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3 Asian Groups Join Opposition to **Bork Nomination**

SAN FRANCISCO — Three Asian American legal groups have joined other minority organizations in urging Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) not vote to confirm Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Bar of California and Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area have gone on record as opposing Bork's nomination because of its potential impact on civil rights.

In a telegram to Wilson, Asian Law Caucus said, "Judge Bork's nomination is based upon his extreme ideological opposition to court decisions upholding constitutional protections of the civil rights of minorities, women and others, and his willingness to implement the ideology by dismantling constitutional precedents protecting 1st and 14th amendment and privacy rights.

"Judge Bork has openly displayed a disregard for the Bill of Rights and an attitute of extreme deference to executive power which threatens to politicize the Supreme Court. We urge you to vote against this

nomination."

At a Sept. 3 press conference in San Francisco, Karen Kai of Asian Law Caucus and Asian Pacific Bar of California spoke along with representatives of other groups opposed to Bork

She said that "Bork's views represent "restraint of individual rights and liberties. This is shown through his opposition to major civil rights legislation, his extreme criticisms of court decisions which have upheld and protected individual rights."

The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) has also taken a position against Bork's confirmation. In addition to Bork's overall record on civil liberties, NCRR members are concerned about his stand on re-

dress. As a justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Bork issued a dissenting opinion when the court allowed the class action suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress to proceed in May of 1986.

Bork wrote that the six-year statute of limitations should have applied in the case because "the essential facts for a legal challenge were well known by 1950" and 'this suit could have been prought successfully at any time

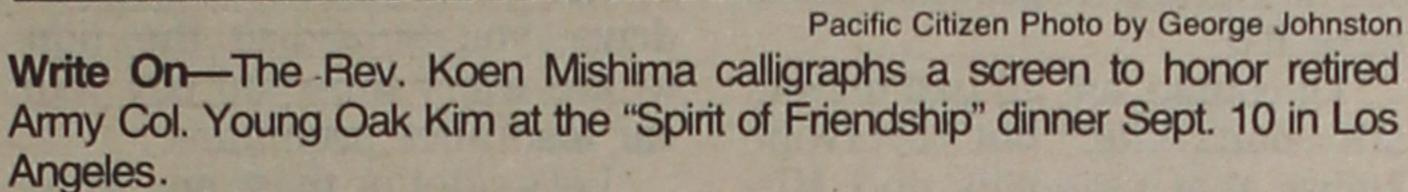
within the past 40 years."

Bert Nakano, national spokesnan for NCRR, said, "The nomination of this man, with his clear ultraconservative beliefs, represents a threat to the rights of all Americans. Every letter sent to he Senate in opposition to the Bork confirmation is a vote for redress and a call for justice

now." Reprinted from the Hokubei Mainichi.



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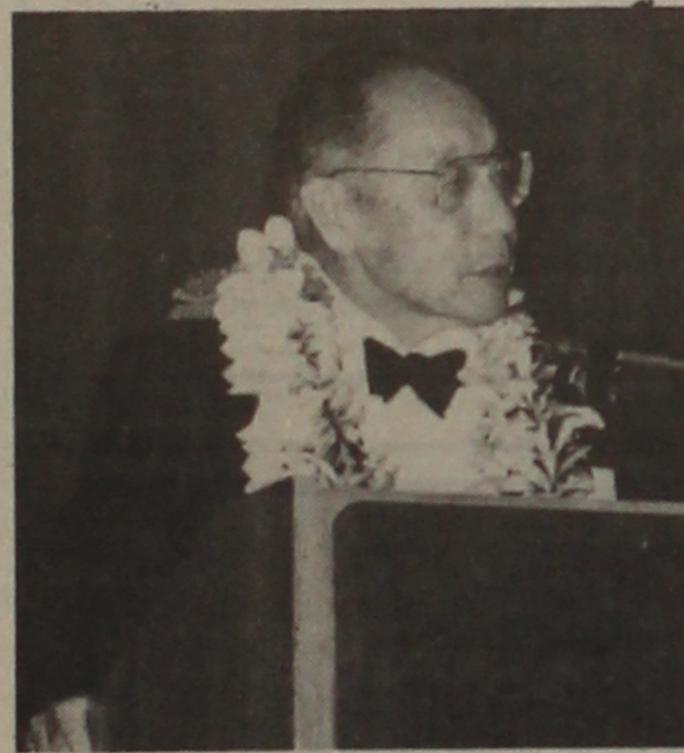


Dinner Celebrates Spirit of Friendship

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — "The friendship between Koreans and Japanese has never happened before... Today we can see Korea and Japan begin to support the contributions of Kim."

David Hyun's statement captured the underlying message of the "Spirit of Friendship" evening. In a move unprecedented in the history of Japanese-Korean relations, a conflict that has traditionally been upheld ever since Japan's colonization of Korea, over 60 Koreans joined with Japanese American community members to honor Col. Young Oak Kim at a fundraising



Young Oak Kim

dinner for the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on Sept. 10.

Currently housing an exhibit in the cornerfront of the former Nishi Hongwanji, JANM raised approximately \$100,000 from the crowd of 642 who attended the \$150-a-plate dinner. Slated for completion in two years, the museum has already received a \$750,000 grant from the state and a \$1 million dollar matching grant from the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles.

Kim, a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and the Italian Cross of Valor, among other honors, had served as an officer of the 100th/ 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Japanese American unit which fought in France and Italy during WW2. Although given the option to transfer, he had remained with the mainly Nisei soldiers, saying "We're all Americans. We're all fighting for the same cause."

Since his retirement from the military in 1972, he has been a supporter of both the Japanese and Korean American communities, currently working as a volunteer for such Asian American organizations as Visual Communications, Center for Pacific Asian Families, the Keiro Homes and the Korean American Coalition. He is also vice president of the JANM board of trustees.

Chaired by Robert Wycoff, president and chief operating officer of the Atlantic Richfield Company; Masashi Kawaguchi, chairman of Fishking Processors, Inc.; Ki Soo Kim, consul general of Korea; Taizao Watanabe, consul general of Japan; and Lilly V. Lee, chairperson of Lilly Enterprises, Thursday's dinner was given in recognition of the example Kim has set for improving the relationship between Japanese and Koreans.

"I first met Kim assigned to the 100th Battalion," said Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), who, along with Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) spoke via video tape. Stating that many Nisei had at first assumed Kim was Japanese by his very presence in the battalion, Matsunaga commended the retired colonel for "developing into a lifesaver of hundreds in the [battalion]." Inouye, decribing Kim as a "hero of heroes," thanked him for "his patriotism, courage and outstanding service to others" in the years of his retirement.

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'Crunch Time' Blitz for Redress

By Grayce Uyehara and George Johnston

WASHINGTON — With the House of Representatives still scheduled to vote on H.R. 442 on Sept. 17, the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, a coordinated blitz of lobbying activity in favor of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 has been in progress. On Sept. 10, a "Dear Colleague" letter was distributed to representatives by a bi-partisan group of House members, a letter which emphasized that, "Passage of this legislation is long overdue." The Democrats who signed this letter were Tom Foley, Wash.; Peter Rodino, N.J.; Barney Frank, Mass.; Tony Coelho, Calif. and Dan Glickman, Kan. The Republicans signing were Dick Cheney, Wyo.; Henry Hyde, Ill.; Hamilton Fish, N.Y.; Pat Swindall, Ga. and Jerry Lewis, Calif.

