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Asian Admissions

### UC Berkeley Report Fails to Silence Critics

by J.K. Yamamoto

Do the University of California at Berkeley and other UC campuses discriminate against Asian Americans in their admissions policies? In a recent report (see box on page 3), UCB categorically answered "no," but Asian Americans involved in the issue are far from convinced.

UCB professor Ron Takaki gave the background of the community's concerns in an interview with PC: "According to projections made by the [UC] Chancellor's Office in 1979, by 1985 Asian American enrollments [at UCB] would reach about 34 percent of the entire student body. Asian American enrollments have not reached 34 percent. They've leveled off at 26 percent."

The percentage of Asian freshmen at UCB has varied little in recent years: 1,002 (26.8 percent) in 1982, 1,239 (27.3 percent) in 1983, 1,008 (24.1 percent) in 1984, 1,005 (26.9 percent) in 1985, and 875 (26.5 percent) in 1986.

Subjective Criteria

The Asian American Task Force on University Admissions, which issued a report in June 1985, is now "examining the possibility that the establishment of subjective criteria has led to this leveling," said Takaki.

Critics of the admissions sys-

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Photo by Sumi Kobayashi

HIS HONOR — Ex-Philadelphia County judge and current National JACL officer William Marutani (center) was honored Feb. 11 at the Civil Liberties Award Dinner held by American Civil Liberties Foundation of Pennsylvania. With him are (from left) Grace Alpern and Barry Steinhardt of ACLU and Dolores Howland and Mike Blum of Nationalities Service Center. Nearly 450 attended; ACLU director Ira Glasser was keynote speaker.

## Mitoma Victorious in Second Campaign for City Council

by J.K. Yamamoto

CARSON, Calif. — Less than a year after losing a City Council race, Michael Mitoma, 43, made a comeback by winning a special election on March 3.

Mitoma, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Pacific Business Bank, received 2,422 votes (36 percent). His nearest competitor, Aaron Carter, received 2,163 votes (32 percent). Despite the narrow win, no runoff was called.

Also in the running were Roye Love, Charles Peters, Al Castaneda, Harry Daigle, Carole Ellwood, and James Fritz.

The election was called to replace Councilman Walter "Jake" Egan, who was sentenced to one

year in prison for his involvement with W. Patrick Moriarty, a businessman convicted of political bribery. Mitoma will serve the remainder of Egan's term and must then run for reelection in April 1988.

'Dirty' Campaign

Mitoma was defeated in April 1986 in what he characterized as a "dirty" campaign. He was accused of being a "carpetbagger" who had moved to Carson for the sole purpose of running for political office.

In this year's election, Mitoma said, his opponents "did the same thing—in that regard there was no difference." But this time, he added, "the voters decided

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# Supreme Court Hearing for Class Action Suit Scheduled

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on the class action suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress on April 20 at 2 p.m.

In preparation for the hearing, U.S. Solicitor General Charles Fried filed a brief opposing the lawsuit in January; NCJAR filed its response on Feb. 15. One of the government's arguments against the suit is that "all relevant facts" in the case were available as early as 1950, and that the six-year statute of limitations has therefore long since expired. NCJAR argues that important information concealed by the government during the war has only recently come to light.

Supporting Briefs Filed

Amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs supporting NCJAR's position have been filed by JACL-LEC; State of California, represented by Attorney General John Van de Kamp; State of Hawaii, represented by Deputy Attorney General Corinne Watanabe; American Civil Liberties Union; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; American Jewish Congress; American Jewish Committee; American Friends Service Committee; Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church; Board for Homeland Ministries, United Church of Christ; and coram nobis plaintiffs Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and the estate of the late Minoru Yasui.

Korematsu and Hirabayashi are expected to attend the hearing, as are several of the former internees named as plaintiffs in the suit.

Those interested in attending may call NCJAR spokesman William Hohri at (312) 588-8483 or contact the Court offices directly for more information.

# Arguments Heard in Appeal of 1985 Hirabayashi Ruling

by Karen Kai

SEATTLE — Nearly 45 years after his arrest for violation of military curfew and exclusion orders imposed on Japanese Americans, Gordon Hirabayashi sat at the counsel table as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals listened to arguments on the merits of his case.

The March 2 hearing was the latest step in Hirabayashi's comm nobis petition challenging the validity of his landmark case, in which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the curfew.

**Curfew Conviction Stands** 

Following a two-week hearing in June 1985, U.S. District Court Judge Donald Voorhees granted Hirabayashi's petition charging that the government had suppressed and destroyed evidence and presented false evidence in order to uphold the legality of the internment program. Voorhees vacated the conviction for violation of exclusion orders, but declined to overturn the curfew conviction on the grounds that the restriction imposed was not a substantial one in comparison to the internment.

Hirabayashi appealed the affirmance of the curfew conviction and the government filed a crossappeal to challenge the portion of the decision overturning the violation of the exclusion order.

Rodney Kawakami, Hirabayashi's lead attorney, argued before the three-judge panel that
the curfew conviction should have
been vacated because it was part
of the government's overall program of restriction, exclusion
and internment. The misconduct
engaged in by the government
tainted the proceedings on both
the curfew and exclusion orders,
he said, making the relative magnitude of the deprivation of rights

an improper basis for the District Court's decision.

Characterizing the case as a "historical exercise," government attorney Victor Stone argued that the court should overturn the District Court's opinion and instead grant the government's motion for summary vacation of Hirabayashi's convictions.

While conceding that the internment was, in hindsight, a mistake, Stone also said that the curfew and exclusion were properly imposed under the government's war powers and insisted that there has been no showing of governmental misconduct in the case.

#### Disapproval From Audience

The judges questioned Stone on why the government failed to initiate reversal of the convictions in the 1970s, when Executive Order 9066 was repealed. Stone's response—"We didn't think the was anyone out there who car—drew an audible response on

—drew an audible response of disapproval from the audience which filled the courtroom.

Kawakami responded that the government's motion for summary vacation of the convictions was procedurally improper and was contrived to allow the government to evade the consequences of its misconduct.

Hirabayashi's attorneys indicated there is a likelihood that the *coram nobis* case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. "Since there are cross-appeals, there is a good chance that someone is going to lose and that they are going to appeal," said Kawa-kami

Hirabayashi and his supporters said they are optimistic about the outcome of the outcome of the hearing. A written opinion from the Court of Appeals is expected by this summer.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Three More Senators Co-sponsor Bill

WASHINGTON — The Senate redress bill has three new co-sponsors, LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara announced March 10. The addition of Sens. William Cohen (R-Maine), David Durenberger (R-Minn.), and Wyche Fowler (D-Ga.) brings the total to 47. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) plans to introduce the bill when there are 51.

#### Settlement Reached in Chin Lawsuit

DETROIT — Michael Nitz, one of two men originally charged in the 1982 beating death of Vincent Chin, has reached a settlement with Chin's estate, which had filed a \$30 million wrongful death lawsuit against Nitz and his stepfather, Ronald Ebens. Nitz will pay the estate \$65,600—\$50,000 in cash and \$30 a week for 10 years.

