov. 17 decision by the Supreme Court to hear the government's arguments against the class action suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress, newspapers are again commenting on the redress issue. Following are excerpts from three editorials.

Washington Post, Nov. 19: "Because of the form in which the high court will hear the case... the complainants are not pleased... Both sides appealed to the Supreme Court seeking a full victory, but the court agreed to hear only the government's appeal. It is reasonable to speculate, therefore, that the appeals court may be reversed on that part of its opinion upholding the *plaintiffs'* case.

"Would such a finding mean that the internees' moral claim had been rejected by the country? No. From the early postwar days, Americans have had second thoughts about what was done to Japanese Americans.

"In 1948, Congress authorized the payment of claims for property loss; only 10 percent of the internees filed, but \$37 million was paid out. In recent years, the states of California and Washington and the cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles compensated those who lost government jobs because of internment.

"President Ford revoked the executive order that established the program and specifically acknowledged the nation's grave error. In 1980, Congress established a commission whose report fully documented the wrong that had been done and proposed remedies. Compensation legislation has been introduced in Congress, and wartime convictions for evading internment have been vacated.

"The losses suffered by the Japanese Americans cannot be fully compensated, even by money damages. But they must know that their fellow citizens acknowledge and profoundly regret the injury done to them. This does not depend on the outcome of a single case, but is a continuing process and a real commitment."

Runners in JACL-Sponsored Event Try to 'Conquer' Bridge



Richard Chogyoji (left) oversees late registration before the race.



Dr. Bob Watanabe (left), current national master's 100 meter champion, relaxes with filmmakers John Esaki (center) and Bob Nakamura after the trio "conquered" the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — On the clear and sunny Sunday morning of Nov. 23, 2,613 registered runners plus a number of unregistered "bandit runners" tackled the Vincent Thomas Bridge in the first annual Marina/Gardena JACL "Conquer the Bridge" run.

The total of registered runners, consisting of 1,858 men and 755 women, far exceeded the goal of 2,000 set by the Bridge Run Committee.

Leading the men at the finish line were Steve Ortiz, who completed the 8K course in 24:08, and Matt Ebner, who followed Ortiz across the finish line 13 seconds later.

Angel Hernandez, 24:38; Chris Schallert, 24:50; and Eugene Cruz, 25:00, rounded out the top five men finishers.

Sylvia Mosqueda led the women with a time of 27:11. She was followed by Kirsten Ohara at 28:57.

Gretchen Lohr, 28:57; Michele Hopper, 29:13; and Beth Mileski, 29:37, rounded out the list of the top five women finishers.

Stage and screen star Kim Miyori presented the winners in the numerous categories with their plaques, while Los Angeles School Board candidate Warren Furutani served as master of ceremonies.

Honorary Race Marshal Miki Gorman, former marathon



Race marshal Miki Gorman and emcee Warren Furutani start off the 2,600 runners.

Photos by Robert Shimabukuro

world record holder, presented the first prize in the random drawing to Brian Blum, who won two round-trip tickets to Japan.

"Conquer the Bridge Run" chair Joyce Enomoto called the event a "learning process" and predicted an even larger turnout next year. A goal of 4,000 runners was set for the second annual run.

Enomoto said that the proceeds would probably be around \$7,000. Among the beneficiaries are the San Pedro Library, East West Players, and the Japanese American National Museum.

Fresno Bee, Nov. 20: "The damage suit deserves to be heard. While no sum of money can adequately compensate the victims... refusing even to allow those who suffered tangible losses to have their day in court would compound an injustice that should have been redressed years ago... [The court case] could lead to a just determination of the larger, unresolved issue of how best to compensate them.

"There's a move in Congress to resolve it by paying \$20,000 to each of the 120,000 internees... a controversial proposal that unwisely tries to redress both the moral and financial damage in a single stroke and that could generate more damage in backlash than it pays in compensation.

"Better to make the moral gesture in the form of an official apology and some suitable memorial to this dark chapter in American history, and to allow those with demonstrable tangible losses to have their long-overdue day in court."

Honolulu Advertiser, Nov. 21: "The decision... adds momentum to the movement to finally settle the question of reparations rather than let the issue disappear through the gradual deaths of those who were wronged..."