Additional "Dear Colleague" letters signed by Representatives Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii) were distributed Sept. 16. Another letter signed by Saiki and Congressman Ben Cardin (D-Md.) was also sent out.

Letter Blitz the AFL-CIO came From

another letter, dated Sept. 9, which asked for representatives to "vote in favor of H.R. 442 withweakening amendment when it come to the floor of the House." The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), an umbrella group of 175 national organizations, also distributed a letter dated Sept. 15, urging representatives to vote for passage of H.R. 442 and further requested that the "\$20,000 individual payment to the 60,000 survivors," be kept

Additional pro-redress letters came from a Quaker group, "Friends Committee on National Legislation;" the "United Brethren Church;" the "Immigration and Naturalization Committee;" the American Bar Association and the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Grassroots efforts also resulted in a deluge of mail as volunteers redress wrote thousands of letters to legislators.

Roadblocks

meeting held in Washington Sept. 15, it was learned that Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.) will introduce an amendment striking out the indi-

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Apologies for Slurs Received

By George Johnston

LOS ANGELES — A letter of apology written by California Transportation Commission Duffel of member Joseph Orinda, Calif. for reported racial slurs directed at Japanese was received by the Los Angeles office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and by California Gov. George Deukmejian's office this week.

According to Paul A. Levine, assistant director of the Los Angeles office of the ADL, "The office received Duffel's prompt apology and is completey satisfied with his letter, in which he directly apologized for offending anyone."

Meanwhile, Clayton Fong, community representative of the Office of Community Relations for the state of California, noted that, "The governor deplores any expression of racial discrimina-

In a letter dated Sept. 1, the governor's office was contacted by JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi concerning published reports that Duffel, an appointee of Gov. Deukmejian, had made racial slurs toward Japanese during a California Transportation Commission meeeting in late July. The letter requested that Deukmejian communicate his position and actions on the matter at Deukmejian's conveni-

"Based on discussions with the governor's staff, I think Duffel has recanted," Wakabayashi said. "However, I am still interested in hearing the governor make a statement directly taking leadership to clearly state his intolerance of the use of racial slurs by anyone in his administration."

Politics Anathema to Justice

By Marshall M. Sumida

"The most shameful abuse of power within the United States during the Second World War the removal of the Japanese Americans was not a unilateral presidential act. It was quickly ratified by Congress and, regrettably, upheld by the Supreme Court in a series of cases."

Mark M. Schlesinger, Jr. The Imperial Presidency—1973

Central to the controversy of the Iran-contra affair is the question whether the White House

executives and appointees are above the law, whether or not the staff violated the law and intentionally subverted Congress and the checks and balances built into the Constitution. This is the theme committee members repeatedly returned to during the opening day of hearings, portraying the Iran-contra affair as a product of political deception and abuse of power by the executive branch.

"The issues of executive process are most interesting ... how our government works under cover without accountability"

commented John Nields, House prosecuting attorney.

The original scenario for today's White House was formulated in WW2, when War Department executives under President Roosevelt carried out the illegal detention of 110,000 American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry in concentration camps by Executive Order 9066.

Government officials, military officers and lawyers by profession intentionally committed major violations of substantive

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"Thanks, Bob"-Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) is handed an award from a representavtive of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR). The award honored Mastui for his role in fighting for passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987.

Matsui Opposes Census Bureau Plan

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) is asking the Bureau of the Census to reconsider a plan to lump Asians, Filipinos and Pacific Islanders together in a single category for the 1990 U.S. Census.

In a letter to Dr. John Keane, the director of the bureau, Matsui asked why the agency had abandoned the 1980 Census approach of identifying nine separate ethnic categories in favor of a single Asian Pacific Islander category.

"I am concerned that such a dramatic change will prevent the compilation of specific demographic and socio-economic data for each of the ethnic groups included in this broad category," Matsui said in his letter.

"I am certain that you will agree that it is important to ensure appropriate racial identification of different ethnic groups

as some federal assistance programs are ethnic-specific," he continued.

"For example, the office of Native American Programs, Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for administering programs which provide direct services and community development funding for Native Hawaiians. Therefore, if they are not counted correctly by the bureau, the development and implementation of programs designed to meet their specific needs will be made difficult, if not impossible."

Matsui asked Keane for a quick response on the issue. The congressman also asked the census director to explain why there are several vacancies on the bureau's Asian Pacific Advisory Board and why the board lacks a Hawaiian representative.

Sakai Papers Donated to UCLA

LOS ANGELES — The personal papers of Yoneo Sakai, distinguished writer and journalist, were recently donated to the research library of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

In a move assisted by the efforts of Yuji Ichioka of the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA and Togo Tanaka, former English editor of the Rafu Shimpo, Ruby Sakai donated the papers to what is believed to be the largest collection of papers on Japanese American history in the nation.

"We are pleased and proud to

add these important papers to our Japanese American Research Project Collection," said University Librarian Russell Shank. "Mr. Sakai was truly an outstanding journalist Washington, D.C. and the collection reflects the many contributions which he made to bridge the gap between Japan and the United States."

Born in 1900, in Kyushu, Japan, Yoneo Sakai arrived in San Francisco in 1926. After working as an editor for several local Japanese Language newspapers in San Francisco, Los Angeles and

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Asian Drivers Subject of Racist Phone Recording

SAN FRANCISCO — A group called the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), in a recorded message that can be heard by calling a local telephone number, blames Asian and Hispanic drivers for high automobile insurance rates.

The message, delivered by an unidentified WAR member, is as follows:

"White Bay Area residents, why are your car insurance premiums so high? The reason is that you don't just pay to insure yourself. You also pay to insure millions of irresponsible, careless, incompetent non-white drivers.

"The primary source of this problem is in the heavily Hispanic East L.A. area, but just imagine the driving conditions in the Mission District or the Oriental-infested Richmond and you'll see how the same problem exists here, too.

"Of course, not all bad drivers are non-white, but everyone knows that Orientals and Hispanics are notoriously terrible drivers who should probably drive only donkey carts or rickshaws.

"These groups are also the fastest-growing populations in the state, and they have a larger percentage of juvenile drivers. Statistics show that claims costs

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"Insurance companies can't just drop these non-whites from their rolls because they would be accused of illegal discrimination. So they just spread the high cost of covering the non-whites to the safe white drivers. The more non-whites in the city or country, the higher the insurance premiums for all drivers in that area.

"Of course, many of these irresponsible non-whites don't have any insurance. But you still pay for their accidents through your uninsured motorist coverage.

"White Bay Area residents, no matter where you live or how you drive, you subsidize the nonwhites every time you pay your car insurance premiums.

"Let's sideline these non-white incompetents before they drive us all to the poorhouse."

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Other speakers included Tritia Toyota, co-anchor of KCBS-TV; Bruce Kaji, president of JANM's board of trustees; Sen. Art Torres; and David Hyun, architect and chairman of the Japanese Village Plaza.

Of the numerous accolades presented in the course of the evening, Kim also received a resolution from Sam Wada on behalf of the Japanese American community and calligraphy from the JANM board of trustees, done in full view of the audience by Rev. Koen Mishima amidst the chanting of iroha by Rev. Kaizan Kosaka.