In 1983, Nitz and Ebens pleaded guilty to manslaughter and were sentenced to probation and fines. After protests from Asian American community groups, the two were tried on federal civil rights charges; Nitz was acquitted and Ebens was found guilty on one count and sentenced to 25 years in prison. An appeals court overturned the conviction last year, but the Justice Department decided to retry Ebens. Judge Marianne Battani postponed the civil action against Ebens until the federal trial, scheduled to begin Apr. 21, is completed.

### Mineta Urges Appointment of Asian

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) has asked President Reagan to appoint an American of Asian Pacific ancestry to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In a Feb. 27 letter to Reagan, Mineta wrote, "As the Civil Rights Commission's own work of the past year has shown, the problems of discrimination and violence against Americans of Asian and Pacific ancestry is growing. Appointment of an American of Asian or Pacific ancestry to the Commission would give it an invaluable resource as the Commission continues to grapple with this problem." The President and Congress each appoint four commissioners.

# Bay Area JA Running for School Board

OAKLAND, Calif. — Patricia Hirota, a management analyst for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, is running for the District 1 seat on the Oakland School Board.

A Berkeley-born Sansei, Hirota attended UC Berkeley, UCLA, and San Francisco State University. She has been an adult school teacher in Berkeley and Oakland, PTA vice president at Claremont Middle School, and a member of the Oakland Public Schools' Asian Pacific Task Force, which she helped initiate.

**Political Activities** 

She has also worked in a job training/employment program for immigrants; served on the state Democratic Central Committee and helped form the Asian Pacific Democratic Club; and been on the executive board of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 2019.

"My experience in education, politics, grassroots organizing, labor and administration uniquely qualify me to hold this posi-

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### Contra Costa JACL Forms 1000 Club

EL CERRITO, Calif. — The basic concept and parameters of the Contra Costa JACL 1000 Club were established at a recent steering committee meeting attended by Roy Hamaji, Masako Sato, Yoshiro Tokiwa and Tom Arima.

Composed of 1000 Club members and their spouses, the loosely organized group will function like a committee. The focus will be on promoting the importance and aspirations of JACL.

The promotion will center on the themes of collective strength; the need for a national Nikkei organization; and JACL's past accomplishments, present activities and future potential.

It was further agreed that the group will sponsor events, possibly on a quarterly basis, to increase awareness of and involvement in JACL and Nikkei concerns.

The group will hold a dinner meeting March 21, 5 p.m., at Maiko Restaurant in Berkeley. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi will be guest speaker.

Donna Nagata

### Professor Studying Effects of WW2 Internment on Sansei

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — During the past few weeks, Sansei across the country have received surveys asking for their impressions about the WW2 internment.

The surveys are part of a research project being conducted by Dr. Donna Nagata, an assistant professor of psychology at Smith College.

"The purpose of the study is to explore the variety of ways in which the internment has affected the Sansei," said Nagata, who is herself a Sansei.

#### **Indirect Effects**

Although most Sansei did not experience the internment, Nagata believes they may be experiencing indirect and long-term effects of the camps.

Included in the survey are questions about how families discussed the internment, how the Sansei learned about the camps, and how they feel the camps may have affected their lives. Surveys have been sent to Sansei of all ages, including both those whose parents were and were not interned.

Respondents were identified with the assistance of JACL Na-



Dr. Donna Nagata

tional Headquarters and chapter presidents; others were recommended by friends or relatives. Nagata urged those who have received surveys to complete and return them. "Without the input of the Sansei themselves, we cannot know how the camps have affected Japanese Americans over time and across generations," she said.

Nagata is also conducting interviews with a smaller number of Sansei to gather in-depth information on their perceptions of the camps.

The research is funded by a grant from the Picker Fellowship at Smith College. Anyone interested in participating can contact Nagata at Department of Psychology. Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063; (413) 584-2700, Ext. 3913.

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Franklin Odo

### Expert on Hawaii JA History to Speak in S.F. Japantown

SAN FRANCISCO — "Hawaii's Issei History" will be the topic of a March 22 lecture by Franklin Odo, director of the ethnic studies program at University of Hawaii at Manoa and co-author of A Pictorial History of the Japanese in Hawaii: 1885-1924.

The lecture/book-signing/lunch program, co-sponsored by National JACL, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL and the Japanese American Library, is intended to acquaint Mainland Nikkei with Hawaii's Nikkei history.

The 232-page book, co-authored by Odo and Kazuko Sinoto of the Bishop Museum's Hawai'i Immigrant Heritage Preservation Center, begins with the arrival in 1885 of Japanese laborers under contract to work on sugar plantations and ends with the ban on Japanese immigration in 1924. Included in the book are 352 photographs and illustrations and a reproduction of an actual labor

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The book-signing begins at 11:30 a.m.; the program begins at noon. The \$30 fee includes lunch and a copy of the book; for couples, the fee is \$40 for two lunches and a book Reservations must be made by March 16 by contacting Japanese American Library, P.O. Box 590598, San Francisco 94159; (415) 567-5006. The book can also be ordered by mail for \$22.

This program is being held in conjunction with a lecture series, sponsored by Center for Japanese American Studies, which will feature UCLA professor Harry Kitano on March 20, 8 p.m.; Phil Tajitsu Nash speaking on anti-Asian violence March 21, 8 p.m.; and Evelyn Nakano Glenn on 'Issei, Nisei, War Bride: Women in Domestic Service" on March 22. 1:30 p.m. These three lectures will take place at JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.



