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Date Set for Introduction of Bill; 6 Sponsors Added

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will introduce the Senate redress bill on March 26 with at least 60 of his colleagues as co-sponsors.

As of March 23, the latest senators to add their names to the list were Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), Terry Sanford (D-N.C.), David Boren (D-Okla.), Jake Garn and Orrin Hatch (both R-Utah), and Robert Stafford (R-Vt.), according to Elma Henderson, Matsunaga's legislative aide.

"All those who have been working on the redress issue for many years and who began to doubt whether there would be any real movement in Congress to support the issue," said LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, "need to look to Sen. Matsunaga as an example of a true believer. He has given a great deal of personal time to talk with his colleagues by phone or on the floor of the Senate.

"I think he wants to show the Nikkei community that redress can happen if we put our mind to the work which needs to be done by each one of us."



Project organizers Toko Fujii (left) and Henry Taketa with Walerga marker.

Walerga Park

WW2 Assembly Center Site Memorialized With Plaque

SACRAMENTO — Under cloudless skies in northeastern Sacramento, a crowd of more than 250 witnessed the dedication of a bronze marker and shade structure at Walerga Park, site of a WW2 assembly center, on Feb. 28.

A plaque mounted on a 6,000-lb. boulder bears the following inscription with the title "Let Us Forget":

"Walerga Assembly Center was established by the United States at the outset of WW2 to assemble and temporarily detain, without charge or trial, 4,739 Sacramento residents solely because of their Japanese ancestry. Approximately 120,000 persons were uprooted from their West Coast homes and interned in 10 War Relocation Centers. Over two-thirds were American citizens by birth.

"Given the opportunity, many thousands left the 10 centers to work on farms and in war industries or to serve with valor in the armed forces. Their acts and deeds gave living proof that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart, not a matter of race or ancestry. May this memorial remind all Americans to be alert so that such injustices never recur.

"Camp Kohler succeeded Walerga Assembly Center with the

departure of the last Japanese American internees in late June, 1942. After being taken over by the Army Signal Corps, the camp's facilities greatly expanded to house and train military personnel. Camp Kohler became one of the Corps' three principal training centers during WW2.

"Dedicated by Japanese American Community of Sacramento in cooperation with Sunrise Recreation and Park District."

JACL Participation

Sacramento JACL president Priscilla Ouchida was mistress of ceremonies. The program began with presentation of colors by VFW Nisei Post 8985. After a silent moment of remembrance, a reading on the Bill of Rights was given by fifth-graders from instructor Robert Newell's class at nearby Pioneer School.

Former National JACL president Jerry Enomoto was keynote speaker. While redress for former internees is still pending in Congress, he noted, the California Legislature and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors have already taken action by providing payments for Japanese American state and county employees

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'More Perfect Union'

Smithsonian Gets Hate Mail on JA Exhibit

WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian Institution's upcoming exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," scheduled to open Oct. 1, has already begun to generate letters of protest from veterans and others.

"As you can imagine, this one is warm," said Roger Kennedy, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. "... Hate letters are already coming in to the Smithsonian because we are treating people of Asian extraction like other Americans, as if that were a strange thing to do."

"We've gotten letters from folks saying, 'My dad was on the Bataan death march' and 'Don't you realize that Manzanar wasn't Dachau?'" said exhibit curator Tom Crouch.

Bicentennial Project

Although the museum has scheduled more traditional offerings—historical seminars, symposiums and portrait exhibits of the founding fathers—"A More Perfect Union" is its major effort for the bicentennial of the Constitution. It also seems to be one of the few events in the yearlong celebration that will discuss the Constitution in a modern context.

Kennedy said that was intentional, and that he wants the show to be provocative: "The Constitution isn't a costume drama of the past which the curtain went down on in 1789. I regard this show as a celebration of the openness of the American system. The reason for doing this kind of show is to make it clear that we don't always get it right, but we keep on trying..."

"If this show stopped in 1945 with the terrible malfunction of justice, it would be a negative story. But it didn't. That was the beginning of a process of redress and painful learning."

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Kawakami, Hawaii's House Speaker, Dies Suddenly at 56

HONOLULU — House Speaker Richard Kawakami, 56, died March 8 of an apparent heart attack while on a hunting trip in Lanai. He had assumed the position of speaker on Jan. 21.

His death came as a surprise to his family, said his brother Charles, because Kawakami had "recently had a check-up and came through quite well."

Services were held March 11 in Kawakami's native Waimea.

Kawakami attended University of Hawaii and New York University, earning degrees in retailing and business administration. He was chairman of Big Save, Inc., one of the largest companies in the state. The firm operates supermarkets and other stores, and manufactures such goods as the Kauai Kookie.

Served Since 1968

He came from a prominent Kauai family; his uncle Norito served in the Legislature in 1959-60 and was a magistrate. Kawakami was first elected to the state House in 1968 after serving in that year's Constitutional Convention and on the Kauai Char-

ter Commission.

Much of his legislative career was devoted to water and land issues. He served for 12 years as chair of the House Water, Lands and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

House Majority Leader Tom Okamura recalled that Kawakami "pursued programs for the betterment of Hawaii's public education system and public university.

"His heart was with the working people of Hawaii, and he always sought programs that would preserve the dignity of employees while at the same time meet the needs of employers."

Ran Unopposed

Despite popularity in his home district—he ran unopposed in last year's election—Kawakami showed little interest in public office outside the House. He told friends privately that he would consider running for mayor of Kauai, but not against his long-time colleague Tony Kunimura.

Kawakami was talked about as a challenger for the speakership against Henry Peters in 1984, but eventually accepted the post of

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Congresswoman Saiki Is Three Minorities in One

by J.K. Yamamoto

Congress has had a Japanese American Republican man—S.I. Hayakawa—and a JA woman—Patsy Takemoto Mink, a Democrat—but not, until now, a JA Republican woman. As the first member of Congress in this category, Rep. Patricia Saiki describes herself as "a minority group all by myself."

Saiki, a 14-year veteran of the Hawaii Legislature and former state GOP chair for Hawaii, defeated Democrat Mufi Hannemann in the November race for the 1st District congressional seat (urban Honolulu).

Speaking at a Japanese American Republicans banquet last month in Gardena, Calif., the

first-time congresswoman said she is also a minority at home, where a Japanese American Republican is "a strange animal."

"I know of many Japanese American Republicans in Hawaii," she hastened to add. "It's just that they're not organized and not willing to step forward and be counted, basically because Hawaii is a very, very Democratic state."

There is potential for change, she said, expressing her belief that GOP and JA values overlap. "Basically, I think Japanese people are Republicans; they just don't know it yet... Practically all Orientals are conservative in nature, but especially the Japanese. We believe in basic things.



Rep. Patricia Saiki

"We believe in the strength of the family, we believe in education... we believe that you've got to save your money and you've got to invest it well because we have to plan for the future. Therefore, as we are very careful in how we spend our own money, we're even twice as careful about spending other people's money. If there is nothing that can explain the Japanese traits or tradition more, it is a sense of obligation and responsibility not only to oneself but to others. Now that's Republican."

Saiki said she succeeded both as party chair and as a candidate despite warnings that she had to choose between building the party and her own political future. She cited a string of successes

during her 2½ years as GOP chair, including raising \$800,000; convincing a Democrat, Frank Fasi, to become a Republican and run—successfully—for mayor of Honolulu; gaining seats in the Legislature; and carrying the Reagan-Bush ticket in 1984.

"When I ran for Congress," she recalled, "I stood there and said I am the Republican candidate and these are the reasons why Hawaii needs a Republican member of Congress. I didn't shirk, I didn't hide, I didn't cover it..."

"We have never elected a Republican member to the United States House of Representatives since statehood—that's 1959! And although Hiram Fong served the

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PATRICIA SAIKI

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state very well in the United States Senate, he retired... the state has been without Republican representation for almost 10 years now...

"I told them, in Washington there are two parties. Who sits in the White House? A Republican... Who are the members of his cabinet? They're Republicans... Therefore, Hawaii is short-changed by not electing a Republican to cover that side of the aisle. And I guess I convinced them."

Saiki emphasized that her victory was not a fluke. "I won the race with 60 percent of the vote. The margin between me and my Democratic opponent was 22 percent, so wouldn't you say that's a pretty definite vote?"

