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Inouye Lauded by Many for Role in Hearings

The following are excerpts from an article which appeared in the July 22 issue of the Star Bulletin.

WASHINGTON — Countering the racially-motivated backlash against Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) for his role as chairman of the Senate committee investigating the Iran-contra matter, are the many accolades he has been receiving.

Inouye's office has received about 1,200 complimentary calls a day and letters from so many admirers that his staff has had to borrow four Senate pages just to open his mail.

"In the eyes of many, I have become the committee. It is the first time in my career that I am getting bouquets—last week I got about 14," said Inouye, referring to the vases of flowers which allegedly surround his office.

The press has also been courting him. According to Gregg Takayama, Inouye's news secretary, the senator's office could easily become a national media center if he would accept offers from cable talk shows and the CBS and ABC television networks.

Almost Like a Saint'

In addition to the praise Inouye has gotten from colleagues, such as Sen. Warren Rudman (R-Neb.), which countered the racial slurs leveled at him during the Iran-contra hearings, he has also received commendations from members of the press corps. Watergate veteran Daniel Schorr, a former CBS correspondent now working with public radio, describes the Japanese American senator as "almost a saint around here."

"He is a man of integrity," said Schorr. "But because of his gentle nature, he appears outgunned and outmatched by an aggressive counsel."

Inouye has also been mentioned for national office, most notably as a candidate for vice president, although he has made it clear he would rather stay in the Senate. "I have known many vice presidents," he said, "and they were all an unusually unhappy lot."

He does, however, admit that talk about him succeeding Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va) as the Senate majority leader is becoming more persistent. "Two colleagues recently showed me a list of people prepared to vote for me, and it would have been more than a majority," he revealed.

Inouye's Own Caution

Nevertheless, Inouye cautions that while the power and prestige would increase for a majority leader, so would the exposure and responsibility.

"It would be worse than what I am now," he declared. "You no longer would be a senator from Hawaii—it would be more national."



Cornierfront of the former Nishi Hongwanji in Los Angeles, now the site of the Japanese American National Museum. A crowd of nearly two hundred gathered here on Aug. 1 to celebrate the placement of the Little Tokyo Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. (Story on Page 2.)

Photo by George Johnston

Over 120 Participate in NCR Delegation to Lobby Capitol

By Edna Ikeda

WASHINGTON — Over 120 Japanese American delegates from throughout the country participated in the lobbying effort organized by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR) from July 25 to 29. It was the largest organized contingent of Asian Americans to ever lobby the capitol. Fifteen NCR lobbying teams met with over ninety congressmen.

Delegates came from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento, Hawaii and New York.

Present were about fifty former internees and members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, as well as Fred Korematsu, Bert Nakano (NCR national spokesperson), Miya Iwataki (member of NCR and an assistant to Congressman Mervyn Dymally), Marleen Kawahara (Redress co-chair of the Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific-Southwest Dis-

trict) and Eric Saul (consultant to upcoming Japanese American exhibit at Smithsonian).

Among those briefing delegates during the NCR Orientation were staff people from the offices of Congressmen Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Norman Mineta (D-Calif.); Jack and Aiko Herzig from NCJAR; Kaz Oshiki, the first Asian to work on Capitol Hill; and Jim Fukumoto from the Office of Civil Rights.

The lobbying schedule of the delegates consisted of meeting with congressmen and attending general sessions addressed by Mineta and Matsui and Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii).

Also addressing delegates were Grace Uyehara, director of the Japanese American Citizens League's Legislative Education Committee, Congressman Don Edwards (D-Calif.) and John Lillie from the American Lutheran Church Association.

Currently, H.R. 442 is sched-

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Killer Agrees to Out-of Court Settlement of Up to \$1.5 Million

DETROIT — Ronald Ebens, the former auto worker who pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge in a retrial of the 1982 beating death of Vincent Chin, has agreed to pay up to \$1.5 million to the victim's estate.

Ebens, who was acquitted in May of civil rights violations, must pay \$200 a month for the next two years and afterwards 25 percent of his take-home pay to Chin's mother, said her attorney James A. Brescoll.

The out-of-court settlement was reached on July 30 after a jury had been chosen and as attorneys prepared to argue a wrongful death lawsuit against Ebens, who said he has no assets and earns about \$450 a month doing odd jobs.

Earlier this spring, Michael Nitz, Eben's stepson and accomplice in the beating death, also had a wrongful death civil suit brought against him by the victim's mother. This case was heard in a Wayne County court, and, in the settlement with Nitz and his insurance company, Mrs.

Chin was awarded \$50,000 and \$30 per month for ten years.

Ebens, a 47-year-old former foreman at Chrysler Corp. had been convicted in 1984 in a U.S. district court for what has been seen as a racially-motivated murder. At the time, he was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment. Nitz, 28, had been acquitted of the civil rights charges.

When a federal appeals court reversed the conviction in May of 1987, saying Ebens had been denied a fair trial, a retrial found the defendant not guilty of civil rights violations.

The civil rights action against Ebens had been postponed by Judge Marianne O. Battani until the trial had been completed.

According to Brescoll, Mrs. Chin had pursued the wrongful death suits on principle alone, indicating that although her son was dead, "Ebens still has not served a single day in prison."

Brescoll also added that "this is the first time a court of law has said the life of Vincent Chin, an Asian American, had value."

Amended Version

S.1009 Passes Senate Committee

WASHINGTON — Redress bill S.1009, which implements the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, was passed by unanimous voice vote in the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on Aug. 4.

The bill's mark-up, previously delayed because five senators on the committee were also serving on the Iran-contra hearings committee, adds an amendment proposed by Sen. Bill Roth (R-Del.).

Roth's amendment deals with the portion of the bill which offers \$20,000 to all Japanese Americans and Aleuts eligible for compensation. The amendment would help ease the strain on the federal budget by stretching out payments over five years. Of the \$1.3 billion authorized, \$500 million would be allocated in 1989, \$400 million in 1990, \$200 million in 1991 and \$100 million in each of the following two years.

Presiding at the mark-up session was Chairman John Glenn (D-Ohio). Other senators who were present were Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.), Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.), David Pryor (D-Ark.), Jeff Bingamon (D-N.M.), Bill Roth (R-Del.), ranking minority member Ted Stevens (R-Ark.) and John Heinz (R-Pa.).

During the meeting, several senators testified in support of the bill's passage. Glenn, after giving a brief history of the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans and Aleuts, also summarized the work and findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. He then introduced Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), who said that ten members of the committee are co-sponsors and the remaining four may also support the bill.

Stressing the need for Congress to remove the one blot on the Constitution which resulted from the relocation and internment, Matsunaga told his colleagues, "Congress would honor the bicentennial of the Constitu-

tion by passing redress legislation."

Pryor, chairman of the subcommittee which held a June 17 hearing on S.1009, described the relocation of Japanese Americans during WW2 as a "bleak and bizarre period." He also noted the "extinguishment" clause of S.1009, which prevents an individual from receiving redress payments twice. Under the clause, former internees must choose whether they wish to file a separate case against the U.S. government relating to the relocation and internment or drop further claims by accepting the payment provided by the bill.

Stevens spoke of his observation that when he lived in California many of his high school classmates of Japanese ancestry disappeared. He also recalled the hearing held in Los Angeles in 1984 and discussed details of the compensation that would be offered to the Aleutian Islanders who were interned in abandoned canneries during WW2 if S.1009 was passed. Stevens stressed that the most important part of the bill is the apology offered to the people who lost their constitutional protection.

Concluding the session, Glenn said, "I was in the war. I thought it was unfair." Noting the contributions of the 442nd Regiment to the war effort, he stated the irony of how many Japanese Americans served while their families were behind barbed wire. "They wanted to prove to the country they were loyal," he said, adding, "the bill is long overdue."

Grayce Uyehara, director of the Japanese American Citizens League's Legislative Education Committee, in checking with staff later, found that Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), who arrived after the vote on S.1009, also registered his "aye" vote.

The bill, which will now go to the full Senate for vote, was introduced by Matsunaga in the 100th Congress on April 10. Starting out

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H.R. 442 Co-Sponsors Reach 167

WASHINGTON — An additional eight new co-sponsors of H.R. 442 have been added to the co-sponsor count, which now totals 167.

On July 29, William Dannemeyer (R-Calif., 39th district), and Hal Daub (R-Neb., 2nd district) became co-sponsors, bringing the total to 161. Dannemeyer serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Judiciary Committee, and Daub serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

On Aug. 4, Representatives Beryl F. Anthony, Jr. (D-Ark., 4th district) and Jack Davis (R-Ill., 4th district) became co-sponsors. Anthony serves on the Ways and Means Committee and the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, and Davis serves

on the Armed Services Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Two days later, four more Congressmen became co-sponsors. They are Butler Derrick (D-S.C., 3rd district), Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla., 19th district), Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Texas, 20th district) and Mary Rose Oakar (D-Ohio, 20th district), bringing the total to 167.

Derrick serves on the Budget

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with 71 senators as co-sponsors, it later gained the support of three-fourths of the Senate during a June 17 hearing held by the Federal Services, Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Although several senators at the Aug. 4 session noted that there was still some opposition to S.1009 in the Senate, many said it was initially based on financial concerns. According to Uyehara, the acceptance of the amended bill in the Governmental Affairs Committee is significant because Roth has never been a co-sponsor. His amendment shows that support for redress is strong in the Senate.

Little Tokyo District Formally Entered on National Register

LOS ANGELES — About 200 showed up to participate in the Little Tokyo Historic District celebration and formal opening of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) at the corner of the former Nishi Hongwanji on E. 1st St. and Central Ave. on Aug. 1.

Thirteen buildings on the northside, beginning with the former Union Church on San Pedro St. and continuing to the temple on Central, have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Eventually to receive a grant for \$1 million with help from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the JANM will be housed in the temple and is displaying an exhibition in the temple's cornerfront Aug. 1-16. The former Union Church is slated to be the new site for the East West Players, the oldest Asian American theatrical group.

The importance of the occa-

sion was recognized by such dignitaries as Mayor Tom Bradley and Councilman Mike Woo, as well as by many others who showed up to express congratulatory messages.

Ruth Lehrer, a board member of the L.A. Conservancy, which was also partly responsible for Little Tokyo's recognition on the National Register, noted the district's cultural and historical importance for the Japanese American community. Referring to the area's mix of modern architecture with older structures, Lehrer called the buildings an "architectural polarity representing what the Japanese Americans are in the community."

Woo, using the buildings as metaphors, described newer facilities such as the San Pedro building as showing the "health of the Japanese American community." In addition, he said the community's retention of the temple and other traditional buildings signified "the partnership of . . . generations."

Mayor Bradley commended the museum's staff and volunteers by saying, "We've seen the development of Little Tokyo for one hundred years . . . now we have a chance to preserve the culture for all time."

