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## Teachers Get Lesson About WW2 Camps

by Ed Suguro

SEATTLE — In an effort to educate local educators about the wartime internment of Japanese Americans, Seattle JACL and the Seattle Public Schools co-sponsored a seminar entitled "Redress: An American Issue" at Nippon Kan Theatre on May 16.

Keynote speaker was State Supreme Court Chief Justice Vernon Pearson, who gave a talk on the relationship between the Constitution and the internment.

Growing up in the Midwest shielded him from events on the West Coast, he said, and it was easy to dismiss the negatives of "the land of the free and the home of the brave." But as a jurist, he felt that it was a failure of the judicial branch of the government that allowed the evacuation to happen.

Pearson noted that during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln suspended the writ of *habeas corpus* because of fears of Southern sympathizers in the North.

"People must be reminded of how fragile the Constitution is," he said. "Its strict adherence is particularly important in times of emergency, when someone believes that it is better to deprive people of liberty to meet the convenience of the day rather than assert the Bill of Rights when it is needed most."

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Seattle JACL member Sally Kazama and Seattle school board member T.J. Vassar present a plaque, to be displayed in the Seattle School District building, which commemorates the forced resignation of Nikkei school district employees during WW2 and redress payments recently awarded to them by the school district. Kazama was one of the recipients.

Nikkei secretaries of the Seattle Public Schools in 1942 and the restitution made to them by the school district last year. Kazama was one of the secretaries who quit their jobs because of public pressure in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor.

The plaque will hang in the Seattle School District administration building.

In a panel discussion moderated by Mako Nakagawa, former internees Kazama, Sam Nakagawa, and Roy Sakamoto spoke of their experience in camp and how it affected them.

Kazama called the internment "rape by incest, by our own government, our father figure."

Nakagawa told of his resentment at being considered a foreigner and said that he did not accept the idea that the internment was an honest mistake by the government.

Sakamoto related a humorous anecdote. His wife had explained

to one of their daughters that the family had to be evacuated because they had Japanese faces. During a dust storm at the Minidoka camp, the daughter came home white with dust and said, "If I look like a white person, maybe they'll let me out of camp."

In concluding the discussion, moderator Nakagawa recalled that her father once told her, "It takes a great country to admit its mistakes and make restitution, and I believe America is a great country."

Following a showing of the film "Unfinished Business," Wayne Kimura and Tim Gojio informed the audience of the status of the *coram nobis* cases, the National Council for Japanese American Redress' class action suit, and the redress bills in Congress.

Seattle JACL president May Sasaki closed the seminar by saying, "Don't think of redress as a Japanese American issue. It is an issue for all Americans."

## President de la Madrid Credits Japanese Nikkei With Strengthening Japan-Mexico Relationship

by Harry K. Honda

MEXICO CITY — President Miguel de la Madrid on May 11 called the outlook for Mexican-Japanese relations extremely promising, stressing the potential for even closer cooperation between the two nations.

In a speech celebrating the 90th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Mexico, De la Madrid told an estimated 1,000 dignitaries and friends at the Nichi Boku Kaikan's new House of Culture that Japan and Mexico have much in common and can realistically look forward to closer relations.

Attending the dedication ceremonies for the House of Culture and its teahouse were Japan's Prince Takamado and his wife, Princess Hisako.

For Nikkei in Mexico, this speech marked the beginning of a new era. The president recognized significant contributions made by Japanese immigrants and their children, noting that they have joined Mexico's economic and social mainstream

through hard work, responsibility, and loyalty to the country.

De la Madrid also stressed that Mexicans of Japanese descent have become an important link between Mexico and Japan and that they will play a leading role in furthering friendly relations in the future.

"The prospects of far-reaching Mexican-Japanese cooperation have broadened over the last years," he said. "We have shown the political will to widen the perspective of our economic, social, and cultural relationship."

Prince Takamado, representing his grandfather, the Emperor, observed that Japan and Mexico are pursuing a path of solid friendship. "Significant results will become evident by the turn of the century," he predicted. "Early in the next century, Japan and Mexico will be in a position to make joint contributions to international development and world peace."

He added that while cultural exchange activities between the two nations have increased, clos-

er ties must be established to deepen mutual understanding.

Carlos Kasuga, chairman of the festivities, echoed the Japanese government's confidence in Mexico's ability to pull through its present economic crisis. He noted that since the late President Miguel Alemán's administration (1946-1952), relations between Japan and Mexico have become increasingly strong.

"Mr. President," he declared, "you can be sure that every single one of the 10,000 Japanese Mexican citizens will summon his ancestral values—including the mysticism for hard work—and put [them] to the service of our nation. Adversity will not bend our will to win back a place in prosperity."

This was the first time that a president of Mexico had set foot inside the Nichi-Boku (Japan-Mexico) Association grounds in the Colonia Las Aguilas section of Mexico City. It housed three Japanese-styled structures, a Japanese garden, tennis courts, a

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## Senate Subcommittee Will Hold Hearing on Redress

WASHINGTON — The Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Service, Post Office, and Civil Service will hold a hearing on redress bill S. 1009 on June 17, 2 p.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 342.

Subcommittee chair Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark.) will preside over the hearing. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), a co-sponsor of the bill, is the ranking minority member. Other members are Sens. Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.) and Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), who are also co-sponsors, and Paul Trible (R-Va.).

Pryor's staff has sent notices to the following individuals and organizations to testify:

Panel I — Sens. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), Brock Adams (D-Wash.), Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), and Alan Cranston (D-Calif.).

Panel II — Harry Kajihara, National JACL president; Grayce Ueyehara, JACL-LEC executive director; William Hohri, National Council for Japanese American Redress; Mike Masaoka, Go For Broke, Inc.; attorney John Kirtland; and two Aleut representatives.

Panel III — David Brody, Washington director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Wade Henderson, associate director, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington office; William Robinson, American Bar Association; Mike Lewis, Washington representative, International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union; and Angus MacBeth, special counsel to Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

In addition, the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget have been invited to send representatives.

Introduced by Matsunaga in April, the bill now has a total of 74 co-sponsors. The bill must be approved by the subcommittee and by the full Governmental Affairs Committee before it can be voted on by the full Senate.

LEC director Ueyehara said, "We are jubilant that S. 1009 will have a hearing with the subcommittee. . . . We are grateful to Sen. Matsunaga for taking a personal interest in moving his bill forward on the time schedule he has laid out. We hope to see S. 1009 move to mark-up before long."

"This means that all redress supporters must keep in touch with their senators to ensure that we have the 'yes' votes in place."

## Who Receives Redress? Bill Gives List of Prerequisites

If redress legislation is approved, who would be eligible for payments? In the section entitled "Definitions," the Senate bill specifies that an "eligible individual" is a living individual of Japanese ancestry who:

(A) Was enrolled on the records of the United States government during the period beginning on Dec. 7, 1941, and ending on June 30, 1946, as being in a prohibited military zone; or

(B) Was confined, held in custody, or otherwise deprived of liberty or property during the period as a result of

(i) Executive Order Number 9066 (Feb. 19, 1942);

(ii) The act entitled "an act to provide a penalty for violation of restrictions or orders with respect to persons entering in, remaining in, leaving, or committing any act in military areas or zones" approved March 21, 1942; or

(iii) Any other executive order, presidential proclamation, law of the United States, directive of the armed forces of the United States, or other action made by or on behalf of the United States or its agents, representatives, officers, or employees respecting the exclusion, relocation, or detention of individuals on the basis of race.

### Other Provisions

The amount of the trust fund created by the bill has been reduced. Previous bills called for a \$1.5 billion appropriation; the current bill calls for \$1.3 billion.

A new clause has been added to the section on individual restitution. It reads as follows:

(e) Extinguishment of Claims — The claims of an eligible individual against the United States will be extinguished

(A) on a date which is ten years after the date of enactment of this act, or

(B) on the date by which the individual has received the total amount of payments under this act, whichever first occurs.

JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Ueyehara said that the reduction in the appropriation and the "extinguishment of claims" clause were "major changes . . . made to help the bill to move forward."

## Chain Barrier Built Around Camp Marker

DENVER — A Denver Central Optimist work team traveled to the site of the wartime Amache internment camp May 16 and built a chain barrier to set off and protect the Amache Memorial.

The Denver team consisted of Art Moriya, Yukio Furuiye, Jim Hada, George Hishinuma, Jinko Yamaguchi, Russ Sato, and Noboru Wakumoto. They were joined by George Ushiyama of Rocky Ford.

Later in the day, 41 persons joined in the annual pilgrimage to the Amache Memorial in observance of Memorial Day. The Rev. Joseph Sakakibara of Simpson United Methodist Church performed a brief ceremony.

The Denver Central Optimist Club is the custodian of the Amache Memorial Fund, the remaining portions of which are used for maintenance of the memorial and projects such as the barrier.

The inscription on the monu-



Denver Central Optimist team's handiwork can be seen around memorial.

ment reads, "Dedicated to the 31 patriotic Japanese Americans who volunteered from Amache and dutifully gave their lives in World War II, to the approxi-

mately 7,000 persons who were relocated at Amache, and to the 120 who died there during this period of relocation, August 27, 1942 - October 15, 1945."

## JA Taking Part in Coro Program

BERKELEY — Eddie Uyekawa, former coordinator of the Berkeley Asian Youth Center (BAYC), is participating in an intensive nine-week training program in public affairs conducted by the San Francisco-based Coro Foundation.

Uyekawa is one of nine finalists selected for the Public Affairs Leadership Training Program for the Asian/Pacific Community. He is president of the BAYC board of directors, a member of

Berkeley JA, and an appointee to the City of Berkeley Community Health Advisory Committee. He received his bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley and his master's degree in public administration at CSU Hayward.

The Coro Foundation is a non-profit institute for leadership training, citizen education, and research in public affairs. It also has training centers in Los Angeles, St. Louis, New York, and Kansas City.

## For the Record

In the article on the Asian/Pacific Islander Media Responsibility Coalition in San Diego (May 29 PC), the following were omitted from the list of participating groups: Asian Pacific American Coalition USA, Asian Pacific Student Union, Pan Asian Express, Pan Asian Lawyers, San Diego State Asian American Student Association, UC San Diego Asian Pacific Student Alliance, UCSD medical students, and Union of Pan Asian Communities.

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## Workshop to Look at Family, Man-Woman Relationships

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition presents an all-day workshop, "Relationships: Partners, Parents, and Children," on June 13, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at California Teachers Association, 1705 Murchison.

The program will include three panel discussions:

— "Our Choices for Fulfillment: What Makes a Relationship Work?" with Marian Okamura, LCSW; Liz Jan, paper and porcelain designer, mother of one; Greg Marutani, Private Industry Council, single man; Marguerite Gee, single woman; Paul Ehara, writer, father of two.