Diverse District

Her district may be small by Mainland standards, she said, but it is diverse. "I've got Waikiki, I've got Pearl Harbor Naval Base, I've got the seat of downtown business, I've got the major schools... I've got all of these kinds of divergent and diverse interests within that congressional district."

Representing Honolulu in the nation's capital poses logistical problems "because of the distance... 6,000 miles and 5 hours' time difference," she told the audience. Her two offices are linked

by computer, but "because voters want to see you... it means I have to make more frequent trips."

"If I leave Washington, D.C. on a Friday, get home to Honolulu and leave Honolulu on a Sunday to get back to Washington, D.C., I meet myself in Chicago," she joked. "You walk around like a zombie for two days, trying to sound intelligent."

Saiki said her more experienced colleagues, Sen. Daniel Inouye and Rep. Daniel Akaka, were giving her travel tips.

And because of her relatively small stature, she has had to cope with standard issue congressional office furniture "all designed for Tip O'Neill. The desk is so huge I can't reach from one end to the other."

Issues in Congress

On a more serious note, Saiki discussed issues to be debated in Congress. "Trade protectionism is a real thing that is coming up on the Hill, but how we face up to the trade deficit is going to take some great imagination... it's going to be on the front burner."

Having been involved in education as a mother of five children, a teacher and a legislator, she declared, "Now I'm a member of Congress and I'm going to continue to push it... It is at the root of what our society will be like in the future."

In sum, she said, "It is going to be an exciting Congress... and I am very proud and very happy to be part of it." She promised to "set a good example that each and every one of you need not be ashamed of."

Help Offered to College-Bound JA Students

LOS ANGELES — High school students planning to attend college are invited to attend "A Practical Approach to College," to be held April 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. The program is sponsored by the Nikkei Leadership Association, a new JA chapter.

Jack Fujimoto, assistant to the chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, will be among the speakers. Topics to be covered include health, fitness and diet for the college lifestyle; approaches to handling stress; chemical abuse in college; academic schedules and time management; making the transition into higher education; and selecting one's major.

Registration (\$5 regular, \$7 late) includes breakfast and lunch. Info: Warren Wong, (213) 473-9273, or Trisha Murakawa, (213) 822-7470.

Expert to Speak on Redress Suit

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Questions about the redress lawsuit going before the Supreme Court next month will be answered at a meeting to be held April 4, 7:30 p.m., at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.

Featured speaker will be Aiko Herzig, who used the Freedom of Information Act to uncover information used in the lawsuit. The program is jointly sponsored by San Gabriel Valley JA, East San Gabriel Valley Singles Club, and Sage United Methodist Church Justice Committee. Info: (213) 868-8294.

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Koreisha to Mark 11th Year

LOS ANGELES — Koreisha Chushoku Kai, a nutrition program for the elderly, will hold its 11th anniversary celebration April 4 at the Biltmore Bowl of the Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave.

Actor George Takei of "Star Trek" fame and the Montebello Women's Club will be honored for their contributions to the Japanese American community.

KABC-TV news anchor Joanne Ishimine will be emcee. Takei's "Star Trek" co-star, Nichelle Nichols, and the Roger Lowe Band will provide entertainment.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person, \$500 per table. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 and dancing at 9. Info: (213) 680-9173.

SPEAKER KAWAKAMI

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majority leader. Last year, his reelection assured, he began lining up votes for the speakership. He was elected in a close caucus vote.

As speaker, he promised to open lines of communication with individual House members, with the Senate, and with the public through the news media.

'No-Fanfare Style'

During a memorial service at the state Capitol on March 12, Kawakami was eulogized by his colleagues.

"Richard's quiet, laid-back, no-fanfare style of leadership, which always stressed cooperation and not confrontation, weathered us through many difficult times," said Daniel Kihano, who was elected to succeed Kawakami as speaker.

"He was a man of integrity, a man of compassion, a man of vision, a friendly man, a modest man," said Senate President Richard Wong. "He was just coming into his own as speaker, charting a course. His fate was to show us the way."

"It is very difficult for us to accept the kind of loss we have on Kauai now," said Kunimura of his close friend. "But I know he will try his best to guide us spiritually."

Gov. John Waihee said, "Those of us who were fortunate to know him can envision what he might be saying now. He might say that all this is far more than necessary. He might be embarrassed by the pomp and circumstance, and dismiss it with a wave of his hand and a simple 'no need.'"

Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi and former Gov. George Ariyoshi were among those in attendance.

Posthumous Honor

The House later approved a resolution to name Lihue Airport in Kauai after Kawakami.


Waihee appointed Kawakami's wife Bertha to serve the remainder of her husband's two-year term as representative of the 51st District (Koloa-Niihau).

Kawakami is also survived by sons Wendall and Kendall and daughter Lyndall.

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Take Beekman, PC Contributor in Hawaii, Dies

HONOLULU — Pacific Citizen contributor Take Beekman (née Okawa), 81, died March 2 after a long illness.

Born in Honolulu and educated there and in Tokyo, she employed her bilingual abilities as a Japanese-language teacher and as a translator in collaboration with her husband, Allan, on articles and short stories about the Japanese immigrant period in Hawaii.

She made her first contribution to PC in 1956 with "Spider Thread," a translation of Ryunosuke Akutagawa's "Kumo no Ito" done with her husband. In 1960 the team contributed "Hawaii's Great Japanese Strike," an account of Japanese immigrants' efforts to gain equality with other plantation laborers in 1909.

She is perhaps best known for the short story "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun," which appeared in the 1961 Holiday Issue. The story, which was reprinted in many anthologies, was based on her experience while teaching a special Sunday-morning Japanese-language class at Hawaii Chuo Gakuin (Japanese Central Institute of Hawaii) on Dec. 7, 1941.

During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, an anti-aircraft shell fell in the yard, exploded and sent fragments into the auditorium, killing one child and maiming another. After the war, the school grounds where the tragedy occurred were incorporated into the neighboring Foster Botanic Garden. A monument marks the site of the school, with mention of the story that dramatizes its ending.

She is survived by her husband and son Bruce.

Deaths

Alex Nobuo Yorichi, 66, a member of Japan JACL and veteran of WW2 and the Korean and Vietnam wars, died Jan. 31 of cancer. He served in the U.S. Army before the outbreak of war with Japan, was interned in Tanforan and Topaz, and reentered the Army in 1942, serving in the China-Burma-India theater. He was a retired Army major and Department of Defense civilian.

Services were held at Camp Zama in Japan on Feb. 4. He is survived by wife Mitzi, daughters Julianne Kodani and Johanna Yamachika, and son Darius.