"If the Supreme Court allows camp survivors and their descendants to sue the government for their losses, it could open the way for suits totaling many billions of dollars.

"This prospect may give impetus to a bill in Congress for reparations of \$20,000 each to the approximately 65,000 surviving internees. That would bring the total cost in under \$1.5 billion, which might be paid over time into a trust fund or some sort of public institution or program.

"Passage of a reparations bill will be a difficult task, especially at a time of record high national deficits. And in a sense there is no proper price tag on undoing injustice.

"But in this country, civil and criminal wrongs are often repented (and repetition of those wrongs prevented) by monetary payments. A grave violation of the human rights of a large number of people solely because of their race deserves more than mere

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AAJA has also established a mentor program in which student journalists are matched with professional reporters and editors who are available to offer career and job search advice and to critique students' journalistic work.

In addition, AAJA, which has chapters in Southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, Seattle and Washington, D.C., is planning a national convention to be held Sept. 23-27, 1987, at the Los Angeles Hilton.

For information about these and other programs, contact AAJA at 3921 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 315, Los Angeles 90010; (213) 389-8383.

Konko Churches Mark 60th Year in North America

SAN JOSE — Konko Churches of North America celebrated its 60th anniversary Aug. 17 with a commemorative service held in conjunction with its annual conference at the LeBaron Hotel.

The service was officiated by the Rev. Michihiro Yuasa, chief administrative minister of Konko Churches of North America.

Guest included the Rev. Yoshitaka Okubo, chief administrative director of Konko-kyo; the Rev. Tetsuro Yasutake, chief administrative minister of Konko Missions in Hawaii; the Rev. Toyoo Saito, Konko Missions Headquarters; and representatives from the Konko Youth Goodwill Mission and Konko Gakuen junior and senior high schools.

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From Conference to Compendium

Japanese Americans: From Relocation to Redress, edited by Roger Daniels, Sandra C. Taylor and Harry H.L. Kitano; University of Utah Press, 1986; 320 pp; \$24.95, plus \$1 handling

Roger Daniels' concept for a conference in Salt Lake City on the wartime experiences of Japanese Americans bloomed into the International Conference on Relocation and Redress in March 1983.

Now comes this collaborative venture of conference proceedings and first-hand accounts of internment that look into less well-known aspects of relocation, its impact on the Intermountain West and a preliminary assessment of the redress movement.

Salt Lake City JACLers were involved with the planning of this conference, which included a journey to Topaz, the WRA camp in central Utah.

The editors point out that the 30-plus articles in the book are not identical to the speeches given. Many spoke extemporaneously, such as the late Minoru Yasui, Judges Raymond Uno and William Marutani, Ron Wakabayashi, James Tsujimura, Toaru Ishiyama, David Nakayama and Masayuki Sato. Their speeches, regrettably, are not published.



The book's cover illustration is this wartime photo by Dorothea Lange.

Those authors in the book who are well-known to Pacific Citizen readers include Barry Saiki ("The Uprooting of My Two Communities"); Bill Hosokawa ("The Uprooting of Seattle"); Toyo Suyemoto-Kawakami ("Camp Memories: Rough and Broken Shards"); Lane Ryo Hirabayashi ("Impact of Incarceration on the Education of Nisei Schoolchildren"); Tetsuden Kashima ("American Mistreatment of Internees During World War II: Enemy Alien Japanese"); Dennis M. Ogawa and Everts Fox Jr. ("Japanese Internment and Relocation: The Hawaii Experience"); and Gordon K. Hirabayashi ("The Japanese Canadians and WW2").

Other authors familiar to PC readers are C. Harvey Gardiner ("The Latin American Japanese and World War II"); Harry H.L. Kitano ("The Effects of the Evacuation on the Japanese Americans"); Amy Iwasaki Mass ("Psychological Effects of the Camps on Japanese Americans"); Gary Okihiro and David Drummond ("Concentration Camps and Japanese Economic Losses in California Agriculture, 1940-42"); John Tateishi ("The JACL and the Struggle for Redress"); William Hohri ("Redress as a Movement Toward Enfranchisement"); and Dale Minami ("Coram Nobis and Redress").