Sponsored by the Mayor's Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee, the CRA and the JANM, the Little Tokyo celebration included the appearance of members from the 100th/442nd Veterans Association color guard and performances by the Great Leap Ensemble.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When Charlotte Kiyon Thompson learned that a motorist had been issued a personalized license plate reading "JAP CAN," she immediately wrote to the state Motor Vehicles Division.

"The term 'Jap' is very derogatory of persons of Japanese ancestry and arose during periods of intense anti-Japanese sentiment before and during WW2," she said in her June 5 letter. "To me, an American-born citizen of Japanese ancestry, the term 'Jap' is extremely offensive."

"I urge you to recall this personalized plate and any others which use this offensive term."

A copy of the letter was received by JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi, who in turn sent a letter to the Motor Vehicles Division.

"Several years ago [in 1981], the issuance of a similarly derogatory plate in your state created understandable outrage in the Japanese American community," Wakabayashi wrote on June 9. "The implicit sanction by the State of Tennessee of the use of racial slurs contributes . . . to reinforcing very backward attitudes and behavior in the gen-

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uled to be introduced in the House on Sept. 17, the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Although it recently passed the Full Judiciary Committee, the bill must still pass through the Rules Committee before it goes to a House Vote.

Calling H.R. 442 a bill of "fundamental justice," Mineta told delegates, "You're supporting H.R. 442 because of the meaning it has to the Constitution of the United States — that we know the government did wrong and that the government has to rectify its errors."

As a reminder of the strong community support from those unable to participate, hundreds of white, yellow and violet ribbons with the names of those who donated toward the delegation hung around the rooms of the orientation, general session and the closing reception.

"We have been able to accomplish what we have only through the united efforts of everyone," said Nakano at the closing night's reception. "No single individual or group could accomplish this alone."

Student activist Linda Asato, also noting the significance of the delegation, addressed the spirit of the Nisei delegates. "You and the Issei are the ones that give us [Sansei] inspiration," she said. "You are the ones who have endured the camps and are still fighting today."

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Mineta Named to Task Force

WASHINGTON — Congressman Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) has been named by Speaker of the House of Representatives Jim Wright (D-Texas) to the Task Force on Minority Set-Asides.

The responsibility of the task force will be to monitor the implementation of federal programs, known as "set-asides," which reserve a minimum percentage of contracts for minority businesses.

The purpose of a set-aside program is to protect the interests of women and minorities seeking jobs and economic security. The task force will report its findings and conclusions directly to the Speaker within 60 days.

Mineta is one of eight members of Congress on the task force.

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Committee, the Rules Committee and the Select Committee on Aging, and Fancell chairs the Foreign Affairs Committee, is the Vice Chair of the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran, and also serves on the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

Gonzalez serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Small Business Committee, and Oakar serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, the House Administration Committee, the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, the Select Committee on Aging and the Joint Library Committee.

Asian Foundation Gets 2-Year Grant

SAN FRANCISCO — A two-year, \$40,000 grant has been awarded to the Asian Foundation for Community Development to support its organizational development efforts and its direct grants program by the Cowell Foundation. In each of the two years, \$10,000 is an outright grant for administration and capacity building efforts and the other \$10,000 will be awarded on a matching basis for direct grants to agencies who deliver job skills training to low income Asian immigrants and refugees.

According to Nelson Holl, Executive Director of the Asian Foundation for Community Development, the demand for culturally relevant services in the Asian communities of the Bay Area is greater than ever, as a result of immigration and the influx of Southeast Asian refugees from other parts of the United States. However, the funds available for new programs have de-

creased considerably in recent years.

During the 1987 grant-making year, the Asian Foundation received twelve requests for a total of \$158,280, but was only able to fund four, according to Employment Advocacy Coordinator Grant Din. "We are only meeting a small part of the existing need," he said. Instead of only looking outward for funding support, the Asian Foundation for Community Development is seeking to assist these programs by developing the resources within the Asian community. The Cowell grant provides added incentive to do this, with its provision that at least \$10,000 each year must be raised from the community.

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Former Supreme Court Justice to Speak at Opening of Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) has announced that former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg will give the keynote address prior to the opening of a special exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., entitled, "A More Perfect Union—Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution."

The ceremony will take place on the steps of the U.S. Capitol from 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 1.

Goldberg was a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which investigated the constitutional abuses of power that led to the internment of Japanese Americans during WW2. His address will emphasize the need

for a strong Constitution to protect individual rights and highlight the celebration of the bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution.

In addition, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Reps. Pat Saiki (R-Hawaii), Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) will also take part in the ceremony before an expected crowd of 5,000 Japanese Americans, the largest gathering of Japanese Americans to ever gather in the nation's capitol.

The exhibit in the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution highlights 100 years of the Japanese in the U.S., and is now the only official program in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution.

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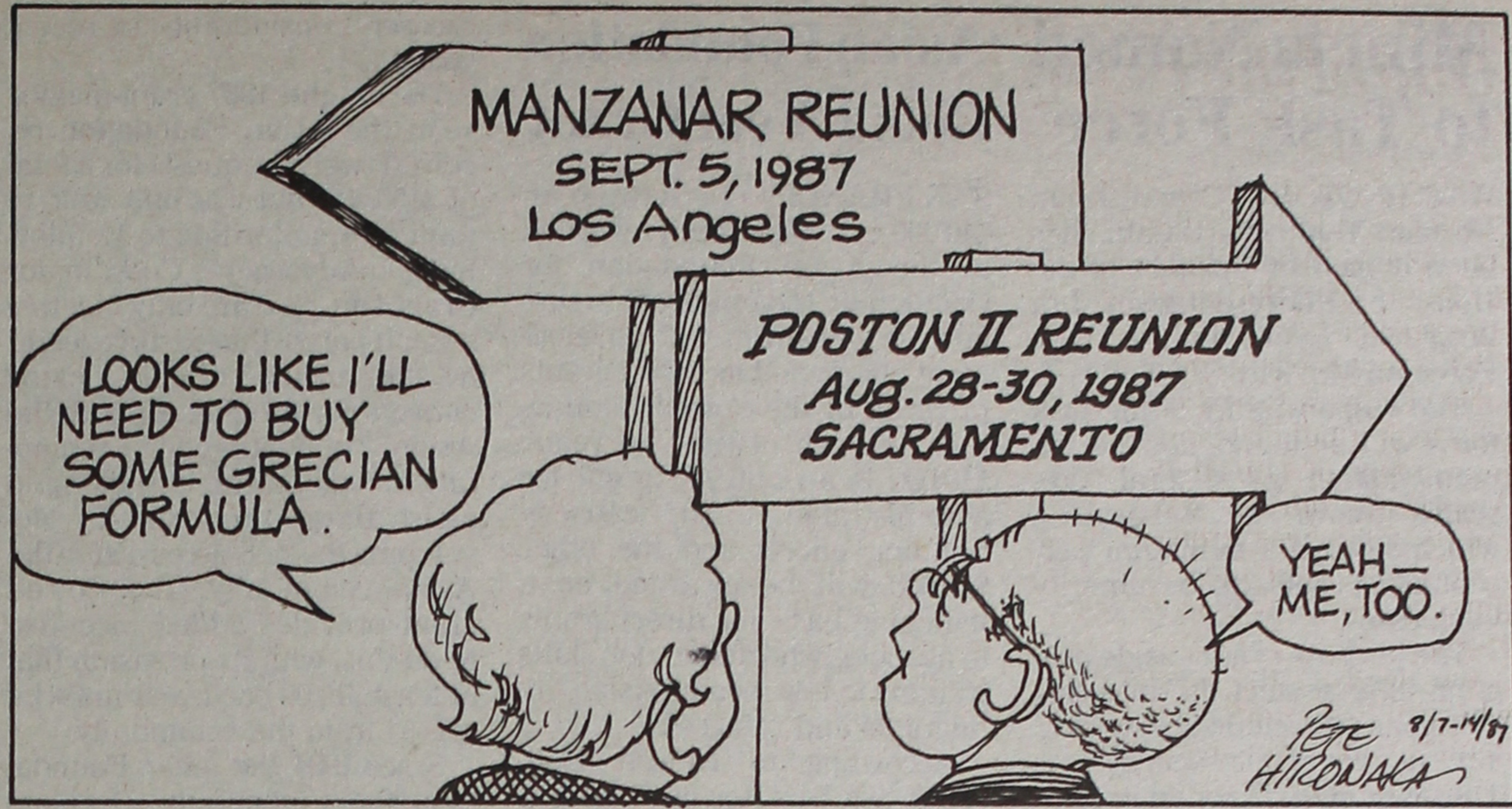
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Communications To and Fro

OVER the first 30 years of the Pacific Citizen's operation in Los Angeles between 1952 and 1982, only a few valued the safety-valve function in the paper for the Japanese American Citizens League. Members examined, questioned and challenged the leadership inside JACL because opinions pro and con within the membership were expressed in print. For instance, author Bill Hosokawa and his publisher, Morrow & Co., were the targets of loud protests because Hosokawa had titled his book, *Nisei: the Quiet Americans*. Indeed, it was a very vocal minority (National JACL Ethnic Concerns Committee) that acted to show they were not "quiet" and detested the prospect in their view of a negative characterization engraved in a book title. Some in the majority lashed back and painted the committee as censors. Long out of print, the book is a collector's item today.

Diverse opinions continue to brew inside JACL as found in the letters to the editor. During the years when the P.C. was construed to be a "house organ," letters denigrating the national organization for inaction were seldom seen. Eventually the exchange was seen for what it was—to promote and strengthen, rather than harangue, the organization through better understanding.

The question at issue this week concerns "how" opinions are rendered. Our readers are not easily moved to write for print, but they can be opinionated and express themselves now or remain mute for later. Many who do write, however, are wordy—so the time has come for letter-writers to include a daytime telephone number to help us co-edit their comments down to brief paragraphs. A letterbox of diverse opinions can be abetted by a greater diversity of readers who write. Open letters or letters sent elsewhere will not be published except as "paid advertisement."

The strength and style of a newspaper comes with editorials, often composed by the editor or a group designated to confer with the editor on the issues of the day. During Larry Tajiri's years at the P.C. helm (1942-1952, when National JACL Headquarters was next door) in Salt Lake City, his editorials were hard-hitting, articulate and inspiring. That height has tried editors who followed in subsequent years to resign with occasional editorials and more frequent personal pieces. But there have been discerning comments in more recent years by the editor, permanent or acting, which were truly editorial in tone.

Until an editor is appointed, that responsibility to comment editorially on issues shall fall on the general manager/operations. Our staff will share in the editorials to explain the news, fill in the background, analyze current events or argue for or against a position. Such is the nature of writing editorials.

'Silent Majority' Support

IN response to those individuals who identify themselves as the "silent majority" who are against seeking redress and have shown no evidence that the majority of Nikkei support their position, Grayce Uyehara, JACL-LEC director responds by calling attention to the National JACL Committee on Reparation article, "What the Surveys Show" (PC, Jan. 20, 1978).