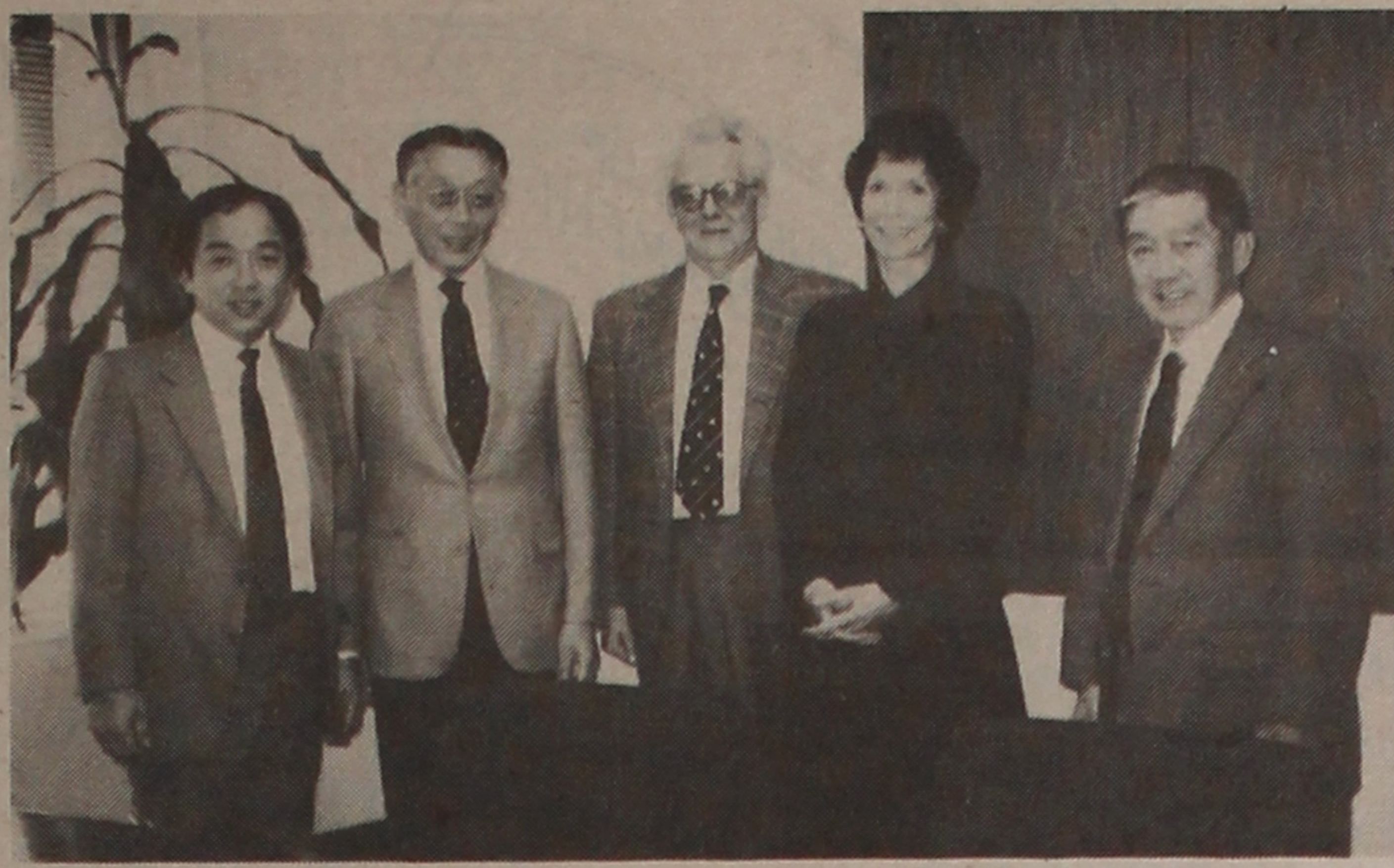
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WISH 'GRANTED' — The San Francisco-based National Japanese American Historical Society has received a \$25,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park, Calif. Foundation president Dr. Roger Heyns (center) and vice president Marianne Pallotti were thanked last month by NJAHS representatives (from left) John Tateishi, Clifford Uyeda, and Yoshimi Shibata. Funds will be used to expand collection.

WALERGA PARK

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who were fired in 1942 because of their ancestry.

Messages of support were given by Mayor Anne Rudin, Supervisor Ila Collin, Col. Donald Vann of McClellan Air Force Base, Clayton Fong of Gov. George Deukmejian's office, Reiko Kawakami of Rep. Robert Matsui's staff, Robert Newell of Foothill Farms Improvement Association, and Ron Bachman of the Sunrise Recreation and Park District's board of directors.

Labor Donated

The marker was unveiled by Tome Mizuno of Sacramento and Patty Newell, president of Pioneer Garden Club.

The boulder was donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Yamasaki of Auburn. All labor for erection of the shade structure was contributed by contractor Jack Akabori and crew.

The structure was designed at no cost by Roy Imai of Imai-Wang Associates.

Members of the ad hoc committee that coordinated the project are Gene Ahner, Thelma Burnside, Dick Fehrt, Toko Fujii, Tom Fujimoto, Frank Hiyama, Gene Itogawa, Craig Makishima, Peter Ouchida, Priscilla Ouchida, George Sato, Kiyo Sato-Viacrucis, Kirk Shibata, Henry Taketa, and Hach Yasumura.

SMITHSONIAN

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"If you look at this as the fight of one group of people to obtain their rights," added Crouch, "it's a constitutional success story... It's not a downer at all."

According to Kennedy and Crouch, the idea for the exhibit came out of a much smaller show in San Francisco about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The scope of the Smithsonian's exhibit will be broader, however.

Using oral history techniques and videotaped interviews with former internees, the show will examine constitutional questions raised by the 1942 decision to intern all Japanese Americans on the West Coast.

It will go on to trace continuing efforts of the Japanese American community and civil libertarians to redress what the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1983 called a "grave injustice."

"From the beginning, our notion was to present this as a very human story," Crouch said. "It's something that happened not that long ago to people still around and something that affected them at the deepest level."

Angus MacBeth, a Washington attorney and former special counsel to the commission, said opponents of redress tend to fall into two categories: those who believe the internment was justified by wartime conditions and those who have trouble distinguishing between Americans of Japanese ancestry and Japanese nationals.

Kennedy speculated that the

latter view has its roots in "a structure of prejudice against Asian Americans that is at least 100 years old. It reached its nadir in the Second World War, but hate still exists."

"Of course, the major criticism that we anticipate comes from people who regard the Constitution as a closed book—those people who are fearful of any suggestion that this is an evolving culture, and that it wasn't ever perfect and isn't [now], and we've got to keep working awfully hard by admitting our errors. And some people really hate that."

The exhibit's original title, "With Liberty and Justice for All?"—a line from the Pledge of Allegiance—was changed in favor of the current title, which is taken from the Constitution itself.

—from a report by the Washington Post

JA Heads Salt Lake City Office

SALT LAKE CITY — Karen Suzuki-Hashimoto has been appointed director of the city's newly created Office of Human Resources, which will merge the personnel, risk management, employee and labor relations divisions.

She has been manager of the human resources department of FHP, and was named in 1986 as the company's manager of the year. She is also an adjunct professor in sociology at Westminster College. She was previously director of the Utah Division of Personnel Management.