There is also a section of letters from redress opponents John J. McCloy and Karl R. Bendtsen to Jane B. Kaihatsu. Other topics are fairly new to the PC library, such as the article by John J. Culley on the Justice Department camp in New Mexico for Issei aliens. Additional insights include those of a Topaz school teacher and of a Heart Mountain community analyst who found his assignment there his most difficult in 50 years of work as an applied anthropologist.

— Harry Honda

Newscaster Tokuda Authors Book on Well-Known Whale

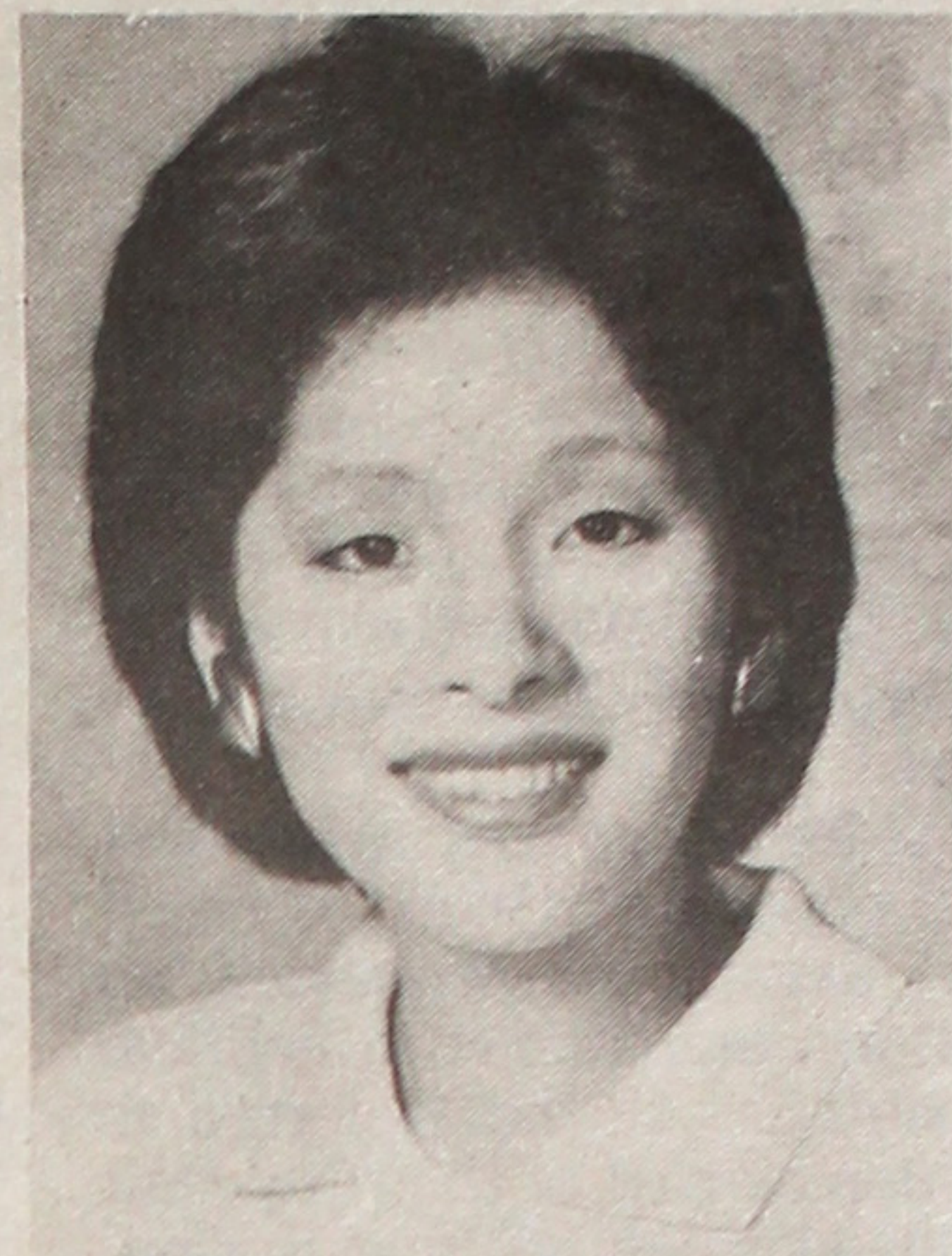
SAN FRANCISCO — KPIX-TV news anchor Wendy Tokuda and her husband, KTVU-TV news producer Richard Hall, have co-authored a children's book, *Humphrey the Lost Whale, A True Story*.