Five JACL districts have conducted a community survey on reparation through questionnaire. They are the Pacific Northwest, Northern California-Western Nevada, Pacific Southwest, Midwest and Eastern districts.

Ninety-two percent of the results tabulated came from the West Coast, the largest from Northern California-Western Nevada district which contributed 62% of the total 3,904 respondents. The respondents were 54% males and 46% females; 7% were Issei, 83% Nisei and 10% Sansei and others.

Ninety-two percent of the respondents had experienced evacuation. Less than a third had filed claims with the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act. Many could not document their losses. Ninety-two percent of the claimants received some form of settlement, which collectively came to 8½ cents to a dollar lost on 1942 evaluation.

Of the 3,904 respondents 94 percent was in favor of reparation from the federal government as redress for the WW2 evacuation and imprisonment. In the Eastern district 80% were in favor of reparation, and in the Midwest 84%; but they were only 1.2 and 5.1% respectively of the total respondents answering this question.

How meaningful are questionnaire results: As in all statistics their value is directly proportional to the clear understanding of the issue. The dilemma of the reparation issue to most Japanese Americans lies primarily in the method of redress which seems inordinately complicated with conflicting opinions. The survey, however, shows two results which are statistically significant. We believe they are valid.

Ninety-four percent of the respondents said that reparation should be paid by the U.S. government for the evacuation and detention of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Respondents were 90% Issei and Nisei, and 92% had experienced evacuation. Therefore, the statement that reparation is being asked mostly by Sansei and others who had not known the agonies of evacuation is not a true statement. Thirty-five years have not erased the harsh memories of being imprisoned without charge or trial, and the indignities they suffered.

Eighty-three percent favored payment to individuals rather than to a trust or an organization. An overwhelming majority was expressing their fear that with the foundation or an organization controlling the disbursement of the fund, individuals will be ignored.

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



THAT'S THE MOTTO of the JACL and it appears on the JACL pin (for those of you near my age, you'll need a good magnifying glass to make it out on the pin). In response to the question "If not us, who?," I belong to a number of Asian American organizations which, unlike JACL which tends to be homogeneous, are a heterogeneous amalgamation of various Asians. In one group — Chinese, Japanese and Koreans; in another — Cambodians, Hmong, Overseas Chinese and Vietnamese. The latter group represents Southeast Asian refugees who reside in this area.

WHILE THERE ARE, of course, many and some significant differences between the JACL and these other Asian groups, I've also been struck by the similarities. Not unlike JACL, there are segments in other Asian groups composed of those who demand action now while others counsel patience. Some might label the two seg-

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ments as "activists" and "conservatives." In several recent meetings, the action-now proponents openly declared their intent to discontinue membership if the go-slow (or stand-still) view prevailed.

And where did I happen to stand in this gathering storm? Well, if I had to give it a label, it would be "pragmatic idealism."

PERSONALLY, I'M USUALLY way of those, whether from the left or the right, who profess to have the final, true answer, unwilling to listen to any contrary views or explanations. To accept such ideologue's position, one must also accept the conclusion that the search has ended, one has reached the end of the road, and nothing more is to be learned. It is somewhat akin to being relegated to a philosophical rocking chair, moving in one place and getting nowhere. This doesn't mean that one should not take positions or have views; every thinking being should and has. It does mean, however, a willingness to listen with an open mind, to be persuaded by that which registers logic.

But to get back to that Asian American meeting

THE MAJOR PROPONENT OF

the go-slow position, strongly as he held to his own philosophic views, was willing to listen and, to his great credit, not let his ego impede that willingness. While I did not share his philosophic bent, I very much admired his integrity — a commodity not in oversupply. (At the other end of the spectrum, there will be "liberals" with whose general objectives I may agree but because of their unrelenting, dogmatic approach I decline joining).

As I say, pragmatic idealism.

IN ANOTHER ASIAN organization, there exists an unfortunate tendency toward fragmentation, largely caused by personal egos of certain leaders. When one particular leader did not get his way from the group, he declared withdrawal thereby inflicting a grievous wound upon the amalgamated organization. Although a member of the board of the amalgamated group, I pleaded with all as an Asian and sought mutual understanding and solidarity — to no avail. And so we continue to limp along with the fragment of what remains, while the overall cause of the Asians has been weakened because of personal egos.

WHAT IS IT on that JACL pin?

Texas-born Journalist Producer Hit on T.V.

The last time I noticed there were something like 700,000 Americans of Japanese origin. A very small percentage of them get their names into newspapers like this one. Why? Mainly because the rest of them don't do much that is considered newsworthy, like getting elected to office, heading a committee, leading a protest, making important speeches, giving away money, saying something outlandish, being the subject of a fund-raising roast, winning a scholarship or an award. Most of them are ignored even when they die, and some have found the surest way to be noticed is to write angry if sometimes not quite logical letters to the editor.

On the other hand, it's possible to do any one or more of these things and still escape notice. This newspaper's resources are extremely limited so it can't just go around asking folks if they know anything newsworthy. It must depend on various sources, including its readers, to bring items to its attention.

My friend Herb Ogawa of Dallas, Texas, having been a newspaperman of sorts back in his youth, knows all this very well. He is also an inveterate newspaper reader. So he had taken it upon himself to clip items about

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



Japanese Americans and send them to this newspaper. Over the years many of them were rewritten and printed. For his pains he received no reimbursement, not even postage, nor was he expecting any. He was doing it just for the fun of it.

Then one day he got his latest batch of clippings back with a curt note saying news items weren't being considered any more unless they were typed double-spaced on one side of a sheet of paper. What would you have done if that had happened to you? You probably would have said to hell with it. Ogawa, not being a profane man, smiled philosophically and sent the material to me. That's a long explanation of how I found out about Texas-born Sylvia Komatsu who is considered one of that state's brightest young television producer-writers.

Working for KERA-Channel 13 in Dallas, she has made a long

string of prize-winning documentaries. The subjects range from Texas myths and folklore to the black struggle, public health care policies to the prison system, and illegal immigration from Mexico to the resettlement of Southeast Asian refugees.

I learned from the material Ogawa sent me that Sylvia is the daughter of Portland-born Al Komatsu, a prominent Fort Worth architect. She has a degree in government from Harvard, where she was cum laude, and a master's in journalism from Columbia where her thesis was on the South Africa government's lobbying efforts.

The Dallas Times-Herald's reviewer wrote that "compassion and commitment" mark Sylvia Komatsu's work. "I wanted to become a journalist," she is quoted as saying, "because I thought it was one important way to help influence and to help change society for the better."

Sylvia Komatsu obviously is making a mark in Texas. The uplifting story of her achievements is of as much interest to this newspaper's readership as accounts of dissent and protest. I'm happy to get her name in this paper. How many other good stories are being missed because the subjects live in distant places?

One of the Great Lessons in Life

by Sen. Paul Simon

One of the the great lessons I've learned in life is that when you believe in something, stand up for it. Don't let public pressure change your stand.

That lesson was demonstrated most vividly to me by my father who took a public stand against internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans during WW2. The public outcry was strong against Americans of Japanese heritage following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

We lived on the West Coast, where that sentiment was particularly intense. My father, a Lutheran minister, went on a local radio station in Eugene, Oregon, to explain why he thought President Franklin Roosevelt's action ordering the internment was wrong.

We had an old print shop in a building in the back of our house. I can still remember standing in front of the cutter while my father explained why it was wrong for the American government to deny Japanese Americans their constitutional rights by taking them from their homes and putting them in camps.

There was a small furor in the community and I can remember being embarrassed by it with my friends. My father was on an extremely unpopular side of things. I felt like I had leprosy and, at that point in my life, I wished my father had not done it.

But now as I look back, it's one

of the things I'm proudest of my father for. It must have taken a great deal of courage for my father to do that.

It was a great lesson for me. If you believe something, stand up. If there had been a few more Americans to say "this is wrong" maybe we would not have perpetrated this horrible deed against so many Japanese Americans.

There is another reason to remember the internment. We are celebrating the 200th anniversary of our Constitution, a document that has survived dramatic changes of many kinds since 1787.

But the shameful internment in 1942 demonstrates why we can't take the Constitution for granted.

The tragedy of the relocation for the Japanese Americans was more than the horrid living conditions of the camps, lost property and the irony of many of their sons dead and maimed fighting for the U.S. The Japanese Americans suffered psychological stress, embarrassment and humiliation.

And the relocation confronted the rest of us with the fact that we had paid only lip service to the cherished tradition of equality and constitutional protection. We must never let it happen again.

Simon, a Democrat from Illinois, is a presidential candidate and chairman of the Constitution Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Inouye Attacks Typical of Asian American Legacy

By Ron Wakabayashi and Fae Minabe

Throughout the recent hearings on the Iran-contra matter, one voice has continued to ring clear and true. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, chairman of the Senate Select Committee, sits day after day quietly listening to the incredible tales of clandestine activities and secret deals, only once raising his voice to address Lt. Col. Oliver North on the subject of loyalty to America—a subject the Democrat from Hawaii knows something about.

Holding the third highest leadership position in the Senate of the U.S., Inouye is frequently mentioned as a future Majority Leader. He has served on the Intelligence and Foreign Affairs committees, and is familiar to all Americans for his role on the special panel investigating Watergate in the 1970's.

Inouye's Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military decoration for valor, his Bronze Star and his Purple Heart have not been on display during these Iran-contra hearings. However, if one looks closely, the television camera will occasionally pick up the coat sleeve hanging limply at Inouye's side. As an American serving his country, Inouye lost his right arm in Italy during WW2 to an enemy grenade.

Last week, Sen. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), vice-chairman of the Senate committee, announced that racial slurs directed at Inouye were being received in calls to the committee. As in the Watergate hearings, Inouye's Japanese ancestry has become the vehicle through which his opponents have chose to criticize him.

Opposition and displeasure with Inouye could have taken many forms of name calling. Political epithets—"demagogue," "opportunist,"—would have likely been used had the chair of the committee been white. The ethnic background of the Senator, however, changed the nature of the criticism from political to racial pejoratives. The ugly remarks were unexpected, but in hindsight, predict-

able.

American history is dotted with innumerable examples of anti-Asian sentiment. Over 600 federal, state and local laws which prohibited Asians from immigrating, intermarrying, owning land, obtaining employment and becoming citizens had to be overcome by Asian Americans. While Inouye was defending the U.S. with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned in American concentration camps. This travesty of justice remains unremedied and poignant of the Asian American legacy.

Today, Asian Americans are a rapidly growing population, increasing over 700% in the last 20 years to nearly 6.5 million nationwide. New York's cosmopolitan attitude welcomes the new Japanese immigrant into its international melting pot. Its size and pace also protect, to some extent, its 70,000 Japanese nationals and Japanese American citizens from the stares of the unacquainted.