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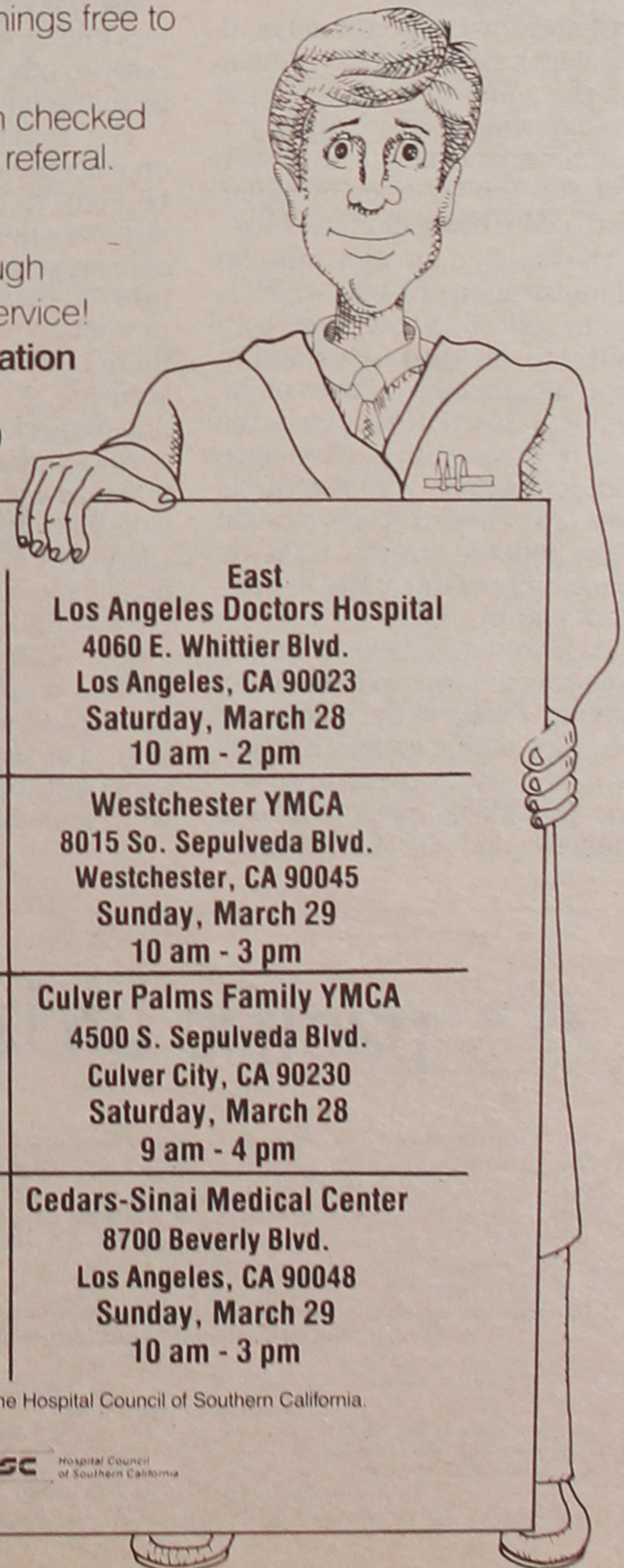
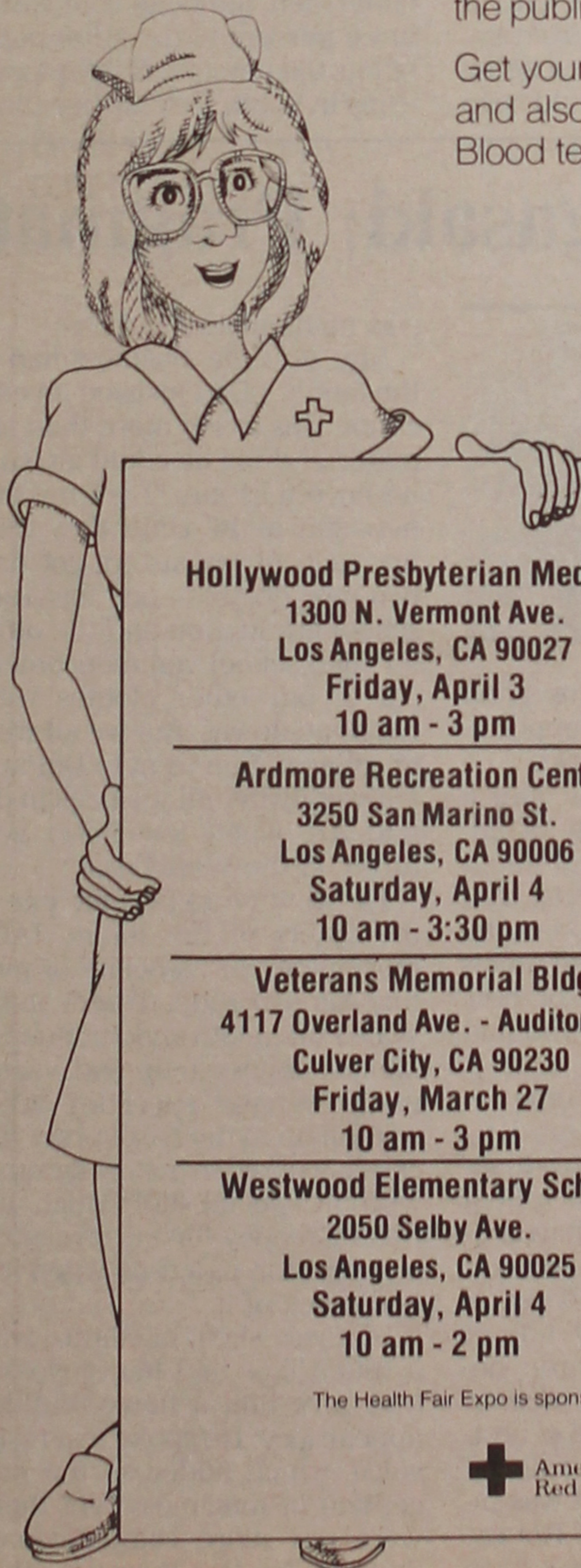
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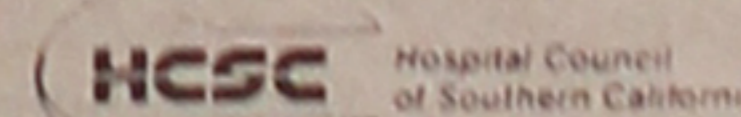
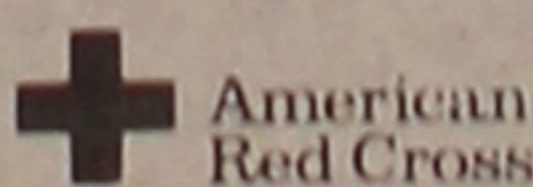
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JACL Personnel Manual: Framework for Discussion

by Ronald Ohata
PSWDC Legal Counsel

There has been much discussion about a proposed JACL personnel manual, so I have been asked to provide a framework by which the chapters can intelligently discuss this matter.

The Personnel Committee was assigned to revise the current manual to be consistent with current legal requisites. This has required an examination of the current manual and proposals for necessary modifications. These modifications can be in form (cleaning up the language), minor modifications (e.g., changing the number of military leave days), and substantive modifications (e.g., changing a practice or procedure which has been found inconsistent with prudent personnel practices).

The proposed personnel manual, most everyone agrees, goes far beyond the charge to the committee. The proposed manual makes fundamental changes in the administration of JACL staff. It also alters accepted assumptions which have formed the basis for the working relationship between the staff, the National Board, and ultimately the membership.

National Director's Role

As JACL is a national civil rights organization comprised primarily of volunteers, the national director and his staff are vested with the integral responsibility of giving day-to-day continuity to the operation of the program. Be it meeting our membership, conducting our networking with other civil rights organizations, or maximizing our visibility in the community and in the media, it is and always will be the national director and staff members who will be available to realize the goals and desires of our membership.

Changes in the personnel manual which may effectively hamper the authority of the national director and his staff can serve to diminish the influence of JACL and must be thoroughly examined before being implemented.

The national director runs the administration of JACL, which is comprised of chapters, in both its day-to-day operations and in implementing the policies of the National Board. He oversees the staff to ensure its performance and compliance with the directives of the board. The oversight of the national director is the responsibility of the national president and his board.

To give a structure to discussions on the proposed personnel manual, I suggest the discussion focus upon three issues: (1) changes necessary to conform to the law; (2) substantive procedural changes; and (3) staff benefits

and work rules.

Legal Deficiencies

Certain modifications are necessary for the current manual to conform to continuing changes in the statutory and case law. Other than an illegal or ill-advised personnel practice, these modifications are primarily a matter of clarifying and updating the language used in the manual. This is to have the language consistent with the evolving law and new requirements, and conforming any inconsistencies with mandated personnel practices.

Procedural Changes

To discuss the substantive changes, one must address the issue of whether the administration of JACL should remain in the hands of the national director with oversight by the president and board. The changes proposed would transfer much of the authority and decision-making from the national director to a proposed three-member personnel committee. This committee would be appointed by the national president.

Such day-to-day occurrences as requests for leave, adjustment of working hours, and work evaluations are to go through this committee. The national director would effectively be out of the decision-making loop. As a practical matter, one questions what the role of the national director will be.

Staff Benefits

The proposed changes substantially reduce the current benefits of the staff. While it is true that there is some ambiguity as to certain benefits, the staff and management of JACL were hitherto in agreement as to how each benefit was interpreted. If ambiguity was in fact the problem, then the solution is language with clarity.

These cuts are included because it is believed in some quarters that the staff benefits are excessive; other reasons proffered go to the language.