The book is based on the adventures of the humpback whale who wandered into San Francisco Bay and up the Sacramento River in October 1985 and eventually found his way back to the Pacific Ocean. Tokuda and Hall told the story to their daughters Mikka and Maggie as it was happening.

"Richard and I really enjoyed watching our daughters' delight with Humphrey's story," said Tokuda. "We decided it would be a fun family project to learn about humpback whales and write a book so other children could enjoy the story. We also felt it would be a good way to raise money for a worthwhile cause."

Tokuda and Hall will donate their proceeds from the book to the Family Service Agency of San Francisco, which assists parents with the physical, mental and emotional development of their children.

KPIX will match their donations in the name of its "For Kids' Sake" public service campaign, which consists of news, documentary and entertainment pro-



Wendy Tokuda

grams and community outreach projects dealing with issues of concern to youth and families.

"We're pleased to match their donation to an organization that actively contributes to the welfare of children," said KPIX General manager Carolyn Wean.

Published by Heian International of Union City, the 32-page book features watercolor illustrations by Hanako Wakiyama, a Tokyo-born artist who is studying graphic arts in the Bay Area. The retail price is \$9.95.

For information on book-signing events, contact Darcy Provo at (415) 765-8873.

N.Y. Group Gets Grant for Family Shelter

NEW YORK — Asian Americans for Equality has been awarded a \$1 million grant by the state Department of Social Services for AAFE's project, Equality House, a Chinatown shelter for displaced Asian families.

The grant money will be used to completely renovate and furnish an abandoned city-owned building at 176 Eldridge St.

Equality House, scheduled for opening in the winter of 1987, will provide housing for up to 82 people for stays of three to six months.

BLACK-ASIAN CONFLICT

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pected to be able to prove that Chan followed Carter into the parking lot, approached her with a loaded .38-caliber pistol and said, "You don't think I'll shoot, do you?" Fois said the confrontation had been preceded by Carter's return to the restaurant after an earlier argument with Chan and his wife.

'Blow the Joint Up'

Wendell Robinson, Chan's attorney, did not describe Chan's version of the events, but in earlier interviews Chan and another customer said he had shown Carter his gun after she had complained about Chan's food and threatened to return to the carry-out with her son to "blow the joint up."

Robinson said that Chan did not know he was violating the law when he brought his pistol with him to the restaurant because he had registered the gun in Maryland. Robinson said Chan, who has difficulty with English,

had contacted District police and thought they told him he could keep the gun.

In exchange for the guilty plea, prosecutors agreed to drop charges of carrying a pistol without a license and possession of unregistered ammunition. Chan, who is to be sentenced Jan. 6, faces up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

After the hearing, Chan said he hoped his guilty plea would lead to an end to the protests and allow him to reopen his business, but Wilson had said earlier that the protests would continue regardless of the outcome of the court case.

—from a report by the Washington Post

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adding that the main issue is how to "make local government work"

He also cited figures showing that Hispanics constitute the majority of residents in the district, but not the majority of registered voters. Hispanics make up about 40 percent of the voters, compared to 45 percent for Anglos and 15 percent for Asians.

"I've worked alongside Hispanics, whites, Asians, as well as Blacks," said Wong. "I can strongly represent all those who live here."

As for advantages he has over his opponents, Wong claimed that his campaign represents "an option other than two political machines." He has referred to Molina as part of the "City Hall political machine" and to Gonzales as part of the "East Side political machine" because of endorsements they have received from different political factions.

Born in District

In addition, Wong said he was born and raised in the district, whereas Molina and Gonzales had to move in order to become district residents.

Wong, who recently resigned as executive director of California Tomorrow, a non-profit public policy group, is seeking political office for the first time. He has worked for United Way, the city's Community Youth Gang Services Project, and Services for Asian American Youth.

