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Report Finds Asians Are Not Model Students

LOS ANGELES — The National Education Association has released a study that contradicts the image of Asians and Pacific Islanders as "model students" in the nation's schools.

"...And Justice for All," the umbrella title for four new NEA reports examining the educational needs of Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaska Native students, was released June 26 at a press conference here in conjunction with the association's annual Joint Conference on the Concerns of Women and Minorities.

Based on Hearings

The reports outline the findings of four NEA study committees, whose members visited schools and education programs and held hearings in cities across the country during the past year. The committees were appointed to fill the gap left by the flood of other education reform reports since 1983, none of which have focused on the needs of minority students, who now comprise some 40 percent of the nation's public school enrollment.

"What we heard told us that there are high achievers and math and science whizzes among Asian and Pacific Islander students, just as there are in any other student population, but there are a number of Asian and Pacific Islander students who are struggling through the American educational process—and for them, the term 'model student' explodes," reported NEA Executive Committee member Robert Chase, a junior high school social studies teacher who chaired the study committee on Asian/Pacific Pacific Islander (API) Concerns.

Cultural Problems

According to Chase, Asian students—both foreign and native-born—are experiencing identity crises that may lead them to drop out of school, or to commit suicide or homicide.

"Moreover," Chase noted, "recent comers to this country have problems with language and culture and, in some cases, arrive... with the psychological scars of war—all of which translate into special learning needs."

Chase added that there needs to be clarification of the literacy differences between the first and second waves of Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants and refugees, and that there is also a need for adequate bilingual and English as a second language programs. Some students are mistakenly being placed in special education programs because of language needs.

Additionally, there is a new wave of indifference to these students at the higher education level, said Chase. "Many are being denied the opportunity to

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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

SOUTHWESTERN SUPPORT — Chairman Jerry Enomoto (left) and Executive Director Grayce Uyehara of LEC accept a \$23,000 donation from Pacific Southwest District Redress Chair George Ogawa and Vice Chair Marleen Kawahara during JAACL National Board meeting on June 19. (Related articles on page 4.)

JACL Board Votes on New Personnel Manual Committee

by J.K. Yamamoto

SAN FRANCISCO — Controversial issues, both internal and external, were discussed and dealt with at the June 19-21 meeting of the JACL National Board.

Objections raised by a draft of the JACL Personnel Manual produced by an ad hoc committee formed last year were put to rest, at least temporarily, by the formation of a new committee.

Critics of the proposed manual, drafted by PC Board Chair Peggy Liggett, JACL Legal Counsel Gene Takamine, and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Governor Mollie Fujioka, said it took an unduly harsh stance toward staff members by cutting benefits and making all employees subject to termination without cause.

VP of Planning and Development William Marutani reported that the decision to form a new committee was reached during a meeting attended by National President Harry Kajihara, National Director Ron Wakabayashi, Pacific Northwest District Governor Denny Yasuhara, and Marutani. Among the areas to be examined by the new committee are severance pay, educational opportunities for staff, promotions, evaluation procedures, salary schedules, retirement plans, vacation record-keeping, and written agreements with employees, according to Marutani.

"I want to make it clear that the mere fact that we have these on the agenda does not mean that there's necessarily a deficiency [in every case]," he added.

New Members

Appointed to the new committee were VP of Operations Yosh Nakashima (chair), Yasuhara,

Central California District Governor Mae Takahashi, Mountain Plains District Governor Steve Hasegawa, outgoing Eastern District Governor Mike Suzuki or his successor, and, as a non-voting member, Takamine.

Kajihara said the new committee is to serve until the end of the biennium. Noting that there is a staff version of the manual prepared by Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino, Kajihara said the committee should consider it "together with the one submitted by the ad hoc committee and the current manual." The goal, he said, is "a revised manual for distribution at the first National Board meeting at the [1988] Seattle convention."

In her report, Liggett said, "The assignment that we received by the board was to bring the personnel manual... up to date as far as compliance with California and federal laws were concerned, and, because there were other problems raised, to address those deficiencies and make any recommendations. As it turned out, what we decided would be most appropriate... was to simply work on the update and compliance with the law, and the rest of the matters with respect to deficiencies were referred to the [new] committee."

With regard to a specific personnel matter, Takamine submitted for the board's approval an out-of-court settlement with Public Information Officer Carole Hayashino for \$6,000 in compensatory and general damages plus attorney's fees and a salary increase.

Hayashino, formerly employed by JACL Redress, was on mater-

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Announcement to PC Readers

Because of business considerations, the Pacific Citizen is changing its frequency of publication from 50 to 45 issues this year by skipping four issues during July and August and the week prior to the Holiday Issue and by "double-dating" five issues as follows: July 10-17, July 24-31, Aug. 7-14, Aug. 21-28, and Dec. 4-11. Details on page 5.

Democrat, Republican Back House Bill; Total Reaches 143

WASHINGTON — Two freshmen congressmen have lent their support to redress bill H.R. 442, bringing the total number of co-sponsors in the House to 143.

Rep. Joseph Kennedy II (D-Mass.), who last year succeeded Thomas "Tip" O'Neill as representative of the 8th District, signed on as a co-sponsor on June 19. He serves on the Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee, Veterans' Affairs Committee, and House Select Committee on Aging.

Rep. Ernest Konnyu (R-Calif.) announced his co-sponsorship on June 22. He serves on the Government Operations Committee and Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Konnyu, who represents California's 12th District, agreed to become a co-sponsor during a June 20 meeting with local residents Fred Yonemoto, Richard Tanaka, S. Stephen Nakashima, and the Rev. LaVerne Sasaki of Mountain View Buddhist Church.

Nakashima had tried to persuade Konnyu to co-sponsor the bill earlier that month, but Konnyu had said that he could not support the monetary compensation for former internees. Konnyu subsequently requested that the meeting be set up so that he could obtain answers to questions that bothered him.

During the meeting, Konnyu said that he too had been placed in a detention camp at the age of seven during WW2. Because he was Hungarian, he was interned in Austria until he was released by American soldiers. One difference between his incarceration and that of Japanese Americans, he noted, was that he was not an Austrian citizen but most of the JA internees were U.S. citizens.

Konnyu is regarded as a conservative Republican who, during his tenure as an assemblyman, was close to Gov. George Deukmejian.

Redress Progressing But Still Needs Help, LEC Officials Say

by J.K. Yamamoto

SAN FRANCISCO — Redress legislation has made remarkable progress in Congress but is still at a critical stage, LEC Board members agreed at a June 19 meeting held at JACL National Headquarters.

Executive Director Grayce Uyehara and Vice Chair of Legislation Grant Ujifusa reported on the June 17 passage of H.R. 442 by the House Judiciary Committee. Uyehara said that Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) suggested changes in the text of the bill because "if the same message could be put out in milder language, then it would be more acceptable to the Republican side."

"Barney Frank brilliantly managed this bill," said Ujifusa, noting that Rep. Patrick Swindall (R-Ga.), who was reluctant to impugn the motives of President Franklin Roosevelt, was persuaded to vote for the bill when the language was changed to read that the internment of Japanese Americans was caused "in part by racial prejudice" rather than "racial prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

Uyehara recalled that Rep. Clay Shaw (R-Fla.) supported the bill after an amendment was added to exclude from receiving payments any individual who relocated to Japan between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945. "This was to take care of Clay Shaw's concern that somebody who had... fought with the Japanese army would be collecting \$20,000," said Uyehara. "We don't think anybody went to Japan during that period, but we're not absolutely sure."

An amendment by Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.) to eliminate the individual payments was defeated, Uyehara and Ujifusa reported, while committee members adopted an amendment

specifying that payments are not to be considered income for purposes of taxes or eligibility for government benefits.