— "Children of Biracial Families" with Chizu Iiyama, early childhood education instructor at Contra Costa College, co-chair

of JACL Women's Concerns Committee; Rachel Shigekane, Chinese for Affirmative Action; Jim Strickling, CAL OSHA, father of biracial family; Dennis Myers, former director, Asian American Theatre Company; Kenneth Morris, student of Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

— "Our Aging Parents: How to Care and Not Despair" with Lyn Boyer-Chuanroong, Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco; Wanda Chin, director of training, On Lok Senior Health Services; Sandy Ouye Mori, board member of National Pacific Asian Resource Center on Aging, former program director of Kimochi, Inc.

Admission at the door is \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Fee includes lunch. Info: Janet Tom, (415) 864-5487.

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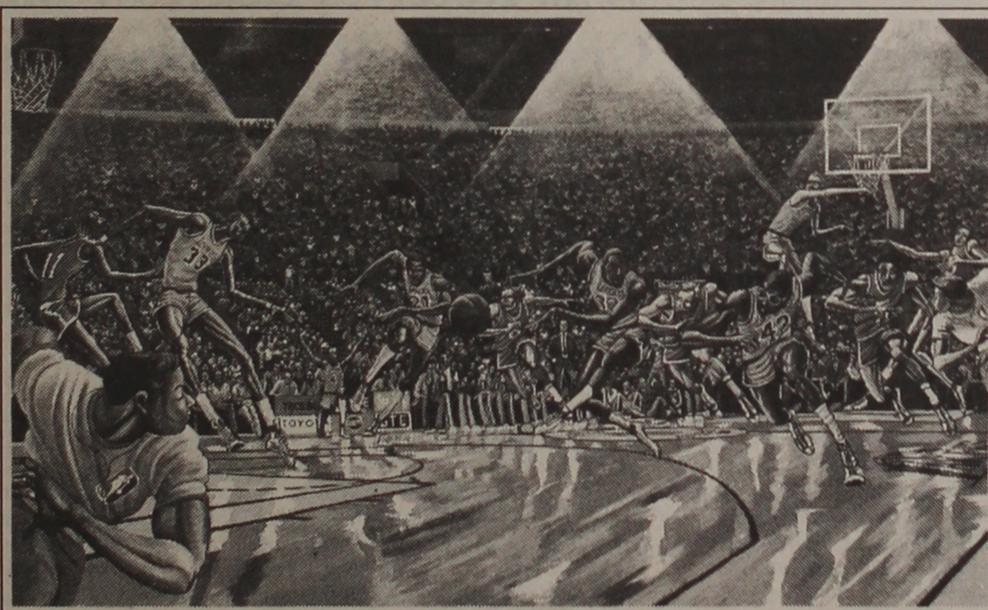
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## Ex-Internees, Vets to Hold D.C. Reunions

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Japanese American Historical Society has announced that a number of special interest groups plan to be in Washington on Oct. 1-2 for the opening of the Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution.

The exhibit, entitled "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," opens Oct. 1.

According to Mel Tominaga, commander of Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post 9879, veterans of L Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, have signed up 300 members, relatives, and friends to be on hand for the event. Memorabilia of the all-Nikkei unit will be on prominent display.

Other 442nd veteran groups, including Companies E, F, and K and the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion, are also forming large contingents from the West Coast and Hawaii. Several Military Intelligence Service groups who served in the Pacific during WW2 will be represented as well.

The veterans will pay tribute to fallen comrades at a memorial service to be held by NJAHS at Arlington National Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Oct. 2.

In addition, reunions are being planned by former inmates of the internment camps. A dinner for the Topaz (Utah) High School class of 1945 will be held Oct. 3.

"Our class is unique in that we spent our entire high school years behind barbed wires," said Bob Utsumi of Oakland, an ex-fighter pilot and organizer of the reunion. "This unusual experience forged a lifelong bond among the teenagers who graduated... to scatter throughout the United States to seek educational or employment opportunities, not knowing if they would ever be allowed to return to the homes from which they were uprooted three years earlier."

More information on the exhibit and related events can be obtained by contacting NJAHS at 1855 Folsom St., #161, San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 431-5007.

## Medical Examinations for U.S. Hibakusha Planned in 4 Cities

SAN FRANCISCO — For the sixth time since 1977, a Japanese medical team will provide free comprehensive examinations, funded by the Japanese government, to Americans who were exposed to the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs 42 years ago.

Five physicians and one medical social worker, all specialists in radiation-related diseases, will give examinations in four cities: San Francisco (June 19-22), Los Angeles (June 27-29), Seattle (July 4-5), and Honolulu (July 9-12).

The Northern California examinations will be held at the UC San Francisco medical center June 19-21 and at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center on June 22.

"It's ironic that we're getting humanitarian foreign aid from the Japanese government," commented Don Tamaki, an attorney who is president of Friends of Hibakusha, a support group for atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. "This is the sixth time in ten years, quite a contrast to what the American government has done for its own citizens, which is nothing."

An estimated 1,000 Americans of Japanese and Korean ancestry now living in the U.S. are survivors of the two bomb blasts, which killed about 230,000 people outright. Some 250,000 survivors have since died from diseases related to radiation exposure. Most American survivors were youngsters visiting relatives or attending school in Japan at the time of the bombings; others are Japanese nationals who married Americans after the war.

In past years, the exams have been given to an increasing number of survivors. During the 1983 visit, the team examined 305 survivors; in 1985, 339 participated, including some from the Midwest. "Recently we've found five new survivors," said Kanji Kuramoto, president of Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S. "But since 1985, three of our members have died, two of them this spring. If our numbers dimi-

nish too rapidly, the team may not be able to come again.

**Radiation-Related Illnesses**  
"These doctors are experts in radiation-related diseases, and we survivors still worry about the long-term effects—cancer, leukemia, and genetic damage."

Many also face high rates of hypertension, diabetes, liver and heart diseases, thyroid problems, and psychological stress, he added.

The team is not allowed to give treatment in America, but treatment can be offered free in Japan. However, most American survivors cannot afford the expense or psychological strain of a trip to Japan.

Kuramoto said that *hibakusha* in America are often hesitant to identify themselves for fear of losing their insurance. Most policies contain a clause which excludes people who have been in an atomic explosion.

"One of our members who is self-employed has admitted to being a survivor, so he cannot get insurance," said Kuramoto. "He spent \$17,000 on his tumor operation four years ago and \$10,000 on an ulcer operation this year. He's just about bankrupt, so he may have to go to Japan for the free treatment, but he'll have to go alone because there isn't enough money for his wife to live there too."

"In any case, CABS is very grateful to the UCSF Ambulatory Care Center for donating clinical rooms, supplies, and equipment."

In addition to the Japanese government, the visits are sponsored by the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association and other groups, with volunteer assistance provided by Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai, Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament, UCSF Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and other Bay Area organizations.

For more information on the visits, contact Friends of Hibakusha at (415) 567-7599.



BEST OF THE VETS — Torrance (Calif.) Councilman George Nakano (left) presents a trophy for Best Veterans Group at the 28th annual Armed Forces Day Parade, which was held May 16, to 100th/442nd Veterans Association president Sam Fujikawa (center) and parade coordinator Monte Fujita. The Nisei veterans had participated for the second year in a row in the nation's largest civilian-sponsored Armed Forces Day parade.

## 'Official English' Bills in N.Y. Legislature Get Negative Vote

ALBANY, N.Y. — Bills declaring English the state's official language were voted down May 12 by the Assembly Education Subcommittee.

The subcommittee, headed by Assemblyman Jose Serrano, voted 18-11 against A1273, a bill introduced by Assemblyman William Paxton, and 19-10 against S901, introduced by state Sen. John Marchi of Staten Island.

"This is a victory for the Committee for a Multilingual New York, but not a time to rest," said Celia Chong, spokesperson for the coalition opposing the bills. "We are continuing with our letter-writing and petition campaign for the senators. Marchi is a very powerful senator."

While the bill appears to be a symbolic declaration, said Chong,

it would also require new legislation deemed "necessary and proper" to carry out the new law. "What exactly does that mean?" she asked.

Opponents of such legislation here and in other states charge that the real goal is the elimination of all bilingual services provided by the government.

The New York bills have been opposed by Mayor Ed Koch and Gov. Mario Cuomo, and Bronx Assemblyman Jose Rivera's resolution calling for a day recognizing New York as a multilingual, multicultural state was passed recently.

A debate on the English bills was held May 7 at the Learning Alliance in Manhattan. Luis Reyes of Aspira, David Chen of China-

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# Lies and Half-Truths

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Since the "news release" sent by S.I. Hayakawa, David Lowman, and Edgar Doleman to the 535 members of Congress (see June 5 PC) had information which is factually incorrect, I think it is important to make a public statement.

In refuting some of the more outlandish statements which keep coming from individuals who oppose redress legislation, I have decided to cite statements from the document "The Evacuated People: A Quantitative Description." This report is from a series prepared by the U.S. War Relocation Authority under director Dillon S. Myer.

The reason for using this report is that individuals who oppose redress have not accepted the report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, but have supported Mr. Myer.

### Number of Internees

In their "Dear Editor" letter, the writers say "not 120,000" but 112,000 residents of Japanese ancestry were evacuated from the West Coast. The WRA report says: "Some 120,313 persons of Japanese descent came under the custody of the War Relocation Authority, which adds 5,981 births in the camps, 1,118 Hawaiian Islanders, 219 voluntary and 1,275 institutions people, some of whom eventually went into the camps, but those who remained institutionalized were under WRA oversight."

We agree that the initial group that went into the assembly centers and Department of Justice internment and detention camps, and seasonal workers who went out to harvest crops from the WCCA assembly centers, add up to 112,000 people. The number of people who spent time in camps still comes out to 120,000.

### Loyalty Issue

We do not know where Lt. Commander Kenneth D. Ringle of the Office of Naval Intelligence made the statement that "25 percent of all Americans of Japanese ancestry [are] of doubtful loyalty." In *Justice at War*, Peter Irons quotes from "Report on Japanese Question" (Jan. 26, 1942, File ASW 014.311, RG 107, NA), as follows:

"Granting the potential disloyalty of members of these groups, Ringle nonetheless estimated the number of Japanese Americans 'who would act as saboteurs or agents' of Japan as 'less than three percent of the total, or about

3,500 in the entire United States.'

"In listing the groups he considered potential threats to military security, Ringle emphasized in his initial report that 'the most dangerous are already in custodial detention' as members of the ABC group interned on Justice Department order, or were 'already fairly well known to the Naval Intelligence service or the Federal Bureau of Investigation' and were consequently subject to immediate apprehension.

"Ringle summarized his assessment of the loyalty of the Japanese American population in these words: 'In short, the entire "Japanese Problem" has been magnified out of its true proportion, largely because of the physical characteristics of the people [and] should be handled on the basis of the individual, regardless of citizenship, and not on a racial basis.'