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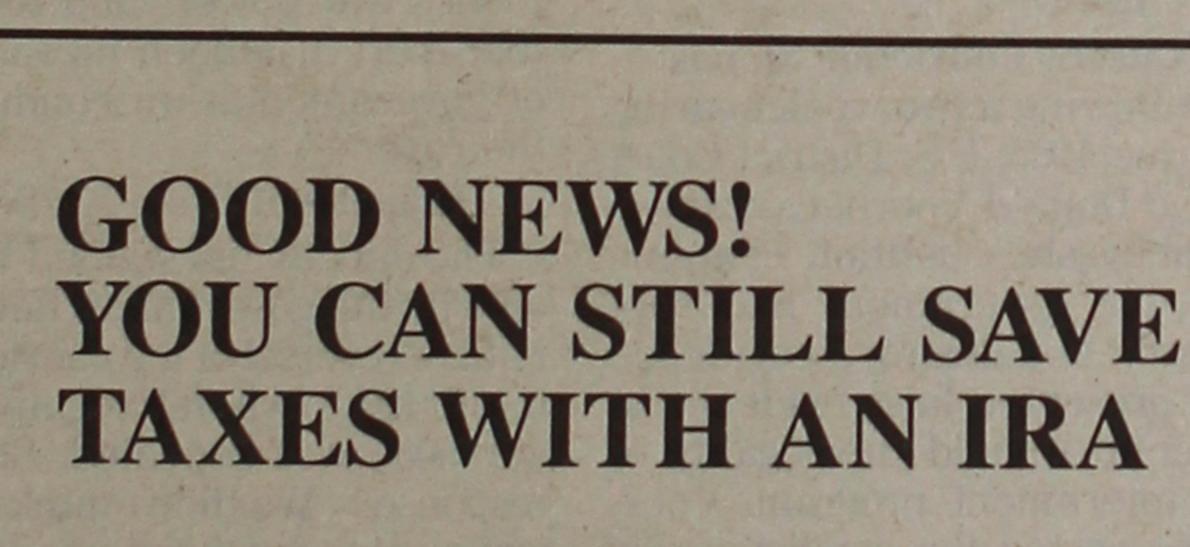
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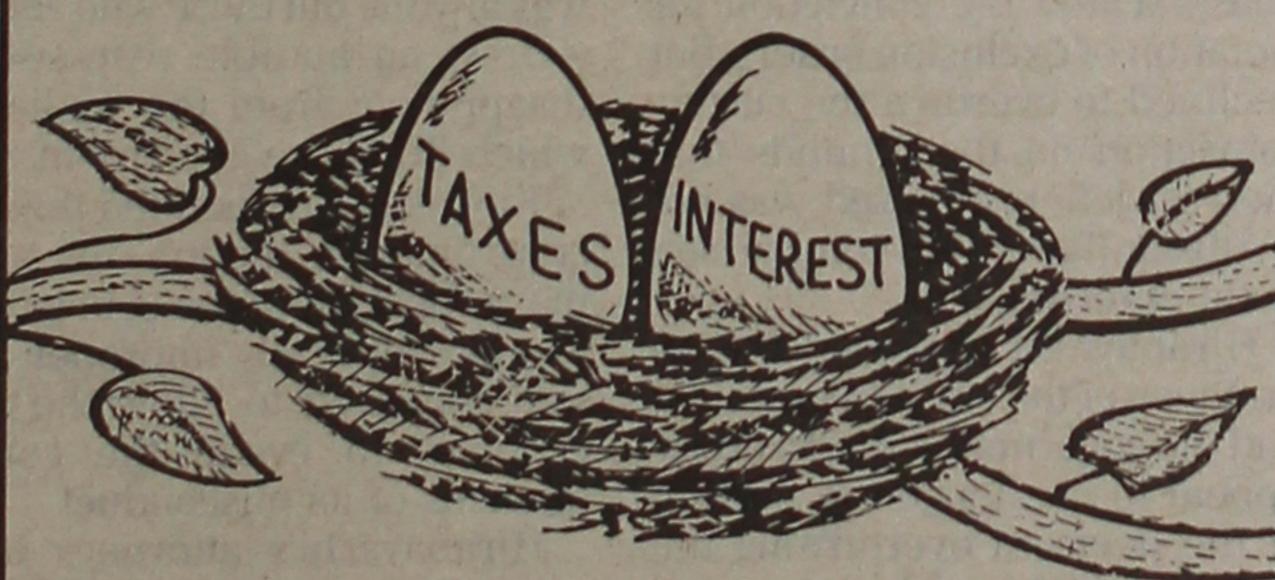
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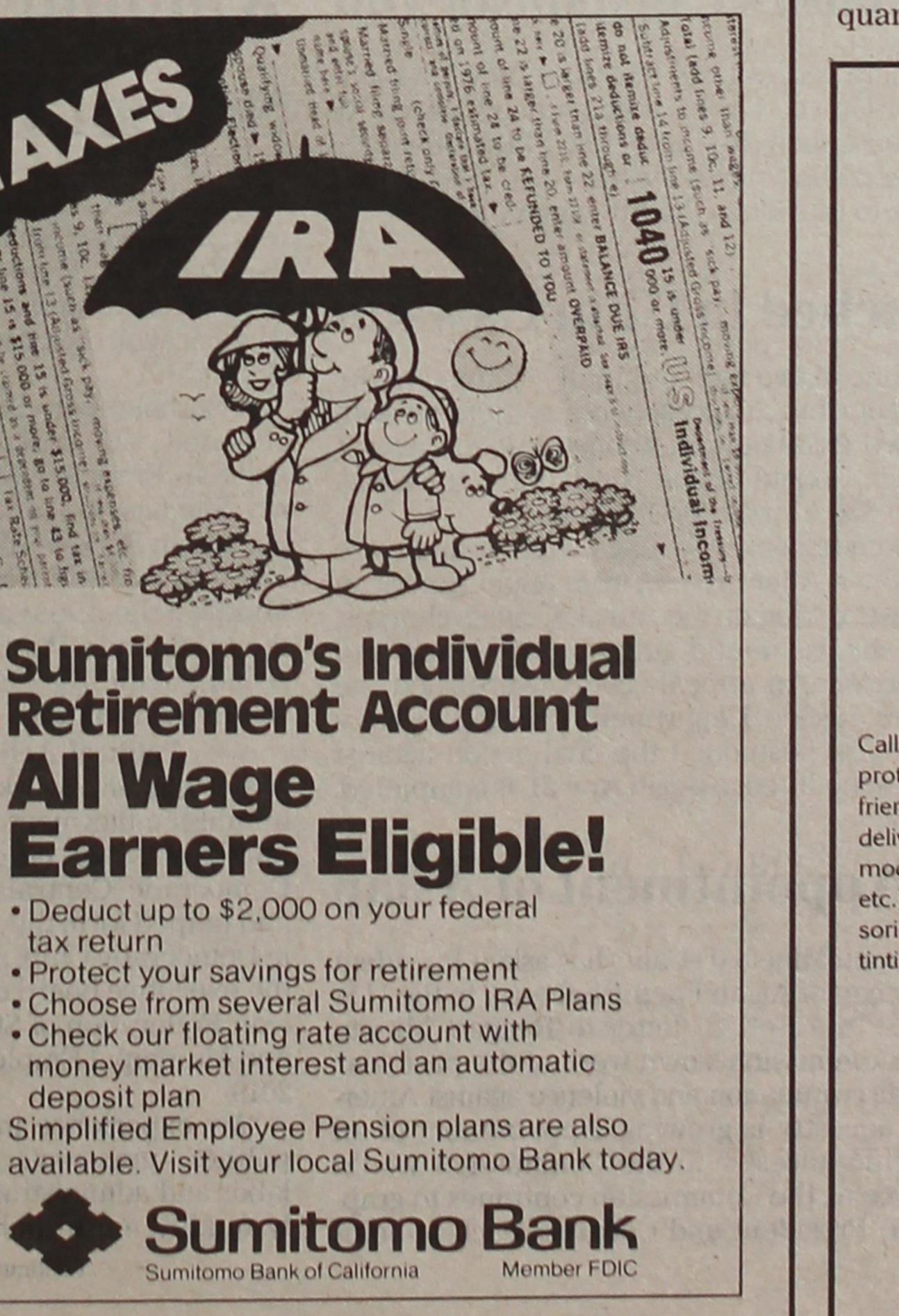
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### Report Finds No Bias

by William Kami

In order to investigate allegations of enrollment bias against Asian students at UC Berkeley, the Office of Undergraduate Affairs at the Berkeley campus researched and released a 14-page report evaluating its own admissions procedures on Jan. 23.

Specifically, UCB wanted to determine whether any part of the "supplemental criteria" used in the admissions process

carried an inherent bias against Asians.

UCB finds itself in the unique position of being the most soughtafter campus in a public university system that includes seven other undergraduate campuses. Unlike its highly selective private university counterparts, the UC system must accept the application of any California resident who has achieved the minimum grade point average (GPA), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and Achievement Test requirements.

In addition to those system-wide requirements, UCB utilizes a point system or "academic index" to determine who the best possible students are from the eligible applicant pool. The best does not necessarily mean those students with the top grades and test scores; supplemental criteria may also be taken into

consideration.