Upon assuming the podium, the guest of honor humbly acknowledged all his attention. "War taught one true humility," said. "As the 442nd shows ... everything significant achieved is a team effort." Discussing the importance of JANM, Kim observed how proceeds from the dinner would "assure the museum will be completed."

Closing his speech, Kim thanked the Korean members of the audience. '[Although] it must have been a struggle for you to come here tonight," he said, "you are also to be commended for opening the way for all Koreans and Japanese."

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Arts Appointees—Mas Fukai (far right), chief deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, meets with Hahn's appointees to the Music and Performing Arts Commission, Lei Kuwada and Jesse Mae Beavers (newlyelected president of the commission). 'These two women bring great dedication and distinction to this cultural commission," Fukai said. "Supervisor Hahn is very proud of these outstanding citizens."

AAJA to Hold Scholarship Dinner

LOS ANGELES — The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) will hold its 1987 gala scholarship benefit dinner at the Hilton Hotel and Towers on Sept. 25, announced Tritia Toyoa, chapter president. The dinner is expected to raise funds for AAJA's scholarship and community programs.

"Supporters of our dinner, by encouraging more Asian American students to enter journalism, will be investing in improved news coverage of Asian Americans," said Toyota, reporter/anchor for KCBS-TV in Los Angeles. "Unfortunately, not enough Asian Americans work as reporters or editors in the news media. Activities like our dinner will help correct that problem."

Corporate Sponsors

Thanks to donations from dozens of corporations and community organizations at previous scholarship benefit dinners, the AAJA has awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships to promising students since 1982. "Many past winners have started successful careers, making a difference in the nation's newsrooms," Toyota said.

Recognizing the importance of the dinner's goals, Times Mirror, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, is sponsoring the event with a donation of \$10,000. Other companies, such as Pacific Bell, First Interstate Bank, Philip Morris and the Coca-Cola Bot-

ling Co., have also pledged generous contributions.

This year's dinner will also be a centerpiece of a historic event when, for the first time ever, hundreds of Asian American journalists—from Hawaii to New York— will be gathering in Los Angeles for AAJA's first national convention.

Convention Highlights

Convention panelists will canvass such issues as media coverage of minorities, the growing political influence of Asian Americans, marketing to Asian Americans and the outlook for the 1988 presidential campaign.

Keynoting the scholarship dinner is Jack Nelson, Pulitzer Washington Prize-winning bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times and widely followed commentator on PBS's "Washington Week in Review."

Nelson, a respected newspaper reporter, is known to Los Angeles Times readers who have followed his coverage of three administrations presidential and for his long career as an investigative reporter.

Under Nelson's leadership, the Times' Washington Bureau has been out front in uncovering the secret dealings and international intrigue of the Iran-contra scandal.

"Best Washington Named Newspaper Bureau Chief' in 1985 by the respected Washington Review, Nelson Journalism

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Theatrical Group to Raise \$1 Million in Twelve Months

ANGELES — Raising \$1,000,000 in twelve months is the goal that was decided upon at the first informational meeting of a new group formed by Asiactic Americans to remodel the unoccupied Union Church as the new site of the East/West Players company. Another theatrical \$2,000,000 is expected to be raised in the following two years.

Calling itself The East/West Theatre Center, founding members of the theatrical company met Aug. 25 in Little Tokyo Square to view plans prepared by architect Frank Sata and to formulate fundraising activities.

Actors Mako, Sab Shimono, Beulah Quo, Jerry Tondo, Patti Yasutake and Robert Ito met with several prominent members of the Asian American business and cultural community to reveal their goals. Stating that he would make it a personal responsibility to help head fundraising efforts, Shimono said he would address civic groups and do interviews in all media throughout California to establish a large theatre for ethnic Pacific productions.

Because the location of the church is in a designated historical area, the City of Los Angeles' Redevelopment Community Agency (CRA) has also promised to match dollar for dollar the first \$500,000 raised by the new group to convert the city-owned building into a theatre.

Others present at the meeting included Committee Chair Norman Arkikawa; Committee Coordinator Carol Fujimura; Judge Ernest Hiroshige; Andrew Wong, Richard Lee Sung, Dolores Wong, Rick Momii, Hideo Amzai, Thong Le, Shirley Chami, Robert Kawahara, Mona Soo Hoo, Henry Wong, Frank and Mary Sata, Alan Joanne and and Kumamoto.

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New York, he became a correspondent for the Asahi Shimbun from 1931 to the outbreak of WW2, and was dispatched to China as a war corrrespondent.

After being interned in the Granada Relocation Center. Sakai became a special correspondent for the Tokyo Shimbun and began reporting to the Nippon Hoso Kyokai (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) a regular program called "Amerika Dayori" from 1947 to 1952. "Amerika Dayori," a widely popular program in Japan, explained all aspects of American life. In 1964, Sakai joined the Sankai Shimbun and lived in Washington, D.C. from 1947 until his death in 1978.

A member of the White House Correspondents Association, Sakai was presented the Vaughan Award in honor of his distinguished writing. Acknowledging the significant role he played as an active Washington correspondent bridging the gap between Japan and the U.S., the Japanese government awarded Sakai its Third Order of the Sacred Treasure, the highest honor ever to be bestowed to an overseas Japanese journalist by the Japanese government.

The papers donated to the research library include Sakai's manuscripts of the "Amerika Dayori" program and documents regarding interviews he had with political and literary figures of Japan and the United States.



APA Leadership-Members of United Way's volunteer group, the Asian Pacific Research and Development Council (APRDC), gathered recently at Los Angeles City Hall for a proclamation saluting their efforts to promote involvement and leadership roles of Asian Pacifics in nonprofit organizations. Presented by Councilwoman Gloria Molina, Councilman Richard Alatorre and Councilman Mike Woo, the proclamation hailed the group's Pacific Rim Profile, its first Directory of Asian Pacific Community Leaders and work with such organizations as the Coro Foundation. Pictured above (I-r): Young Oak Kim, Leo Cornelius, Alan Kuramoto, Councilman Richard Alatorre, outgoing APRDC Chair Lilly Lee, incoming APRDC Chair Frank Watase, Councilwoman Gloria Molina and Irwin Field, chair of the United Way.

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vidual payments. Meanwhile, Rep. Norman D. Shumway (R-Calif.) will introduce an amendment making individual payment only to those interned who were 18 or over, on the basis of how long the individual was in camp. Also, his amendment would change the \$50 million

trust fund to include scholarships for students to study what happened to civil liberties in the U.S. during the time of Executive Order 9066, and to establish a memorial for the mass evacuation and incarceration of Japanese Americans.

On the Senate side, Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), plans to bring that version of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, S. 1009, to the floor of the Senate for a vote during the week of Sept. 20.

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DEOPLE have shown in history a willingness to risk life itself in order to be I free. But history also has proven liberty as we know it to be a very perishable commodity. We Japanese Americans understand all too vividly how this most prized of human riches was snatched away from us as a group during World War II by the U.S. government. More books, reawakened memories and unsolicited testimony are continuing to expose the depths of that loss.