"Ringle specifically proposed, in both the WRA memorandum and the Harpers article that followed this report, that residents of internment camps be accorded individual hearings 'for the express purpose of deciding, on the basis of logic and reason and in view of the circumstances in each case, whether or not the individual is to be considered in the class of the potentially dangerous.'

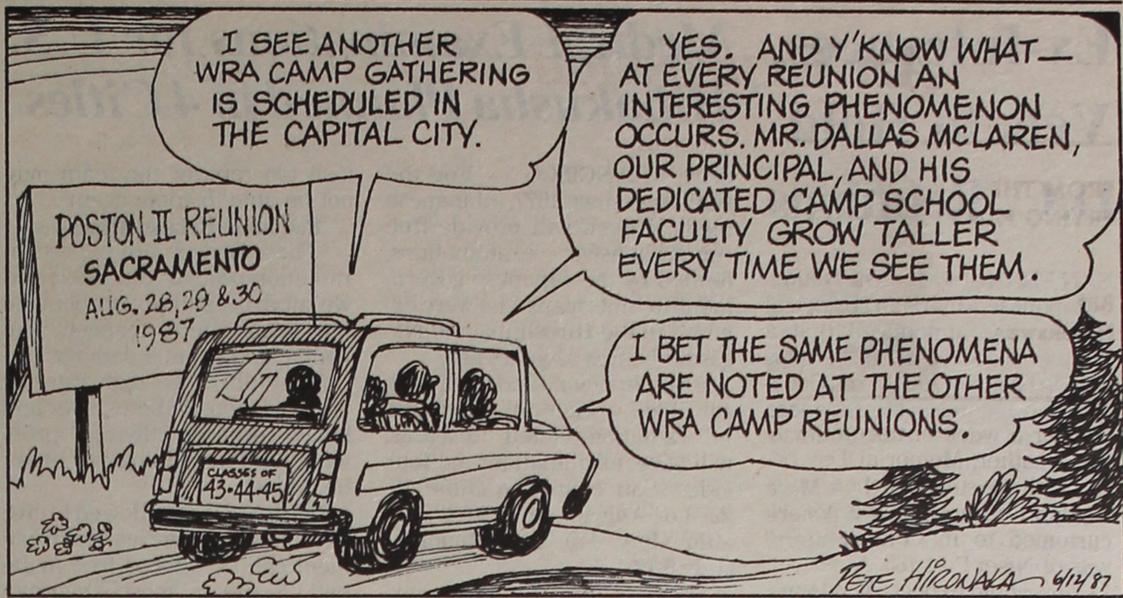
### Births in Camp

Needing a more informed statistical analysis of the statement that camps "had the highest live-birth rate and lowest death rate in wartime U.S.A. . . (the average age of AJA's being 15.6 years)," we further quote from the WRA report, page 90:

"A comparison of the age-sex composition of the total U.S. on July 1, 1942 with the WRA center population as of Jan. 1, 1943 sharply defines the peculiar age distribution of the evacuated people. The evacuated people who entered the centers were made up of two distinct and unusual groups:

"(1) The aliens who came into the country as young people in the quarter century ending in 1924, a group that, in the last 20 years since immigration was stopped, had been diminishing in size and aging until their median age was 52 years; and (2) their American-born children, including several thousand grandchildren who were born here during the last quarter century—a group that had few in the middle span of life and no aged and whose median age was 18½ years [all italics mine]."

By looking at the bulge in the numbers of second-generation young people, which is much larger percentage-wise than the same age group in the general U.S. population, the birth rate would be higher. Also, families with small children did not readily leave camp to resettle, and therefore the camp population would



show the effects of these people staying on until the camps were ready to close down.

I further quote from Section VII on vital statistics in the WRA report, p. 130:

"Birth and death rates for a particular population are used primarily for comparison with similar rates for other population groups, or for the same group over a period of time.

"However, comparing birth and death rates for WRA centers over a period of time or with rates for the total population of the United States is *subject to many limitations* because of (1) the peculiar age and sex composition of the population of Japanese descent, (2) rapid decrease in population in the centers over short period of time, and (3) continually changing composition of the population as a result of selective relocation" [italics mine]."

### Asking for Internment

The statement that "hundreds of residents of Japanese ancestry . . . unaffected by E.O. 9066 asked for and were granted permission to enter and reside in the centers for the duration of the war" needs further explanation, or it remains a distortion of fact.

WRA figures show that exactly 219 individuals who did not come under the executive order came into camp either because they were soldiers who enlisted before the war but were subsequently discharged from the Army base, or individuals who decided to settle in other areas but who then decided to join their families in camp.

In other words, Japanese Americans living in other states prior to the removal of JAs from the West Coast did not decide that they wanted to give up their freedom and go into the camps, as has been said in testimonies given by opponents of redress.

### Military Service

The statement that "of the estimated 10,000 AJA's residing in the WRA centers and who were eligible for military service . . . only 1,208 volunteered" is not a complete description of what happened.

It is true that 1,208 volunteered initially, but we must not forget that the voluntary program was started in camp while these young people were prisoners of their own country and had lost their individual freedom. Let's be honest and fair about this matter; not many people would volunteer under such conditions.

Yet the WRA report says: "War Department releases indicate that between November 1940 and December 1945, some 25,778 Japanese Americans were inducted into the armed forces, 438 of whom were officers and 25,340 enlisted men. It has been estimated that 13,528 were from the mainland and 12,250 from Hawaii (p. 126)."

One could conclude then that 10,000 eligible individuals in the camps were all eventually in-

ducted and supplemented by AJAs from other states who were never in camp.

### Nisei Casualties

Let the record further show that we made a much larger sacrifice, as shown by the casualty listing put forth by the WRA:

"Killed in action — 569; died of wounds — 89; wounded or injured — 3,713; missing in action — 67. Total — 4,430.

"This is not a complete report on Japanese American casualties, inasmuch as Nisei soldiers served with many groups other than the 442nd. Neither does it include Nisei casualties in the Pacific theater, which must have been considerable as War Department figures indicated that there were some 3,000 Nisei serving on the Pacific on V-J Day."

Mr. Hayakawa, Mr. Doleman, and Mr. Lowman—please memorize these figures, for we must

remind you that we paid a tremendous price, over and beyond the call of duty, for our country because people like you did not accept or understand what President Truman said in giving his Presidential Unit Citation to the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1946:

"You fought for the free nations of the world . . . you fought not only the enemy, you fought prejudice—and you won. Keep up that fight . . . continue to win—make this great republic stand for what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people, all the time."

Amen! Truman and all the soldiers who fought so bravely for their country are right—that is why we are fighting for redress today. Redress is an American issue, it is about the Constitution and the right of people to receive equal protection under the law.

## Letters to the Editor

### Message to Board

The overwhelming protests resulting from the public presentations of the draft of the revised personnel manual should send a clear message to our National JAACL Board.

The strategy used by the ad hoc committee representing the board opened a Pandora's box of ramifications with consequences yet to be fully assessed. Had the alleged personnel problems been addressed and settled in executive session of the board, revisions of the manual could follow with staff consultation and input and without the current public confusion and misunderstanding.

Clearly, the cart was placed before the horse and the solutions have become infinitely more difficult. I strongly feel that restoration of trust and confidence in our national leaders is a requirement in order for National JAACL to effectively carry out its primary activities of serving the Nikkei community and continuing its struggle for civil rights.

We have been advised to be patient and understanding. Fine. But when I learned at an April 18 meeting of the National JAACL Endowment Fund Committee (with both top national staff and board members present) that no direct dialogue on core issues concerning personnel had taken place, my patience and understanding were stretched to the breaking point.

I urge the National Board to arrive at a fair and equitable settlement of personnel matters as expeditiously as possible, regardless of where the chips may fall and regardless of personality problems.

Perhaps a new beginning is in order, one in which principals must be ready to admit mistakes and be accommodating. Stonewalling, evasions, excuses, and delays can only exacerbate the problems.

I realize that some of the problems have been inherited from the past and that solutions are difficult, perhaps even painful. But I trust that the National Board—our elected representatives—will have the courage and wisdom to come up with solutions consonant with the current and long-term welfare and integrity of our national organization.

We have plenty of external problems, but we need to solve our internal problems in order to function effectively. Hopefully the National Board will give this matter top priority at their upcoming June meeting.

ROY NISHIKAWA  
Past National JAACL President  
Los Angeles

### Mean Mr. Karma

In regard to "Support for Stand" (Letters, May 29): I find it mind-boggling that Hashime Saito could attribute the evacuation experience to "karma." I mean, give me a break.

Hey, but wait a minute. Hold your horses. Now that I think about it, maybe it was karma. Yeah, karma working the streets again. Yeah, that's it. Internment due to karma. What an innovative way to view the deliberate herding of people. Way to go, Mr. Karma. I bet it was just him waking up on the wrong side of bed that day that opened the gates to camp. We have to be careful and watch out for Mr. Karma.

I can't quite remember the other times Mr. Karma didn't sleep too well. Was it in Germany during the '40s, or was it in Turkey? No matter. It must have been karma anyway. What else could it have been but karma? How silly to think that man might have had anything to do with crimes against humanity.

Boy, I wonder how often Mr. Karma works against you. I mean, does he come and get you all at

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## An Expression of Gratitude

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN

Bill  
Hosokawa



After a week of uncommonly wet weather, Memorial Day began with the sun-drenched, blue-sky kind of morning we are accustomed to in Colorado. The vets of Nisei Post 185, American Legion, could expect a good turnout at Fairmount Cemetery for their 41st annual community Memorial Day service.

The Rocky Mountain region Nisei war memorial, a starkly beautiful monument of five gray slabs, has an honored place at Fairmount. On four of the slabs are etched words made sacred by the sacrifice of the men whose names are listed under them: Freedom, Honor, Justice, Equality.

Forty-one years is a long span over which to keep the faith. Yet some 300 persons—Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei—an impressively large gathering for our community, came to remember the heroes of three wars: WW2, Korea, and

Vietnam.

Memorial services like this have a certain sameness about them, the same words of tribute made meaningful largely by the sincerity of those who utter them, the familiar prayers, the same shattering volleys of rifle salute, the same mournful echoes of taps.

Yet the very fact of gathering in tribute to the memory of men long gone brings a sense of togetherness to members of the Japanese American community who otherwise have only infrequent occasion to meet.

Whether we see it as such, the service is a sincere and eloquent expression of gratitude to the Nisei, living and dead, who were willing to offer their lives if necessary to demonstrate the loyalty of all Japanese Americans.

There are some who continue to tell us, with their warped sense of values, that those Nisei who refused military service were the true patriots during the troubled WW2 years, and that those who offered to serve a doubting nation were suckers.