UCB calculates a student's academic index by multiplying the GPA by 1,000 and adding it to the verbal and mathematics SAT scores and the scores from three Achievement Tests. Theoretically, a student could garner a perfect 8,000 by achieving a 40 GPA and scoring 800 board scores on each portion of the SAT and each of the three Achievement Tests.

UCB divides its pool of applicants into two groups. Half of the students who are admitted come from the group with an academic index determined solely by highest grades and board scores. The other 50 percent are picked from the second group, whose academic index is determined by grades, scores, and supplemental criteria.

There is no controversy in choosing students by grade point average and test scores; it is the supplemental criteria that have Asian leaders up in arms. They feel that this facet of UCB's admissions policy discriminates against Asians.

UCB awards supplemental criteria points for the following:

(1) California residence (200 points)

(2) Educational Opportunity Program (200 points)

(3) Four years of mathematics or three years of laboratory science (100 points)

(4) Four years of one foreign language or two years of two languages (100 points)

(5) Exemption from Subject A (100 points)

(6) High school does not offer two honors courses in the junior year (100 points)

(7) Essay / honors / special circumstances / public service / activities (500 points)

Total: 1,300 points

However, using data compiled from the fall of 1986, the Berkeley report concludes that no bias against Asians has taken place through utilization of supplemental criteria. UCB accepted 37 percent of the whites and 37 percent of the Asians who were categorized in this group.

A random sampling of essays had also been examined by the Office of Undergraduate Affairs, with whites and Asians receiv-

ing the same median essay scores.

One major statistic missing from the report is the ethnic breakdown of students accepted to UCB who decided to attend another school. The report states that the number of students who are accepted and the number of students who enroll at Berkeley are substantially different. The report states that this is one of the areas of misunderstanding that has "fed people's concerns," yet these figures are never revealed.

Kami is editor of "Status Report," the monthly publication of the Berkeley-based Association for California Education.

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tem suspect that because UC cannot bar Asians on the basis of academic achievement, it has imposed additional, more subjective criteria—such as essaywriting and extracurricular activities—that could "restrain the number of Asian Americans who would be entering the university," according to Takaki.

'Rules of the Game'

Another complaint is that subjective criteria were introduced without warning. 'These criteria were just announced in November,' said Don Nakanishi, a UCLA professor who has been monitoring the situation at UCB and has been involved in a similar controversy at his own school. 'They've clearly changed the whole rules of the game... at the last minute."

Nakanishi predicted the new criteria would have an impact on "Asians who have heard that all you had to do was 'book it' [to get

into a UC school]."

"When you're going to change the rules of the game," said Takaki, "then you should give parents and students enough lead time to understand the rules... and when possible, to make adjustments." He felt that two to four years would be more reasonable.

Takaki cited Scholastic Aptitude Test scores as a possible problem area. "If you score above a certain number on the verbal SAT, an additional 200 points is given to you.... That one subjective criterion, I think, does discriminate against immigrant Asians," he said.

"I'm not sure whether Asian Americans participate in extracurricular activities to the same extent as white students," he added.

In its Jan. 23 report, UCB's Office of Undergraduate Affairs declared that "Cal does not, cannot, and does not wish to set quotas."

The numbers and percentages presented by the task force are misleading, the report said. For example, it stated, "there has been a decrease in the absolute size of our freshman class for the last three years, which means that the total number of students, including both Asians and Whites, has decreased."

The report went on to say that the admissions rate was the same —37 percent—for whites and Asians who applied to the College of Letters and Science last year and were judged by subjective criteria.

#### Task Force Responds

The task force co-chairs, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ken Kawaichi and San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing, responded to the report in a March 6 letter to Bud Travers, UCB assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate affairs.

"We find the released data to be highly selective and incomplete," the letter read, "rendering it virtually impossible to draw any sound conclusions....

'For example, while the data shows the decline of entering white freshmen and the increase of Asian freshmen between 1978

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and 1986, it also reveals, when the missing 1983 and 1984 data are included, a substantial drop of all Asian subgroups since 1983.

'The level of Chinese American and Japanese American freshmen in 1986 is below that of 1975, in spite of an accelerated in-Continued on page 4



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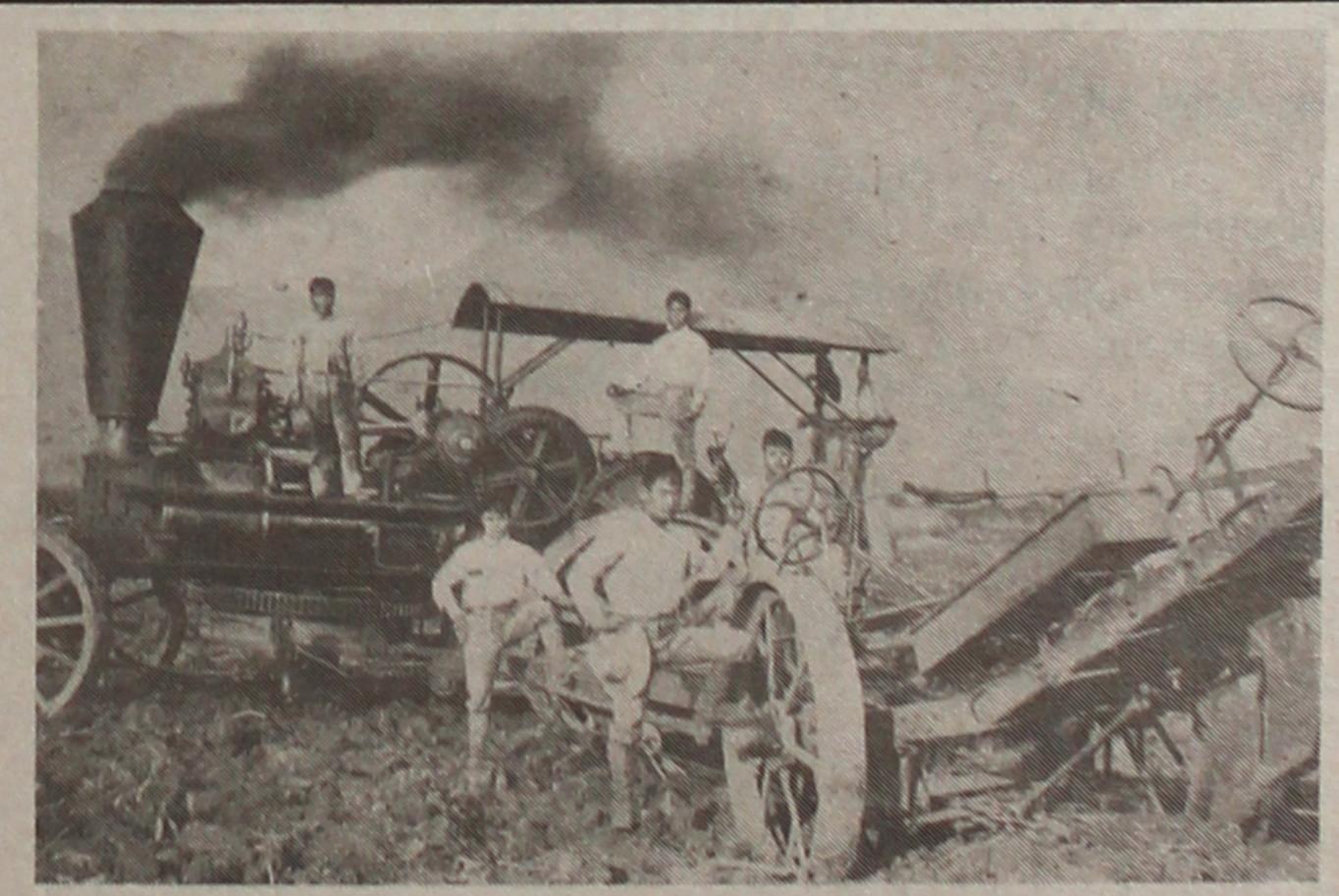
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## Are Changes in JACL's Personnel Manual Needed?