The 28-6 vote on the bill was noteworthy, said Ujifusa. "This committee usually votes straight party line. All the Democrats line up on one side, all the Republicans line up on the other. The significance of this vote is that we split the Republicans." All of the Democrats voted for the bill.

Many of the Republicans who supported the bill were influenced by Nikkei constituents, Ujifusa added, "so the assertion that all politics is local is true."

The Senate bill, S. 1009, gained

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Senate Session Is Postponed

WASHINGTON — The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee mark-up of redress bill S. 1009 has been delayed and did not take place June 30 as announced last week.

According to JACL-LEC director Grayce Uyehara, the committee did not meet because a quorum of eight senators, the number needed to make amendments and vote on a bill, could not be formed. A mark-up session will be scheduled after the July 4 recess, Uyehara said.

Committee members are:

Democrats John Glenn (Ohio), Lawton Chiles (Fla.), Carl Levin (Mich.), Jim Sasser (Tenn.), David Pryor (Ark.), George Mitchell (Maine), and Jeff Bingaman (N.M.)—all co-sponsors—and Sam Nunn (Ga.) and Republicans Ted Stevens (Alaska), William Cohen (Maine), and Warren Rudman (N.H.)—all co-sponsors—and William Roth (Del.), John Heinz (Pa.), and Paul Trible (Va.)

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Okazaki Wins Media Award

LOS ANGELES — Steven Okazaki, an independent filmmaker who directed "Unfinished Business," a documentary about three Nisei who filed court challenges to the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans, has been named the recipient of the Steven Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award for 1987.

Okazaki is the fourth recipient of the award, which recognizes the achievements and contributions of Asian Pacific media creators and advocates. He will be presented the \$1,000 award at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., on July 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The 35-year-old Okazaki has been making films for 11 years. He co-produced and directed the 1982 film "Survivors," which dealt with Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors living in the U.S. His previous films include "The Only Language She Knows" and "Americans."

Okazaki has also received two CINE Golden Eagles, two National Endowment for the Arts

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Randy Horiuchi, chair of the Utah State Democratic Party, will lead his party for two more years because no one filed to run against him. The Democrats elected new officers at their state organizing convention June 27. The deadline for filing party officer candidacies was June 22, and only Horiuchi filed for the chairmanship. "I am both pleased and humbled that fellow Democrats would invest another two years in our leadership," Horiuchi said. "I am proud of the comeback in 1986 by Utah Democrats and I suspect that the comeback will turn into a Democratic triumph in 1988."

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JCCCNC Plans Open House

SAN FRANCISCO — "Challenge for the Future" will be the theme of the Open House planned by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., on July 19 from 2-4 p.m.

The event will feature the dedication of the Wall of Honor, which will list the names of contributors who have donated \$1,000 and up towards the Phase I Main Building of the center. A Special Roll of Distinction will also be dedicated to those who have contributed \$2,500 and up.

To date, over \$2.2 million has been raised for the building program. An additional \$800,000 is needed to complete the Phase II Community Hall/Gymnasium be-

hind the present structure.

Prominent public officials have been invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the program immediately following. Special events include a clown-magic show, a photo exhibit of JCCCNC history and a video showing of the JCCCNC groundbreaking.

"The Open House is an opportunity to thank all of the supporters of JCCCNC, to acquaint the public to the facilities, and to emphasize the Vision 80's Capital Campaign drive to complete the center," stated Nobusuke Fukuda, JCCCNC President.

More information can be obtained by contacting the JCCCNC office at (415) 567-5505.



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most Californians, you haven't seen much of this very incredible place you call home.

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And, of course, the movie stars. Quick, get an autograph!

called Solvang that you'd swear was Denmark. Another called Santa Barbara — Mediterranean homes, Spanish missions, beautiful ocean.

The Inland Empire

The first orange trees were planted in Riverside and Sun-kist was born. The rest is history.

Where to take Aunt Bernice after she plays footsies with Clark Gable.

The Central Coast

Crashing waves on one side. Jagged cliffs on the other. Amazing. Head south from San Francisco and you're in for 200 miles of scenery that looks like a postcard.

Watch the whales (and otters) in Monterey. Live a fairytale in Carmel. Tour a castle in San Simeon. And those are for openers. There's a town

In fact, the Inland Empire is history: Victorian towns. Alpine villages. Gingerbread houses.

It's also mountain streams, crystal lakes and blue skies. Big Bear. Lake Arrowhead. Lake Elsinore. Perfect for fishing, camping, boating, hiking, hang (gulp) gliding. Not to mention the best ballooning this side of Napa.

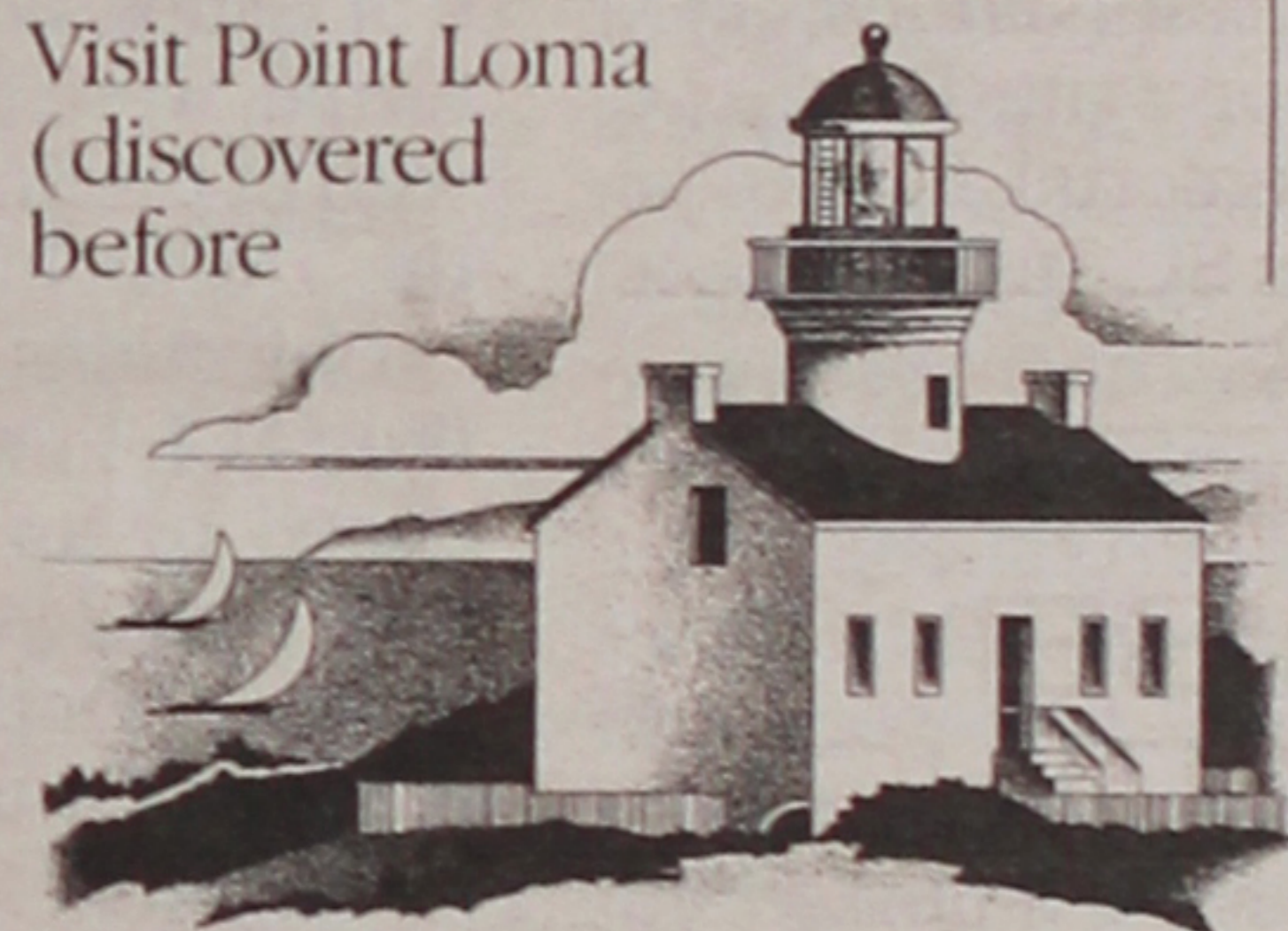
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The Californias

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Seattle Keiro Nursing Home Opens Doors

SEATTLE—On June 14, approximately 2,000 people attended the dedication of the new 150-bed Keiro Nursing home.