I doubt that any of the naysayers would have the brass to stand before the Memorial Day assemblage and repeat their contentions. The vets, now mostly old and gray, were sincere when they took the oath of allegiance and

they need no excuses to defend their beliefs. Their annual ceremony is a keeping of the faith with comrades long gone.

I wondered, as I left the cemetery, how long these memorial rites would continue. There are not many more decades left for the vets themselves. The growing list of former servicemen who died after active duty, engraved on the back of the monument, testifies to thinning ranks.

Yet, if Japanese Americans are true to the ancestral sense of gratitude, they will continue to honor the war dead as long as they retain their identity. An infinitely large measure of the freedom, status, and comfort we enjoy today is due to the men who went to war to prove group loyalty.

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After the ceremony I went, as I usually do, to another part of the cemetery to visit the grave of Larry Tajiri, the superb Nisei newspaperman who died in 1965, to say howdy and tell him how much we miss him.

And as usual, there was a fresh bouquet of carnations alongside the headstone. I do not know who brings the flowers. There is no member of Larry's family in these parts, but obviously he has friends who have not forgotten.

## Body Language

EAST  
WIND

Bill  
Marutani



IN RECENT COLUMNS we've been having a bit of fun toying with *nihongo* forms of expression which employed parts of the anatomy, such as the *kao* (face) and *hara* (belly, or, indelicately but perhaps more accurately, the "gut"). Just as the hip-bone is connected to the knee-bone, so we shall move on to the next part, this time the *koshi* (hip or waist).

We first heard the word when our Issei parents, after a day of picking strawberries, would register a complaint: "*Koshi ga itai.*" After even a brief session performing stoop labor in our little vegetable garden, I now know too well what the complaint was about.

LIKE MANY WHO also don't know the language, I turn to the dictionary, the *jiten*. The composition of the *kanji* character for *koshi* is interesting but doesn't make sense to me. It consists of two main parts: on the left is the character *tsuki* (moon), and on the right *i(ru)* (needed). The latter portion itself consists of two other characters, one on top of the other: the top part is *shi* (four) and the lower part is *onna* (woman). Now put them all together—moon, four, and woman—and how that comes out *koshi* is beyond me.

But then, on the other hand, the Creator made a whole woman out of just a single rib.

SETTING ASIDE ETYMOLOGY (which I undoubtedly should have left alone in the first place, rather than publicly dismembering an ancient form of script), and returning to *koshi*, the word. Ever hear the expression *koshi ga takai* (hip is high) or *hikui* (low)? If not, join me; neither had I. In Japanese parlance, the "high" reference is to one who is proud, in the haughty sense; the "low"—you guessed it—refers to one who is modest or humble. (Now I don't know what to do with that

phrase *hana ga takai* (nose up in the air).

There's more.

FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE *koshi ga karui* (light, in the sense of weight). Perhaps somewhat akin to the American expression of being "light on your feet," in Japanese it refers to a person who is nimble, a good and productive worker. *Omoi* (heavy) is, of course, the opposite: a heavy-footed, slow-moving, and thus lazy, fellow. Or gal. (I must observe equality.)

But a word of caution here: Be careful in using the expression *koshi ga karui vis-a-vis* a woman, even if she is a good dancer who is light on her feet; for when applied to a woman, the word connotes a flitting, fickle damsel—like a butterfly going from one man to the next.

Oh, the perils of a foreign language.

*KOSHI O AGERU* (raise or uplift) is not only to get up from your haunches, but expresses determination—to rise up and take action. In the U.S. Army the sergeant's directive was "Get off your derriere" (in more blunt terms, however). *Koshi o sueru* (set, place, lay) is to settle down—or "hunker down" as we might express it in American slang—to approach one's task seriously.

*Koshi-kudake* (*kudakeru* meaning to break, smash, or demolish) doesn't mean to have a traumatic fracture of the hip bone; rather, it derives from an expression in *sumo* wrestling. It means to break down, or fall apart, in the midst of a bout, in the midst of a critical situation. Maybe somewhat akin to the American expression: weak-kneed.

IN ANATOMICAL TERMS, most Nisei have heard the expression *kubi ni naru*, literally translated "become the neck." In American slang we might say "Getting it in the neck" and the meaning is quite parallel. *Kubi ni naru* is getting one's neck chopped off, i.e., fired.

The Issei had a quaint, pidgin way of expressing the ignominious state of being terminated from one's employment: "*Go homu o kuu*" (literally translated "to eat a go home," or "to suffer a directive to go home"). You're fired.

With this, I'll do just that. For the time being.

## Lest We Forget: Thoughts on Memorial Day

by Jerry Enomoto  
Past National JACL President

Enomoto gave the following speech May 25 during Memorial Day services held by VFW Golden Gate Post 9879 and NCWNP District JACL at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, Calif.

It has been said that the only thing that heals the grief we feel when loved ones are lost is the passage of time. This means that the immediate overwhelming sense of loss is gradually accepted, as we come to terms with its reality. Indeed, time does heal most wounds.

We cannot, however, afford to let time lull us into forgetting. As the admonition accompanying the traditional poppy says, "Lest we forget." Memorial Day is appropriately a day of remembrance, a day to take some time out of our busy lives to take stock and remember the ultimate sacrifice made by those who rest here.

I, as well as many of you, have spent a part of my postwar and camp life involved in efforts to help make our communities more true reflections of democracy. The JACL and its motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America," has been a significant part of that struggle. We have sometimes been disappointed by events over the years which have tested our faith in the concepts of equality and justice that are our birthright as Americans.

Masaoka's Testimony

All of us here know and appreciate Mike Masaoka, whose contributions to the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry are legend. While testifying for the Go For Broke Nisei veterans association on behalf of H.R. 442 before the House Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations on April 29, Mike said:

"As a permanent reminder to all, as part of the ongoing educational campaign, with a grant from the Civil Liberties Education Fund, we Nisei veterans propose that a heroic memorial or monument be erected on the Avenue of

Heroes leading to Arlington National Cemetery honoring those Japanese Americans who in WW2 volunteered, many from behind the barbed wire fences of America's concentration camps, to prove that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart, and not one of race or ancestry.

"Americans of this generation and other generations to come need to be reminded how one ethnic group of Americans proved that constitutional truth with their blood and guts on the battlefields of WW2, while their parents and families were victims of an American assault on their constitutional rights. Lest we forget."

Also, as we pause to remember, we must not forget those who gave their lives in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and those such as Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, who in peacetime made the ultimate sacrifice while extending the frontiers of space.

On Memorial Day 1987, as we remember and reflect, we must acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous progress that has been made since over 110,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents were summarily removed from their homes, without due process, and interned some 45 years ago.

Relations With Japan

When we speak of progress, we cannot forget that Japan, the land of our ancestors, and America were mortal enemies a short 46 years ago. Today they are allies. Prime Minister Nakasone, in his address on May 1 before the National Press Club, said:

"The values and ideals of freedom and democracy championed by America's founding fathers 200 years ago, at the time of the establishment of the American Constitution, have set deep roots in the politics and society of Japan, with our different history and cultural traditions. In this fact lies the solid foundation of the Japanese-American alliance.

"Looking to the future, we Japanese will continue working to ex-

pand and enrich this relationship, with shared values and ideals of freedom and democracy as its guiding principles. I believe it is our duty to make sure that this conviction and enthusiasm concerning the future of our relationship are passed on to the next generation of Japanese and Americans, and to the generations that will follow."

I am sure that all of us—and, if they could speak, those who rest here—would echo the prime minister's words.

Present Successes

While recognizing that we live in an imperfect democracy, there is no question that Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy an unprecedented level of professional, political and economic success today, a success due in no small measure to the sacrifices of those we honor here. The linkage between the exploits of Japanese Americans in battle and the later acceptance of all of us here in America is our own version of "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

When once we may have wished we did not look like Japanese, we are now proud to be Japanese Americans. We are represented at the highest levels of public service and in the private sector, and where we are not, future generations will be. Everything we can do, each in our own way, to eliminate racism and bigotry in America will be the highest tribute we can make to the memory of those who rest here.

In conclusion, I feel that I am reflecting the hopes of all of us here when I say that the passage of a meaningful redress bill in the 100th Congress, and its signing into law, will be a fitting vindication for those who gave their lives in defense of their country despite the stigma of assumed disloyalty.

What better time for such vindication than the celebration of the 200th birthday of our Constitution?

## New Network for Singles

by Meriko Mori  
Chair, National JACL  
Singles Concerns Committee

The Southern California Nikkei Singles organizations recently held their initial meeting. This was a "getting to know you" and brainstorming session to explore the possibility of forming a network.

Those in attendance were Guy Urata, Japanese American Singles Club; Nancy Lew, Nisei Singles; Jo Anne Nakaya, Marina JACL; Mark Nojiri, San Diego JACL Singles; Toshi Ito and Irene Kubo, San Gabriel Valley Singles; Shiz Urugami, Megamillions; and Harvey Hanemoto, Orange County Sansei Singles. I represented Greater L.A. Singles JACL. We Are One, Ventura County JACL Singles, and L.A. Nikkei Widowed Group were unable to send representatives.

It was a sharing of purpose, history, and background of each organization, and a reporting of future activities. Some groups were in the beginning stages and told of their struggles and success-

es; others have been in existence since 1969-70, mainly functioning as support groups and providing social activities.

A definite need for a network was expressed and agreed upon. The group will be called Southern California Nikkei Singles Coalition by unanimous consent. The primary goals at this time are to share information and calendars of activities, invite other singles groups, and communicate the concerns of each organization.

All organizations were encouraged to attend the third National JACL Singles Convention in San Francisco on Sept. 4-6. Bowling and golf tournaments, workshops, tours, mixer, dinner-dance, and Sunday buffet are planned. It will be an opportunity to be among singles from across the nation.

All agreed to participate and contribute their talents toward an all-singles picnic to be held at Deutsch Park on Sept. 20.

This was a good beginning for the SCNSC. The next meeting will be held June 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Sugar Bowl Cafe, 333 S. Alameda St. in Los Angeles.

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# Yearly Trek to Okei's Grave Site Continues

SACRAMENTO — The isolated grave site of Okei, a Japanese girl who died in 1871, can be easily missed. To find it, a visitor must locate a memorial near Gold Hill, then climb a gentle hill that overlooks El Dorado County.

Since 1969, a group of Japanese Americans has gathered each spring to clean up around the memorial and Okei's grave and to clear the trail to the grave site. They did so again April 26.

"People from Japan visit the site," said Tom Fujimoto of Sacramento, who helped organize the cleanup. "People come from L.A. and San Francisco. We would like them to see a nice site."

Okei was part of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony, a group of immigrants who hoped to grow mulberry trees to feed silkworms.

"This colony is the first organization of Japanese immigrants that came to the U.S. in hopes of establishing a community here," said Fujimoto. "These are our historical roots."