However, comprising less than one half of one percent of the U.S. population, Japanese Americans have never been statistically significant. Therefore, most Americans having had little opportunity for direct interaction with Japanese Americans, will often mistake Japanese Americans for recent immigrants. Third and fourth generation Japanese Americans continue to be subjected to stereotypes perpetuated by television and the movies. Even young Japanese American professionals walking down Wall Street have been harassed by racially-motivated remarks.

Six-term Congressman Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.), a third generation Japanese American, was complimented by a high ranking General Motors executive for his grasp of the English language. At the time Alexander Haig was Sec'y of State, he welcomed Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) to America. Matsunaga had to remind Haig that he, alone with the rest of the U.S. Senate, had voted to confirm the

Secretary's appointment.

Often told to "go back where you came from," Asian Americans have frequently been denied their place in America. President Gerald Ford, speaking immediately after taking his oath of office, emphasized his determination to be President for all Americans—White, Black, Brown and Native Americans. That speech, like those delivered by most American Presidents, failed to include Asian Americans. It is only when an American President has occasion to address an Asian American audience that there is an acknowledgment that Asians, too, are real Americans.

While much anti-Asian prejudice is aimed at Japan, the inability of members of the white majority to recognize distinctions within the Asian community has made tragic victims of other Asian groups. In 1982, two unemployed Detroit auto workers, frustrated and angry with the success of the Japanese auto industry, beat Vincent Chin, a young Chinese American, to death with a baseball bat.

Dually concerned about the rise of violence directed at Asian Americans and other minorities in New York, Gov. Mario Cuomo recently established a Commission on Bias-Related Violence, which held hearings last month. Similar racist attacks across the nation have been addressed by a report released by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Although the attacks on Inouye were made with words, not a baseball bat, they were motivated by the same type of bigotry. Sen. Rudman's timely repudiation of the invectives directed at the chairman of the Senate Select Committee stands out, and unfortunately, it also stands alone. We hear no chorus, no refrain from Rudman's peers. Rudman's outrage appears to be the exception, not the rule. For us, the virtual silence is not only disappointing, but demoralizing.

Ron Wakabayashi is the national director of the Japanese American Citizens League. Fae Minabe is vice president of the New York chapter.

Letters to the Editor

A View on Redress

Having read my first copy of the *Pacific Citizen*, I thought I'd share my views on redress.

We here in Hawaii were always aware of the fact that we may be "next" to suffer the same fate of being evacuated to the mainland.

My father was a soldier of the Imperial Japanese Army during the Russo-Japanese War in 1905 and immigrated to Hawaii in 1907, seeking a better way of life. He was picked up by the F.B.I. shortly after the attack of Pearl Harbor.

His prior military service was possibly the primary reason for his three-year internment at Camp Honouliuli in Oahu, Hawaii. Ironically, when he served his country during that war with Russia, Japan was an "ally" of the United States. Fortunately, he was never sent to the mainland, and we were able to visit him twice a month, usually on a Sunday.

Having a father interned was bad enough, but the "temporary internment" of my mother and brother on visitation day, denying me their presence to my high school graduation was more than I could bear. An in-camp incident of which my family had no involvement was the reason for the "detention," which, although only for a few hours, was long enough for them to miss one of the most important days of my life.

Needless to say, not having my family share my supposedly happy moments made me not only sad but very lonely.

My father was released from Camp Honouliuli in time to see me enter the armed forces of the U.S. On induction day, with tears in his eyes, he quietly said, "Gam-

batte koi."

It is sad to know that there are many Americans who openly criticize the redress issue and simply want to brush this matter aside, knowing deep in their hearts that a major wrong was done.

I hope the redress issue is resolved in our favor, especially for you mainlanders who suffered most during those dark days of the '40s.

RAMSAY S. HISHINUMA
Aiea, Hawaii

A Yamamoto Fan

Dear Readers,

I for one am going to miss J.K. Yamamoto. It was nice of him to look me up at the JACL national convention in Chicago. We are all sorry to hear he is leaving, but let us look to our future endeavors.

Dr. FRANK F. SAKAMOTO
(A great fan of J.K. Yamamoto!)
Chicago

J.K. Yamamoto is now the English editor of the Hokubei Mainichi, a San Francisco-based newspaper.

Late Issues

Dear Sir:

I received my July 10 edition of the *Pacific Citizen* over two weeks late. I have not received my July 17 or 24 copies. I would appreciate it if you can send the PC on time.

MAS SHIOZAKI
Mt. Prospect, Illinois

Because of business considerations, the Pacific Citizen has been double-dating its July and August issues. A note of this has been made on the bottom right corner of the front page.

H.R.442 Urgently Needs Grass Roots Supporters



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H.R. 442 has tentatively been scheduled for vote by the full House of Representatives on September 17, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. It is great news that redress will finally reach a floor vote, but there is little time left to secure the 218 votes needed for passage. Present co-sponsors and non-co-sponsors need immediate contact from all grass roots redress supporters.

Presently, H.R. 442 has 167 co-sponsors. This is a greater number than ever before, but it is still 51 votes short of the 218 needed to pass the bill. Furthermore, we need insurance votes because not all co-sponsors will necessarily vote for the bill. Therefore, we are targeting the House for an all-out push for support and commitment of votes for H.R. 442.

For your information, Aug. 7 is the date when the House Judiciary Committee will report out H.R. 442 favorably and file with the full House for floor action. At this point no more co-sponsors can be added, so ask your representative now to vote in favor of H.R. 442, rather than to co-sponsor the bill.

Because of the greater number of members involved, the House is more difficult to lobby than the Senate. As a result, it is vital that all grass roots supporters of redress contact their representatives immediately and urge them to vote for H.R. 442. Present co-sponsors and non-co-sponsors all need to be contacted.

Act Now

Write your representative immediately and ask for a commitment to vote in favor of H.R. 442. If they are already co-sponsoring the bill, be sure to thank them for their support. Volume of mail received is critical.

Please continue to write to friends and relatives in other states and urge them to write to their representatives. We have additional copies of the brochure "The Japanese American Incarceration: A Case for

Redress," and if you would like to enclose them with your letters, we will send them to you.

Representatives are now visiting their home districts during the recess period until September 8. Call the district office of your representative immediately to arrange an appointment to discuss redress. Encourage non-Nikkei constituents to attend. If you need help arranging a group to attend the meeting, call your local redress coordinator.

Please send us copies of the letter you receive from your legislators, and send the report of the meeting you hold with your representative. We need to have the latest information on the positions of representatives for Washington follow-up work.

Every day this office hears from the people who are working very hard for redress, and we are encouraged by the nationwide effort to secure justice. Please continue your fine work.

Contact the Japanese American Citizens League's Legislative Education Committee at 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C., 20036, or (202) 223-1240.



Kim Miyori

Miyori Lands

New T.V. Role

LOS ANGELES — Kim Miyori, best known for her two seasons as intern Wendy Armstrong on NBC's "St. Elsewhere," now has another recurring role in the CBS television series "Hard Copy," airing Friday nights at 10 p.m.

Miyori plays Paula Hershon, a newspaper journalist, who, like the Armstrong character, happens to be Asian.

"Good Career Move," an episode that focuses on the Hershon character, aired June 26. It was about the crime reporter's investigation of a possible homicide of a rock star, during which time she is fired from her job.

Miyori hopes that Asian Americans will write to the network, encouraging it to continue the series and the character because it "is unusual that a positive role is created for Asians, especially one that is not stereotypically written."

"When I was growing up," Miyori said, "I thought the stereotypical image of the desirable sex kitten, as so often portrayed in the media, was what the Asian woman should and had to be in order to succeed and be accepted. That's the expectation I thought I had to live up to and I found it frustrating."

Miyori hopes that with enough encouragement from the community, via letters, "those people of the majority who look at this can see that this is a fair and positive representation of our people."

First So. Calif. Meeting of A/P Gays and Lesbians Held in L.A.

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — "Breaking the Silence: Beginning the Dialogue," the first conference of Asian American gays and lesbians ever held in Southern California, took place at the Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley on July 18.

Described as the first time members of Asian Pacific Lesbian and Gay, Inc. (APLG), the Southern California Gay Asian Rap Group (GARP), the Southern California Women's Group and other gay Asian organizations from Northern California have come together, the conference's primary goals were to have its participants share experiences, exchange information and discuss a future direction for Asian gays and lesbians.

The importance of the occasion was recognized by Barbara Miyamoto, a representative from Councilman Michael Woo's office, who presented a commendation commemorating the event, and Maeley L. Tom, a representative from the Office of Asian Affairs under Sen. David Roberti (D-California).

Said Tom, "Sen. Roberti recognizes the Asian Pacific gay community. It's a historical event, and it's important that this segment of the Asian community [be able to] serve with the rest."

Addressing a crowd of over eighty participants, keynote speaker Trinity Ordonia began the "dialogue" of the conference by pointing out the significance of being gay and Asian and of the meeting itself. "Being gay is not our tradition," she said. "We are not only silent in our families, but with each other... Ironically, silence makes everything seem fine. [However,] it's a major form of repression."

Ordonia concluded her presentation with a slide show which chronicled the experience of Asian Pacific lesbians. In the ten workshops that followed, participants discussed issues common to many gays and lesbians of Asian heritage.

In a session entitled "Homosexuality and Lesbianism in the Asian/Pacific Family," the difficulties of being gay and yet raised in a culture which stresses traditional roles for men and

women were examined. Although many of the workshop's participants had "come out" to friends, only a quarter had informed family members of their homosexuality.

A Japanese American woman, describing the pressures of not being able to live up to her family's wishes, said, "My folks stressed we Sansei learn Japanese culture... [and] marry a third general man. Bringing a girl friend home is all right, but 'coming out' I had to move out."

Another workshop, focusing on interracial relationships, revealed the barriers many gay Asians must face for being a minority within what is already a minority group. Since the pool of datable gay and lesbian Asians is small, some have no choice but to try and be accepted in the predominantly white gay community.