Present at the ceremony were Governor Booth Gardner, King County Executive Tim Hill, U.S. Sen. Dan Evans, City Councilman Sam Smith, and Consul General of Japan Shigenobu Nagai.

The program included speeches, taiko, organ music, and jazz piano, as well as refreshments. A kusudama was unfurled at the end of the ceremony, revealing a congratulatory message in Japanese.

The new facility, a 3-story building, replaces the 63-bed



Photo by Dean Wong/International Examiner

A crowd gathers for Seattle Keiro Nursing Home's opening ceremonies.

facility, which will be leased to the Chinese Nursing Home Society.

All 63 residents have been moved into the new building and

3 people per week will be added until the facility has its full complement of 150 residents. The nursing home is located at 16th Avenue and E. Yesler Way.

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media grants, the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists' media award, and the FOCUS/Benihana Asian American Achievement Award. His latest film, a comedy entitled "Living on Tokyo Time," is scheduled for release this fall.

The Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award is named for a community activist, media arts administrator, producer, and visual arts advocate who died in 1984 at the age of 35. It is supported by public contributions.

The reception will include a screening of Okazaki's work and is open to the public, free of charge. For reservations, call (213) 680-4462, or write The Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund, 263 S. Los Angeles St., Suite 307, Los Angeles 90012.

Queens' Reunion Scheduled

LOS ANGELES—The 4th Annual Nisei Week Queen's Reunion Luncheon will be held on Aug. 9, the same day as the Nisei Week Parade, at 12 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room of the New Otani Hotel.

Faith Higurashi Ono, 1959 Queen, and Akemi Tani Sakoda, 1960 Queen, are in charge of door prizes for the luncheon. In addition, Jennifer Kusumoto-Ahn, the current queen, will speak

about her experiences during her reign.

Some of the ex-queens will be riding in the "Former Nisei Week Queens" float in the Nisei Week Parade.

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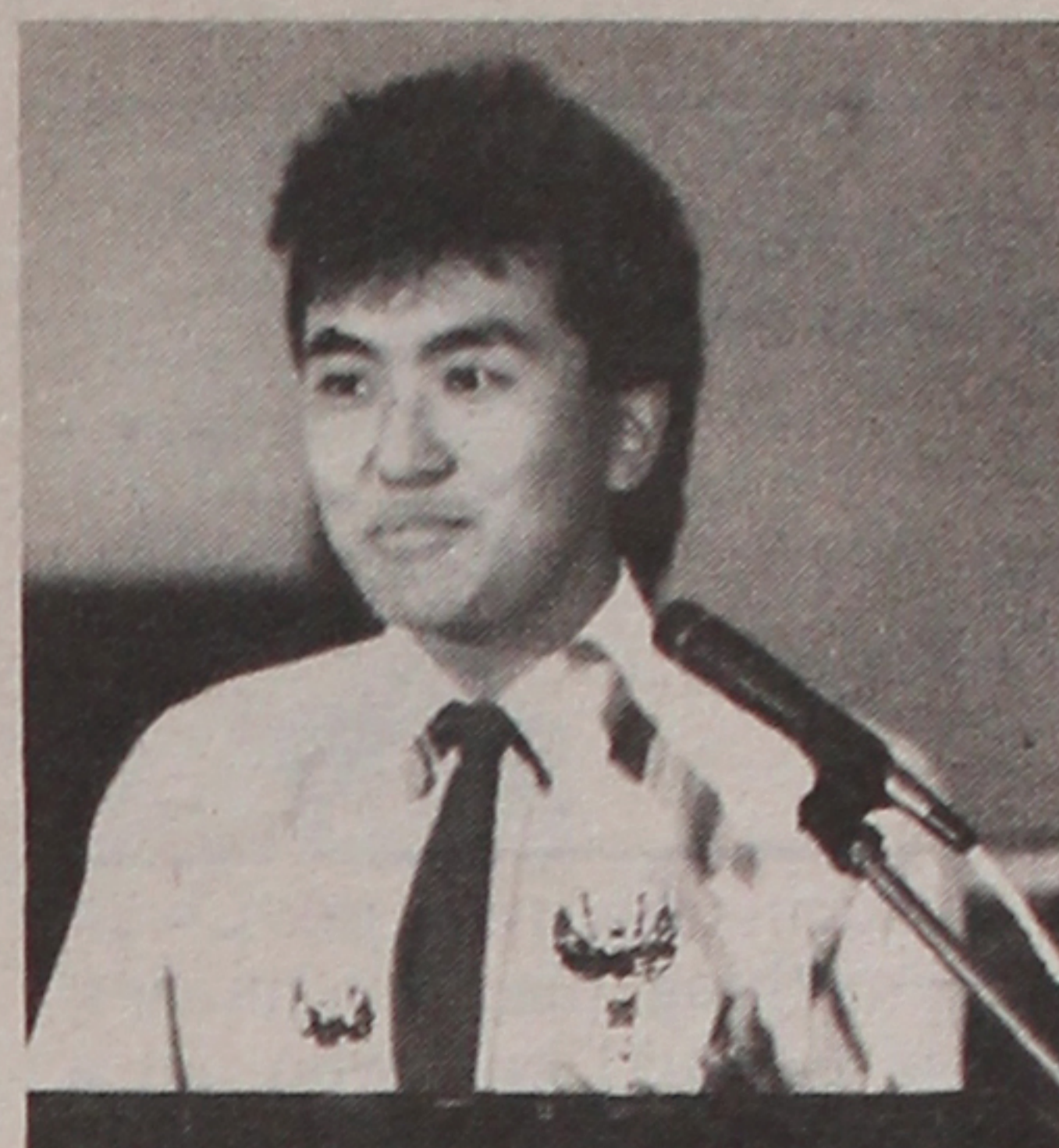
Asian Cable Show Awarded

GARDENA, Calif. — "Amerasians: Media and the Arts," the Asian/Pacific American cable show that deals with issues in the fields of film, television, journalism and the performing and fine arts, was named "Best Talk Show" on June 4 at the 2nd Annual Gardena Access Producers' Awards Presentation.

In accepting the award, producer/director Stann Nakazono said the idea of the awards "is not so much winning, but an incentive for more people to start producing programs—good, quality programs—that are viable to the community."

The awards ceremony, which gives top honors to cable programs produced and shown through the Gardena Community Access Corporation, via South Bay Cable Vision, was held at the Burnt Tortilla Restaurant.

Currently, "Amerasians" airs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Channel 19, the local



Stann Nakazono accepting award.

cable channel in the South Bay area. Listings can be found in the channel guide or the Gardena Valley News.

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Confucius, who preceded Christ by something like 5 centuries, was a wise old bird who put a great deal of stock in education. He saw knowledge as a key to success and progress. I think he would have been pleased to read this newspaper in recent weeks, not because it is such an outstanding publication, but because of all the reports it has been carrying about Japanese American communities providing higher education scholarships for their young people. In fact, banquets at which to honor scholars and distribute scholarships are a firmly established tradition.