The 1870 census listed 55 Japanese in the U.S. There were 33 in California; 22 of them lived in Gold Hill.

Henry Taketa, a Sacramento attorney who has done research on the colony, said Okei's experiences were similar to those of thousands of other Japanese women who came to America, leaving behind family and friends for a completely different life.

The first members of the colony arrived in Gold Hill, near Coloma, in June 1869, bringing with them silk cocoons, mulberry saplings, tea plants and seeds, grape seedlings, and bamboo roots, according to Taketa.

They were led by John Henry Schnell, a follower of the feudal lord of Aizu Wakamatsu, a town 200 miles north of Tokyo.

Schnell bought 160 acres to start the farm, "but 1869 and 1870 were dry years. For lack of water, the whole thing went to pot. It was a disaster," said Taketa.

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**Eden Township JAACL** honored its 1987 scholarship recipients May 16. From left: (Union City Mayor Tom) Kitayama Family/Eden JAACL (\$400) — Tracie Takahashi, Bishop O'Dowd H.S.; California First Bank/Eden JAACL (\$400) — Nicole Mar, San Leandro H.S.; Eden Japanese Community Center (\$200) — Meredith Kato, San Leandro H.S.; Sumitomo Bank-Southland/Eden JAACL (\$400) — Troy Chinen, Redwood Christian H.S. The awardees plan to attend Stanford University, Brown University (R.I.), UCLA, and Harvey Mudd College (Calif.), respectively.

## LETTERS

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once, like he did for Blacks being sold on the market in the 1700s and 1800s, or does it trickle down on you like in Chernobyl? I bet he's the stuff that makes kids cry when to go to sleep at night hungry. Mean Mr. Karma. Shame, shame, shame. What can we do about you?

Maybe we need to make signs to warn people about Mr. Karma. Or even better yet, "Mr. Karma Buster" bumper stickers. That'll show him he can't get away with treating us like nothings. Oh, and let's not forget the pickets. We can't forget the pickets or he'll never go away.

Who does Mr. Karma remind me of? Oh yeah, that old guy, Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Karma and Mr. Roosevelt must've thought about the same things right after Pearl Harbor. Hey, but Mr. Karma has known about Pearl before

it happened. What a guy! Then it must've been Mr. Karma who said, "Mr. President, it's a military necessity that you remove Japanese Americans from the West Coast." Boy, he sure does like to get you when you're down in the dumps.

I guess it was Mr. Karma's fault after all. How could intelligent people like us have anything to do with oppressing mankind by using something as crude as logistics and design? Mr. Karma must have cornered that market with a hostile takeover. At present, I believe he's working a leveraged buyout of culpability. Hey, maybe with Mr. Karma moving in, mankind won't have to be responsible for anything, except breathing.

JIMMY TOKESHI  
Los Angeles

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- Gardena Valley: 21-Henry Nagahori\*, 16-Robert Takamoto\*.
- Greater LA Single: 10-Karl Nobuyuki.
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- New Mexico: 11-Miyoko Tokuda.
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# Community Calendar

June 13 — 27

## ANAHEIM, Calif.

July 9  
7:15-8:45 p.m. First meeting of beginning social dance class at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale. Classes will also be held July 16 and 23. Info: Donna Kawase, (714) 751-2651, or David Kawai, (714) 898-1074.

## BERKELEY

June 24  
6:30 p.m. Asian American Social Club will hold a dinner at China Station Restaurant, 700 University Ave. Cost is \$8 members, \$10 guests. RSVP by June 22. Info: Ryan, (415) 834-4118, or Tim, (415) 797-2617.

## CHULA VISTA

June 14  
1 p.m. Art and craft works by former camp internees will be displayed at Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave. Donation is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the movement for redress/reparations.

## DENVER

June 13 Japanese American community of the greater Denver area will honor approximately 75 graduating high school seniors at its annual graduation dinner-dance at the Sheraton Tech Center. This year's program is being dedicated to the memory of Min Yasui, who was instrumental in beginning the scholarship program through the JACL Mile-Hi Chapter. Info: (303) 237-3041.

## LOS ANGELES

June 13  
1 p.m. CSU Los Angeles offers a free concert by the jazz band Hiroshima in the university stadium (Eastern Avenue exit of the 10 Freeway) as part of CSULA's yearlong 40th anniversary celebration. Info: (213) 224-3271.

June 14  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Nikkei Widowed Group holds its monthly meeting in Room 4-B of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Guest speaker will be Harold Ishibashi, program chair of American Assn. of Retired Persons, L.A. Chapter. Info: Tak, (213) 822-8070, or Eizo, (213) 372-3592.

June 20  
11:30 a.m. Asian Human Care Center, 5211 W. Olympic Blvd., will co-sponsor a rummage sale in its parking lot. Also sponsoring the sale will be the Handicapped Boy Scouts. Info: (213) 933-8537.

June 27  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Filmmaker and UCLA instructor Robert Nakamura will begin a six-week course on the theory and technique of documentary filmmaking. The workshop, sponsored by the California Arts Council, is part of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Artist-in-Residence program. Info: Chris Aihara, (213) 628-2725.

## SAN FRANCISCO

June 19  
8 p.m. Center for Japanese American Studies presents an evening with Michael Omi, UC Berkeley instructor and co-author of *Racial Formation in the United States*, at the upstairs lounge of Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Meeting is free and open to the public.

## SEATTLE

June 14  
12:30-4 p.m. "Keiro Okagesama" (Keiro Thanks to You) will be the theme of the grand opening of Keiro Nursing Home at 1601 E. Yesler Way. Open house begins at 12:30; ceremonies, with dignitaries in attendance, begin at 1. Info: Anne Arakaki-Lock, (206) 322-4897.

## STOCKTON

June 14  
2-4 p.m. San Joaquin Valley Nikkei Widowed Group holds its monthly meeting at Stockton Buddhist Church social hall, 2820 Shimizu Dr. Guest speaker is Yoshi Yamachi, a CPR instructor and retired nurse, who will speak on "Health and Heart."

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FRESNO — The recipients of the Central California District Council JACL scholarships have been announced by Wayne Kai: Kino Miyahara Scholarship (\$500)—Michael Takata, Tulare County; California First Bank (\$400)—Karen Katayama, Sanger; Issei Memorial (\$400)—Terri Masumoto, Selma; CCDC JACL (\$400)—Stephanie Yoshimoto and Sean Takeuchi, both of Fresno.

CCDC Citizenship Awards went to Felicia Ota, Linda Hiroyasu, John Kato, and Michael Naito, all of Fresno.

## Tulare County

VISALIA, Calif. — Michael Glen Takata, a senior at Mount Whitney High School, is the recipient of the Matsuye Okada Memorial Scholarship Award, presented by Tulare County JACL. Takata, the son of Julie and the late Fred Takata of Visalia, will attend Stanford University in the fall as an engineering student.

## Fresno

FRESNO — Fresno JACL has awarded its 1987 scholarships to the following high school seniors:

Kimura Scholarship (\$2,000)—Linda Hiroyasu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Hiroyasu.

F.Y. Hirasuna Scholarship (\$650)—Sean Takeuchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Takeuchi.

Yasuhira Scholarships (\$500)—John Kato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu Kato; Felicia Ota of Selma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ota; Stephanie Yoshimoto of Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yoshimoto.

Miyahara Scholarship (\$500)—Michael Naito of Madera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Naito.

Yatabe Memorial Scholarship (\$400)—Edwin Tanouye, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tanouye.

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Julie Yoshida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoshida.

The annual chapter scholarship dinner will be held June 14, 6 p.m., at Inaka Sushi Restaurant. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Info: Marlene Kubota, (209) 225-2200.

## Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — Sacramento JACL scholarship chair Midori Hiyama has announced the 1987 chapter scholarship recipients:

### High School

Sacramento Chapter JACL—Sandra Kawamura, Delta (\$750).

VFW Nisei Post 8985 Memorial (Henry Tanaka, Yukio Uyeno, Frank Oshita)—Kimberly Ohara, J.F. Kennedy (\$550). VFW Nisei Post 8985 (Matsuo Kinoshita, Sumako Itano, Muroko Ikeda, Kenji Kawahira, Hide Nishihara)—Mary Jane Nakamura, C.K. McClatchy; VFW Nisei Post 8985 (Masa Seto)—Stacy Wong, JFK (\$500 each).

Alice Matsui Memorial—Stephen Baishiki, Cordova; Anna Jane Kawahara Memorial—Jolie Yamada, JFK; Dr. Goichi "Joe" Kawahara Memorial—Jane Furukawa, JFK; Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn.—Geary Noguchi, JFK; Calif. First Bank—Laura Nishina, JFK; Masao Itano Memorial—Fonda Watanabe, JFK; Sumako Itano Memorial—Ulysses Nishi, Rio Vista; Sumitomo Bank of Calif.—Jayna Toyama, C.K. McClatchy (\$500 each).

Lion Akio Hayashi Student Scholarship, Senator Lions Club—Wendy Hirai, Hiram Johnson (\$400); Roy M. Kurosawa Memorial—Todd Imura, JFK; Kazuma Fujita Memorial—Cindy Nishio,

C.K. McClatchy; Noboru Shirai Memorial—David Onodera, Sacramento (\$300 each).

Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai—Dianne Miyao, Hiram Johnson; Golden State Sanwa Bank—Colleen Montgomery, Hiram Johnson; Sacramento Gardeners Assn.—Lynwood Montgomery, Hiram Johnson (\$200 each).

### Community College

Sacramento Chapter—Kristl Honda and Robert Nakagawa, Sacramento City College (\$300 each).

Also on the scholarship committee are Ruby Matsuhara, Hideo Seto, Henry Taketa, Peter Ouchida, Shig Shimazu, Frank Hiyama, and Warren Kashiwagi.

## San Diego

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Union reporter Mitch Himaka was keynote speaker at San Diego JACL's 30th annual scholarship dinner, held May 3 at Tom Ham's Light-house Restaurant. He urged students to "know the hardships of the Issei, who had to start all over twice in their lives because of incarceration."

Awards went to the following high school students: \$1,000—Yoshio Hall, Helix; \$700—Karon Abe, Bonita Vista; \$400—Demetra Barr, Mira Mesa; \$250—Bruna Darini, Mount Miguel; Lynn Fujimoto, Kearny; Joseph Horiye and Darrell Shimamoto, Madison; Linda Mayumi Howlett, Hilltop; Kenn Kashima and Kana Yajima, Mira Mesa; Eddie Lee Parsons, Monte Vista; Hiromi Schofield, Southwest; Lisa Takashima, Todd Tanaka, and Simon Yee, Bonita Vista; and Grace Tayama, Patrick Henry.

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## Service Center to Honor 3 for Contributions to Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — Three community leaders will be honored for their service to the Nikkei community at the seventh annual Little Tokyo Service Center awards banquet July 10 at the Sheraton Grande Hotel.