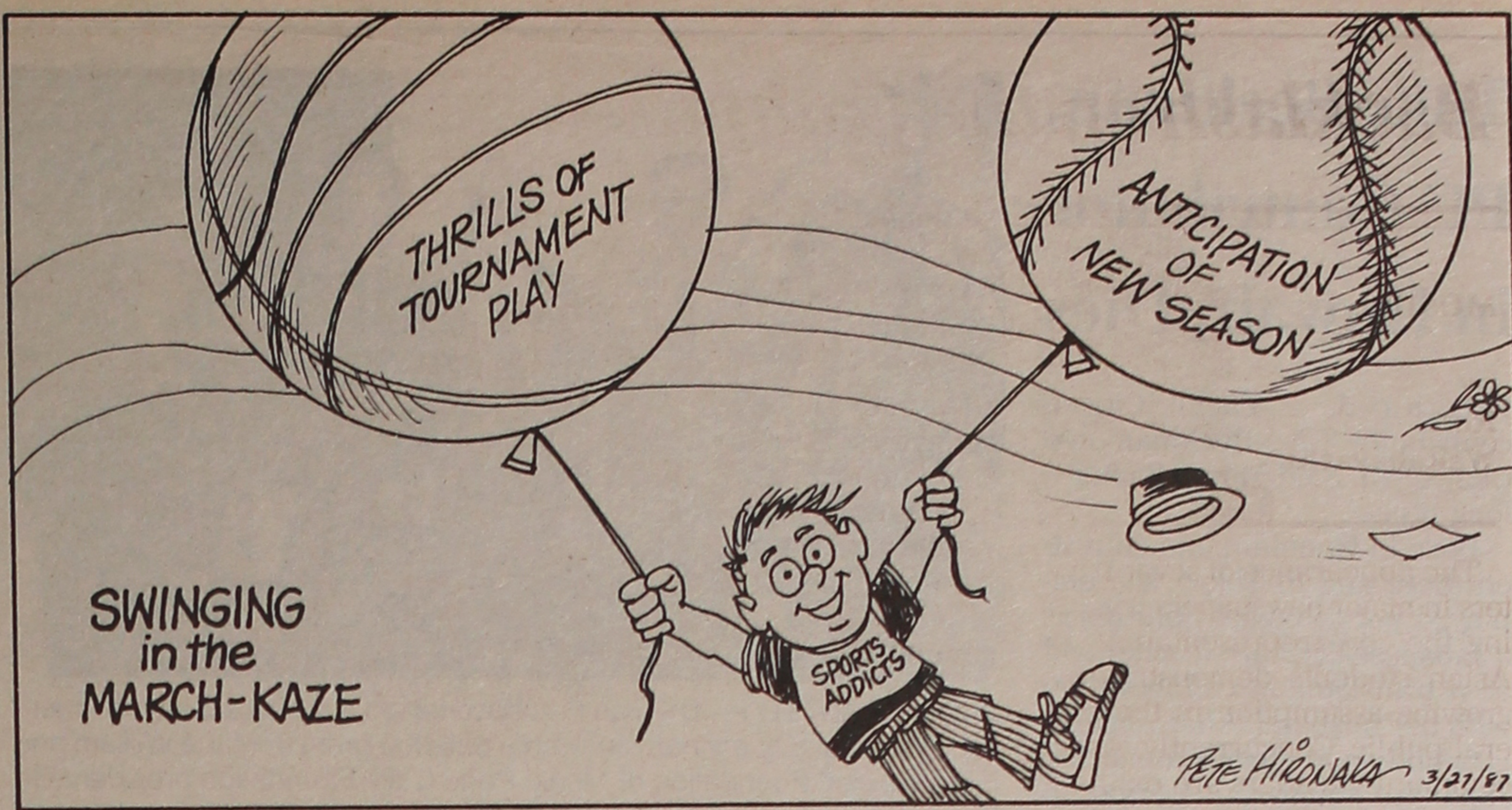
The discussion here centers on what the staff benefits should be. Some factors to be considered are: (1) benefits at other comparable organizations; (2) salary structure at other organizations; (3) promotion potential—whether there is job advancement; (4) job security; (5) training available; and (6) perks.

An examination of these factors may well lead to the conclusion that in some areas (such as carry-over of unused sick and annual leave—currently zero), JACL benefits fall below the norm.

Staff Work Rules

The proposed manual will place rigid work rules upon the staff. The basic work relationship will be redefined as "at will," meaning the employee re-

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Crime and Heroism

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



I RECENTLY READ a report citing statistics relating to criminal imprisonment in the United States, and I found some of the figures difficult to believe.

For starters: the U.S. has the highest incarceration rate of any industrialized nation except for South Africa and the U.S.S.R., hardly commendable company. For every 35 male adults, one is in prison, on probation or on parole—and note that this does not include females or those under age 18 years.

Since 1972, the prison population has more than doubled. On any given day in 1985, some half a million were in prison with another quarter million in local jails—and this does not include those held in police lockups, immigration detention centers or juvenile institutions.

NOT UNLIKE MANY Nisei, when it comes to the subject of crime, my background is one of conservatism inherited from the Issei. As a youngster, even being charged with a crime would have

been unthinkable, and receiving a sentence would have been "societal death," at least.

Back in my birthplace community of White River Valley (state of Washington), I vaguely heard about some Issei who was charged with smuggling some controlled substance. I think the word I heard was *ahen*. To lend a bit of drama, it was supposedly stashed away in a barrel of *shoyu*, those *shoyu-daru* with which many of us are familiar. (I haven't seen one in ages.) I knew the man slightly and was impressed by his attire and elan, for he was one of the few non-farming Issei that I had ever met at that time.

I DON'T KNOW what the current crime statistics reflect insofar as AJA's are concerned, although my hunch is that while the rate has increased since my youthful days (as it has for all segments of our society), it is still considerably below the national average. Of course, even that is too much, and it hopefully should be reduced.

The statistical source first referred to above shows that incarceration for the following were greater than for whites: Blacks, seven times greater; Hispanic men, although comprising three percent of the adult population, ten percent; Native Americans in South Dakota, five times

greater. In Hawaii, the Asian incarceration rate is almost three times greater than for whites.

FROM THESE RATIOS, the reader might (mistakenly) assume that these non-whites commit the same ratio of crimes that result in incarceration. Based on my personal observations of "working on the inside" for a number of years, I have little doubt—nay, no doubt—that non-whites are dealt with more harshly than whites for similar offenses.

While one might proffer some "reasons" why this should be so—greater community stable contacts, greater resources to defend, "more respectable" character witnesses, etc.—the main factor, distasteful as it may be to declare, is racism. If there be some doubt as to this conclusion, let me refer to positive performances where racism operated.

THE 442ND SOLDIERS displayed many valiant acts of heroism on the battlefields of Europe to receive a citation and medal that were below, often far below, that given to white soldiers for similar valiant acts on the battlefields. Speak to any 442nd vet who's willing to tell you the facts. I've heard white officers who were assigned to the 442nd make this observation.

SO IT IS. We've a bit of a ways to go to attain parity.

Sim Togasaki: Pragmatic Visionary

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



It's a pity that more Sansei and Yonsei didn't have the opportunity to know Sim Togasaki.

He died the other day after a long bout with a variety of ailments that for years had limited his activity. So he had pretty well disappeared from the scene by the time younger Japanese Americans began to be aware of their history and the people who had helped make it.

Sim was the third of nine remarkable children fathered by Kikumatsu Togasaki, a graduate of a Japanese government school of jurisprudence who arrived in San Francisco in 1886 and went to work as a houseboy. Three of Sim's sisters became doctors of medicine. The other three became nurses. Sim's older brother, George, was probably the best-known Nisei in Japan during the early postwar years and was international president of Rotary. His half-brother Shinobu's forte

was mathematics.

Sim was the businessman of the family. "Dad insisted an education was worth more than any material thing he could give us," he once told me. "I got my first new suit at 16. Until they grew up, each of my sisters got only two new dresses—one for grade school graduation and the other for high school commencement. All of our other clothes were hand-me-downs. But we all went to college." Sim went to DePauw University in Indiana back in the mid-20s, when few Nisei ventured off the West Coast.

He went on to become one of the giants of the infant JACL movement, an associate of men like Saburo Kido, Tom Yatabe, Walt Tsukamoto and Jimmie Sakamoto. These four had vision, made stirring speeches, were written up in the Nisei press. Togasaki worked in the background with his special skill, which was raising money for the struggling organization in a time when few had much of it.

Sim was slight of stature with a round face and heavy glasses that gave him a fierce, bulldog appearance. He spoke in a raspy voice, which added to the perception of toughness. Yet there were few more compassionate than he. No less than the other

founders of JACL, he had vision.

Today I can almost hear him, rising at JACL's emergency conference in Salt Lake City in the fall of 1942, to bring an end to spirited debate about whether to ask for military service:

"I feel strongly that most of us desire to be treated in the same way as all other Americans, both as to sacrifices and benefits. This is a matter which vitally affects our lives. Even though we have gone through so much, I am confident that most of us are willing to forget and forgive, and join the Army and fight for our country and our future. Mr. Chairman, I move that the resolutions committee be instructed to draw up a resolution embodying the wishes of this assembly." The motion carried unanimously.

Sim wasn't able to serve in uniform, but when the war ended he made several trips to Okinawa and Japan for Heifer Project, Inc., a missionary program to help farmers in war-ravaged nations to rebuild their herds. He revived the family importing business, and he was in the forefront of many of JACL's almost endless fund-raising drives for important causes.

Sim Togasaki provided the practicality that made idealistic dreams achievable.