It has dismayed many to think so much of our freedoms has been taken for granted since liberty is so vulnerable. The freedoms have been abused over the ages. But even fewer Americans have an idea how this government was formed to preserve these freedoms.

As "We the People" pause this week (Sept. 17) to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the exhortations, tributes and a recent studies keep fresh in our minds of how our forefathers in 1787 hewed this document assuring a government of laws, not men. It was clearly expressed by Walter Woodward, publisher of the Bainbridge (Wash.) Review, honoree at the Manzanar All-Camp Reunion over the Labor Day holidays in Los Angeles. Owner of one of the few West Coast papers that editorially denounced the internment of Japanese Americans (some of his neighbors wound up at Manzanar), he and his wife became unpopular with some of his readers in 1942 as a consequence.

"The thing that hits us most is the irony of Japanese Americans having a celebration of the Constitution on its 200th anniversary," Woodward told the reunion crowd. "Yet some people would say the Constitution let these people down. Well, these people know better than that. The Constitution didn't let them down; the people who were sworn to uphold the Constitution did let the people down.

The first offspring of liberty had to be what Ben Franklin said, that "something real and dependable as the right to hold property' gave liberty a tangible quality. John Adams said property and liberty "each buttressed the other." Not many books in history or government convey this point. But this appears as the problem of slavery. It gave way to the various compromises at the Constitutional Convention, because race threatened to break up the meeting. Later historians have commented the Founding Fathers had sidestepped the slavery issue, only to shackle the nation to a future of racial discord, which persists to this day. Which is unfair, because they dismiss the true basis for the convention—laying out an acceptable Constitution that works.

Yes, the men who wrote the Constitution were not angels. They left out the Bill of Rights (that came in 1791), and while they truly believed in the concept of liberty, they were unwilling to extend that liberty to blacks but allowed the "liberties of the bottom would be protected and that room would be made for the bottom to rise"—an assessment by Christopher and James L. Colliers in their book, "Decision in Philadelphia." And the failure to be more human toward the Indians was understandable because the Indians were perceived as foreign nations.

As a final aside, the Colliers make a strong point very relevant to us. People can redress grievances when they perceive them but they frequently fail to perceive injuries done to them because their minds are clouded by news media held captive by various interests. (The italics are supplied.) Yet if the people are deluded, it is their own doing. A variety of political viewpoints and an enormous mass of information on every subject of consequence are readily available today, the Colliers explain. "The critical point is that the American People can force their government into action when they decide to."

Which says, if our Redress Bills fail, it will be our own fault for not having convinced the American people.

Japanese Americans in 2000

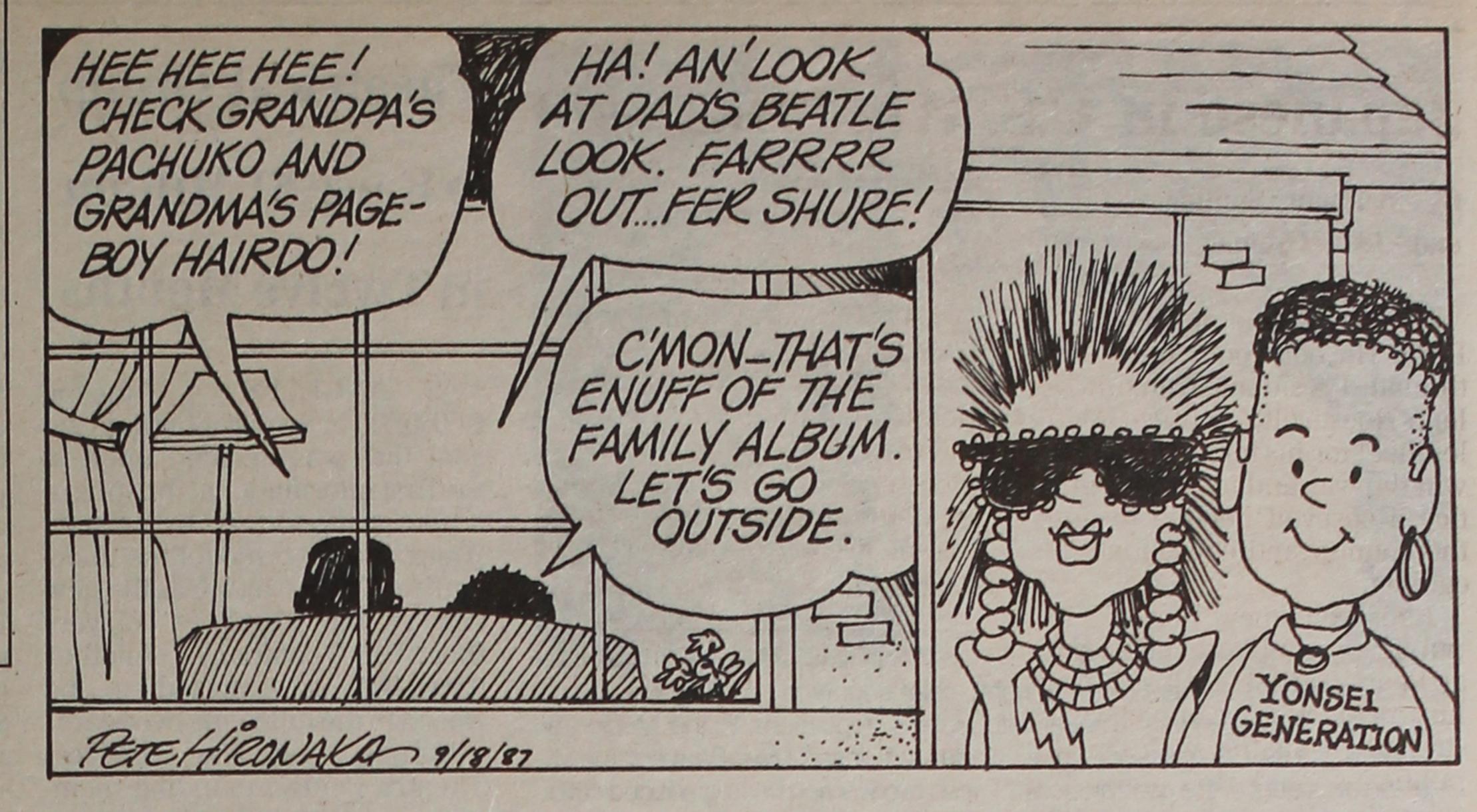
UTURISTS are heralding the 21st Century will be the Japanese Century. L' Japan's success story and creativity, changing values and quality of Japanese life, the character of her people have been described as the interaction between hereditary and environmental factors.

While those dynamics surge through Japan's social and industrial fabric, U.S. sociologists foresee face of the the Japanese American community (as we know it today) will have disappeared by the year 2000.