The LTSC board of directors has selected Frances Hashimoto, Frank Kagiwada, and Akemi Kikumura as this year's awardees.

• Frances Hashimoto finds time to serve on numerous boards and committees in the Little Tokyo community in addition to running a successful business and being a wife and mother.

Born in the Poston, Ariz., camp during WW2, she graduated from USC in 1966 and taught at Hamel Street Elementary School from 1966 to 1970, when she entered the family business.

Mikawaya Confectionery was started by Hashimoto's family in 1910. In 1974, she oversaw the building of the main plant and administrative offices. Mikawaya now has four retail stores, three in Little Tokyo and one in Gardena.

She is president of Japanese Villaga Plaza Merchants Association, secretary and former vice president of the Little Tokyo Business Association, secretary of the Japanese American Cultural

and Community Center's board, and a member of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee.

Hashimoto was general chair of the 1982 Nisei Week Festival and chair of the Little Tokyo Centennial Committee in 1984.

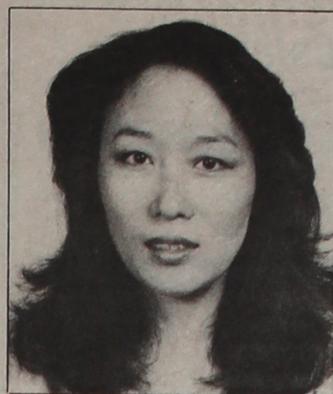
• Akemi Kikumura can be described as a community advocate, fund-raiser, dancer, singer, actress, anthropologist, author, lecturer, and professor.

The youngest of 13 children, Kikumura paid tribute to her Issei mother's strength in her doctoral thesis/biography *Through Harsh Winters*. She grew up in Lodi, Calif., and moved to Los Angeles at the age of 12. She attended University of Las Vegas and Santa Monica City College and earned bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees at UCLA.

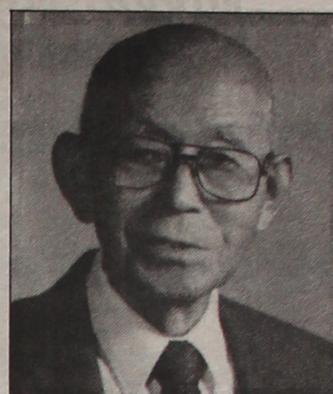
After a career as a performing artist, she turned to advocacy through her writing as well as her efforts to raise funds for Asian American media organizations, including East West Players, Association of Asian Pacific American Artists, East Wind magazine, and Visual Communications. She played a key role in building support for two of VC's film projects: "Hito Hata," a dramatic film about an Issei, and



Frances Hashimoto



Akemi Kikumura



Frank Kagiwada

"Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor," a documentary on the late Nisei performer.

Kikumura has taught classes in Japanese American and Asian American studies and is a lecturer on the Japanese American experience at various community gatherings and seminars.

• Frank Kagiwada's community service began before WW2, when he helped newly immigrated Issei settle in a hostile environment, and continued into recent years, when he helped establish the Japanese Community Pioneer Center.

He came to the U.S. in 1914 and settled in Hollywood. He worked as a houseboy, one of the few occupations open to Japanese at the time, and attended school. After graduating from a business college, he established an insurance business. He helped Issei clients with a wide range of daily problems resulting from the language barrier and racial hostility.

At the time, Japanese were not allowed to use such public facilities as swimming pools, parks, or drinking fountains. Kagiwada was instrumental in petitioning the YMCA and, after three years, finally winning the right of Nisei children to use the YMCA's swimming and camping facilities. In 1934, he became the first Japanese representative on the YMCA board.

He married Sachiko Togatashi, a recent graduate of Seigakuin Women's Theological College in Tokyo, in 1928. With the outbreak of the war, the Kagiwadases and their two children, aged 9 and 7, were sent to the Poston, Ariz., camp. Kagiwada was so busy helping others prepare for evacuation that he had almost no time to prepare for it himself. The Kagiwadases eventually returned to Los Angeles to reestablish their lives.

During the postwar period, many Issei were approaching retirement age with little money or resources, and Issei, Nisei, and Sansei began developing various programs for the Issei. Kagiwada played a key role in the development of the Little Tokyo Towers senior housing project, serving

as advisor for 17 years. He also helped found the Japanese Community Pioneer center, which he served as president for two years.

He has been honored by many community organizations as well as the City and County of Los Angeles for his community service. In 1981 he was decorated by the Japanese government with the Sixth Order of the Rising Sun for his contributions to promoting friendship between the U.S. and Japan.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 each, \$500 for table of ten. For a \$1,000 donation, dinner patrons will have a half-page advertisement in the dinner program. Proceeds go to the LTSC's service programs. All donations are tax-deductible. Info: (213) 680-3729.

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LOS ANGELES — Approximately 200 family members, friends, and supporters of Asian American Drug Abuse Program participated in its March 20 open house, which celebrated the completion of AADAP's building renovation project.

Ten years ago, the building that now houses AADAP was a seedy, run-down hotel. Half of the rooms have been converted into staff offices and the other half have been renovated for AADAP's residential program.

Other improvements include a full-coverage fire protection system, a paved parking lot, new carpets and equipment, and fresh coats of paint.

During the program, presentations were made to City Council President Pat Russell, former Councilman David Cunningham, Board of Public Works Commissioner and former Cunningham

## OKEI GRAVE SITE

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Okei arrived in 1870 to serve as nursemaid to the children of Schnell and his Japanese wife.

"When the colony was abandoned by Schnell, people went their different ways," Taketa said, and only two immigrants remained behind. One was Okei, who stayed with a local family that still owns the property where she is buried.

She died of fever in 1871 and was buried on the knoll of a hill

which she is said to have frequently climbed to watch the sun set in the direction of Japan.

A replica of her gravestone at Gold Hill was erected in Aizu Wakamatsu in 1960.

In 1969, 100 years after the ill-fated colony was established, the California Historical Landmark Commission placed a memorial plaque at Gold Trail School in Gold Hill to recognize the colony.

—from a report by McClatchy News Service

aide Dennis Nishikawa, and Russell aide Ozzie Hunt for their help in the completion of the renovation project.

Russell presented AADAP executive director Mike Watanabe with a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Tom Bradley.

"This event brought closure to

a very long process," said Watanabe. "I was glad we were able to get all the people who contributed so much to the project together so we could thank them publicly."

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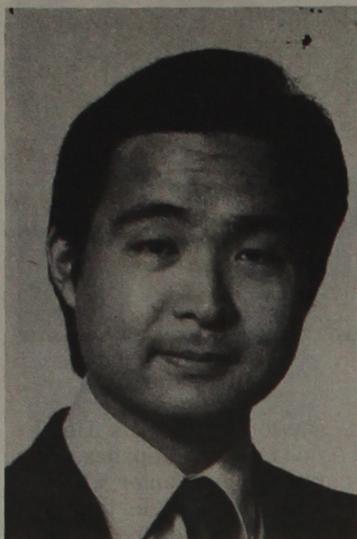
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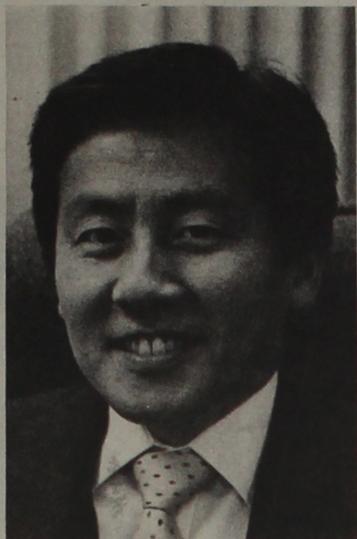
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## Nikkei Newsmakers



**Alan Tomiyama** has been named director of public relations for St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco. Tomiyama was formerly director of corporate communications for Sutter Health System, a multi-hospital organization based in Sacramento. He graduated from CSU Sacramento and recently completed his master's degree in health care and administration at UC San Francisco.



**Makoto Nakayama** has been appointed executive director of the San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) Medical Center. He has served as assistant administrator of professional services and program development at the medical center since 1985. Before joining the center, Nakayama, a Gardena resident, he was assistant vice president of general services for Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, Calif.

by Kay Iwata

**Q.** I am retired, so one of my major investment objectives is income. When interest rates fell at the bank, I began investing in Ginnie Mae funds. The interest was very attractive. I assumed that my principal was safe because they were government-backed securities. Now my interest has dropped and if I were to liquidate, I would also suffer a loss of principal. What happened?

**A.** Your situation is another example of "no free lunch." The 13 percent money market rates

## Your Financial Fitness

really spoiled all of us. Great returns in an insured account — what more could one ask for? The price to be paid during that part of our economic cycle was high inflation. As rates began to fall, along with inflation, investors began to scurry for the higher returns which they had become accustomed to. Those on fixed incomes were hardest hit.

The Ginnie Mae funds seemed to be an answer. These funds were usually comprised of first mortgages secured by real estate. The principal and monthly payments were backed by the government. If a borrower defaulted, the investor's money was protected. So how can the return drop and your invested principal be endangered?

At the time you bought into the fund, it was probably yielding 11-13 percent. When long-term rates for mortgages began falling, borrowers rushed into the market to refinance.

In our area, in the first quarter of 1986, refinance recordings were up 9,000 percent! So, the older, higher yielding loans were replaced with lower, more competitive ones, and hence, lower yields.

The double hit came as the market perceived your fund shares to be of lesser value because your yield dropped. The price paid for higher returns in a lower interest rate market was market risk.

Currently, these funds are yielding around the 9 percent

level. Bond funds in general need to be watched carefully. As interest rates begin to move upward, the money you have invested will be subject to the risk just described.

**Q.** My neighbor bought an insurance policy called a "personal liability umbrella." She says she is now covered for \$1 million of personal liability claims on her autos and house. My assets are not worth \$1 million. Is this something I should even bother looking into?

**A.** There are times when we all feel "insurance poor," but I suggest you consider the umbrella policy. The insurance company will require you to have underlying limits, for example, \$300,000 on your existing policy, and then place the umbrella over this to cover you for up to \$1 million in damages.

I checked with Min Uyehara, State Farm Insurance, Mountain View, for costs. The typical person with one house and two cars will have a cost of \$100 to \$150 per year.

One way to think of this is as a payment toward your legal defense fund. In case of a suit, the insurance company will defend to the amount they are on the hook, and in the case of this policy, that would be \$1 million. It is very difficult to talk to your attorney for more than an hour for the cost of your annual premium. Better safe, especially since the cost is within a reasonable range, than sorry.

### Chapter Pulse

#### EDEN TOWNSHIP

• Chapter-sponsored community bazaar will take place June 13, 5-10 p.m., and June 14, 12-9 p.m., at Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., San Lorenzo. Co-chairs are John Yamada, Ich Nishida, and Ada Wada. Raffle drawing will be held Sunday at 9 p.m. Proceeds go to chapter and community center.