The redistricting which brought about the special election has been the source of much controversy. The first plan, approved by the City Council in July, was opposed by Councilman Mike Woo because it placed him in the predominantly Hispanic district. An Asian could not be reelected in that district because members of one minority group tend not to support a member of another, he argued.

An alternate plan passed by the council created a Latino district without an incumbent by placing Woo and Councilman

John Ferraro in the same district and forcing them to run against each other in the next election.

Death Created Vacancy

After the sudden death of Councilman Howard Finn in August, however, the council adopted a new plan which gave Woo and Ferraro separate districts and moved the vacancy left by Finn to the Latino district. Finn's former constituents in the San Fernando Valley objected because their district was portioned out to two other councilmen.

The redistricting plans were also opposed by some members of the Chinese, Korean and Filipino American communities, who felt that their voting strength was being dispersed among the new districts.

TOYOTA PROTEST

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playing on racial animosity dating from WW2.

"It's a Philistine reaction that we've been doing everything we can to curb," lamented one labor federation official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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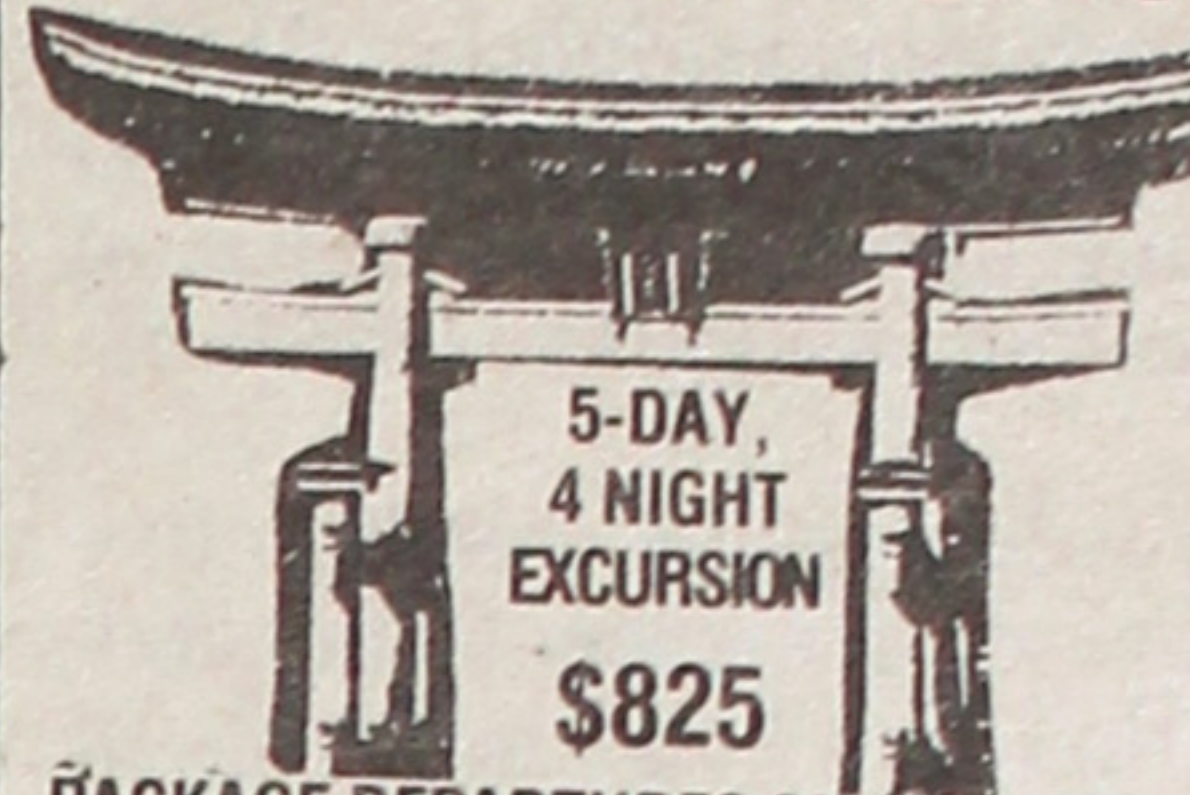
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