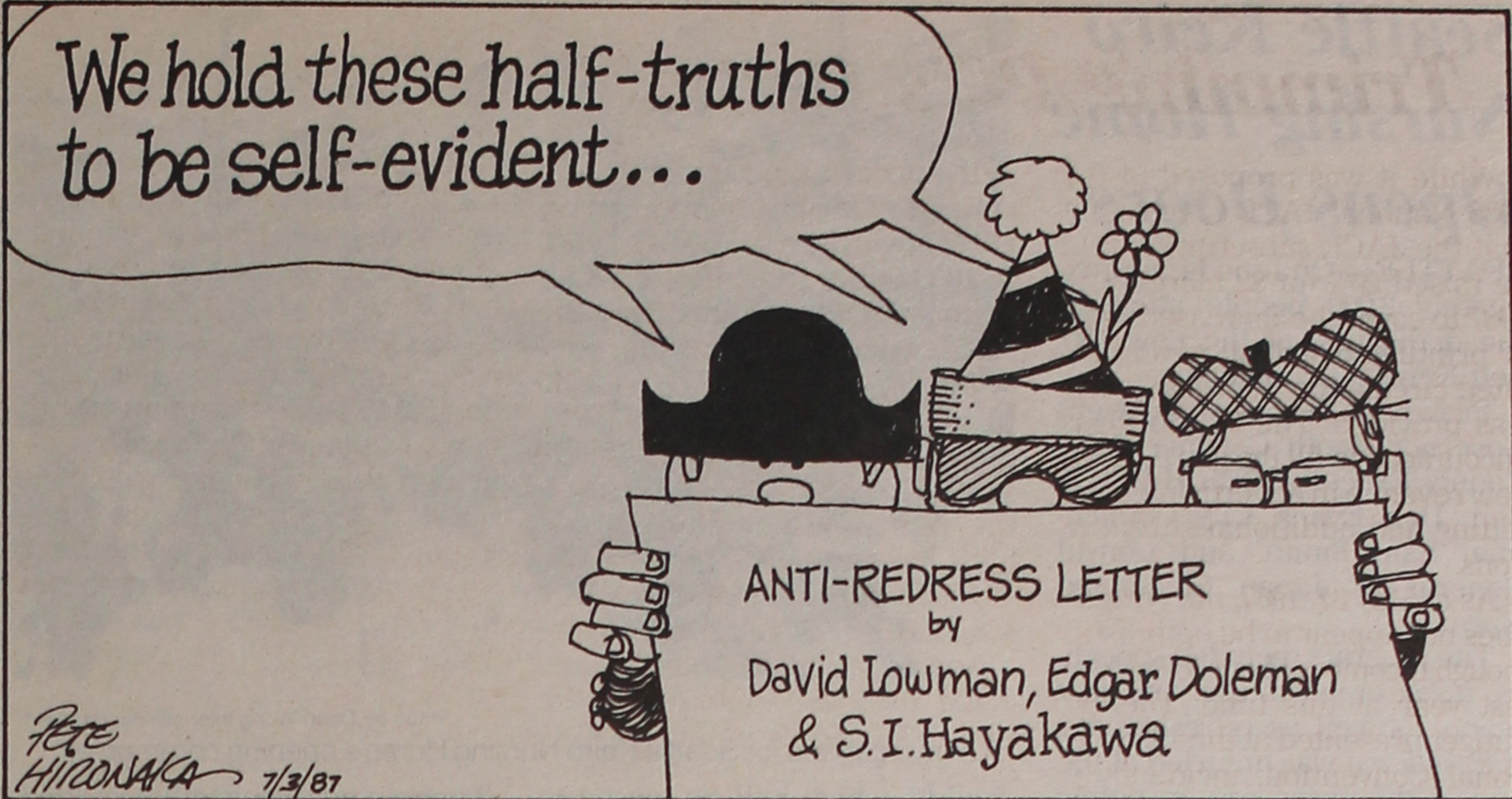
Some of the scholarships run into the thousands of dollars. Others amount to but a few hundred; but in many cases they

may prove to be the difference between the recipient going straight on to college or sitting out a year to earn a little money.

During the Depression, Nisei could live at home and go to some state universities on what now would be considered just one evening's date money—perhaps \$30 for a quarter's tuition, \$25 for books, plus streetcar fare and brown bag lunches. But putting aside a dollar back then was as difficult as saving a hundred today when a year at top schools may cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The Issei, who had been reared in a Confucian culture, understood the value of an education. Many of them had been only to elementary school before they came to the States, and rightly or wrongly, blamed their inability to get ahead on their lack of formal schooling.

A surprising number of them made substantial personal sacrifices to see that their children had the benefit of college. This doesn't necessarily mean the Issei provided all the funds. It was the rare Nisei who didn't



work his way through school. The sacrifice could mean that the Nisei youngster's income was being invested in tuition and books, rather than to help support the family.

History shows that this investment in education had a profound effect on Japanese Americans. When the barriers of prejudice and discrimination were breached after the war, when the doors to decent jobs were opened, employers found Nisei applicants were remarkably

well qualified.

While there's valid reason to complain about the small number of Japanese Americans in board rooms and top corporate jobs, it's also valid to note that most of them surmounted the prison camp experience to become solidly and comfortably middle class.

And now the more fortunate of the Nisei, in their retirement years, and the Sansei are providing the funds to help following generations pursue education.

As important as the money is, the recognition represented by the scholarships may be even more meaningful. Recognition is an assertion of the value of education and encouragement to achieve more.

Some ethnic communities have difficulty in persuading their young people that education is important. For Japanese Americans, the Confucian ethic, whether it is recognized as such, is helping to lay the groundwork for future achievement.

The Fruits of Our Labor

When we look at the long process involved with enacting a bill in Congress, we would have to say that S. 1009 and H.R. 442 have a ways to go but that we've also come a long way.

The bills are moving ahead with momentum this first session of the 100th Congress; this cannot be denied. The years of educational programs with the increased level of grassroots lobbying by the many active and conscientious supporters of the legislative process have brought us to the point where H.R. 442 was passed by the full Judiciary Committee on June 17 with 28 "yes" votes and 6 "no" votes.

That meant that 34 of the 35 committee members voted and that 21 co-sponsors and 7 non-sponsors on the committee voted for passage of the bill as amended. The attempt to cut out the individual payments of \$20,000 failed, and that portion of the bill remains.

The support for H.R. 442 as shown by the votes tells us that the efforts of the hard-working lobbyists who wrote letters year after year—and got other JACL chapter members, relatives and friends to join in—paid off. We must recognize that the celebration of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution has served as another compelling reason for fair-minded Americans to recognize that Japanese Americans' right to petition to redress their

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grievances must be addressed without further delay.

Many Nikkei who have not been lobbying have had to go through their first experience of making appointments and taking a delegation of community representatives to discuss the redress issue with members of Congress in their district offices or here in Washington, D.C.

Each of you has our admiration for the work you have done and will continue to do. You are true believers who accepted the fact that we can win redress only through our own effort and by taking our cause to as many people as possible.

We are beginning to hear from more and more people from states where we previously did not have any contacts. The response has come from places like Atlanta, Little Rock, Cocoa Beach, Hidalgo, Middletown, Southbury, Decatur, Raleigh, and even Wahiawa, Hawaii. Others wrote to friends in distant states and asked for their support.

Those of us who are working long hours in the Washington of-

ice are happy to see the response to Action Alert #4, which called for a coordinated, massive letter-writing campaign. The letters and reports are beginning to show signs of this latest activity. Keep up the effort, particularly in states where we do not have JACL chapters. Send the sample letters and call us for brochures which summarize the incarceration and the case for redress.

The grassroots operation was done quietly and efficiently without publicity and PR events. It was productive work at the right time which made the difference.

But in addition to that, all of this movement would not have happened without the direct member-to-member contacts made by our Nikkei legislators: Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga and Reps. Norman Mineta, Bob Matsui, and, this year, Patricia Saiki.