#### CONTRA COSTA

• Chapter will sponsor the 13th annual Sakura Kai Health Fair June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Contra Costa Health Department, 38th Street and Bissell Avenue. Fair is being made possible by a Minority Health Fair grant received from Chevron U.S.A.

#### EAST LOS ANGELES

• Chapter's 16th annual steak bake will take place July 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes Park, 400 McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Donation of \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 12 includes steak lunch with all the trimmings. Proceeds will benefit the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the chapter's scholarship fund. Info: Sid, (213) 261-9202 or Mable, (213) 263-8469.

## Amerasia Has Filipino Focus

LOS ANGELES — The latest issue of Amerasia Journal is devoted to Filipino Americans, who are expected to become the largest group of Asian Americans in the next 10 years.

Articles include a study on Filipino Americans' socioeconomic status by Amado Cabezas, Larry Shinagawa and Gary Kawaguchi of UC Berkeley; a chronicle of Filipinos' prewar struggle to win the right to lease land in Washington's Yakima Valley by Gail Nomura of Washington State University; and an essay on the role of Filipino Americans in the overthrow of Marcos by Ang Katipunan newspaper staffers Madge Bello and Vincent Reyes.

The special double-size issue costs \$7 per copy. To order, contact Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024. For more information, call (213) 825-2968.

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LINKING EAST AND WEST — Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley (left) and Toyota Motor Corporation president Shoichiro Toyoda (second from left) received Pacific Pioneer Awards for their contributions to U.S.-Japan relations at the seventh anniversary dinner of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, held May 28 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Also shown are Judge Kathryn Doi Todd, emcee, and JACCC president Tosh Terasawa. More than 750 people attended the event.

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# Tragedy Brings Black, Asian Merchants Closer Together

WASHINGTON — A wall of bulletproof glass separates the cash registers and members of the Yi family from customers in the little neighborhood store they opened a year ago on Martin Luther King Avenue.

The glass, a gift from a family friend, was installed after store owner Mo Yi was shot and killed and his wife and daughter were wounded during an apparent robbery attempt on March 14.

"I keep asking myself why this has happened to us," said Jin Yi, whose left elbow was shattered by a bullet. "Everybody liked my husband. And we like being here."

Her 20-year-old daughter Hyon, who was shot in the shoulder during the incident, translated her mother's Korean.

In the last decade, the number of Asian-owned businesses has increased in Washington's predominantly Black neighborhoods. An estimated 2,000 of the city's convenience stores are owned by Korean Americans; about 300 businesses are owned by Chinese Americans.

Most get along fine with their customers. A few do not, and the resulting arguments and misunderstandings have occasionally led to picket lines and attempted boycotts.

But since the death of Mo Yi, a new spirit of cooperation has emerged among some members of the Anacostia community.

After shooting the Yis, the gunman and his accomplice fled the store, taking nothing with them. Later that night, as the two women were being treated at a hospital, someone broke into the store and took money left in the cash registers as well as a quantity of food and cigarettes.

To help police solve the killing, two business associations have joined to offer a \$1,500 reward. The Anacostia Professional and Merchants Association, an organization of mostly Black business owners, and the Korean

American Chamber of Commerce presented the police department with the money in April, and more money was pledged.

"The joint reward is important because it shows that the Black community is concerned," said Inspector Richard Pennington, head of the police community relations department. "It shows a togetherness and a unification between the Black and Korean business people."

James Nutall, president of the Anacostia merchants association, said his organization had made efforts this year to encourage Asian business owners to join, and that Yi was one of two Asians to become members at the January meeting.

"With the death of Yi, it was the consensus that we needed to do something together," he said. "We attended the wake and expressed our condolences to the family. And we pledged \$500 of the reward money."

Henry Shin, president of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce, which donated \$1,000, said the joint sponsorship was important. "It says we are not enemies. We are friends and we are neighbors. It says we can all work together."

Yi was one of three Korean American merchants killed in the city since October. In late December, Byung Soo Pak was shot to death in his Capitol Hill market. Myung Hwan Cho was killed by a gunman in his Dupont Park delicatessen on Oct. 30.

Shin and other Korean community leaders have maintained that the crimes against them are racially motivated.

Pennington disagreed. "I don't think the Koreans have been singled out by the criminals. It is more a case of location. They are located in low-income areas where there has always been a lot of criminal activity."

—from a report by the Washington Post

# Wu Wins L.A. Community College Board Race

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Julia Wu became the first Asian American to be elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees when she defeated incumbent Marguerite Archie-Hudson in the June 2 election.

Unofficial election results gave Wu 108,396 votes (54.5 percent) to Archie-Hudson's 90,417 (45.5 percent). Wu forced the incumbent into a runoff in April by garnering 22 percent of the vote to Archie-Hudson's 49 percent.

"This victory really belongs to everyone," Wu told a gathering of supporters on election night. "It was such great teamwork... If we can run the Community College District as effectively as the way that we ran the campaign, there won't be any problem."

She reported that Archie-Hudson had conveyed congratulations and "was asking if she can be of help to me in the future, and I told her that I will call on her."

Wu, a librarian and instructor at Los Angeles City College, was appointed to the U.S. Commission on Libraries and Information Science by President Jimmy Carter. Although she is a Republican, she received a broad spectrum of support in the nonpartisan race.

Her supporters ranged from such Republicans as Reps. Bob Dornan and Carlos Moorhead and Supervisor Mike Antonovich to such Democrats as Secretary of State March Fong Eu and Councilman Mike Woo.



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Candidate Julia Wu gives victory sign after election results are announced.

Backing from the Asian American community was not unanimous. While Wu was endorsed by Gardena Councilman Paul Tsukahara, former Assemblyman Paul Bannai, Garvey School Board member Judy Chu, and East Los Angeles College instructor Kaori Tanegashima, her opponent had the support of Gardena Councilman Mas Fukai, former West Los Angeles College

president M. Jack Fujimoto, Irene Hirano of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, and Warren Furutani, who was himself elected to the Los Angeles Board of Education in April.

During the campaign, Wu said that she supported the district's Asian studies and nursing programs, which the present board has sought to cut back.

She takes office on July 15.

# Turkish Group Opposes Bill to Fund Films

LOS ANGELES — The American-Turkish Association of Southern California is opposing AB 1375, a bill introduced by Assemblyman Mike Roos (D-Los Angeles) to provide state funding for educational films about the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans and the mass killings of Armenians beginning in 1915 (see April 10, May 15, and June 5 PC).

In a letter which ran in the May 12 issue of the Rafu Shimpo, Ilknur Erbas-White, a spokesperson for the association, responded to articles written on the bill:

"... We want you to know that we are 100 percent behind the making of a film about the Japanese internment. However, we... also resent that we are called 'the

Turkish community who again tried to deny the historical fact of the Armenian genocide.' We were sad to see that you were somewhat misinformed about this controversial issue which was latched to your cause unjustly.

"The Japanese internment and the Armenian controversy are two different issues. As you know, the internment of Japanese Americans was carried out by the U.S. government in response to the war with Japan, thousands of miles away. This was a paranoid reaction based on the unfounded assumption that loyal Japanese Americans might possibly ally themselves against the United States during WW2.

"The situation in the Ottoman

Empire during WW1 was radically different. The Armenian populace had risen in arms against the Ottoman government, siding with the Russians against the Ottoman Empire which fostered them for hundreds of years.

"Nor was this the first time this had occurred. During the late 1800s, when Russia had attacked the Ottomans, the Armenians had also sided with the Russians. Based on the fact of the armed insurrection, and the history the Armenians had of siding with Russia, the Ottoman officials ordered the relocation of all Armenians living in the front line areas...

"Yes, it is true that we don't belong to a community of 600,000 as the Armenian Americans do... And we do neither have a California governor [George Deukmejian] representing us nor a full-time PR staff. However, we are hard-working Americans proud of their heritage as you are. We are sad to see that your cause is used as a propaganda tool for the Armenian community to gain recognition.

"We want all the facts unbiasedly brought up and analyzed in their appropriate context. We do not believe that the proposed film will be promoting justice if the state acts as the judge, jury, and executioner. We hope that you understand why we are opposing AB 1375..."

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Applicants must show evidence of acceptance into a college, university, vocational, trade, or

other training program and must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura County.

Applicants must submit an application form, written statements, transcripts, and letters of reference by July 31.

Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

The network, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, was founded in 1980. It deals with issues relevant to personal and professional development of Asian Pacific women.

Information can be obtained by writing to APWN—LA, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 84-012, Los Angeles, CA 90073, or by calling Kwei Lin, (818) 881-7097, or Marion Fay, (213) 661-0770.

## Social Worker Honored in Ore.

PORTLAND — Cedar Mill resident Sue Sakai, director of the Department of Social Work at Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center, has been named Social Worker of the Year by the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Inc.

Sakai serves on nearly a dozen different hospital task forces, boards and committees. She also is a member of the Oregon Chapter of the Society of Hospital Social Work Directors, the National Association of Social Workers, the United Way Budget Allocations Committee and the state AIDS Policy Committee.

## Appointment

LOS ANGELES — Ruth Watanabe, a partner with Video Action, was appointed May 20 by Gov. George Deukmejian to the California Council on the Humanities.

Watanabe, 51, is a member of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the UCLA College of Letters and Science Advisory Council and the Japanese American National Museum.

## AP Gay/Lesbian Conference Set

LOS ANGELES — "Breaking Silence: Beginning the Dialogue" will be the theme of the first Southern California conference for gay and lesbian Asian and Pacific Islanders, to be held on July 18 at Metropolitan Community Church, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd.

The goals of the conference are to share common experiences, form support networks, build identity, and develop leadership. There will be workshops on such topics as homosexuality in the Asian family, AIDS, and "coming out."

Keynote speaker Trinity Ordonez will present a slide show on the Asian American and gay/lesbian movements from a historical perspective.

Registration is \$15, which includes lunch. Info: Roy, (213) 664-2479, or Steve, (213) 599-6583.



Photos by Harry Honda

Mexico's President and First Lady Miguel de la Madrid are escorted to inaugural ceremonies marking the 90th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Mexico on the Nichi Boku Kaikan grounds in Mexico City. At left is Carlos Kasuga, festivities chair. The children are from Liceo Mexicano Japonese, a private school.

## MEXICAN NIKKEI

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swimming pool, a parking area, and a picnic site.

The president was accompanied by First Lady Paloma Cordero de De La Madrid, Home Secretary Manuel Bartlett Diaz, Foreign Relations Secretary Bernardo Sepulveda, and Mexico City Mayor Ramon Aguirre. Joining them were the imperial couple, Japanese Ambassador to Mexico Takeshi Naito and Ambassador to the U.S. Nobuo Matsunaga (who was previously assigned to Mexico), and the ambassadors' wives.