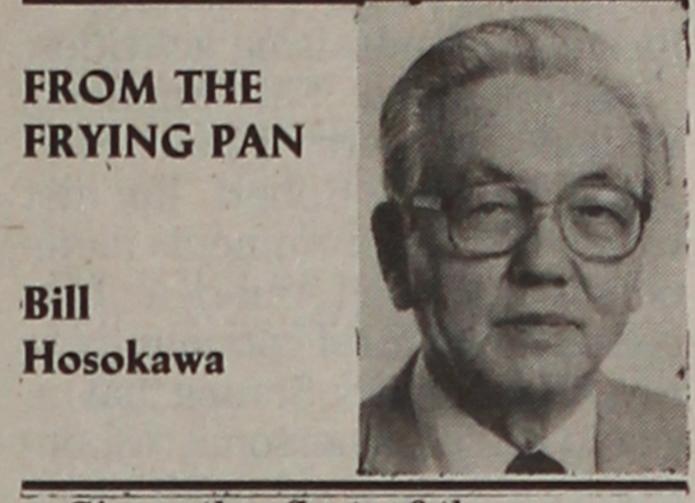
"Ethnic suicide" is their term, basing that on the cultural and social trends affecting the Nikkei Americans, to wit: Fewer Japanese Americans speak, read or write Nihongo. More Japanese Americans are living away from each other. Over half do not subscribe to their ethnic press. Outmarriage (almost unheard in the 1930s and then proscribed by law in many states) is said to have passed the 60% mark. Even the traditional work ethic and discipline are being eroded.

Our 1987 Holiday Issue will focus on what the Nikkei scene, and JACL too, might be like by the year 2000. We hereby invite readers to tell us-not more than 800 words by mid-November-what you think. No prizes are being offered; just the joy of parading your basket of dreams in the Holiday Issue. It should be fun!

To Chicago JACL's Smoky Sakurada ... and all other chapter ad bulk-rate solicitors: Your Holiday Issue advertising kit is on its way—consisting of last year's insertion orders, blank forms, transmittal sheets to record ads being sent to us, one-line greeting forms, a flyer showing different sizes and the bulk-rate chart, a cover letter, a request form for more kit material and notice of deadlines: Nov. 15-for bulk-rate space reservation; Nov. 30-all ads and stories; Dec. 7—pages closed; Dec. 15—pages to Midway Press. Dated— Dec. 18-25. 1988.



Vigilance Needed to Uphold Integrity of Constitution



Since the first of the year we have been reminded frequently that this is the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States. We are told that in May of 1787 delegates from the 13 states met in Philadelphia 'to render the Constitution of the Federal government adequate to the exigencies of the union."

The Shaping of the document, which public officials even today are sworn to defend, was no easy task. Various philosophical differences, many based on economic realities, were aired and debated interminably during a hot summer in which air conditioning was unknown. Principles, such as the one involving slavery, had to be compromised.

Finally, by agreeing to take on the touchy issue of a declaration of human rights at a later time,

39 of the 55 attending delegates approved the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. That is the date this year that the bicentennial will be celebrated.

The Constitution was not without shortcomings and for various reasons 16 delegates did not sign. The first 10 amendments, usually referred to as the Bill of Rights, did not come into force until Dec. 15, 1791.

This brief review of history makes it only too apparent that what we sometimes view as the rock-solid foundation on which our nation is built got off to a very shaky start and even today the courts are called on to interpret its meaning.

Interpretation is necessary as times and standards change. No document drawn two centuries ago, regardless of the wisdom invested in it, can be expected to have foreseen every exigency. But one part of the Constitution must remain inviolate, and this is the Bill of Rights whose idealistic principles are what make the United States what it is.

Yet, history shows that these principles have been violated in at least one time of great stress

and the violation sanctioned by the nation's highest court. Supreme Court approval of that violation remains, as Justice Robert H. Jackson warned in his lonely dissent, 'like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need."

It need not be pointed out that the violation was suspension of citizen rights of Japanese Americans during WW2 on the basis of race and race alone. Only a reversal of Supreme Court decisions upholding the legality of the Evacuation can restore the sanctity of the Bill of Rights.

Along with rejoicing this week that the Constitution has survived for two centuries, there must be awareness that the people raised no protest when their government allowed it to be sullied in the name of wartime necessity, and aside from a few legal scholars, the nation paid scant heed. This is an occasion to remember the fragility of the document, and the need for tireless vigilance to protect and preserve the noble principles that make this nation great.

Letters to the Editor

The honoring of Mildred and Walter Woodward, publishers of the Bainbridge Review, at the Manzanar reunion banquet held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on Sept. 5, was an emotionally stirring event. I for one thank the reunion committee for publicizing the work of the two civil rights fighters who uncompromisingly defended Japanese evacuees during the darkest period of the 2nd World War.

However, I question the wisdom of the committee tacitly honoring on the same platform representatives of the NCJAR and not inviting any representatives of JACL, NCRR or Nisei veterans organizations. Other camp reunion committees have invited those representatives who have been engaged in the redress movement through legislative channels. At many of these camp sites now stand monuments honoring Nisei GI's killed in action who volunteered out of the camps.

The time has come for all of us to openly debate the feasibility of the NCJAR plans which advocate the winning of \$200,000 compensation person through the U.S. courts regardless of the outcome of the pending congressional redress bills.

JAMES ODA North Hollywood, CA

Those Darn Editors!

Bill Hosokawa's column, "From the Frying Pan," (Aug. 7-11 issue of P.C.) that the new editors had returned a batch of clippings to Herb Ozawa of Texas, and thereby threw away a solid story about Sylvia Komatsu. (And how many others?)

It is short sighted of the editors to so blatantly ignore the efforts of a friendly "stringer" who takes the time and trouble to look for the news items, then clips them, and then mails them to the Pacific Citizen. He covers an area of the United States that would ordinarily not be covered by the P.C.

If the Pacific Citizen is to reflect the lives and concerns of American Japanese, items from every part of the United States are important. Herb Ozawa is rich resource and should be acknowledged as such, not only by Hosokawa, but also by the editors of the Pacific Citizen.

MARTHA KAIHATSU New York

Kaihatsu's statement ('the new editors had returned a batch of clippings to Herb Ozawa") which ostensibly implicates Laurie Mochidome and George Toshio Johnston is wrong, since the incident occurred prior to their arrival at the P.C. The Pacific Citizen heartily welcomes news from its readers. clippings

AAJA

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served as the Times' Atlanta It was surprising to learn from bureau chief following a distinguished career at the Atlanta Constitution, where he won a Pulitzer in 1960 for a series of articles on a Georgia state hospital in which he uncovered unauthorized drug experiments on mental patients, widespread drug addiction and alcoholism among doctors, and a nurse who performed surgery in a doctor's absence.

Inouye, Mineta to Appear

Other prominent participants slated to appear during the course of the convention include Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii); Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.); and USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth. Furthermore, jazz musician Deems Tsutakawa will perform on 'Fun Night," Sept. 24, and following Sen. Inouye's address on Sept. 26, internationally renowned jazz musician Toshiko Akiyoshi will perform with her trio.

Tickets for the scholarship benefit dinner are priced at \$50 and \$100 for individual tickets and \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500 for tables of 10 seats. Those paying full registration fees for the AAJA convention (\$90 and up) may attend the dinner and other convention activities as part of that package.

For information, call AAJA at

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By Marshall Sumida and Joe Oyama

Historically, the debacle at Pearl Harbor could have been the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's political Achilles' heel for his term in office. To win the war and to remain in office, Roosevelt needed to unify the country and consolidate his cabinet.

Roosevelt knew that the Republicans would use the disaster at Pearl Harbor against him in his re-election campaign. To strengthen his ties with the Republicans and to unify the cabinet, Roosevelt appointed Republican Frank Knox to the post of secretary of the Navy.