They have been in the forefront on the Hill, talking to the appropriate leaders who have responsibility for the bills because of their committee assignments. This level of responsibility has required a commitment of time, energy and thought from these individuals who have many other duties in the Senate and House.

For me, the Nikkei members and their staff have been a pillar of support. They are all highly respected members of Congress and have important roles in the business of the nation's legislature. Our community owes much to them, for they have willingly used their standing to move the

bills to where they are today.

Another Nikkei on the Washington scene who has given this novice much needed direction and assistance is Mike Masaoka. He has developed numerous important connections in Washington and has the respect of many members of Congress for the years when he represented our organization.

One has only to read his testimony on behalf of Go For Broke to know that we have a man with a remarkable memory of events and what he has read. Though he has health problems, he continues to be strong of spirit and has not lost the ability to articulate his thoughts.

For the first time, we can truly say the bills have bipartisan support when we recall the Judiciary Committee discussion by Democrats Barney Frank (Mass.), Dan Glickman (Kan.), William Hughes (N.J.), Don Edwards (Calif.) and Pat Schroeder (Colo.) and Republicans Pat Swindall (Ga.), Clay Shaw (Fla.), Henry Hyde (Ill.) and Hamilton Fish (N.Y.).

We realize, of course, that we must continue to build on that base if we are to win final passage of H.R. 442. We hope that we can report soon on the passage of S. 1009 to the full Senate with an impressive vote.

Community Support

JACL-LEC fund-raising got a big boost recently when the PSW District Council's mail solicitation campaign, which involved about 8,000 Nikkei in the Southland, produced a first check of

\$23,000 with the promise of more to come.

We want to thank the originator of this new concept, Hank Sakai, who recently moved from the Los Angeles area to Portland. A well-organized committee carried the project through using a letter signed by the five Nikkei members of Congress and stressing the need for funds to carry on the lobbying campaign. PSW redress co-chair George Ogawa and PSW governor Ken Inouye made sure the task was completed.

We want to recognize Clarence Nishizu of Fullerton, Calif., a member of Selanoco JACL, who has relentlessly lobbied Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) for two years. He has talked personally with Dannemeyer several times and, most recently, took the time to write a thoughtful letter in which he shared his personal experience and his feelings about redress. Even the members of the Judiciary Committee staff were quite surprised with this latest supporter, who voted to pass the bill.

We also want to thank Stephen Nakashima of West Valley JACL, who arranged a breakfast meeting with Rep. Ernest Konnyu (R-Calif.). The delegation succeeded in convincing Konnyu of the merits of the redress issue (see story on front page). We appreciate getting another California Republican supporter of H.R. 442. We will be looking for more help from Nakashima, since he is one of the Republican leaders in California.

Desperately Seeking Donors

by Henry Sakai

I hope all of the JACLers in the Pacific Southwest District have received the JACL-LEC fund drive letters from PSW and our five Nikkei congressional representatives and will respond to the appeal.

Those of you who have been supporting redress with your financial help are probably wondering why we always go back to JACLers. All organizations have found that they have to depend on their membership first.

Although most of the funds over the past eight years have come

from JACLers, the donations are mostly from about 25 percent of the membership. Therefore, we are hoping that those who have not been contributing in the past will get on board for the push for victory in the 100th Congress.

Recognizing that redress is not just a JACL issue but one that involves the total Japanese American community, we are asking you to help us reach that community by identifying organizations, businesses, and individuals who are not JACL members that we should send a solicitation letter to.

PSW JACL covers approxi-

mately 7,000 households; that means there are probably over 40,000 households that we don't reach. I'm sure that if redress were passed they would volunteer their names, but we need their support right now or there may not be any redress. With only 143 co-sponsors in the House, it will take a lot of work to get another 100 to ensure passage.

Let's get everyone on board now and help JACL-LEC and our Nikkei representatives push redress through in the 100th Congress. Don't forget, the time is now to go for it. Tomorrow may be too late.

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Trimming PC's Deficit

While it was proposed at the 1986 National JACL Convention that the JACL subscription rate be raised 20% (or \$2 more) from 1987 to cover the increased costs of printing, distribution and related circulation items, only 10% was provided. The PC staff was encouraged to fill the gap through new revenue in advertising, typesetting and additional subscriptions.

As of May 31, 1987, the outlook does not appear to be optimistic, though income is about 18% above last year at this time. The PC budget presented at the 1986 National Convention, incidentally, stipulated that a 5-issue cutback would be necessary if so determined by the end of June.

Based upon figures from 1985, 1986 and first five months of 1987, JACL membership is still behind 4.5% as of May 1987, and the trend indicates JACL will finish at 95% of the 20,000 PC subscription goal. PC-generated revenue continues to slip at the rate of 2.4%, even though the rates were increased by as much as 20%; thus PC income continues to descend percentage-wise with regard to the budget as of May 31: 57.3% in 1985, 52.1% in 1986, and 48.2% in 1987.

It appears the year-end percentage of income budget can be 96.4%, which can be at least \$15,000 in the red unless evasive action is taken at this time. In 1985, when total income was 96.3% of our \$374,5000 budget, that resulted in a \$6,367 deficit. Steps have already been taken in 1987 to control spending since the rate of expenditure, as of May, has been 45% in May 1985; 40.2% in May 1986; and 37.8% in May 1987.

Sensing that the total PC income for 1987 will be around \$467,640 (or 96.4% of the \$485,000 budget), spending must be controlled—down to \$467,640 or cutting back \$17,360 now. Skipping 5 issues (an 8-pager costs \$3,475 per issue) would result in a \$17,375 cutback.

The National JACL Board, at its June 20-21 session, did offer an "acceleration of payment to cover the summer months" to help maintain the 50-week format. However, acceleration is not the same as additional revenue to meet expenses. PC does not want to have the JACL Board bleed some other project to keep PC going when, in the name of fiscal responsibility, publishing

within our means can be exercised by trimming 5 issues per year.

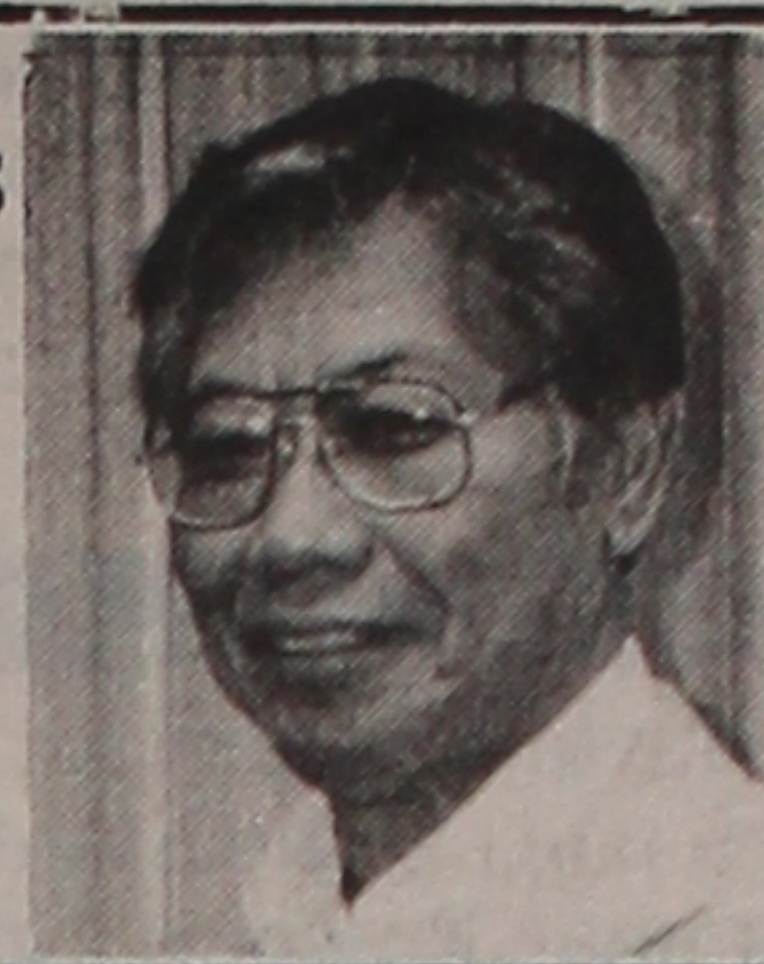
Meanwhile, National President Kajihara was polling the board to have the resolution rescinded after it was pointed out that PC had several options: (a) cut back 4 issues during July-August, when advertising is normally down because of summer and news is on the light side, although this particular summer the JACL redress bills are moving along in Congress; the fifth issue will be double-dated the first two weeks of December (prior to the Holiday Issue); (b) cut back 4 issues in August-September because redress bill actions are likely to slow with Congress in recess or working on the budget, but at the cost of PC losing more advertising since ads pick up from the fall; (c) publish every week and give LEC the bill, since PC would be printing at a loss—which LEC wouldn't countenance; or (d) publish every week and have National JACL borrow from the bank to cover PC losses or meet those weekly expenses in September-October, when PC coffers are at their lowest.