The dignitaries took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies and in the viewing of Japanese national treasures, including Hiroshige's original woodblock prints of "53 Stations on the Tokaido," which were on display through the end of May especially for the 90th anniversary celebration.

The first group of Japanese immigrants landed May 10, 1897, off the beach known today as Puerto Madero in Chiapas, to start a coffee plantation inland beyond Tapachula, then known as Escuintla. A memorial was erected last March in Tapachula to mark the event.

## Prince/Princess Pageant Planned

LOS ANGELES — Actor George Takei will be among the judges at the 1987 Nisei Week Festival Prince and Princess Pageant on Aug. 1, 12 noon, at the Los Angeles Police Department Auditorium.

The event, sponsored by Southern California American Nikkei JA and Nikkei Leadership Association JA, is open to children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. Winners in the 5-to-6-year-old category will participate in the Nisei Week Parade.

Registration fee is \$15 on or before July 19; late registration is \$25. Info: Jackie Honda (days), (213) 214-0314; Paul Sumi (evenings), (213) 207-2030; or Lynn Yamada (evenings), (818) 810-1487.



La Casa de Cultura, which houses Japanese Mexican museum and rooms for cultural arts, was completed in time for this year's celebration.



A GIANT EVENT — 1987 Cherry Blossom Queen Joy Minaai, Giants catcher Bob Melvin (right) and director of community relations David Craig announce the Day with the Giants, sponsored by Bay Area Japanese American Senior Center, to be held July 25 at 1:05 p.m., when the Giants play the St. Louis Cardinals. Seats are \$7. Info: San Francisco—Steve Nakajo, (415) 931-2294; San Mateo—Ernie Takahashi, (415) 343-2793; San Jose—Yu-Ai Kai, (408) 294-2521; Eden Senior Center—John Yamada, (415) 486-5237; East Bay—Amy Maniwa, (415) 525-3395; Mountain View—Kaz Furusho, (415) 967-6392; Sebastopol—Lucy Kishaba, (707) 823-0376; West Valley—(408) 253-0458.

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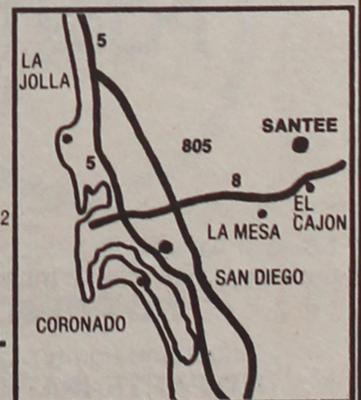
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## JAs Participate in American-Soviet Walk

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Judy Imai, a representative of Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness, is taking part in the American Soviet Walk, in which 200 Americans and 200 Soviets are to walk from Leningrad to Moscow.

"I consider it a real honor and an opportunity to show my commitment to world peace," said Imai, a vocational instructor at Valley College of Medical and Dental Careers in North Hollywood, adding that one-on-one interaction with the Soviets is "part of the whole process toward global nuclear disarmament."

"I think I'll have a good time meeting people of another culture, and there's satisfaction in being one of a chosen few," she said, referring to the rigorous selection process for the 200 slots.

She will be carrying a lantern containing the Hiroshima Peace Flame during her journey. The flame, brought to Los Angeles



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto  
Taking part in lantern-lighting ceremony using Hiroshima Peace Flame are (from left) Kaz Suyeishi, Rev. Seicho Asahi, and Judy Imai.

from Peace Park in Hiroshima in 1984, has been kept at Koyasan Temple in Little Tokyo.

During a June 3 press conference at Koyasan, the Rev. Seicho

Asahi lit the lantern using the Peace Flame. Kaz Suyeishi, a survivor of Hiroshima and a member of Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S., said that Imai would also be taking with her the message, "No more Hiroshimas, no more Nagasakis, no more hibakusha [atomic bomb survivors]."

The flame was carried across the U.S. by an APANA member during the Great Peace March, which began in Los Angeles in March 1986.

Imai said that she is going on the walk because "I can't take any chances" with the future of today's children.

Another Nikkei participant, Janice Sugimoto Cone of Los Angeles, is driving that point home by taking along her husband Michael and their 14-month-old son Dillon.

The event, which lasts from June 8 to July 12, is being coordinated by The International Peace Walk, Inc., in Irvine, Calif., and the Soviet Peace Committee in Moscow. About half of the 450 miles from Leningrad to Moscow will be covered on foot.

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town Planning Council, and Marilyn Braveman of American Jewish Committee debated the issue with Elliot Eisenbach, Michelle Coe, and William Delevan, all representatives of U.S. English, the national organization seeking a constitutional amendment declaring English the official language of the U.S.

Eisenbach called the bill declaring New York a multilingual state "repugnant."

He is apparently not alone in his opinion; U.S. English has a dues-paying membership of 15,000 in New York and 200,000 nationwide.

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## Man Kills Mail-Order Bride

HONOLULU — Robert Krug, 38, who was convicted of murdering and dismembering his wife and throwing her remains down the trash chute of their apartment, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Daniel Heely on April 15 to life in prison.

The victim, Helen Mendoza Krug, 29, was a native of the Philippines. Deputy Prosecutor Howard Luke said that Krug met his wife-to-be in early 1983 through Cherry Blossoms, a catalog for mail-order brides, and that in November 1984 they rented the condominium where they lived at the time of the murder. They had a three-year-old son, Robert.

In closing arguments, Luke quoted materials from the mail-order service, which described Asian women as "sincerely" believing that a man's judgment is superior to theirs." Characterizing Krug as a jealous man who believed women should be subservient, Luke suggested that Krug viewed his wife as a "slave" or a "robot."

Luke said the chain of events leading to the slaying began when Krug's wife was seen at Honolulu Zoo with an elderly

man who was simply a friend. Krug went into a rage and murdered his wife, according to Luke.

Defense attorney Pamela Beran maintained that the prosecution could neither prove that the victim was Helen Krug nor show how she died. The body was found on March 3, 1986, in a basement trash compactor and dumpster. The head and the ring finger were never found.

A neighbor reported having seen Krug's wife three days before the body was found. Krug told police that his wife had returned to the Philippines.

Judge Heely bluntly told Krug in court, "I wish I could sentence you to death." Although required to impose a mandatory life term with parole, Heely said he would "strongly" recommend that the Hawaii Paroling Authority make the minimum term so long that "you actually die in prison."

Heely said Krug inflicted "torture and trauma" not only on his wife, but also on their son, who may have witnessed the killing and the dismemberment. The boy has been staying in a foster home.

—from reports by the Honolulu Advertiser

## Employment Agency Gets Grant

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment recently received a \$5,000 general support grant from General Telephone during a luncheon at the Thousand Cranes Restaurant in the New Otani Hotel.

Presenting the check to PACE Executive Director Kerry Doi on behalf of General Telephone was Pegi Matsuda, director of corporate contributions, who called PACE "a very worthwhile organization."

Matsuda cited the employment training agency's long track record of providing services to new immigrants and senior citizens and General Telephone's interest and concern for those same population groups.

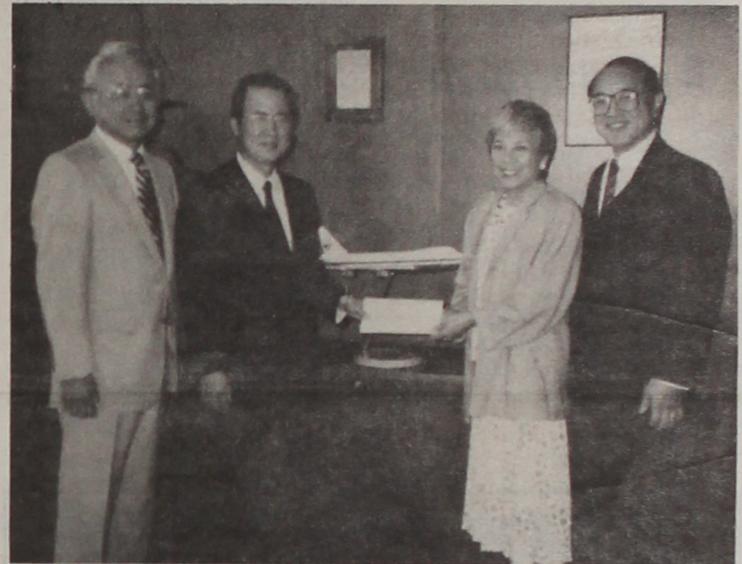
"We believe we are a socially

responsible company," said Matsuda, "and we believe that assisting agencies such as PACE is a good way to get involved."

The money, according to Doi, will be used to "help subsidize PACE's diversified programs through these lean times of government cutbacks."

"We truly appreciate the participation of a major corporation such as General Telephone in helping us to provide services to the underprivileged communities," Doi added.

General Telephone, in addition to donating the \$5,000 to PACE, also provided in-house services and funding for the design and printing of a brochure for the agency, located at 1617 S. Vermont Ave.



JAL regional manager Kazuyoshi Miyazaki (second from left) with JCCCNC representatives Hatsuro Aizawa, Edith Tanaka, and Steve Doi.

## JAL Gives JCCCNC \$10,000

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$10,000 donation from Japan Air Lines for construction of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) was recently announced by the

airline and JCCCNC spokesmen.

The fund-raising campaign for the \$3 million facility is being directed by University of California regent Yori Wada. JAL's gift, said Wada, raises the building fund total to over \$2.2 million.

Previous contributions made possible the completion of the first phase of the construction project in May 1986. The construction of the second building, which will include facilities for youth and Japanese cultural programs, is now under way.

JAL regional manager Kazuyoshi Miyazaki said, "We feel that the center will be a major influence in fostering friendlier relations within the Bay Area community—and between the U.S. and Japan—through greater cultural exchange."

"Although San Francisco is considered an important trading partner," said Wada, "the city as yet has no facility for ongoing Japanese cultural programs."

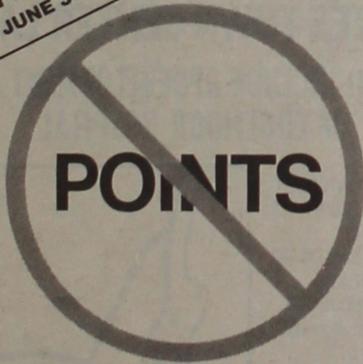
## Valley Reunion

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Prewar Japanese American residents of San Gabriel Valley will have a reunion Oct. 24 at East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.

Pioneers and former Japanese language instructors, including Aiko Nakane of San Gabriel Valley Japanese School, will be honored. Also planned is a slide show of prewar days.

Former residents who have not received flyers should contact the Prewar San Gabriel Valley Reunion Committee at 210 N. Shadydale Ave., West Covina, CA 91790; (818) 338-8310.

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