A career newspaper man, Knox was publisher of the Chicago Daily News. He was once general manager of the Hearst Press, which was notorious for conducting the vicious West Coast anti-Japanese "Yellow Peril."

Becoming a member of President Roosevelt's inner circle known as the "Palace Guards," Knox became a member of a select group that would advise the president on important public matters that could not be made public.

Knox became a member of President Roosevelt's inner circle

As secretary of the Navy, Knox had access to radio and intelligence intercepts and transcriptions of Japanese diplomatic messages, and was appraised of the diplomatic deterioration with Japan and the grave Far East situation. He knew that Pearl Harbor could be a prime military target and assumed that all naval forces were on wartime alert at all bases, including Pearl Harbor.

When the dawn attack on Pearl Harbor occurred, Secretary Knox knew that a congressional investigation would follow. When he returned from his personal survey of the extensive damages done, he made the following allegation at a news conference, stating, "I think the most effective fifth column work of the entire war was done in Hawaii, with the possible exception of Norway."

Trying to steer congressional investigators away from the disaster and Navy culpability, Secretary Knox alledgedly tried identifying American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry with the enemy, blaming them for the extensive damage and loss of lives at Pearl Harbor.

"... the most effective fifth column work of the entire war ..."

On December 18, 1941, 11 days after Pearl Harbor, Secretary Knox wrote the following unofficial note to a friend, Paul Scott Mowrer of the *Chicago Daily News*. Revealing some of his innermost thoughts about the disaster, he wrote:

"Immediately the air was filled with rumors. There was prospect ahead of a nasty congressional investigation, and I made up my mind in a flash to go out there and get the actual facts, and if the facts warranted it, initiate the investigation myself," which he did on his own.

"It is simply incredible that both the Army and Navy could have been caught so far off first base . . . They had evidently convinced themselves that an air attack by carrier-borne planes was beyond the realm of possibility, because they made no preparation whatsoever for such an attack"

On December 19, 1942, 12 days after Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt and his cabinet agreed to concentrate all aliens of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii on Sand Island. Doubtful that the measure went far enough, Secretary Knox tried to convince the president that American citizens of Japanese ancestry should be included too. The plan was not initiated because it would create a manpower shortage, and this was war.

Eventually, Knox became the most blatant voice in the Roosevelt administration calling for the forcible removal and incarceration of all American citizens of Japanese ancestry both in Hawaii and on the United

States mainland. Paraphrasing the words of Shakespeare, "He doth protesteth too much."

To justify such action, on February 23, 1942, Secretary Knox submitted an urgent memorandum to President Roosevelt, recommending that every Japanese resident in Oahu, Hawaii be interned. He basically said that U.S. forces in Oahu were practically operating, in effect, what is enemy country, that U.S. military activities in Hawaii were carried out in the presence of a population predominate with enemy sympathies and affiliations.

Responding on February 26, 1942, President Roosevelt confidently assured Knox, stating, "I do not worry about the constitutional question, first because my recent orders (Executive Order 9066), second because Hawaii is under martial law. The whole matter is one of immediate and present war emergency. I think you and Stimson can agree and then go ahead and do it as a military project."

... concentrate all aliens of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii on Sand Island

On March 24, 1942, under political pressure from the West Coast, Secretary Knox submitted a letter to a congressional committee, making the following charges:

was considerable "There amount of evidence of subversive activity on the part of the Japanese prior to the attack. This consisted of providing the enemy with the most exact possible kind of information as an aid to them in locating their objectives, also creating a great deal of confusion in the air following the attack by the use of radio sets which successfully prevented the commander in chief of the fleet from determining in what direction the attackers had withdrawn in locating position of the covering fleet including carriers . . . "

In the latter part of December 1941, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a memorandum to Attorney General Francis Biddle, refuted the charges of espionage and sabotage on part of Amer-

ican citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry at Pearl Harbor:

"With reference to the statement made by the secretary of the Navy to the effect that the fifth column activities in Hawaii were exceeded only by the fifth activities of Norway, I wanted to make the suggestion that you might wish to keep in mind the desirability of asking the secretary of the Navy for any specific evidence which he has supporting his statement."

He continued, "I have already addressed a memorandum to you outlining directly what the scope of the so-called fifth column activities in Hawaii have been, and while there is no doubt there have been agents of the Japanese government active, it is very definitely the opinion of the intelligence officers of the various service in Hawaii that there is no such widespread activity similar to that which occurred in Norway."

"In fact, it is believed a great majority of the population in Hawaii of foreign extraction is law-abiding and is not indulging in any such activities. If the secretary of the Navy has any specific information of the magnitude he has indicated by his press statement, it might be desirable for you to make inquiry of him for it." (Notes of cabinet meeting, Biddle, December 19, 1941, FDRL Biddle papers, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians 3793-94) [F.B.I. CWRLC 5830.]

Because it was politically expedient to blame a scapegoat for the Pearl Harbor disaster, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and General Walter C. Walter, both honorable men, were accused of "dereliction of duty." An expected court martial never took place because it would have been divisive. In a showdown, both Admiral Kimmel and General Walter would have been cleared.

... the population in Hawaii ... is law-abiding

In the political climate and expediency of wartime fervor, American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry become secondary scapegoats for

the disaster at Pearl Harbor.

As a matter of historical record, no charges of treason, espionage, sabotage or fifth column activity were ever filed against any American citizen of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii during and after WW2. Despite the lack of charges, 110,000 American citizens (mostly children and teenagers) and alien residents of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed and imprisoned in 10 concentration camps on the United States mainland, the majority of them from the West Coast states of Washington, Oregon and California, and parts of Arizona.

Of the 110,000 who were forcibly removed and interned, only 60,000 are alive today. All of Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox's charges of fifth column activity were false and refuted by the F.B.I. and intelligence agencies in Hawaii. Secretary Knox died during the war and never lived to retract his false statements about espionage on the part of American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry.

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Writing in the N.C.R.R. Banner (February 1987), the official publication of the Los Angeles-based National Coaltion for Redress and Reparations, Jim H. Matsuoka wrote, "There is, however, a positive view (if you believe it). This view holds that there exists a fundamental sense of fairness in the American character, that somehow, we are all governed according to the structure of the Constitution as the founders of this nation actually envisioned it. Our laws, although we occasionally err, still stand as guideposts for future generations to follow."

"As the 200th anniversary of the Constitution approaches, we are sure of one thing. Redress will certainly test the fundamental character of American. Each and every case involving civil rights exposes the basic fabric of America. If we are found wanting, I believe American will enter into the next century with large segments of its population who would hold to the negative view of this country. On the other hand, if we measure up to each test, who is to say what our limits are?"

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JUSTICE

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laws contained in the Articles and Bill of Rights of the Constitution designed to protect individual rights. Congress and courts contributed to the war effort by their failure to enforce the law under the checks and balances system. With the war on, the courts took judicial notice of the attack on Pearl Harbor and did not make a tough and critical judicial review of the substantive violation of Constitutional law by government officials.

War Department and military lawyers were fully aware of the Ex Parte Milligan case law that the military had no jurisdiction over civilians while the courts were open. The courts failed to take judicial notice that martial law was not declared on the West Coast, that there was no real emergency there.