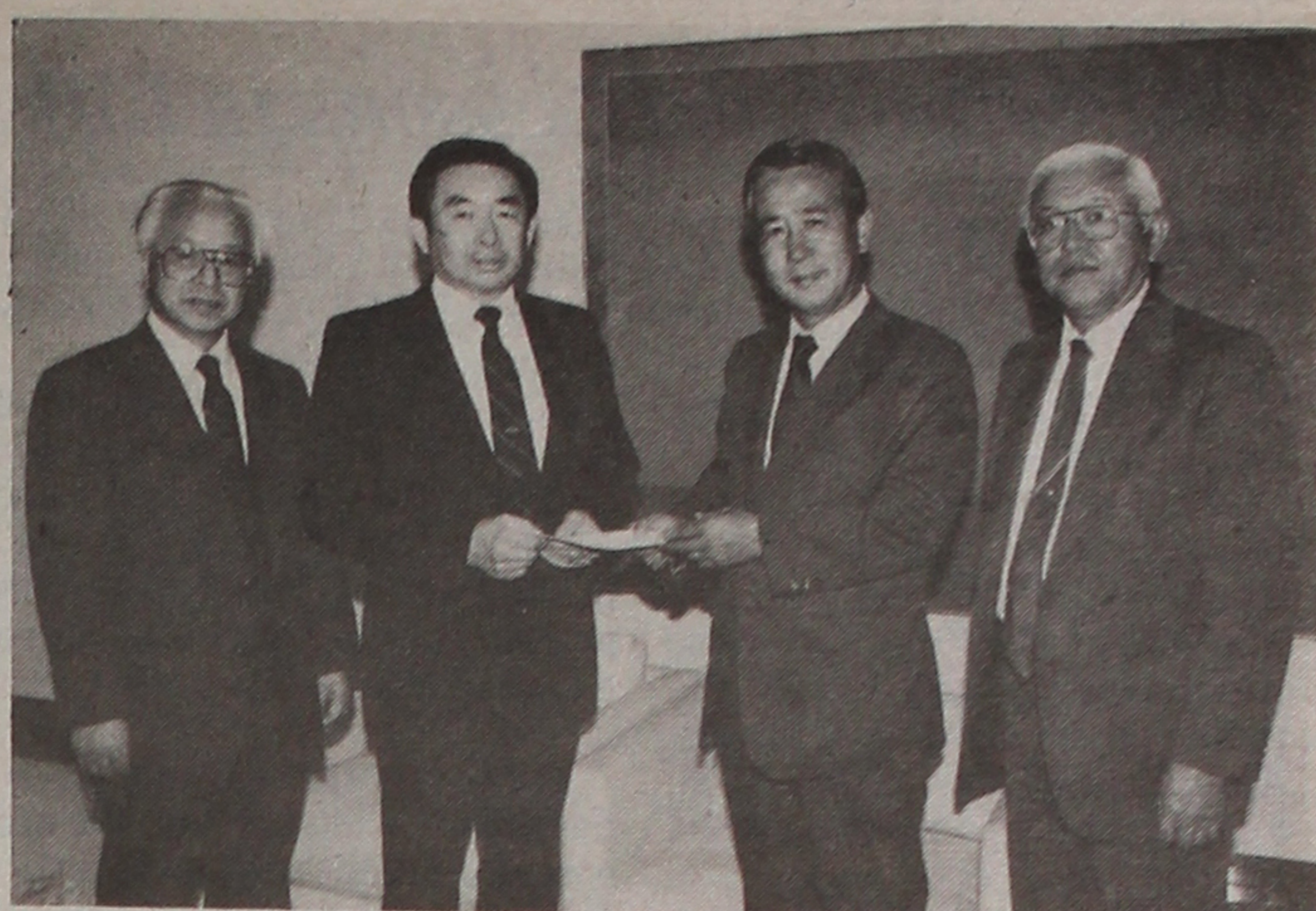
AIDS was also the subject of a session. Acknowledging that the reported number of cases in the Asian community is low compared to in the overall gay population of the U.S., some Asian men, nevertheless, attribute the statistics to the fear of being found out. "Unfortunately," as one man put it, "Asians with AIDS tend to be quieter."

Although most AIDS-support programs do not specifically serve the needs of the Asian community, APLG members stated that their organization has recently begun a support group. In addition, a representative from AIDS Project L.A. announced that a multilingual AIDS hotline is in progress.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion on creating more public awareness of the gay Asian community. One panelist described his experience of working with other gay Asians as a "second coming out," stating, "We need to have some voice in the Asian Pacific community. We need to have it start here."

Another panelist emphasized what seemed to be the sentiment of the day: the necessity of family and community support if gay and lesbian Asians are to be recognized as part of the Asian Pacific community. "I want to start including my family," she said. "[In the Civil Rights Movement] the kids were brought by parents... I can't see any durability without our families behind us."

For more information on organizations in the Asian Pacific gay community, write to the APLG at 7985 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 109-443, West Hollywood, CA 90046; or call (213) 664-2479. For more information about GARP, write to Asian Rap, P.O. Box 51, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; or call (213) 599-6583.



Seishichi Itoh, president of California First Bank, presented Bishop Seigen H. Yamaoka of the Buddhist Churches of America with a pledge of \$25,000 on behalf of California First Bank for the Institute of Buddhist Studies, a graduate school for research and professional studies in Berkeley. Said Itoh in presenting the gift, "California First Bank is delighted to provide financial assistance in the advancement of cultural understanding and we extend our best wishes for the successful development of the IBS." The IBS is an affiliate member of the Graduate Theological Union and is the only school in the consortium interpreting Buddhism and Japanese culture.

Nat'l Meeting of NDCAPA Held from Oct. 16-18

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The National Democratic Council of Asian and Pacific Americans (NDCAPA) is holding its first national convention, "Target '88: The Margin of Victory," on Oct. 16 to 18, at the Hyatt Los Angeles Airport Hotel.

The convention, the first and largest national gathering of Asian Pacific American Democrats ever, will focus on the increasing role and participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the Democratic National Convention and the American democratic process.

In addition, the convention will develop a national strategy for increasing participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the 1988 Democratic National Convention; present an Asian Pacific platform agenda to the presidential candidates; and communicate to the candidates that Asian Pacific American voters will hold them accountable to Asian Pacific American concerns.

The weekend will be highlighted by the presence of Democratic presidential hopefuls who will address the nation's Asian Pacific American Democratic leadership.

The NDCAPA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to voicing the concerns of Asian Pacific Americans, as well as enhancing their economic well-being.

For more information, contact the NDCAPA at (202) 333-7483 or conference coordinator Lynne Choy Uyeda at (213) 933-1151.

Students Win Trip Via NASA Award

LOS ANGELES — Émilie Nakayama and Lisa Chow were selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Teachers Association to represent the United States at a student space symposium in Beijing. An unusual twist is that the two, both 16-year old juniors, are classmates and friends at John Marshall High School. Nakayama and Chow left July 16 for the one-week conference to share their proposed experiments with Chinese students.

Winning Proposals

Nakayama's project focused on the effects of gravity on regeneration of growth and the production of proteins in space, while Chow's project proposed that scientists study the effects of microgravity on genetic engineering. Each year, thousands of students nationwide compete in the annual NASA competition for microgravity experiments in space.

'Coincidence'

According to the contest's national director, Helen-marie Hoffman, the names of students and their addresses were kept secret during the judging and officials were unaware that they had selected two classmates. "It was purely coincidental," said Hoffman. The students began their projects two years ago while attending Thomas Starr King Junior High School in Silver Lake and they credited science instructor Thomas Grgurich with helping them develop their winning proposals.

After the conference, Nakayama planned to visit relatives in Japan for the first time, while Chow planned to visit relatives in Hong Kong, her first visit to her birthplace since infancy. —from a report by the Los Angeles Times

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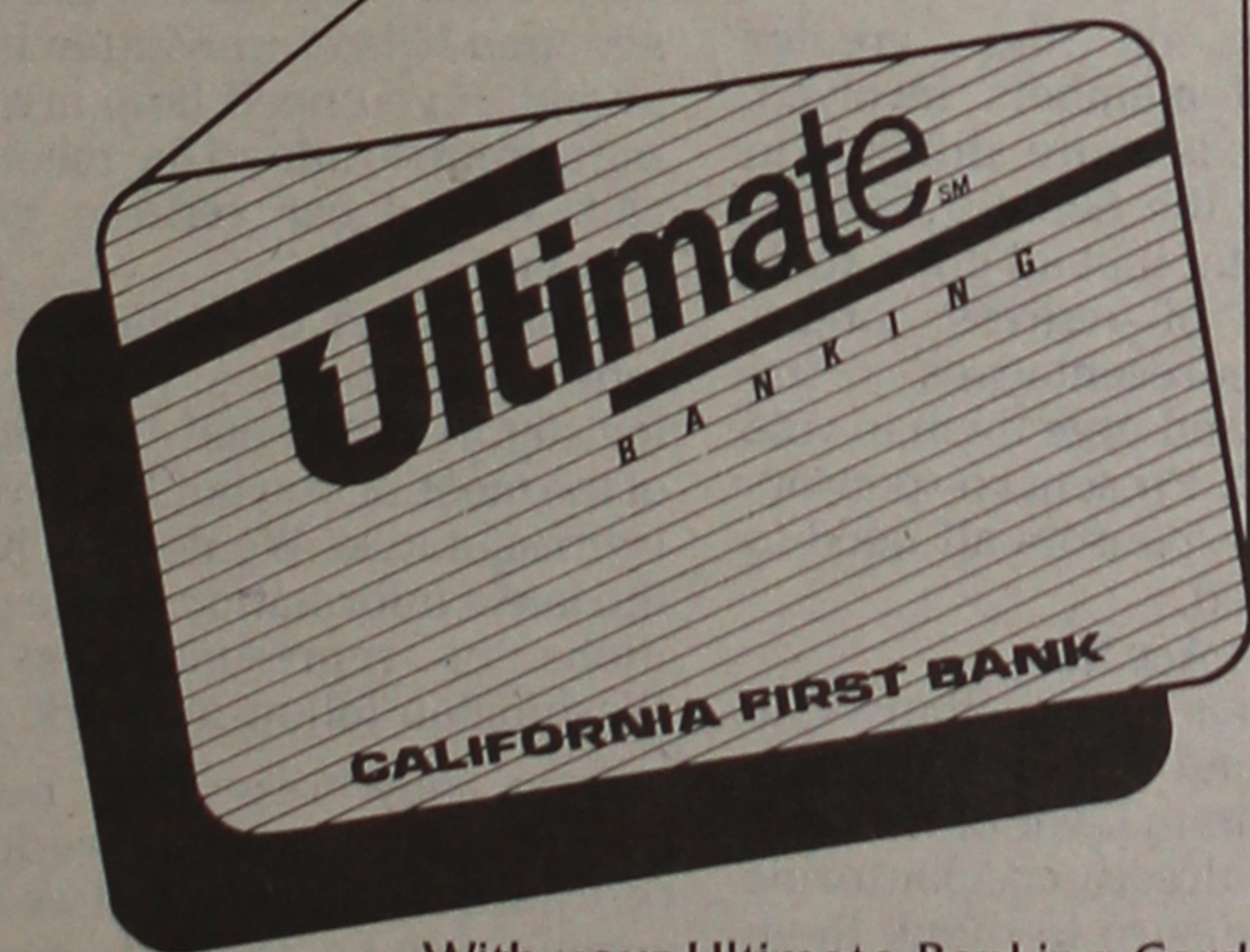
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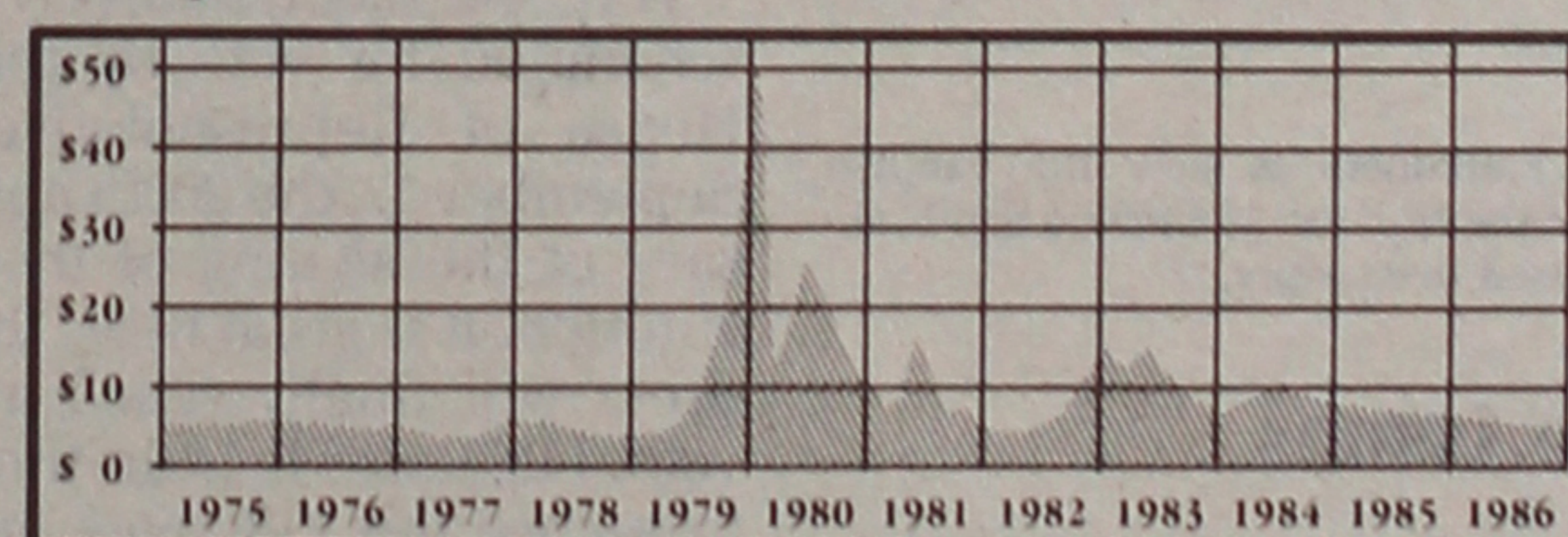
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DEL RAY BEACH