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Backlash on the Campuses

MUSUBI

by
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student-age population in general in the 1990s, we can project a corresponding amount of competition and contention for admissions to develop.

Already, letters to the editor reflect the effect of this kind of perception. In addition, the state educational master plan would reduce undergraduate participation in UC, creating more scarcity of admissions slots and making competition that much greater.

The situation is a complex and sensitive one. On one hand, the perception of overrepresentation contributes to backlash, both in neighborhoods and in the educational institution itself. On the other hand, the apparent discriminatory effect of the admissions systems is one that should not be tolerated.

All of this takes place strictly within academically based admissions. The danger lies in the perception that the discussion on Asian admissions can have an adverse impact on other minority populations. This requires a clear position: it does not have any such impact; special admissions programs are a separate route of admissions.

The response by State Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, who has called for a review by the Auditor General, and the candid and insightful liaison with Assembly Speaker Willie Brown on this subject have been greatly encouraging. I suspect that the two years spent by our task force studying admissions only begin to open the door to this problem.

The appearance of several letters in major newspapers lamenting the "overrepresentation" of Asian students demonstrates a growing assumption in the general public. Concurrently, Asian community leaders are expressing concerns that many universities are placing informal quotas on the admission of Asian students. The two perceptions co-exist, representing an area of great conflict emerging.

The liberalization of immigration laws in 1965 allowed for the reunification of many Asian families and expanded the ability of persons of Asian ancestry to immigrate to the United States. The effect has been the considerable growth of the Asian population from half a million in 1960 to estimates of over 6.5 million today.

Two of every three immigrants to the United States are from Asian shores. Since this immigration pattern is a major shift from the Atlantic to the Pacific for the first time in our nation's history, the sheer increase in population accounts in part for increased student participation.

Asian students have fared well. For example, 70 percent of the Asian high school graduates in California fall within the definition of eligibility for the University of California, compared to 50 percent for white students.

Eligibility, however, differs from admissibility. Admissions criteria in the UC system are determined by each local campus. The pattern of growing Asian student admissions at the UC Berkeley campus was reversed in 1983. This decline in Asian American enrollment was concurrent with the introduction of "supplemental criteria" into the admissions process, and a reduction of the share of admissions allocated purely from grade point average (GPA) and test scores.

In prior years, Berkeley admitted up to 60 percent of its freshman class solely on the basis of GPA and test scores. Today, only 40 percent of admissions are made in this category. Berkeley's second-tier admissions, which are a combination of GPA, test scores and "supplemental criteria," now account for 30 percent of their admissions. The remaining 30 percent are special admissions, which include athletes, musicians, veterans, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and others. The allocation of admissions in these three tiers appears to have a direct impact on Asian student admissions.

The "supplemental criteria" are really subjective criteria. As much weight is given to extracurricular activities as is given to Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. According to Berkeley officials, students qualifying for consideration under second-tier criteria would have roughly a one in three chance of admission because the pool is smaller. If the "supplemental criteria" have the effect of bias for white students, the downturn in admissions at Berkeley can be partially explained by this feature.

Because we can project an increase in the state's Asian population from immigration, and because the demographic cycle projects a massive expansion of the

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PERSONNEL MANUAL

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mains employed at the pleasure of the employer and can be discharged without cause (for any reason).

This was included apparently because of the increased number of lawsuits based upon unlawful discharge. However, the courts are mitigating the "at will" doctrine to narrow its applicability where, for example, such factors as a promise, detrimental reliance upon such promise, a long-term relationship, or discriminatory practices are applicable.

Whether JACL can change horses in midstream is a legal matter. Whether JACL should, however, is a matter for the National Board to decide. Keep in mind that beyond the legal viability of a change to "at will" employment, one must address the effect such a change will have upon each employee, and the impact such a message is apparently having. (An "at will" clause is advisable, but may be limited to new employees, i.e. a grandfather clause.)

The actual rules for the office have also been highly structured. Hours will be rigidly set, apparently without consideration for the need for flexibility caused by after-hour meetings and events which should be staffed. Work performed will be logged in increments of one-tenth of an hour.

As a practical matter, one must examine the workability of such

a system in a non-profit organization, but not to be lost is, again, the effect such a system will have on a staff we hope will work and represent JACL as professionals.

Does JACL need these devices to enforce accountability? That is the question that must be decided.

Summary

JACL's greatest asset is its human resources, both volunteer and staff. Recognition of their respective strengths, the professionalism of staff and the energy and enthusiasm of the volunteers leads to a cohesive organization. Non-recognition of the value of either attribute diminishes the effectiveness of the organization as a whole.

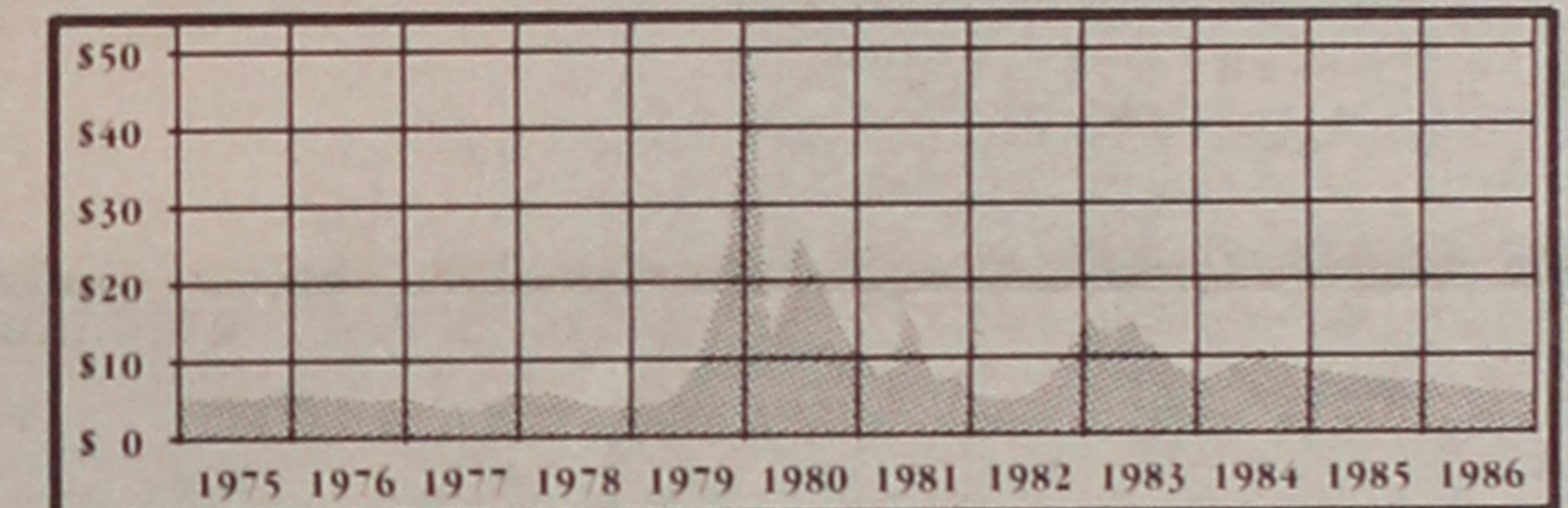
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Law Caucus to Hear Veteran Rights Activist

SAN FRANCISCO — Asian Law Caucus will celebrate its 15th anniversary April 4, 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, with the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, a former Wilmington Ten defendant, as keynote speaker and dance music by the band Pride and Joy.

Once located in a tiny storefront office, ALC has grown into a nationally recognized organization with offices in Oakland and San Francisco and with five full-time attorneys and ten staff members who deal with housing, immigration, employment/labor, the elderly, and community education.

ALC also helps build a new generation of Asian American attorneys and community workers through its summer law clinical and volunteer programs.

One of ALC's best known cases was its work on the *coram nobis* legal team of Fred Korematsu, whose wartime conviction for violating internment orders was vacated in 1983. In addition, ALC has favorably settled Chinatown restaurant workers' claims for back wages, unpaid overtime and vacation benefits, and recently reached a settlement holding a major garment manufacturer accountable for the unlawful labor practices of its subcontractor.



RISING STARS — Mas Fukai (left), chief deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, and Dennis Nishikawa (right), member of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, are presented with California Senate resolutions by Sen. Art Torres in recognition of their recent promotions. The presentation took place at a March 5 reception held in their honor at the New Otani Hotel, sponsored by the Asian Pacific Planning Council.