Harry K. Honda
General Manager/Operations

Progress Report

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry Kajihara



The current financial situation of JACL was presented clearly by National Secretary-Treasurer Alan Nishi in the June 19 PC.

JACL's operating deficit as of Dec. 31, 1986 is \$75,000. This equates to approximately \$3 per member to wipe out this deficit. Alan, working with National Director Ron Wakabayashi and Business Manager Patty Paganini, has trimmed the 1987 national budget by 7 percent.

The bottom line is that JACL needs money. Where can this money come from?

Early in the biennium, I defined four top priority tasks to accomplish or, at minimum, to lay the foundation for, which will ultimately lead to easing the money crunch. The tasks are (1) diversified fund development, (2) 1000 Club Life Member recruitment program, (3) automated membership renewal, and (4) grant pursuit by staff.

Fund Development

The movement on this project has been at a pace slower than I expected. Thus far, I have been unable to identify a "take charge" person who will lead a group dedicating itself to raising money. I am still searching.

1000 Club Life Member

By patient, tenacious resolve, 1000 Club Co-chair Mas Hironaka of San Diego Chapter, supported by Bruce Arakawa (same chapter) and Tom Arima (Contra Costa), has formulated the National 1000 Club Life Membership Fund resolution to the satisfaction and approval of the National Board at the June 20 meeting.

The committee has now been given the green light to mount a high-visibility, aggressive membership recruitment campaign to sign up another 1,650 life members for a grand total of 2,000 members. This will amass a \$1 million principal from which the resulting earnings will be used for JACL operations. Details of the plan and campaign will appear in the PC soon.

Membership Renewal

The mover on this task is Bob Sakaguchi, president of Mile-Hi Chapter, supported by Mountain Plains Governor Steve Hasegawa and VP of Membership Mary Nishimoto. I believe that the automated membership renewal will lighten the drudgery for chapter

membership chairs and yet will afford an opportunity to maintain contacts between the membership chair and the members.

It will also reduce membership "dropouts" that occur now and then through miscommunication or oversight on the part of the membership chairs due to their heavy work schedule and other commitments.

It is imperative that the grass-root members, particularly the membership chairs, are fully informed about the renewal plans. In this regard, when the plan is completed, the district governors will be asked to acquaint the members and articles will be published in the PC.

Grant Pursuit

The National Director has achieved some success in the grant pursuit project. Ron will continue to devote time to this endeavor. It is known that significant groundwork must be done before grants materialize and the amount grows. The Chevron grant grew by approximately 33 percent in 1987.

Personnel Manual

I consider the JACL Personnel Manual the second most important document next to the JACL Constitution. Conformance to the requirements delineated in this manual and thorough knowledge of the responsibilities of the National Director, National President, and National Board by the respective parties will go a long way toward optimal operation of JACL, I believe.

In this regard, I plan to take measures that will ensure that the new National President and Board will be fully cognizant of the existence and content of this manual.

I met with Midwest Regional Director and national staff representative Bill Yoshino on June 18 to review the collated staff comments and recommendations on the Personnel Manual draft. Bill submitted reviews and comparisons of personnel manuals of other non-profit organizations and submitted the staff's version of an updated JACL Personnel Manual. I considered the meeting very fruitful and productive.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Personnel Manual Update submitted their completed product to the National Board. I appointed the JACL Personnel Advisory Committee, chaired by VP of Operations Yosh Nakashima. This committee was instructed to take the work submitted by the ad hoc committee and produce a board-approved, updated manual targeted for distribution at the first National Board meeting of the Seattle convention next year.

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nity leave when her position was eliminated last year. Although she was given a new position with National JACL upon her return, the salary was less than when she had left, thus constituting a violation of state law. With the board's approval of the settlement, the matter was considered closed.

Election Procedures

Jerry Enomoto, chair of an ad hoc committee on JACL election rules, procedures, and practices, said his committee would give a final report at the October board meeting and submit an article to the PC early next year.

The committee was formed in response to allegations of bloc voting by the Central California District in the 1986 presidential election. Among the changes recommended by Enomoto were: a three-proxy limit per delegate; putting proxies in writing; not allowing changes of proxies after a certain point; and written instructions for proxy voters.

In another matter, the formation of a committee to review JACL's contract with SRS for membership solicitation was recommended. Board members were angry that the contract gave SRS \$1 per membership renewal for five years for each new member obtained through the mailout.

Suzuki said that the failure to detect the clause could not be blamed on one person, noting that the National Director, National Legal Counsel and National President had reviewed the contract. VP of Public Affairs Cherry Kinoshita recommended that the board "safeguard that this kind of thing does not happen again."

American Arab Lawsuit

LEC Executive Director Grayce Ueyehara discussed the matter of JACL involvement in the case of seven Jordanians and one Kenyan arrested in Los Angeles in January for alleged ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a faction of the PLO.

Arab American and other civil rights groups have charged that the government has failed to present its case against the eight and is prosecuting them on the basis

of ethnicity. Attorneys for the eight have uncovered an INS contingency plan that calls for roundup and detention of Arab immigrants in order to combat terrorism.

Ueyehara said that LEC was asked by the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee to join in a lawsuit opposing the arrests, the provision of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act that was used to make the arrests, and the INS contingency plan.

"I understand that we thought that we might go into this because it was seen as reflecting the experience of the Japanese Americans," she said. "But those eight individuals are actually having their day in court, which we did not have...that's one basic difference."

The provision of the McCarran-Walter Act, she added, is being dealt with legislatively in a House bill introduced by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass).

Ueyehara recommended that JACL not sign on to the suit because "we are making progress and we have to carefully think of what activities we get involved in and think through whether it's going to impact on redress or not."

"JACL could make a statement," she said, "that the organization strongly opposes the establishment of any detention centers to detain people on the basis of race or ethnicity."

"This issue is explosive...the kind of thing that could blow us completely out of the water," said LEC Legislative Vice Chair Grant Ujifusa. "...We don't know what the facts are in that situation."

Yasuhara and Intermountain District Governor Hid Hasegawa moved that any action by JACL pertaining to the case be deferred until "all the facts are known" and that no national staff pursue any related action other than monitoring the situation.

A number of JACL representatives, including Wakabayashi and Pacific Southwest Regional Director John Saito, have been involved in the issue. PSW Redress Chair George Ogawa said, "It's a clear civil rights issue, and I'm sorry I have to differ with some of my colleagues. I can't disagree with the idea of studying the matter...The problem is, we've already taken some action in the district."

In response to a question from Kinoshita about chapter or district endorsements that have been given to date, Kajihara said that JACLers can continue to be active in the issue, but not as representatives of the organization.