Aug. 16—11th Annual Bon Festival at Morikami Park, 6pm to 9pm. Info: 305 495-0233.

LOS ANGELES

Aug. 16—Okinawa Club annual picnic at Elysian Park, #9. Info: Ken Kamiya, 213 626-8135.

Aug. 22—Asian American Chili Visions II chili cook-off and Asian Pacific Film screening. Chili cook-off — JACCC Plaza, 5:30 pm. Pioneering Visions Film Series — Japan America Theatre, 7:30 pm. Pioneering Visions with Chili: \$16. Children under 12: \$11. Pioneering Visions only: \$6. RSVP before Aug. 15. Info: 213 680-3700 or 213 680-4462.

SACRAMENTO

Aug. 28-30—The 3rd Poston Camp II Reunion will take place at Sacramento Inn, site of 1983 Reunion. The "Camp Days" program will honor Issei servicemen women and veterans of all wars. Info: Kiyo Sato-Viacrucis, P.O. Box 7424, Sacramento, 95826, 916 366-6608

SAN DIEGO

Aug. 30—Japan Day at Balboa Park, San Diego, 1 pm to 4 pm. Admission free. Info: 619 234-0376.

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Aug. 21—Kimochi Summer Dance at the Issei Memorial Hall, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 8 pm to 12 am. Admission — \$2.50 each. Info: Steve Nakajo, 415 931-2294.

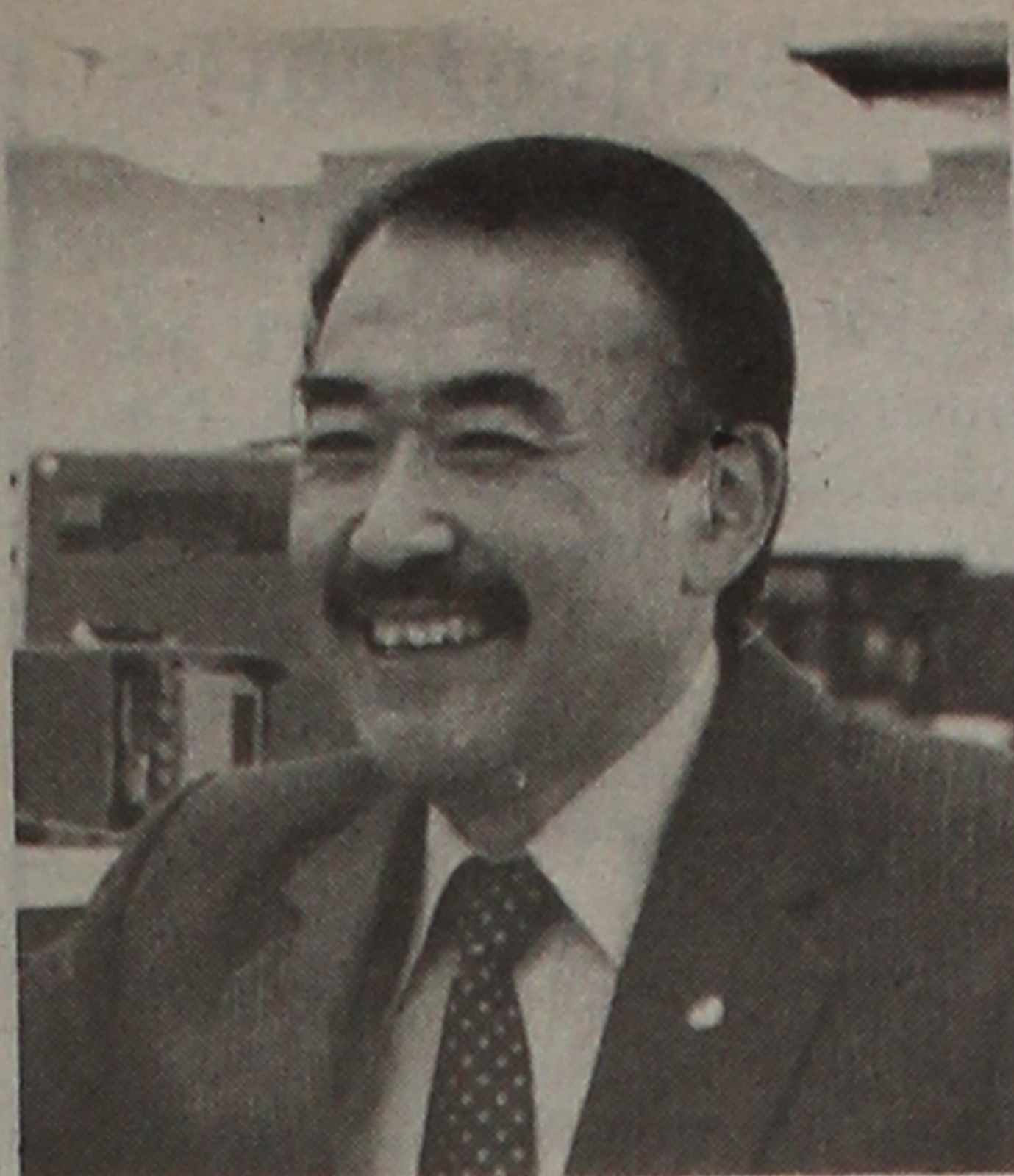
Aug. 23—The newly-formed East Bay Nikkei Singles picnic in San Leandro. Info: Cherry, 415 893-0113; Terry, 415 352-8668; Tee, 415 523-5205.

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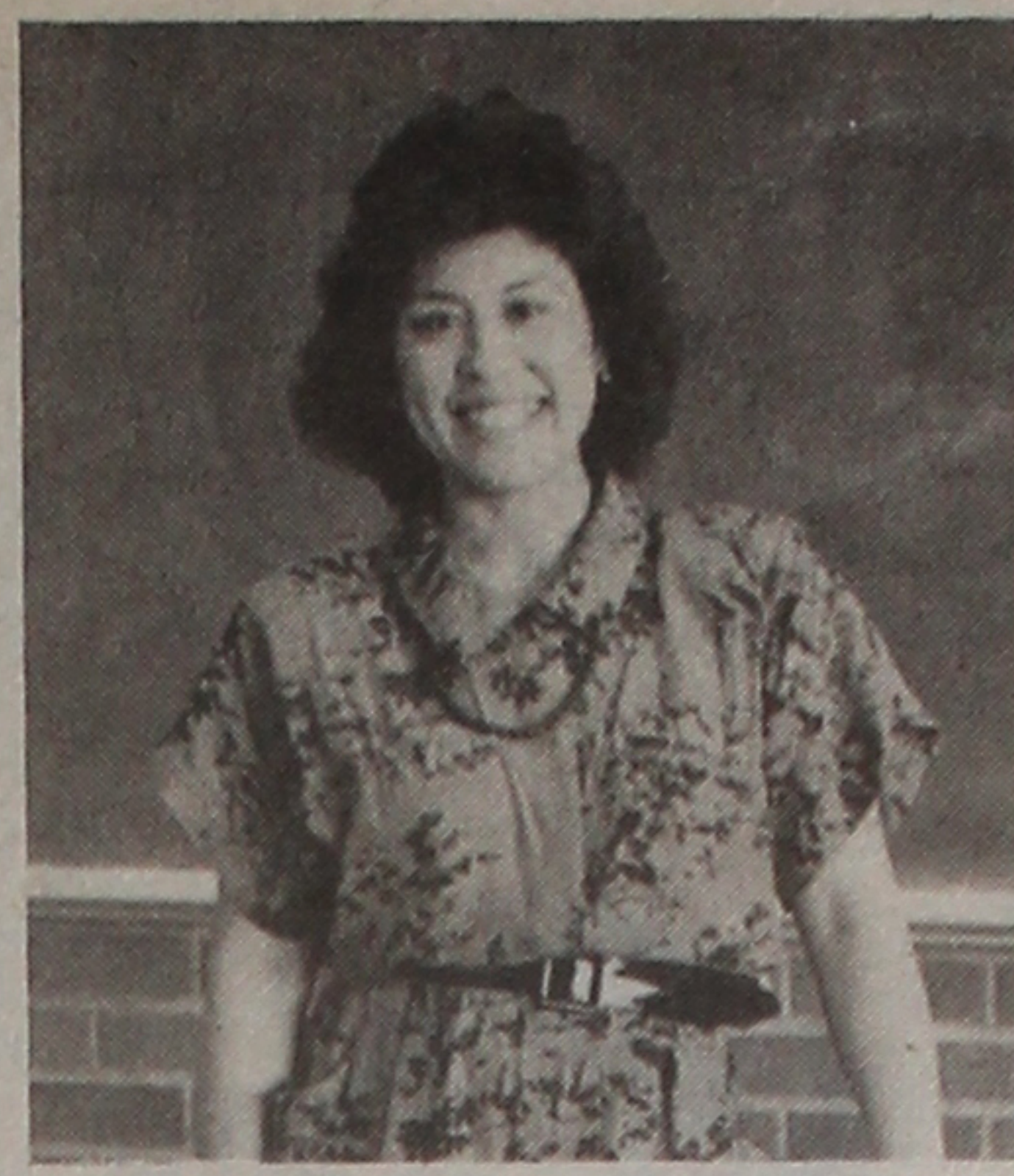
Aug. 29-Sept. 7—The 12th annual Japanese Festival will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgeway Center, 4344 Shaw Blvd., from 9 am to 10:30 pm on Aug. 29, 30, and Sept. 3 to 6 pm, and from 9 am to 8 pm on Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 7. The "Living Treasures of Japan" program will feature music, food, arts and crafts. Admission: \$2 for adults, free to senior citizens and children. Info: 314 577-5122, 314 577-5125.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Aug. 22—An Asian/Pacific lesbian support group will meet from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Connexus Women's Center, 9054 Santa Monica Blvd., between Doheny and Robertson. Info: 213 859-3960.