Without emergency conditions warranting martial law, the military had no legal jurisdiction over civilians. A constitutional amendment is required to give such awesome power over civilians to the military while the courts are open. The military is

subordinate to civilians even in wartime.

To compound the problem the executives were able to subvert the courts from taking a tough and critical judicial review of the facts surrounding "military necessity." The West Coast was not a battle zone as was Hawaii. West Coast power politics came into play and political pressure was applied on the White House. Using the ploy of military necessity, the courts accepted the conclusions of the West Coast commander and did not review the conclusions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington D.C. which concluded that the West Coast was not in military danger.

... the military had no legal jurisdiction over civilians

The more serious charges of espionage and sabotage by American citizens of Japanese ancestry called for charges and investigation for treason under Article III Section 3 of the Con-

stitution. The fact was government officials knew there were no American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry ever involved in espionage and sabotage at Pearl Harbor and did not bring formal charges against any Japanese American for treasonable acts. The executives withheld this material fact from the general public and by inference led the news media to believe a security threat involving Japanese Americans was real. The president signed Executive Order 9066, which based the order on possible espionage and sabotage unsupported by any real evidence.

The executives were able to subvert Congress to pass public Law 503 to sanctify the governments illegal actions. They in fact had violated Article 1 Section 9 of the Constitution and had passed an illegal Bill of Attainder authorizing punishment without a trial. To make matters worse, the cooperation of the courts using procedural delays ineffect gave credence to the violation of the Bill of Attainder and compounded the legal problem. The courts all but suspended the Writ of Habeas Corpus that closed all hope of gaining freedom for illegal detention. The failure of the court allowed the executives to commit substantial violations of the due process clause of the fifth and 14th Amendments of the Constitution.

They in fact violated Article 1 Section 9 of the Constitution

"A military order however unconstitutional, is not apt to last longer than the military emergency. Even during that period a succeeding commander may revoke it all.

But once a judicial opinion rationalized such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanctions such an order, the court for all time has validated the principle

The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need. Every repetition imbeds that principle more deeply in our law and thinking and expands it to new purposes."

Justice Robert Jackson

Korematsu vs. U.S.[323 U.S. 214]

Justice Jackson's prophecy of future danger to the United States was fulfilled in Watergate and now in the Iran-contra affair. Justice Benjamin Cardoza de-

scribes the inherent danger in the suspension of the check and balance system as a bad legal precedent, the "tendency of a legal principle to expand itself to the limit of its logic."

"The failure to enforce the Constitution is the simplest way to destroy our government. If the congress and the courts allow a simple legal precedent giving government officials the right to violate the law without any accountability, individuals can take the law into their own hands. The Constitution becomes just a piece of paper."

Government officials sworn to uphold the Constitution must enforce the laws of the United States and allow the checks and balances system to run its course. The president and executive staff are charged with the execution of the law and must be held accountable for any substantive violations of the law.

Justice is a matter of continuing education. 1987 JACL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Pursuit of Excellence, Responsibility

By Fae Minabe National JACL Scholarship Chair

The applicants for the 1987 JACL National Scholarships were an extraordinary group of students. They have all distinguished themselves, not only in the classroom, but through their many extracurricular activities and most importantly, through support of their communities. Each demonstrated a wonderful understanding of what it means to be a Japanese American.

Whether Nisei, Sansei or Yonsei, the basic tenets of their Japanese ancestors comes through loud and clear in their regard for higher education, the pursuit of excellence, and responsibility not only for themselves but for others.

Although each of them is already laden with honors and awards, it is disappointing not to be able to accord all of them a specific honor from the Japanese American community. Each should be commended for their contributions and encouraged to continue in their pursuits.

The accomplishments of the 1987 National Scholarship recipients are amazing. Collectively, the 18 graduating high school seniors receiving awards have an average GPA of +4.0 (based on honors or advanced placement courses for which they receive extra grade points). Ten of the 17 winners are valedictorians of classes as large as 725 students. Seven are National Merit Finalists. One is a Presidential Scholar. They all have talents and honors far too numerous to mention.

Each is unique whether in their interests or in their outlook on life, but the awardees all use their talents in concert with their ge rosity and courage of spirit to touch the lives of those around them.

The undergraduate and graduate student recipients are equally as impressive. Their continued academic excellence is exceeded only by their aspirations for creating a better world in which Asian Americans can live. The extent of their maturity, eloquence and insight is awesome, but in the end reassuring because these students are our future.

As stated by Jojiro Takano, the recipient of this year's highest freshman award, "A scholarship is more than a monetary award for past success; it is a society's investment in the potential of an individual to become a contributing citizen." It is with pleasure that JACL, as a national organization of Nikkei concerned for the future, invest in each of these unique individuals. Congratulations to them all.

Elizabeth Megumi Arai

Gongoro Nakamura Memorial Scholarship (\$500) Parents: Tsugio & Grace Arai of Anchorage, AK

"I was beginning to get a little desperate. We were entering the outskirts of Lima now. Pretty soon we would be leaving to go to different cities, and then separated to live with strange families. The knot in my stomach got worse."

Elizabeth's initial nervousness eventually turned into tearful goodbyes, fond memories of her Peruvian family, and regrets that the three months had passed so quickly. Back home in Alaska, Elizabeth finds that her time spent as an AFS foreign exchange student has indeed influenced her entire life. Anticipating spending two years in the Peace Corps, Elizabeth looks forward to helping people in other parts of the world.

Facing each activity with the same determination, enthusiasm and resource-fulness that she demonstrated in Peru, Elizabeth has made her mark as an honor student, varsity cross-country runner, and violinist in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. Also active in the community, Elizabeth has helped with the Japanese Heritage Club fundraisers and spent time volunteering for the American Red Cross.

For now, Elizabeth intends to continue her education at Oberlin College focusing on languages and international relations toward a career in the relatively new field of intercultural communication.

Yasuko Fukuda

Chiyoko Tanaka Shimazaki Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$1000) Member: San Francisco Chapter JACL

"The quality of life is most influenced by a person's health. Without the best of health, one cannot enjoy life fully. I found out how true this is through my own experience with major surgery and my mother's hospitalization some years prior to that. My interest has always been in the area of medicine and my experiences have reaffirmed my desire to become a physician."

Yasuko graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UC Berkeley in 1982 with honors in Microbiology/Immunology. Recently returning to San Jose State for a second bachelors in nursing, Yasuko has decided on medical school to further her commitment to others and will be entering New York Medical School this fall.

Finding her reward in being able to contribute to the Japanese community in which she grew up, Yasuko has served as her church youth group leader, day-camp assistant director, volunteer for

the Kimochi Nutrition Program and the San Jose Yu-Ai Kai.

"As a Nisei, I have been able to assist many Japanese speaking people who are so relieved when they can speak to me in their native tongue... I hope to use what I will learn as a physician to (help) the Issei, Nisei and other American-born Japanese as well as those more recently arrived from Japan."

Yoshio Nogami Hall

Masao & Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

Parents: Mrs. Fumiko Nogami Hall of San Diego, CA

As valedictorian of Helix High School, Yoshio doesn't only seek excellence in the classroom. His drive and natural abilities have resulted in an outstanding soccer career and in his being named to the San Diego Tribune's All Academic Soccer Team.