LEC Loan

Secretary-Treasurer Alan Nishi, in discussing JACL's continuing deficit, made a motion to require LEC to repay, by the Octo-

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Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark) as its 75th co-sponsor during a June 17 subcommittee hearing, and a mark-up by the full Governmental Affairs Committee was expected soon, said Ueyehara. "So they [the two bills] are neck and neck... We're just getting out of the basement."

'Support Bill as Written'

Ujifusa stressed that those who lobby the bill "have to support the bill as written," amendments and all.

For example, he said, \$200 million has been cut from the residual trust fund that was to have been used for the JA community. "The language as written now says 'for educational purposes.' One of the prime intents of this legislation is to prevent such things from happening again, and that's tied in not to nursing homes, but to education..."

"If you want to make an amendment, you can't do that at this stage because then it has to start over again... We've got a head of steam for this particular language... We cannot at this point convey a sense of fragmentation or disorganization [or] be perceived as confused and divided."

Ujifusa's remarks were directed mainly at the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, which is planning a delegation to Washington, D.C. on July 25-29.

Supporters of the bill should continue lobbying, said Ujifusa, rather than leaving the task to co-sponsors in Congress. He also suggested writing to Lungren, a staunch opponent of individual payments. "We'll never change his mind... but we should try to soften him up."

EDUCATION REPORT

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attend the university or college of their choice, even though they meet or exceed the qualifications used to measure the acceptance of the majority of students who apply. For Asian and Pacific Islanders, this is one of the newer barriers to educational opportunity."

Also of concern, Chase added, is that these students are increasingly finding themselves victims of violence and other acts of hostility. Many of these incidents, he noted, have occurred on or around school grounds and between students. "Learning cannot occur in a hostile environment," he said.

The study's findings are based on hearings and school visits in Washington, D.C., San Francisco,

Honolulu, Houston, and Chicago. The committee also produced a series of strategies to improve the education of Asian and Pacific Islander students.

Other members of the NEA Study Committee on Asian and Pacific Islander Concerns were NEA Executive Committee members Sue Y. Hovey and Jim G. Lewis; NEA Board of Directors members Robert H. Johan and Kathy Yen; and NEA Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus Chair Minnie C. Bumatay.

Asian American community representatives who testified before the committee included JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi and Organization of Chinese Americans president James Tso.

Chapter Pulse

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Chapter will present "Fusion," a fund-raising dance featuring the Bob Bergara Band, on July 25, 8 p.m.-midnight, at Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave. in West Los Angeles. Donation: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Info: Annabelle Lee, (213) 327-0099, or Bea Fujimoto, 935-8648.

WEST VALLEY

• The tenth annual Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, will be held Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Saratoga Lanes parking lot, Saratoga and Graves near Prospect Road in San Jose. The Japanese American cultural event features food, drummers, folk singers, folk dancers, fresh produce, and crafts.

SEQUOIA

• "Evacuation and Internment of Japanese Americans During WW2," a slide show narrated by Peter Ida, a retired high school teacher from Palo Alto Unified School District, will be shown July 13, 7:30 p.m., at Issei Hall, 2751 Louis Rd., Palo Alto.

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"The people of Asian background who come here more than likely have been used to food that is representative of their cultural heritage," Mangum says. "What we are trying to do is to create an atmosphere that closely maintains that cultural heritage. Diets, bilingual personnel and special activities have been planned to make the patient of Asian descent feel as comfortable as possible while staying with us."


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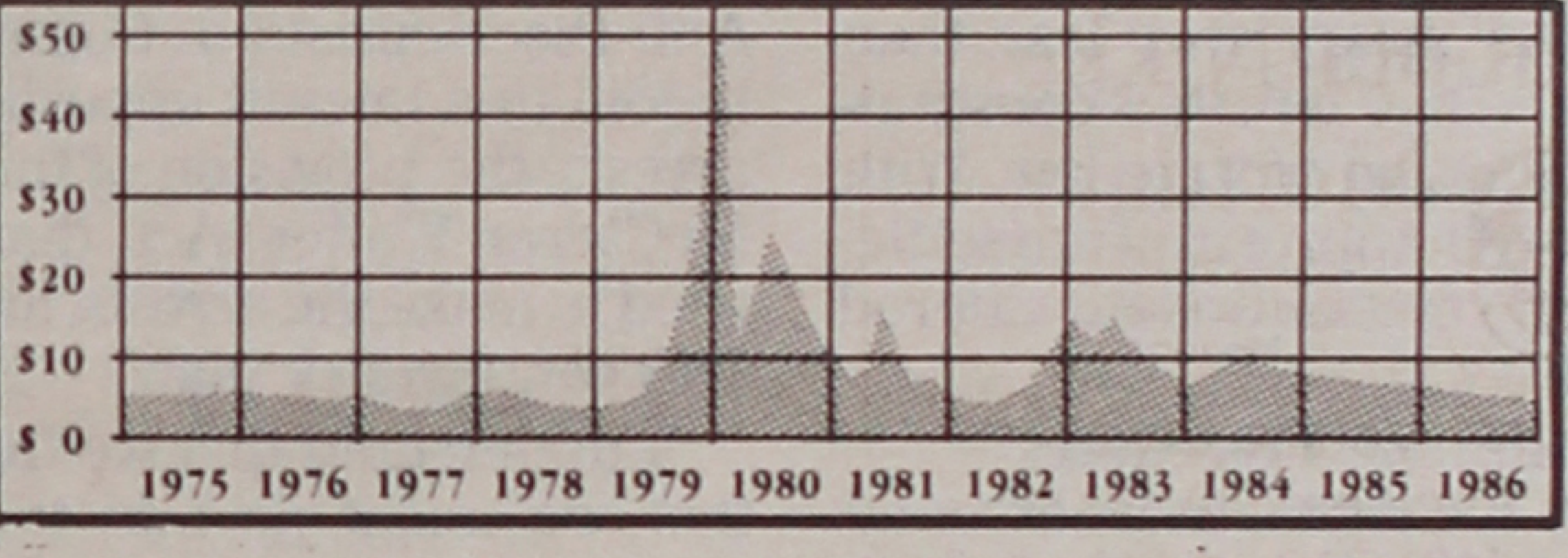
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1987 Chapter Scholarships Placer County

PENRYN, Calif. — At the annual Placer County JACL scholarship dinner, held May 16 at Placer Buddhist Church, the recipients of four scholarships were introduced by scholarship committee vice-chairman Tad Yamashiro:

- JACL Thomas M. Yego Sr. Award (\$500) — Yasuko Mae Morimoto, graduate of Placer Union H.S.
- JACL S/Sgt. Masa Sakamoto Award (\$300) — Stacy M. Lumadue, graduate of Del Oro H.S.
- Placer County JACL Award (\$200) — Lisa Tamiko Yamasaki, graduate of Placer Union H.S.
- California First Bank Award (\$200) — Timothy Arthur Lake, graduate of Placer Union H.S.

In addition to Yamashiro, other members of the scholarship committee were chairman Nob Hamasaki, Fusaye Miyamoto, Jim Makimoto, Al Nitta, and Bill Tsuji.

Five Added to JACCC Board of Directors

LOS ANGELES — Five members have been added to the Board of Directors of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, bringing the total number of board members to 38.

Elected to serve a full term of 3 years were Reiko Fukawa, docent of the Huntington Library and Garden and former chair of the Japan Business Association Women's Committee; Dr. Masami Kitano, neurologist and former flutist for the Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra of Los Angeles; and Leonard Yamasaki, doctor of biochemistry and head of the Central Analytical Laboratory Services in Pico Rivera.

Elected to 2-year terms were Robert M. McIntyre, former president of the Southern California Gas Company and of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; and Richard Sherwood, member of the O'Melveny and Myers law firm and former chairman of the Human Rights Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

"The JACCC is indeed fortunate in being able to marshal the commitment, expertise and knowledgeable support of such a distinguished group of new board members," Toshikazu Terasawa, JACCC president, declared.