#### BY THE BOARD

Yosh Nakashima V.P. of Operations

This is an addendum to "Changes in JACL Personnel Manual Proposed" (March 6 PC).

It never ceases to amaze me when an article is written without being sure that all the information is factual, based on first-hand information or research and inquiry. Anyone can give an opinion without being totally informed, but should be more careful when writing about a specific program or issue.

Let me state again for the record that I did not appoint the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Personnel Manual and Other Personnel Matters. Regardless of statements made by certain individuals, our national legal counsel, in a recent memo, stated that only the national president has the authority to make appointments to national committees.

I don't know who appointed the present committee members, but if I had been given the authority, the members would have been other than those presently in place. Isn't it strange that a committee supposedly appointed by us would produce a new personnel manual without our knowledge? The only thing the committee was charged to do was to update it for conformance to recent changes in federal and state laws and any local ordinances.

Getting chapter leaders and general members involved with this document shirks our responsibility to do the job through duly elected and appointed officers and committee persons. We were elected to do a certain job and we should do it without burdening the general membership. This is not to say that anyone interested and knowledgeable of personnel matters should not be consulted or offer their services.

As presently written, the proposed manual will require the vote of the National Council in

that bylaw changes would be necessary. Therefore, the present proposal cannot be enacted by the National Board without significant revision.

The proposed manual is basically a pro-employer, anti-employee document. It lacks balance and human understanding that real people's lives are involved. If the present manual is so defective, why have we not had a significant problem directly related to it?

The present manual has a long and meaningful history, having been worked on and updated by many dedicated JACL leaders and expert consultants. Do we suddenly imply that they didn't know what they were doing?

The last updating was done in late 1984 and published early in 1985. The National Board ratified it with little discussion or input. Although national director Ron Wakabayashi assisted us with that last updating, many of the changes were the result of having three expert consultants available to our office.

The current manual is in need of updating, but not wholesale changes as proposed. We should not act in haste and create an instrument that will reduce morale and incentive for our staff.

The vacation analysis is not correct. There is no vagueness if one uses an annual accounting basis. There is no way that the present manual would lead to either 936 days or 7 years of accrued vacation. That is a misinterpretation of the manual.

I don't recall that the National Board had any discussion relative to current and future salaries for our staffpersons. Any discussion of salary adjustments by the National Board is premature. That is our national director's role and the National Board can either ratify his recommendations or reject them. Any other procedure at this time requires a bylaws change.

I hope that future articles about JACL matters will be based on total inquiry and research of the facts. Any current perceived jeopardy on personnel matters is based on misinformation, misinterpretation and an absence of complete information, as we see it.



### Seeking Senatorial Support

by Grayce Uyehara Executive Director, LEC

The amazing support for Sen. Spark Matsunaga's redress bill continues; 47 co-sponsors are now on board. The bill will be introduced as soon as the count reaches 51, and we should see this taking place in another week.

After a review session with Elma Henderson of Matsunaga's office, Action Alert #2 went out from the JACL-LEC Washington office on March 6 with a target list for the Senate.

The primary list is made up of members of the Governmental Affairs Committee who need to be contacted and may be co-sponsors if they hear from constituents: John Glenn (D-Ohio), David Pryor (D-Ark.), Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.), Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), George Mitchell (D-Maine), Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), John Heinz (R-Pa.), Paul Trible (R-Va.).

The Task Force on Redress, under the umbrella of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, is working with LEC by making direct contacts with senators they took on as assignments.

On the secondary list are senators who are not on the committee but who appear "doable": Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), William Armstrong (R-Colo.), Bob Graham (D-Fla.), James McClure (R-Idaho), John Danforth and Chris Bond (both R-Mo.), Terry Sanford (D-N.C.), Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.).

Matsunaga, in a recent letter to JACL president Harry Kajihara, LEC chair Jerry Enomoto and the LEC Board, wrote, "Within the next several days, I expect to sign up the additional co-sponsors and introduce the bill with a majority of the Senate in support of it. It will be hardest to convince the last nine co-sponsors. I hope that you will redouble your efforts...

"You may recall that we started out in 1983 with five committed co-sponsors and had only 29 when the 99th Congress adjourned in October 1986. To have 51 co-sponsors on a substantive bill like ours is practically unprecedented and it will virtually guarantee action on the measure by the 100th Congress. I am determined that as we observe the bicentennial of the United States Constitution this year, we will finally remove forever the most singular blot on that great document."

Action on House Bill
Because the House has 435
members, H.R. 442 has some ways
to go before the bill has over half
of the members as co-sponsors.
Action Alert #2 lists as primary
targets the members of the House
Judiciary Committee who are
not co-sponsors: Jack Brooks and
John Bryant (both D-Texas), Romano Mazzoli (D-Ky.), Mike Synar
(D-Okla.), Dan Glickman (D-Kan.),

Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Carlos Moorhead, Dan Lungren and William Dannemeyer (all R-Calif.), Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), Bill McCollum and Clay Shaw (both R-Fla.), Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.), Howard Coble (R-N.C.), D. French Slaughter (R-Va.), and Lamar Smith (R-Texas).

Grassroots lobbyists are asked to write letters or visit district offices within this month. Votes on the subcommittee should be lined up beforehand so that H.R. 442 will not stall after the hearing.

We are on the fast track, since Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has stated that he wants an early hearing and mark-up of the bill so that it can proceed to the full House in late summer. But even though movement on redress legislation is evident, we have some distance to travel in a short time; clearly, the hardest part is ahead of us.

We have a chance if all of us who believe in redress act in response to the Action Alert. If your own member of Congress is already on board, you should not sit back. We ask that you go to your out-of-state contacts or write to the leadership of organizations that have supported redress and ask them who should be contacted in other states. That one letter or telephone call may make the difference.

#### Unsung Lobbyists

In my report on the recent addition of Sen. Pete Wilson as a redress co-sponsor, I inadvertently did not cover the work of the Central California District redress team under the leadership of Fred Hirasuna of Fresno. Hirasuna's preparatory work included writing Wilson a letter fully covering the reasons for supporting redress legislation prior to the Nisei Farmers League dinner. This helped to put the redress issue into Wilson's speech.

Hirasuna also made sure there was a delegation of redress supporters at the dinner so that when the opportunity came to talk with Wilson, both Hirasuna and Peggy Liggett requested the

senator's co-sponsorship. They were later told by Otto Bos, Wilson's communications director, that Wilson would probably become a co-sponsor.