George Iwasaki, an instructor of electronic technologies for Seattle Community College, and Cynthia Chan Imanaka, a sociology instructor in the coordinated studies program at Seattle Central Community College, have each been awarded the Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for outstanding teaching at a June 4 reception at North Seattle Community College. They are two instructors districtwide, one from each Seattle Community College campus, to receive the \$1500 award for 1986-1987. Nominations for the awards were made by students, staff and fellow faculty.



Cultural Center to Be Constructed

HONOLULU — A \$4 million, two-acre Okinawan Cultural Center is planned for construction in the Waipio area of Hawaii, with a scheduled completion date in Jan. 1990, coinciding with the 90th anniversary of the arrival of the first group of Okinawan immigrants to Hawaii.

Coordinated by the United Okinawan Association, the proposed "Okinawan Bunka Kaikan" will include an 8,000-square-foot pavilion with a capacity of 1,500 people, a library, museum, conference center, cultural gardens and memorial plaza. According to Lynne

Waihee, nee Kobashigawa, wife of Hawaii Gov. John Waihee and honorary chairperson of the project, more than \$500,000 has already been pledged. Although most of the funds will come from Hawaii, about \$1.5 million will be solicited in Okinawa.

Education Focus of Journal

SAN FRANCISCO — The 1987 Spring/Summer edition of *East Wind* magazine focuses primarily on the issue of educational rights.

As over 7,000 people recently demonstrated in Sacramento, California, quality education is an issue of growing concern because of cut funding, particularly at the state and federal levels. Results range from overcrowded schools and outdated curriculum materials to cuts in student loans and bilingual education programs.

Other issues examined in the Spring/Summer 1987 edition include the English-only movement, the Simpson-Rodino Immigration Bill and the push for redress and reparations for Japanese American victims of America's internment camps.

In addition, the magazine also covers current events in Asian American music, film, theatre and visual art.

For more information, write to *East Wind*, P.O. Box 26229, San Francisco, CA 94126.

PANA asks U.S. delegates to host 1989 Convention

by Harry K. Honda

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — After four successive and enjoyable PANA (Pan American Nikkei Assn.) conventions in Latin America, the United States delegation here July 23-26 was informed the time has come to *on-aeshi*—reciprocate.

Hailed as the biggest Nikkei gathering in Argentina in recent memory, 1,500 attended the *sayonara* dinner-dance. The U.S. group of 85 was a sizable number among the 250 registered as delegates.

Argentina's Vice President Victor Martinez opened the convention held at the Sheraton Hotel, citing the contributions of Issei who first came in 1886. About 36,000 Nikkei reside in this nation today.

Centro Nikkei Argentino, headed by Kazunori Kosaka, and COPANI chair Malio Sakata, joined in the greetings. Japanese Ambassador Kazuo Yamashita to Argentina participated at the opening session.

Noritoshi Kanai, president of

PANA-USA/Southern California, accepted the responsibility to prepare for the 1989 convention. If planning does not materialize as expected by January, 1988, Carlos Kasuga, PANA international president, indicated Mexico is willing.

U.S. Nikkei who have participated in the PANA conventions at Mexico City, Lima, São Paulo and Buenos Aires, are being asked to assist Kanai's committee with ideas. Write: c/o Mutual Trading Co., 431 Crocker St., Los Angeles, CA 90013.

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Death Notices

Carl Bristol, 60, died suddenly June 22 following an illness. An elementary school teacher by profession, he served as Riverside JACL president for two years, 1978-79.

James Urata spoke on behalf of JACL at the final rites held June 26 at Riverside First Congregational Church.

Bristol is survived by wife Mable, two sons, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, mother, sisters and grandchildren.

Eileen Oai Egusa, 93, an Issei member of JACL's Omaha Chapter, died July 2. She is survived by sons George and James, and daughter Lily Yamasaki.

Mitchie Mitsuo Miyamoto, 67, of Watsonville, Calif., died June 5 after a lengthy respiratory ailment. Born in Peerless, Utah, Miyamoto served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WW2 and designed the Statue of Liberty hand and torch shoulder patch for the regiment. After the war, he worked for 30 years in the display and advertising department of Ford's Department Store.

Miyamoto's surviving family are wife Martha, daughter Teri Stewart, sons Roger and Dean, and brother Shigeo.

Jitsuo Morikawa, internationally-known preacher, ecumenical leader and Baptist executive, died July 20 of cancer at the age of 75.

While incarcerated in a Japanese relocation center during WW2, Morikawa served as the minister of the First Baptist Church of Chicago. His career thereafter included such positions as director of evangelism of the American Baptist Churches and interim senior minister at the Riverside Church in New York.



Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa

David S. Nagao, 70, of Battle Creek, Michigan, died March 10 and was buried at Westminster Memorial Park in California.

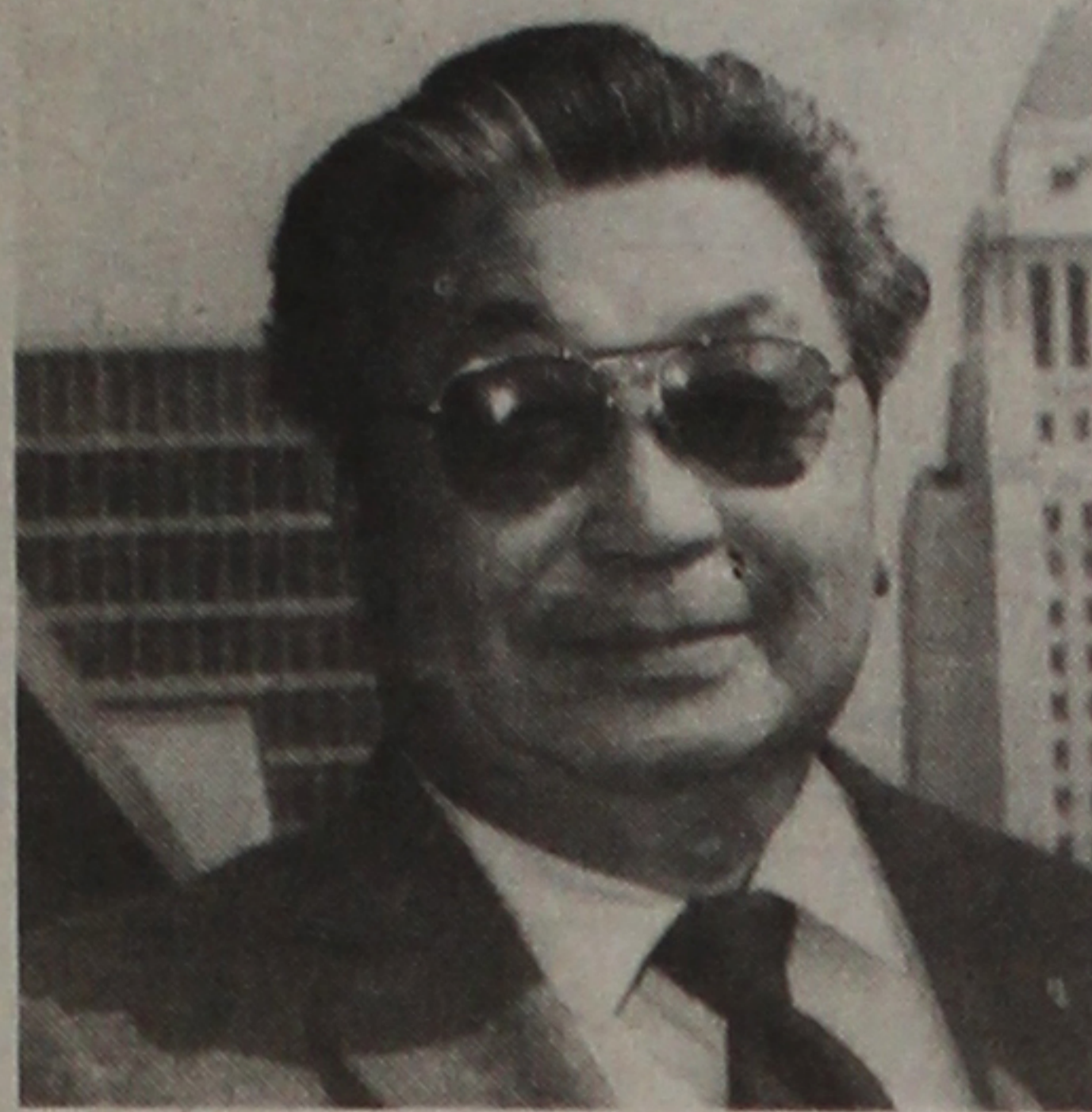
A member of American Legion Post 54, Nagao served with the 100th infantry, Company A, through the European and Mediterranean operations and was awarded the Purple Heart, DUB and CIB decorations. He later worked as an engineer with Clark Equipment.

Nagao leaves behind wife Tamiko, daughter Suzanne Crawford, brother Philip and a sister, Joan Umeda.

Motomu "Mote" Nakasako, 63, of Los Angeles, died Aug. 3, following an illness. Nakasako, a veteran of WW2, served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Committee, and served on the California Association of County Veterans

Service Officers.

Nakasako is survived by his wife Ruby, daughter Donna Aiko Yukihiro, son Michael Masao, mother Misao Nakasako and brothers Tsutomu and Yutaka.