Chavis, a 22-year veteran of the civil rights movement, is executive director of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice and was recently named by New York Gov. Mario Cuomo to the State Commission on Racial Violence.

As one of the Wilmington Ten, Chavis spent 4½ years in North Carolina prisons in the 1970s for his civil rights activities. In 1978, Amnesty International called the ten the first case of political prisoners in the U.S. In 1980, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned their convictions, clearing their records.

"We are very honored that Dr.

Chavis will speak at our fundraiser," said ALC executive director Peggy Saika. "Not only does he have an incredible record of accomplishments in civil rights, but he is a captivating and inspirational speaker."

Admission is \$40 general, \$20 for students and \$10 for seniors. Info: (415) 835-1474.

Chapter Award

SACRAMENTO — Florin JACL's \$200 scholarship went this year to Mark Shigeo Alicaya of Elk Grove High School. He plans to study accounting at UC Santa Cruz or CSU Sacramento.

Community Calendar

March 28 — April 11

ANAHEIM

April 11 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Orange County Sansei Singles will celebrate its first birthday/anniversary with a Prom Night Yesterday at the Anaheim Hyatt. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Info: Grace Masuda, (714) 496-7779, or Ron Yamasaki, (714) 894-7947.

CHICAGO

April 2 8 p.m. "Autumn and Spring," a play by Keith Uchima, opens at the Chicago Dramatists Workshop, 3315 N. Clark St. Performances will take place Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through May 3. All seats are \$10. Info: (312) 472-6550.

SAN JOSE

April 5 11:30 a.m. Asian American Social Club will host a Day at the Races at Bay Meadows Race Track. Tickets are \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Price includes admission, reserved seating and lunch in the Turf Club. Info: Joyce Satow, (415) 952-2856.

LOS ANGELES

April 3 6 p.m. Benefit potluck reception for the Nikkei Helpline will take place at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds will benefit the new telephone helpline. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Little Tokyo Service Center, (213) 680-3729.

April 4 6:30 p.m. "Winter in My Soul," a documentary on the Heart Mountain camp produced by KTWO in Wyoming, will be shown at Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., second floor. Donation: \$3. Sponsored by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and Visual Communications. Seating is limited. Info: (213) 680-3729.

April 6 1 p.m. Speaker from the American Red Cross will discuss earthquake safety at the next meeting of the AARP, Downtown Chapter, at Union Church, second floor conference room. Info: Harold Ishibashi, (213) 942-1954.

OAKLAND

April 9 6 to 9 p.m. Asian Pacific Democratic Club of Alameda County will co-sponsor a candidates' forum at Lincoln School Auditorium, 10th and Jackson Streets. Candidates for the Peralta Community College Trustees Board, Oakland School Board and Oakland City Council have been invited to participate. Info: Eddie Wong, (415) 839-3872.

SAN MARINO

April 4 9 a.m. to noon Workshop on personal investment planning, conducted by Mark Sakanashi, president, Pearhill Financial Consulting Inc., will take place at Pearhill, 2627 Mission St. Cost is \$30 per person or \$35 per couple. Info: Sharon Uyeda Fong, (818) 799-9511.

SAN PEDRO

April 3 Fourth annual Sweater Showcase Luncheon, sponsored by Parents Anonymous of California, will take place at Nizetich's Restaurant in Ports O' Call Village. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for browsing, buying and socializing. Lunch will be served from noon to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For further information, contact Frances Chikahisa, (213) 541-4421.

Nominations Being Taken for Tatsukawa Memorial Award

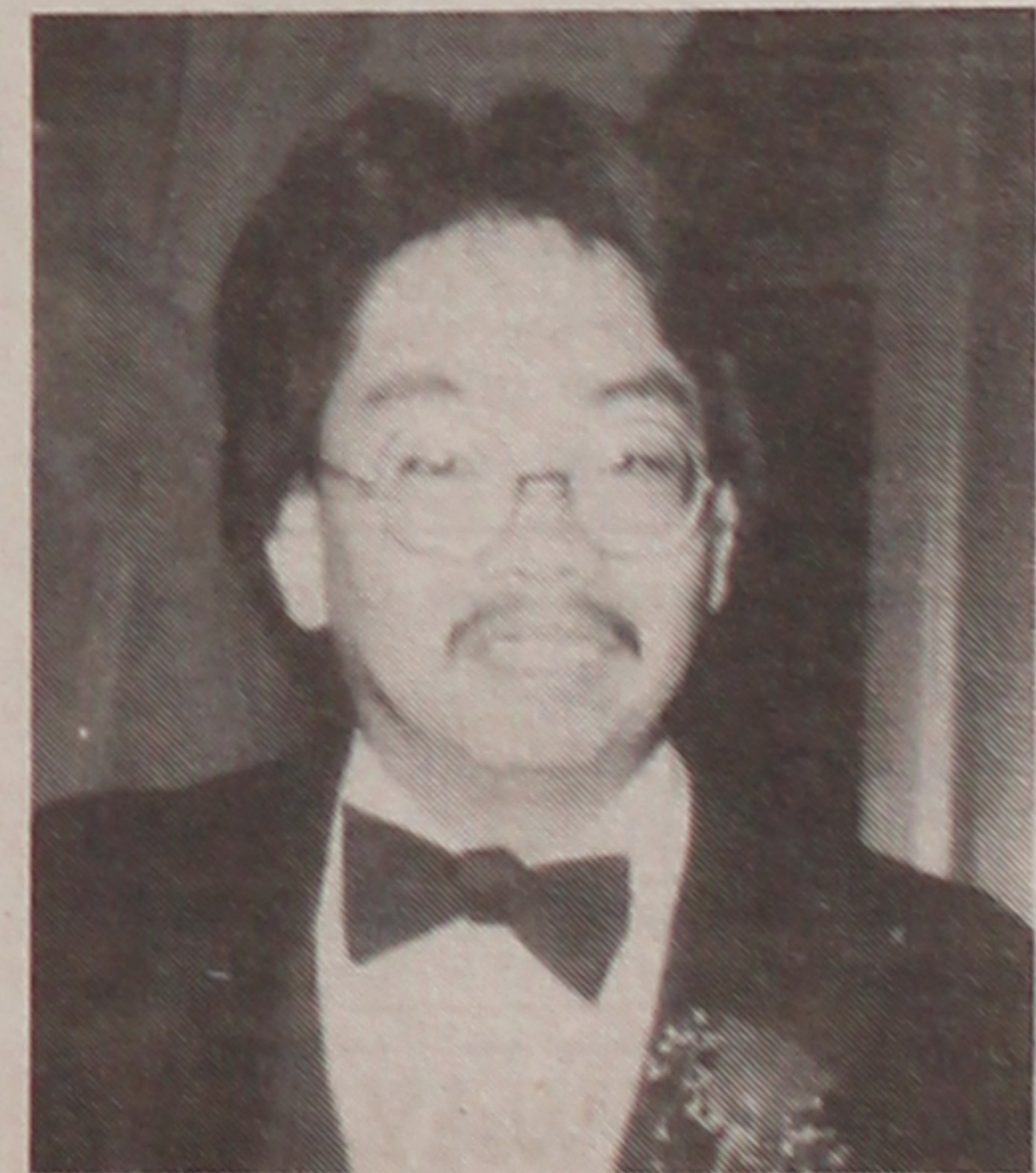
LOS ANGELES — Nominations are being accepted for the 1987 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award, which is presented annually to individuals for community service, political activism and creative achievement in Asian Pacific American media arts.

Established in 1984, the \$1,000 award is made possible by contributions and support from Tatsukawa's family, friends, associates and admirers across the country.

Tatsukawa was actively involved in such community projects as *Gidra* newspaper, Amerasia Bookstore, and UCLA Asian American Studies Center. After earning an undergraduate degree in film production and an MBA in arts administration at UCLA, he focused his professional life on Asian Pacific American media.

In 1978 he became administrative director of Visual Communications, the Los Angeles-area Asian Pacific media resource and production center. He served as executive producer of "Hito Hata," a dramatic film about Japanese Americans, and was a founding member of National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA).

At the time of his death in 1984, he was manager of program de-



Steve Tatsukawa

velopment at PBS station KCET.

Each year a nationwide nominating committee considers candidates for the award. A presentation is made at a special reception. Past recipients are filmmakers Robert Nakamura of Los Angeles, Loni Ding of San Francisco, and Christine Choy of New York.