Hirasuna is so committed to doing his share of lobbying in his district that he wrote his summary report that night, before leaving in the morning on a family trip. I apologize for the incomplete reporting of the event.

At the same time, we recognize that many others from the three districts that make up California have written Wilson during the past years to request his support. Without all those letters, his consciousness would not have been raised. He now knows there is a large Asian American population which believes that unless there is accounting for the gross injustice, others can lose their personal freedom at some later time.

Bob Machida, a New York State Senate candidate in Long Island last year, was successful in getting the support of Rep. George Hochbrueckner (D-N.Y.).

Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle contacted the district office of Rep. John Miller (R-Wash.), a previous co-sponsor, when she saw that he was not a co-sponsor this time. She was told there had been a slip-up; the staff thought Miller had already signed on.

The grassroots lobbyists who have been most helpful to the work of the Washington office are those who have taken the time to send us copies of replies they received from the legislators. These letters give us, as your lobbyist in Washington, an opening for congressional contacts. Without our ability to represent you, there would be less interest in hearing from JACL-LEC.

Susan Kamei, a member of Selanoco Chapter who is working to get Rep. Carlos Moorhead of Pasadena, can be identified as the individual who has written the most letters. Also, her responses to the Action Alerts are immediate. Our imaginary spring bonnet is off to this hard-working grassroots lobbyist.

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#### UC BERKELEY ADMISSIONS -

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crease in the number of qualified applicants over the last decade."

#### 'Exceedingly Perplexing'

The task force also maintained that "annual changes in both admissions criteria and screening procedures" are "exceedingly perplexing for aspiring Asian American high school students who must prepare themselves to meet the changing requirements."

The report was compiled "without the input of the Asian American faculty" and the university has "made no effort to include Asian American faculty on the Admissions and Enrollment Committee," the task force charged.

The letter concluded that UCB "is not interested in dealing with the substantive issues raised by the task force... and in undertaking a meaningful dialogue with members of the Asian American community" and urged an "independent, comprehensive study on the issue."

#### 'Not One Single Asian'

Ling-Chi Wang, a UCB professor and task force member, noted

Asian" in any of the top administrative positions on campus. Taken together with the absence of Asians on the admissions committee and the lack of Asian input into the report, this state of affairs is "a clear reflection of the university's attitude toward Asians," he commented.

Also on the task force are UCB professors Amado Cabezas, Paul Takagi, Chuong Chung and Elaine Kim; Karen Kai, Asian American Bar Association; Richard Cerbatos, San Francisco Board of Education; Henry Der, Chinese for Affirmative Action; Bong-Hwan Kim, Korean Community Center of the East Bay; Harold Yee, Asian Inc.; Dale Minami, attorney; Allan Seid, Asian Pacific American Coalition; and Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director.

Task force members plan to meet this month with UC president David Gardner to discuss published reports that he thinks Asians are overrepresented in the UC system.

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### Getting Nikkei Singles Together — Nationally

by Meriko Mori Chair, National JACL Singles' Concerns Committee

The National Singles' Concerns Committee was established by a resolution unanimously adopted by the National Council at the 28th biennial National JACL Convention held in Hawaii in August 1984. This biennium, the Greater L.A. Singles Chapter president has been appointed by national president Harry Kajihara and approved by the National Board to assume the responsibilities of committee chair.

Recently, v.p. of planning and development Bill Marutani, in

his "East Wind" column, stated, "I'd like to learn more about the committee and its concerns, programs and goals" and encouraged readers to contact the chair for information. To date, communications have been received from Camarillo, Chicago, Sacramento, and Santa Clara.

There are existing singles organizations such as San Jose Nikkei Singles, San Francisco Nikkei Widowed, San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles, Sacramento Nikkei Singles, a Fresno group, a Stockton group, and Tomo-no-Kai in Seattle. In compiling a list of singles groups in Southern California alone, I have found at least nine groups besides GLA Singles JACL: Japanese American Singles Club, Nisei Singles, L.A. Nikkei Widowed Group, Orange County Sansei Singles, Megamillions, San Diego Singles, San Gabriel Valley Singles, Ventura County Singles, and We Are One.

Having heard from a recently organized JACL singles group in Chicago called New Horizons and a Sansei singles group in Sacramento, and with the encouragement of existing JACL chapters, I think there is a real possibility of a national singles network.

The third National JACL Sin-

gles Convention, set for this coming Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4 6) in the cosmopolitan city of San Francisco, will certainly be a great meeting place for all the organizations. The San Francisco/ Bay Area Nikkei Singles and GLA Singles JACL will co-sponsor the three-day event with the theme of "Getting It Together." Cathedral Hill Hotel on Van Ness and Geary, centrally located to many interesting places in San Francisco, will be the convention site.

The San Francisco organization has been meeting regularly and will present golf and bowling

tournaments and evening mixer on Friday, workshops, speakers and banquet/dance on Saturday, and breakfast buffet on Sunday. This will be an opportunity to exchange experiences and feelings, make new friends, and renew old friendships. All in all, it will be a time to get together and "get it together" for a richer single life.

San Francisco extends its warm hospitality to you! Plan to attend. Early bird registration by March 31 will cost \$85. Write to Lillian Kiyota, 758 8th Ave., San Francisco 94118 for registration materials. Further details will be announced in the PC.

### Attn: Frying Pan Fans

by J.K. Yamamoto

Before you rip this paper into shreds and toss it into the wastebasket, please read on: Bill Hosokawa has agreed to resume his "From the Frying Pan" column.

He was persuaded by the volume of mail he received from anguished fans. I learned of his decision on March 9, after he and PC Board chair Peggy Liggett had discussed the matter.

A number of letters were received here at PC as well; three were published last week. Since the problem has been resolved, letters that have come in since the last issue will not be printed (with apologies to those who took the time to write).

Among those we heard from

are Karl Nobuyuki of Gardena, Calif.; Janet Kei Adachi of Sudbury, Mass.; Maria Uyeda of Westminster, Calif.; David Moore of Phoenix; Katsuko Shimamoto of Whittier, Calif.; Roy Yoshinaga of Ogden, Utah; Merry Masunaga of Tustin, Calif.; Atsuko and Paul Kusuda of Madison, Wis.; and "Disappointed Reader" in New York City. Only one anonymous reader in Sacramento was happy that the column was gone.

If someone you know has canceled his/her subscription because of the departure of "Frying Pan," please spread the news. Even as I write this, three or four Hosokawa columns are on their way to Los Angeles.

### Letters to the Editor

Jpn.: Gd. Abbrytn.?

Although there was a congressional resolution making "Jpn." the official abbreviation for "Japan" and "Japanese" (Feb. 20 PC), I have my doubts about "Jpn." being an appropriate abbreviation. Even JACL chapters may have reservations about promoting it if they have the same doubts as I do.

I realize I'm speaking after the fact, but I think we're back to square one in trying to find an acceptable abbreviation.

myself used to use "Jpnse." as my own abbreviation, but I got lazy and started to use "Jpse." instead. Previously I thought that it was important to include the salient letter "n" in any abbreviation of "Japanese," but now I don't think it's absolutely necessary. People will recognize the word being abbreviated once the abbreviation is used often enough.