Re-elected to new 3-year terms were George Aratani, Marie Doizaki, Ruth Fukui, Frank Kuwahara, H. Carroll Parish, Tosh Terasawa, Noritoshi Kanai, Edward Nakata, Kathryn Doi Todd and Frank Tatsuo Yamane.



Denver scholarship winners (from left): back row — Greg Hora, Michael Ikeya, Dale Horiuchi, Robert Eto, Andrew Katayama, Kurt Tsumura; middle row — Stephanie Matsuura, Halaru Seo, Ellyn Ito, JoAnn Nakata, Keiko Iwahiro, Aimee Tobo, Naomi Suzuki, Heather Sato; front row — Tracie Ho, Hiromy Hung, James Nakama, Masami Suzuki, Shelly Mizunaga, Judy Tanita, Tracie Fujioka, Troy Mayemura.

Forty Denver Grads Receive Scholarships

DENVER — Forty high school graduates were recipients of gifts and scholarships that totaled \$28,000 at the 32nd annual Japanese American Community Graduation Program. In addition, they were guests for the dinner and dance held at the Sheraton Tech Center Hotel.

Started by the Mile-Hi Chapter of JACL, the program was established as a memorial to the late Harry Sakata by a group headed by Minoru Yasui in 1956. The program is now joined by 22 other participating groups who award scholarships ranging from \$350 to \$1,000.

Yasui died in November 1986. In honor of his participation, this year's program was dedicated to his memory, and a scholarship has been established in his name.

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Community Calendar

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July 12
2-4 p.m. Nikkei Widowed Group of San Joaquin Valley will hear Miyo Kirita Burton of San Francisco City College speak on "Feeling Whole, No Matter What" at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1239 S. Monroe St.

BERKELEY

Aug 7-9 Buddhist Churches of America will hold its annual Pacific Seminar for lay and clergy followers at UC Berkeley with the theme "Shin Buddhism as a Member in the Global Communities of Faith." Registration deadline is July 15. Info: Buddhist Churches of America, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, CA 94109; (415) 776-5600.

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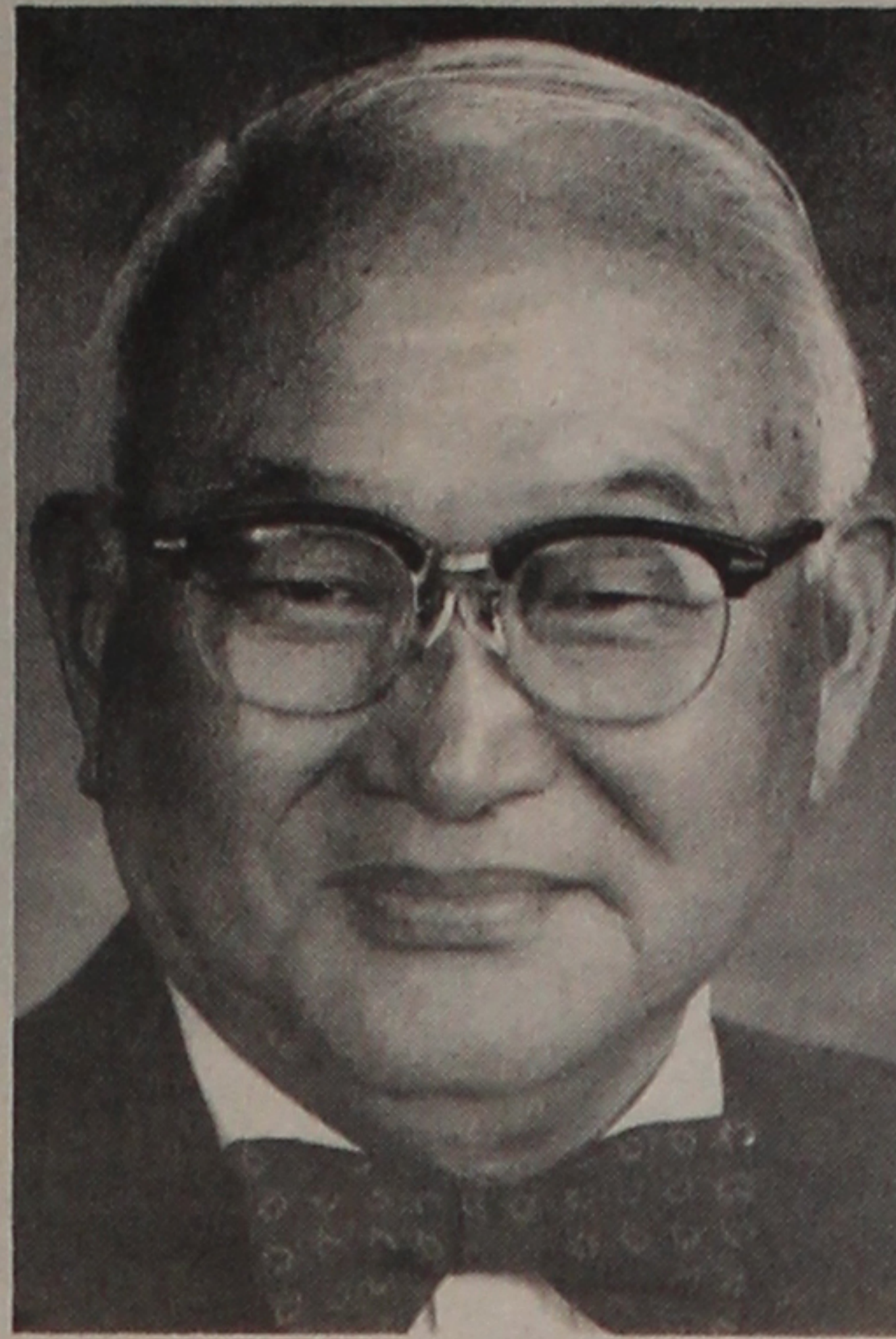
July 25 Fifteen kimono-clad candidates will be competing for the title of Miss Nikkei California at the 23rd annual pageant to be held at the Century Plaza Hotel. For more information, call: (213) 477-2561 or (213) 294-7159.

July 12
2-4 p.m. The opening reception for Daniel Nakamura's origami exhibit, "Space to Dream," will be held at the Junior Arts Center Gallery, Barnsdall Park, 4814 Hollywood Blvd. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m. For information, call: (213) 485-4474.

July 15
10-11:30 a.m. Asian Human Care Center will provide free eye screenings at 5211 W. Olympic Blvd. Screening will include tests for glaucoma, diabetic eye condition and cataracts. Program is free to seniors 55 and over. Japanese translation available. Info: (213) 933-8537.

ANAHEIM, Calif.

July 11
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Anaheim Japanese Free Methodist Church, 1001 N. Mayflower, will present "A Healthier You," a day of free health screening examinations by doctors, dentists, pediatricians, podiatrists, and optometrists. There will be lectures hourly from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on such topics as nutrition, drug abuse, AIDS, cancer, and aging as well as a special children's program. Info: (714) 998-5266.



Dr. Otto Uyehara was honored in Tokyo by the Society of Mechanical Engineers of Japan on April 12. He was elected as an honorary member of the society and is only the second foreigner to have that distinction. Uyehara, a 1942 graduate of University of Wisconsin, has been on the board of directors of the National Society of Automotive Engineers of America and has lectured around the world. A native of Hanford, Calif., he lives with his wife Chisako in Anaheim, Calif.

JACL BOARD

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ber board meeting, the balance of a \$50,000 advance made to it by JACL during the last biennium.

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The motion was defeated by a 9-3 vote with 3 abstentions.

A full listing of motions carried at the board meeting will appear in the next PC.

For the Record

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