A one-page letter describing the candidate's achievements and activities on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans in the media should be sent to: Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund, c/o Visual Communications, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 309, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Deadline is March 31. Info: (213) 680-4462.

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• Chapter will host a theater party for a performance of "Autumn and Spring" April 3, 8 p.m., at the Chicago Dramatists Workshop, 3315 N. Clark St. Tickets are \$8. Info: Paul Igasaki, (312) 975-8058.

CONTRA COSTA

• Chapter's annual Spring Golf Tournament will take place March 28 at 10 a.m. at Galbraith Golf Course. Info: Jack Hamahashi, (415) 223-1164, or Tak Sakanashi, (415) 235-1475.

• Teriyaki chicken bento box sale will take place April 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the JACL Office, 5035 Wall St., Richmond. Bento boxes are \$5 each. Info: Natsuko Irei, (415) 237-8730, or James Oshima, (415) 237-0323.

GILROY

• Chapter will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive April 15 at the Senior Center, 6th and Hanna Streets. Info: Atsuko Obata, (408) 842-2724.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• "Fool's Dance," a film by Bob Nakamura and Karen Ishizuka, will be shown at the next chapter meeting April 10, 7 p.m., at Founders Savings and Loan, Gardena. Info: (213) 477-6997.

• Chapter's fourth annual Open Invitational Golf Tournament will take place April 12 beginning at 11 a.m. at Alondra Country Club, 16400 S. Prairie Ave. Cost is \$42 and includes green fee, cart, dinner and prize money. Cost for dinner only is \$16. Checks, made payable to GLA Singles JACL, should be sent to Tai Kaili, 23214 Vanowen St., Canoga Park, CA 91207. Deadline is March 31. Info: Walter Isono, (213) 391-7110.

LAKE WASHINGTON

• Potluck membership meeting will take place March 28, 7:30 p.m., at the home of John and Sadako Matsumoto, 3744 80th Ave., S.E., Mercer Island. Speaker will be Tsukasa Namekata, Ph.D.

SAN MATEO

• Chapter's installation dinner will take place April 3 at Green Garden Restaurant, 1150 Paloma Ave., Burlingame. Guest speaker will be Jerry Enomoto, National LEC chairman. No-host cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person. Info: (415) 343-2793.

SEQUOIA

• First in a series of lectures on estate planning by Attorney Drummond McCunn will take place April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Issei Hall, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto.

FRENCH CAMP

• Chapter will sponsor a mid-spring dance April 4 from 9 p.m. to midnight at Stockton Buddhist Temple Social Hall, 2820 Shimizu Drive. Music will be provided by the Swing Tone Band. Tickets are \$7.50 per person.

WEST VALLEY

• Chapter will host the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific executive board meeting April 5 at 1545 Teresita Drive, San Jose.

So. California Chapters Hold Joint Program

LOS ANGELES — Eight JACL chapters—Latin America, Marina Del Rey, Orange County, Pasadena, South Bay, Torrance, Wilshire, and Venice-Culver—co-sponsored their second joint installation dinner-dance Feb. 21 at the Wilshire Hyatt, attracting 300 members and friends.

The evening included introductions by emcee Midori Watanabe Kamei, who called up the officers to be installed by Pacific Southwest regional director John Saito, and presentations of awards by Shirley Chami, including a plaque to Joyce Enomoto, coordinator of last November's "Conquer the Bridge" 8K run. The Music Company, a Sansei band, provided entertainment.

Latin America Chapter videotaped the party and has offered to make copies free for chapters if a blank tape is provided. Contact Luis Yamakawa at 1196½ S. Bronson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019; (213) 737-5398.

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Enomoto Named LEC Chair

SAN FRANCISCO — Former National JACL president Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento was elected chairman of LEC for 1987 during the LEC Board meeting held at JACL National Headquarters on Feb. 13.

Other officers are Grant Ujifusa of New York, vice chair of legislation; Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, vice chair of operations; Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, treasurer; and Mollie Fujioka of Walnut Creek, Calif., secretary.

Succeeding Harry Kajihara, now National JACL president, as fund-raising chair will be Central California District governor Mae Takahashi. Kajihara will still serve as a member of the LEC Executive Committee.

Gary Glenn of Cambridge, who has chaired the New England-area redress program, was elected to fill the LEC Board position left vacant by the death of board chairman Minoru Yasui in November.


St. Louis Installs '87 Officers

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis JACL members gathered Jan. 24 at House of Hunan Restaurant for their 41st inaugural dinner.

Guest speakers included Midwest Regional Office director William Yoshino, who spoke on "JACL—Today and Tomorrow," and James Shimoura of Detroit JACL, who gave an update on anti-Asian violence. Midwest vice governor John Hayashi installed the 1987 officers:

President—George Sakaguchi; v.p./programs—Cathy Hironaka; v.p./membership—Robert Mitori; v.p./finances—Yuki Rikimaru; secretary—Nikki Hara; JAYs advisors—Robert and Jayne Uchiyama; redress/LEC chair—Sam Nakano; scholarships—George Hasegawa; "View" editor—Nikki Hara. Board members are Lanette Erlinger, John Hayashi, Ted Hirabayashi, Sam Nakano and Robert Uchiyama.

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Center Seeks Artifacts From Camp Period

SAN JOSE — Community leaders are seeking camp art, handicrafts, homemade furniture, newspapers, and other objects from the wartime internment for an archive and resource center on local Japanese American history.

The San Jose Commission on the Internment of Local Japanese Americans, established by the city in 1983, will establish the archive in conjunction with San Jose JACL's proposed Japanese American Resource Center.

Members of the commission, co-chaired by council members Susan Hammer and Richard Tanaka, have been working for more than three years to discover and disseminate facts surrounding the internment.

The commission's final report, "... With Liberty and Justice for All," incorporates historical documents, personal testimonies, oral histories, and published and unpublished materials on the subject. A high school curriculum developed by the commission is now being taught in local schools.

Commission members are currently raising funds to fulfill their final goal: the memorialization of the internment for present and future generations.

In order to create a "living" memorial, the commission has requested that the city set aside library or museum space for a permanent and accessible archive where books, papers, oral history tapes, photographs, and artifacts will be stored and indexed.

"There are many artifacts from the internment period that are in people's attics and garages," said Gary Okihiro, author of *Japanese Legacy: Farming and Community Life in California's Santa Clara Valley*. "It is important that they be saved and made available to researchers and the general public so that this sad chapter in American history will never be forgotten."

For more information about the archive and resource center, call Okihiro at (408) 554-6880 or Richard Tanaka at (408) 295-5446.

Four to Be Honored for Community Work

SAN JOSE — Actor George Takei will be the featured speaker at a benefit dinner celebrating the 10th anniversary of Asian Law Alliance at the Le Baron Hotel, 1350 N. 1st St., on April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Takei, best known for his role as Sulu in the "Star Trek" television and film series, will speak on the importance of Asian American involvement in community affairs and the role actors play in building positive images within a community.

Four people will be honored for their work on behalf of low-income and Asian Pacific communities in Santa Clara County:

- Masuo Akizuki, a pioneer organizer of cultural and sports activities in the Santa Clara Valley Japanese American community and past director of the San Jose branch of the Hokubei Mainichi;

- Michael Honda, director of community relations for Franklin-McKinley School District, co-founder of the Asian American Studies Program at San Jose State University, member of the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees, and past board

member of Asian Americans for Community Involvement and San Jose JACL president;

- Jacinto Siquig, co-founder of Filipino American Senior Opportunities Development Council and Northside Community Center;

- Connie Young Yu, author of *Profiles in Excellence* and *My Ancestors Are From China*, coordinator of an educational video on domestic violence in Asian communities, operations manager of a Santa Clara County Department of Health project assessing needs of Asian immigrants, and vice chair of the citizens' committee responsible for restoring the Angel Island immigration barracks

as a historical landmark.

KRON-TV news anchor Emerald Yeh will emcee the program, which will include a performance by San Jose Taiko Group.

Asian Law Alliance is a non-profit group that provides low-cost legal services to Asian Pacific and low-income persons. Legal assistance with problems arising in housing, immigration and domestic violence is available in Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and other Asian languages.

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- 8: May 8 - May 22
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- 9: May 16 - May 25
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