The Rafu Shimpo uses "Jpnz." as its abbreviation; while I don't object too strongly to its choice, I don't think we should use a letter "z" that doesn't appear in the word, although the last syllable does have a "z" sound.

I have no quarrel with "Jpn." I'm happy to see it after years of finding "Jap." in textbooks, dictionaries and encyclopedias. But I think that "Jpse," "Jpnse," "Jpnz" or some other abbreviation is needed.

> ED SUGURO Seattle

#### **Another Internment?**

A chance office discussion about recent terrorist activities, the arrest of seven Palestinians and the possibility of the incarceration of the Arab community prompted a matter-of-fact comment: "Why not? How're you going to know which ones are the terrorist?"

The chilling and frightening response of this "educated" individual gave rise to my reliving the nearly 3½ years spent in Poston Relocation Center, in which three of my children were born.

I cannot but feel deeply that JACL must consider this issue top priority and use every means at its disposal to alert, without pause, the nation and its representatives that racism's roots run deep and must be eliminated.

JACL has an obligation to utilize its spokespersons as well as the power of the pen to fight a repetition of the blatant disregard of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, particularly in light of the Japanese American experience.

Racism is like devil's grass. It requires constant digging out to assure riddance, as it is most likely to reemerge repeatedly and take over.

MERRY MASUNAGA Tustin, Calif.

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### Turn-of-Century New York Issei to Be Subject of Talk

LOS ANGELES — "Issei Manhattan: The Early Japanese Immigrant Experience in New York, 1890-1918" is the topic of a free public lecture by Dr. Mitziko Sawada to be held March 15, 2-5 p.m., at the Japanese American National Museum, 941 E. 3rd St., second floor.

New York has been the home of the largest Japanese American population on the East Coast since the 1890s. Early Issei leaders there played a significant role in establishing direct trade between the U.S. and Japan and created a viable ethnic community in the unique context of multi-immigrant New York City.

Until recently, the experiences and contributions of New York's Japanese Americans, especially the pioneer generation, have been largely neglected, as most scholarly attention has been focused on Hawaii and the West Coast.

Sawada, a longtime New York resident, has explored the development of Manhattan's early Issei settlement through extensive research in both Japan and the U.S. for nearly a decade. In her talk, she will draw on documents from the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Japanese works written during the Meiji and Taisho periods, and numerous oral history interviews.

The Berkeley-born Sawada is the first consecutive recipient of the UCLA Japanese American Alumni Postdoctoral Fellowship. Last year, she spoke on the postwar Japanese American community in Seabrook, N.J.

Sawada received her B.A. from Reed College and her Ph.D. from New York University. She has received the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship and the Helbein

Scholars Award from NYU. She is also a former consultant to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Her dissertation, "Dreams of Change: Japanese Immigrants to New York City, 1891-1924," will be published soon. An article on the Japanese Americans of Seabrook will appear in Amerasia Journal.

The talk is sponsored by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Historical Society, and Friends of Little Tokyo Library. Info: Asian American Studies Center, (213) 825-2974.

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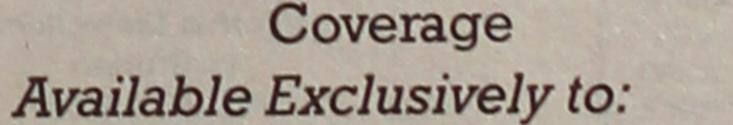
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#### LOS ANGELES

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The Asian American Drug Abuse Program Inc., 5318 S. Crenshaw Blvd., will have an open house in celebration of its 15 years of providing drug abuse treatment. Info: (213) 293-6284.

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#### SAN JOSE

March 21

Rep. Norman Mineta will be guest speaker at the semiannual dinner meeting of the Military Intelligence Service, Northern California, at the Red Lion Inn, 2050 Gateway Place. Registration and a short business meeting will take place at 5 p.m., followed by a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For further information call (408) 241-3647.

#### WEST COVINA

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#### MIS President

LOS ANGELES — Jim Matsumura, an instructor at Camp Savage, Minn., during WW2, has succeeded Harry Akune as president of the Military Intelligence Service Association of Southern California.

Photographs from the "Yankee Samurai" exhibit and a film on four minority leaders, including Judge John Aiso, were shown during the annual club meeting, held Feb. 22 at Taix. George Kanegai chaired the dinner.



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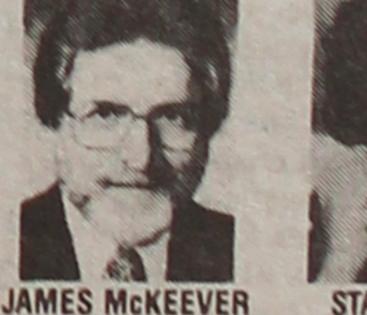
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### Chapter Pulse

#### ARIZONA

 Annual Las Vegas Night will take place March 28 beginning at 6 p.m. at the JACL Hall, 5414 W. Glenn Drive., Glendale. Evening will begin with a steak dinner. Dinner tickets are \$15 per couple for members and \$20 per couple for non-members.

#### CONTRA COSTA

- Chapter's Caring and Aging Retirement Program meeting will take place March 27 at 8 p.m. at East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Guest speaker will be Ruby Okazaki, who will discuss holistic health care and well being for the Nisei and Sansei. Info: Flora Ninomiya, (415) 234-9061.
- Chapter's annual Senior Appreciation Dinner will take place March 28, 5 p.m., at Maple Hall, San Pablo City. Co-chairpersons for the event are the Rev. Frank M. Omi and Linda Matsui.

#### CARSON

• Chapter will sponsor a trip to Laughlin, Nev., March 20-22. Bus transportation will be provided. Info: Mabel Saito, (213) 436-9841; Fumi Takahashi, (213) 549-0169; or Miriam Nishida, (213) 835-9833.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

 Night at the Races fund-raiser will take place March 28 at Bay Meadows Race Track in San Mateo. Cost is \$20 per person and includes admission and buffet dinner in the Turf Club. Gates open at 6 p.m. and post time for the first race is 7:30 p.m. Info: Naomi Yamaguchi, (415) 221-5180 (evenings) or (415) 445-3812 (days).

#### PHILADELPHIA

 Note: Chapter installation dinner at Valley Forge Hilton, 251 W. Dekalb Pike, has been postponed from March 21 to March 28. Keynote speaker will be Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo, who will speak on "Asian Americans in Politics." Chapter's 1987 graduates will be honored. Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Tickets: \$20 and \$15. Info: (215) 696-6219 or 844-7317.

#### RENO

 Scholarship teriyaki dinner/sushi sale will take place March 15 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 9th and Sutro streets. Info: Linda Okada, (702) 825-0961.

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### PSWDC Discusses New Personnel Manual

by Harry Honda

LOS ANGELES — JACL's personnel manual needs to be fixed up, Peggy Liggett, one of three members of an ad hoc committee appointed to update the manual, told Pacific Southwest District Council delegates during their first quarterly meeting Feb. 22 at Little Tokyo Towers.

Referring to a 15-page draft dated Feb. 12 and distributed to the National JACL Board and staff that weekend, she said that wider input from personnel, employment or labor experts within the chapters is being sought by mid-April.