'Mote' Nakasako

Joe Eiichi Okabe, 66, of Illinois, died suddenly on July 19.

A native of Los Angeles, Okabe made second string All-City in 1938 for Roosevelt High School in football. In Chicago, he owned Okabe Services, a shutter installation business.

Okabe's surviving family are wife Helen, daughters Marilyn Makey and Kim Eiko, sons Robert and Joseph, sisters Catherine Uyeda and Dorothy Nakaji, and brother Thomas Mas Okabe.

Hajime (Jim) Ota, 70, died of a stroke June 24 at the Bishop Morris Care Center in Portland, Oregon.

Born in San Gabriel, Calif., Ota served in the army in Italy during WW2.

After the war, Ota worked as a scientist for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. His research was used in the design of heating and cooling systems for large commercial poultry and pig farms.

He is survived by wife Mary, sons Loren and Alan, brothers Ralph, George, Thomas and Ely, and sister Mary Sakai.

Antonio Borja Won Pat, 78, Guam's delegate to the House of Representatives from 1973-85, died May 1 in Silver Spring, Md. During his last term, he was a co-sponsor of redress bill H.R. 442. Won Pat, a Democrat, was defeated in his 1984 re-election bid by Republican Ben Blaz. He is survived by his wife Ana and eight children.

Frank G. Yamashita, 65, of Torrance, Calif., died March 21. Family services for the Idaho-born WW2 veteran were held on March 26 at Green Hills Cemetery Chapel in San Pedro.

Yamashita is survived by wife Betty, son Alan, daughter Joyce Nishikawa, brothers Arthur, Harvey, Guy, Melvin and Ben, and sister Clara Akichika.

Giichi "Smiley" Yoshioka, 76, — Eden Township JACL pioneer and flower grower, died July 20.

While in the U.S. Army, Yoshioka trained at the MIS Language School at Fort Snelling. A 1000 Club Life member, he was chapter president in 1939-40 and delegate to many National Conventions after WW2.

Yoshioka is survived by his wife and children and his brothers, George and Robert Masaru, and sister Yukie Goto.

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Nakasama Leaves JACL Position

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL administrative director David Nakayama, 32, took leave of his position July 24 after five years of service, joining the staff of Assemblywoman Jacqueline Speier (D-San Francisco). He takes with him the best wishes of his staff colleagues and JACLers, which he served with great dedication.

The Berkeley-born Sansei joined the JACL in early 1982 as the national youth director. With reductions in headquarters' staffing, he assumed a greater role in internal administration. In 1986, his position was reclassified to administrative director, better reflecting the range of his duties and responsibilities. He managed the JACL national scholarship program and the Washington Leadership program and assigned staff to convention-related committees.

Nakayama's departure leaves only two program staff positions filled at JACL headquarters. The program director's position has been vacant since 1986 as a budget-saving measure.

Nakayama may be reached at the Assemblywoman's district office, 510 Myrtle Ave., Suite 107, South San Francisco, CA 94080.

150 Attend Dinner Held by Chapter

SEABROOK, N.J. — About 150 attended the annual Seabrook JACL installation and graduates recognition dinner on June 13 at Centerton Country Club.

Opening remarks were given by Sen. James R. Hurley (D-N.J.), who included a congratulatory message for the occasion from Gov. Thomas H. Kean, and National JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara.

Guest speakers included Rev. Rebecca MacDonald of the Seabrook Buddhist Temple and Gregory J. Facemyer, Mayor of Upper Deerfield Township. Eastern District Gov. Mike Suzuki installed the following 1987 officers:

President—Gregory D. Ono; first v.p.—Sunako Oye; second v.p.—Fusaye Kazaoka; recording secretary—Carol P. Nagao; corresponding secretary—Irene Kaneshiki; treasurer—K. Ray Ono; official delegate—C. Scott Nagao; alternate delegate—Charles T. Nagao; historian—Peggy Fukawa; and ex officio—Misono Miller.

The graduates who were honored included chapter scholarship recipients Jody K.J. Hirata, Patricia L. Mukoda and Darin T. Yamasaki.

Also recognized were Christopher M. Nakao, Kathleen M. O'Neill, Lt. Brian S. Hashimoto, Teresa M. Masatani, Susan M. Mintao, Lt. Timothy J. Mukoda, Steven D. Nakao and Douglas M. Yokoyama.

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CHAPTER PULSE

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Chapter and Venice Pioneer Project are co-sponsoring a Las Vegas Nite Fundraiser on Sept. 12, 8 pm, at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. Tickets, \$15 each. Proceeds to support community programs. Info: Terry Takeda, 213 202-6976; Sharon Kumagai, 213 826-8951; Gordon Tani, 213 402-6075; or Shirley Chami, 213 558-4255.

SCAN

The annual Personal Development Workshops, sponsored by the Southern California American Nikkei-JACL, Sept. 13, at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., 90012. \$12 each, includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Info: Dan Mayeda, 213 277-3333 (day) or 213 559-7282 (evening) or Paul Sumi, 213 207-2030.

WEST LOS ANGELES

The Steak Bake and Fun Night is Aug. 22 at the WLA Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave., from 5:30 pm, with games beginning at 7 pm. Tickets, \$12 (dinner and chips) each. Info: George, 213 820-5250 or Fred, 213 826-9805.

The board members of the WLA JACL and Auxiliary are holding an all-day planning session on Sept. 12, 9 am-4 pm at the WLA Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave. The workshop will allow the board members to develop a short and long-range plan with a specific objective and develop a mission statement.

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WEST VALLEY

The 10th annual Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, is Aug. 15, 10 am-5 pm, 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.

First EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District

300 Attend Mile-Hi's Mini-Confab

By Harry K. Honda

DENVER — This was JACL's first convention with aerobics as part of the daily schedule in the mile-high atmosphere of the Marriott Southeast, where the Mile-Hi JACL hosted the first Tri-District convention for Eastern, Midwest and the Mountain Plains District Councils this past weekend (Aug. 5-8).

Convention speaker Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) told the 300 hailing from east of the Rockies that the prospects of the passage of redress bills in Congress are bright: "I am confident of (victory) as I am of anything."

Keynoter Bill Hosokawa, speaking on "The Nikkei and JACL in 1992", was confident "JACL will continue to be a

necessary organization."

Two districts elected new governors: Tom Kometani (NY) succeeding Mike Suzuki (WDC) and John Hayashi (St Louis) succeeding Tom Hara (Twin Cities). Mountain Plains Gov. Steve Hasegawa (Omaha) is up for election in November, 1988.

Mile-Hi JACL president Bob Sakaguchi, host committee chair, and his colleagues received unanimous praise for four days filled with workshops, meetings, dancing, barbecue (with showers), sports, youth mixer, speech contest and local tours.

Ron Yoshino, chair of the '86 national JACL convention, announced Chicago would host the 1989 EDC-MDC-MPDC get-together.

Tanaka Honored by Association

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Henry T. Tanaka, former National JACL President and founder of Hill House, recently received special recognition at the 11th annual conference of the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation services from Ohio Gov. Richard F. Celeste for his 25 years of dedicated service in the field of mental health.

Tanaka also received a certifi-

cate of appreciation from Pamela S. Hyde, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, for his work in combating stigmas in the state's mental health system.

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About 350 attended the first complete Jerome Relocation Camp reunion at Sambi's Restaurant on July 4. Participants included Mary Kochiyama, former camp USO director; Rev. George Aki, former camp pastor; Paul Yokota, former editor of the *Denson Tribune*; and Bert Nakano, chairman of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP). Pictured (from left): Sanji Kimoto, K Co., 442nd RCT; Tracey Seki, daughter of Jerome internee Sumi Seki; and Don Seki, L Co., 442nd RCT.

Asian American Kids Subject of Study

SEATTLE — The achievement of Asian American children will be the subject of a year-long study by Dr. Valerie Ooka Pang, a University of Washington teacher.

Pang was one of 25 throughout the nation to receive a 1987-88 Spencer Fellowship from the National Academy of Education at Harvard University. The study, titled "The Asian American Home: Source of Achievement, Source of Anxiety," will concentrate on American-born junior high school students in the Met-

ropolitan Seattle-King County area.

A teaching associate in education, Pang has been on the UW faculty on a part-time basis since 1980, as well as an adjunct faculty member of both Seattle University and Seattle Pacific University.

Pang lives in suburban Kent with her husband, Gerald, and their two children Jennifer, 10 and Matthew, 5. A Seattle native, Pang is the eldest daughter of Carl and Marie Ooka of Ellensburg.

Camp Reunion Will Be Honoring Woodwards Sept. 5

LOS ANGELES — Walter and Millie Woodward of Bainbridge Island, Washington, former editors and publishers of the *Bainbridge Review*, will be honored at the second Manzanar All-Camp Reunion Dinner, Sept. 5, at the Bonaventure Hotel.

After the outbreak of WW2, the Woodwards cautioned that the seizing of Japanese Americans' property and interning them was unconstitutional and in violation of the Bill of Rights.

Following the publication of their editorial, a mass meeting was called in the small town to run the Woodwards off the island.

The two-day event will also celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution. The second day of the get-together will be an exhibit of camp artifacts and photographs in the Catalina Room of the hotel, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to the Woodwards, four others will be honored. They include Sue Kunitomi Embrey, chairman and founding member of the Manzanar Committee; Shiro Nomura, volunteer curator of the Manzanar Project; Dr. Gordon Hisashi Sato, a distinguished scientist; and William Hohri, chairperson of the National Council for Japanese American Redress.

The all-camp reunion is open to the public and the cost of dinner is \$37.50 per person. For reservations, call Sue Embrey, (213) 662-5102; Bruce T. Kaji, (213) 624-7434; or Toy Ioki Sato, (213) 530-3558. For information, write to the Manzanar Reunion Committee, c/o Merit Savings Bank, 324 E. First St., L.A., CA 90012.

DLI to Celebrate 46th Anniversary

MONTEREY, Calif. — The Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, will celebrate the 46th anniversary of its founding on Oct. 30. DLI was known as the Military Intelligence Service of the Presidio at San Francisco when it was founded in 1941.

Judge John Aiso, Director of Academic Training in San Francisco and at Camp Savage, Calif., and Fort Snelling, Minn., will pay special honor to the first MIS graduating class and instructors, who served in the Pacific and Asiatic Theaters of WW2.

Included in the celebration will also be the dedication of "Yankee Samurai," a historical exhibit of seventy framed photographs commemorating the contributions of Japanese American soldiers, which will be held in the auditorium of Nakamura Hall.

The program will conclude with a banquet in the ballroom of the Naval Post Graduate School. Tickets are \$25.00.

For more information, write to MZ Pierette Harter, Protocol Office, DLI, Presidio of Monterey, CA, 93940; or call (408) 647-5336.

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