A PSW ad hoc personnel manual group is scheduled to meet Apr. 25, 10 a.m., at the JACL regional office in the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to prepare a position paper. Chapters were also handed a copy of the current manual for comparison.

PSW legal counsel Ron Ohata commented that the current manual needs improvement with respect to compliance with federal and state law. As for the reduced benefits in the draft, those are discretionary.

Former national president Dr. Roy Nishikawa called for a staff position paper on the draft. National president Harry Kajihara reported that staff had been asked for comments at the board meeting.

Gene Takamine, who serves with Liggett and Northern Cali-

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fornia-Western Nevada-Pacific District governor Mollie Fujioka on the team updating the manual, revealed that the matter of employment practices came under review at a board meeting. So that the board does not appear to be delegating its responsibility, and to be in compliance with the law, the task was undertaken to update the manual last October. The board must also lay out the direction to staff, he stated.

Asked whether other non-profit and tax-exempt organizations were contacted for advice, Liggett mentioned that the Urban League did not share its manual, saying it too was being updated.

PSW chapters not represented at the meeting will be sent copies of the current manual, the draft, and the Apr. 25 meeting notice.

Liggett, in town on PC business (she is also PC Board chair), paced back and forth like the trial lawyer that she is while highlighting the various points in the draft. Her presentation, almost uninterrupted, lasted an hour.

It is important for members to give input through the chapters, she stressed, inasmuch as 53 percent of the membership dollar covers personnel expenses. The members ought to be concerned about how work is being done and under what conditions, she

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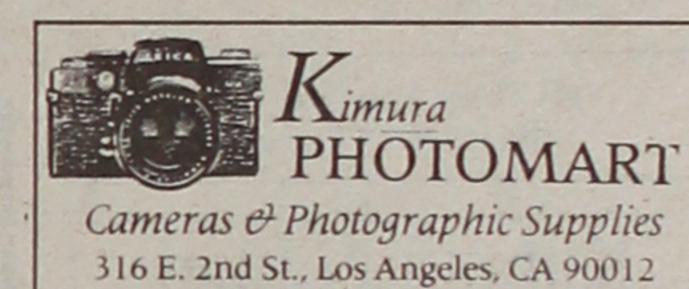
set for May 1-3 at the Airport Hyatt, are in high gear, noted Pan Asian JACLer Sandi Kawasaki. The three districts will send finalists to a speech contest set for Saturday morning. Ethnic concerns chair Doug

Urata noted that the controversial JAPSS hair salon in West Hollywood had changed its name to JADSS. He also reported on plans for a questionnaire to be sent to other ethnic organizations for networking.

Sam Sunada, membership development chair, announced a March 7 committee session at his residence to concentrate on an internal PR piece to boost membership.

District Youth Council representative Kimi Nakata related that PC articles of interest to college students are being circulated in the PSW-sponsored intercollegiate network JACL scholarship details are also being disseminated.

Nishikawa of the PSW Trust Fund said the amount of income from the fund is diminishing because of lower interest rates, putting severe strain on the selection process. With two months gone this year and 80 percent of the 1987 income already allocated, he asked the council for direction. A Trust Fund meeting was scheduled for March 1 to assess the 1987 distribution plan.



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As in the last election, he had the support of conservative council members Kay Calas and Vera Robles DeWitt. His main opponent had the backing of Mayor Sylvia Muise and Councilman Thomas Mill, the two liberals who defeated Mitoma in the last election.

Mitoma is a Vietnam veteran and a graduate of CSU Long Beach and UCLA. He is a former board member of Pacific Southwest District JACL and a current member of the National JACL Endowment Fund Committee.

#### SCHOOL BOARD

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tion," Hirota said in her campaign statement. 'I have the desire and proven ability to work with a broad range of groups and individuals."

Oakland is 62 percent Black, 15 percent Asian, 11 percent Hispanic and 10 percent white. One of Hirota's goals is a multicultural educational program for the ethnically diverse school district.

Also on her agenda are: decentralization of administrative decision-making, with more involvement by principals and parents; better long-range fiscal planning; and joint programs between city government and local businesses.

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The award is given to women and men who have advanced the status of Asian Pacific women through professional or personal contributions. The following individuals will be honored:

Arts/Music: Toshiko Akiyoshi, jazz conductor and composer;

Business/Industry: William Ouchi, UCLA professor, community leader, author;

Education: Mary Lee Shon, advisor, Office of Bilingual Instruction and Asian Languages Program, LA Unified School District;

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Lifetime Achievement: Dolores Wong, who has served such organizations as Friends of Chinatown Library and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Week Committee during 30 years of volunteer work

Founded in 1980, APWN-LA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization involved in issues relevant to Asian Pacific women's personal and professional development.

Tickets are \$65. For more information, call Raymond Mayeda, (800) 251-4261.

### Conference to Promote Sansei Leadership

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) will be keynote speaker at "Making a Difference," a JACL leadership conference to be held March 27-29 at the Airport Hyatt Hotel.

The seven-term congressman will give a national perspective on issues affecting Asian Americans and stress the need for Sansei involvement in these issues.

Dr. Bob Suzuki, vice president of academic affairs at CSU Northridge, will share his perspective, gained from a variety of leadership positions; JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi will provide a historical background of the Japanese American community and JACL, explain differences in Nisei and Sansei life experiences and show how these and other factors have shaped JACL as an organization.

Conference participants will choose from six workshops:

 "Communication Skills: More Than Talk'—factors which affect the ability to communicate effectively, including cultural background and body language. Leader: Dr. Joanne Yamauchi, professor of communications, American University, Washington, D.C.

 "Ethnic Awareness: Understanding the Changing Asian Pacific Communities"—a look at recently arrived Asian immigrants and involvement opportunities for Japanese Americans—who, as the most established Asian group in America, have a leadership role to play. Leader: Dr.

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 'Male/Female Dynamics: Making It Work"—how factors like ethnicity, age and power positions affect male/female interaction and impact on leadership. Leaders: Audrey Noji, director, Extended Opportunity Program and Services, Saddleback College, and Randy Senzaki, director, of Equal Opportunity Program, San Francisco State University.

 "JACL Leadership Issues: Straight Talk''—issues faced by Sansei JACLers, including the Nisei-Sansei transition, ways to deal with these issues. Leader: Ron Wakabayashi.

"Community Involvement: Broadening the Horizon'—importance of and opportunities for JA involvement in the larger community. Leader: Harry Kawahara, counselor, Pasadena City College. Panelists: John Hatakeyama, director, Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center; Pegi Matsuda, corporate contributions

manager, General Telephone; Barbara Miyamoto, senior field deputy for Councilman Mike Woo: Alan Nishio, assistant vice president of student services, CSU Long Beach.

Sessions will also be held on team-building, personal leadership assessment, and follow-up activities. Entertainment will be provided during the Saturday dinner by Cold Tofu, an Asian American improvisational group. There will be opportunities to network at a Friday night reception and a Saturday party hosted by alumni of the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program.

The conference is jointly sponsored by Pacific Southwest District JACL and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP). Registration fee is \$60, which includes meals. Hotel rooms are \$69 single, \$74 double. Registration deadline is March 15. Info: Bill Kaneko, (213) 205-5515 days, (213) 324-5644 nights; or B.J. Watanabe, (714) 779-4140.

#### Late Bulletin

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