Yoshio's love of sports has also played a significant role in the development of his career interests. "When I broke my leg playing soccer, several physicians treated me, but none gave any thought to my rehabilitation during as well as after my cast imprisonment." While in his cast, Yoshio's frustrations led him to research the field of sports medicine, and to learn valuable rehabilitation techniques which he tested on his own atrophied leg.

Planning on a future in medicine, Yoshio enjoys working with others. Through his active involvement in student government, athletics, and numerous math competitions, Yoshio has "learned to cope with many different types of situations and people." Additionally concerned about the Nikkei community, Yoshio is active in his church youth group, and has coordinated JACL youth group activities—bowling, mochi pounding—in San Diego for the last four years.

He hopes to be attending Stanford or Harvard this fall to begin working towards his goals.

Matthew Mitsuru Hanasono

Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

Parent: Theodore Y. Hanasono
of Torrance, CA

"I have bushy eyebrows, wide shoulders, and wiry black hair that's a shade lighter than the hair of most Japanese Americans. I also wear contact lenses, write with my left hand, and have expensive straight teeth. The description ends here, but I certainly don't.

"I'm the non-conformist who buys trendy clothes (to purchase) quality, not just a designer label. When given a choice of two paths, I will choose the one less trodden. I avoid the usual and obvi-

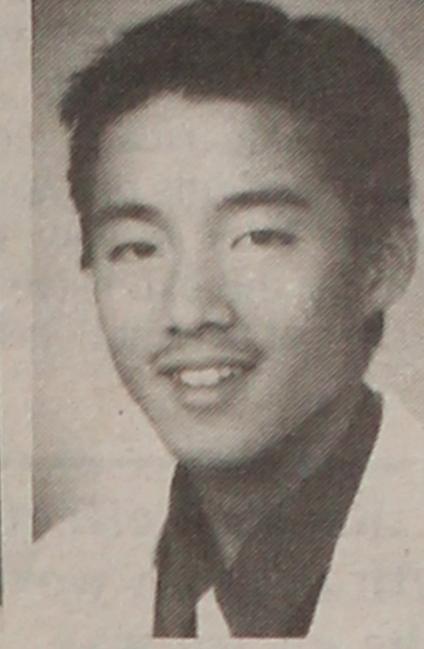
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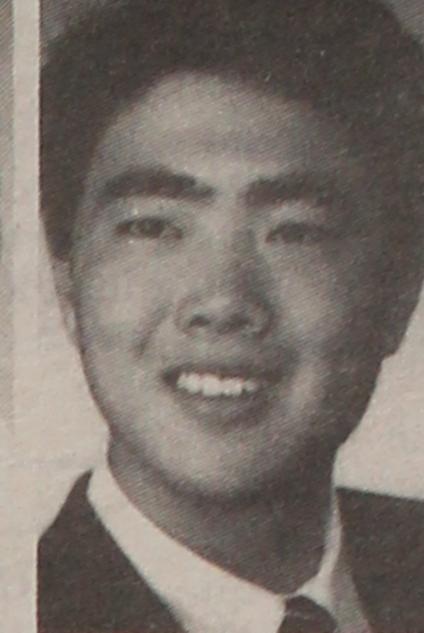
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Kelly Hattori



Lisa Hirai



Mika Hiramatsu



Cyndi Ikeda



Tracey Lynn Jofuku



Nancy Uyeno Kamei

ous in favor of the unconventional and the imaginative. I thrive on problems which have more than one correct solution. I become claustrophobic when my freedom to be creative is bound by tradition."

Matthew is obviously not your run of the mill class valedictorian, National Merit Semifinalist, senior class representative. He is constantly looking for new interests, but is discerning because he rarely abandons the old ones. "Quitting is not a part of what makes me and perhaps that is one of the reasons I have continued both my studies in Japanese language and Karate for over eleven years."

For now, Matthew has selected biochemistry as the major he will pursue at UC Berkeley. You'll know him when you see him; "I'm also Reeboks without socks, bermuda shorts, and old T-shirts. There's only one of me."

Kelly Harumi Hattori

Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$1000)

"When I was a child, my best friend and I would spend hours planning our futures. She would be a veterinarian and I an architect. By the time we graduated from high school, she had decided to become a writer and I had decided to study business.

"I acquired a lot of information in college, but most importantly, I acquired a better understanding of myself. I discovered that my happiness could not be bought with a job on Wall Street, (nor could) my ambitions to succeed (be) fulfilled if success came in a field I did not care about. My childhood dream of becoming an architect had not been based on whim, but on a deeply rooted desire to create a better place to live."

As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, Kelly learned the importance of strong financial foundations and urban economics. She now applies that knowledge at the University of Illinois' graduate program in architecture. In her designs, she combines an awareness of architectural issues with the need for reasonable economic solutions.

With an opportunity to study in Versailles this coming year, Kelly says, "I have a purpose now, and that is to take advantage of every opportunity to become a better architect."

Lisa Sayuri Hirai

Sumitomo Bank Undergraduate Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Majoring in a Business Related Field Parent: Masatoshi Hirai of San Jose, CA

"One day as I was watering the roses in the garden, I happened to notice a dainty butterfly resting its wings atop a

Yonemura Award

Wade Michael Sunada, Ft. Collins, Colo., regretfully informed the JACL scholarship committee he had recently received special honors from Colorado University, which prohibits him from accepting any other financial aid. He is the son of Daniel & Kristin Sunada.

daisy. I began to wonder how an 'unrefined' caterpillar could transform itself to the graceful being that it is now."

Lisa sees her high school career as her metamorphosis, a time for overcoming fears and expanding into new areas. Speech and debate proved to be the most "self-revealing," proving that public speaking was a personal strength, not a weakness. It was the unexpected success of placing as a quarter-finalist in a statewide forensics tournament that served as an inspiration to continue to try new things.

As valedictorian, Lisa demonstrated her excellence as well as her commitment to her fellow classmates through her participation in student government and as Gunderson High's Supreme Court Chief Justice. Not only interested in school work, Lisa has coordinated Buddhist Church group retreats and YBA fundraisers, and has participated in the San Jose Obon for the last twelve years.

Headed for Stanford this fall, Lisa will be majoring in Mathematics and English/Communications toward her pursuit of a career in Business Administration or International Relations.

Mika Hiramatsu

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$5000) Member: San Francisco Chapter JACL

"The first year of medical school was a grueling test of my commitment, though surely not the toughest hurdle I will face. The hard work made me appreciate more the time I actually spend with the patients. Physicians can learn at least as much from their patients as vice versa. As a medical student, I certainly appreciate my patients' teaching me medicine . . . a priceless gift."

No stranger to academic excellence, Mika graduated in 1985 from UC Berkeley in Genetics as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a Regents Scholar. As a past

JACL Youth Council Chairperson (National Board position), Mika continues to help the National JACL Staff when possible. She also finds time to be a staff member of the UC San Francisco Medical School newspaper and keep up with her music as a member of a UCSF String Quartet and Mixed Vocal Octet. Currently on the planning committee to provide health care for the Hibakusha, Mika has already begun to find ways to help the community with her medical training.

Recent experience on the wards has Mika considering specializing in pediatrics. "Working with children will be a new test, but their youth and frankness appeal to me. I hope that as a caring and compassionate professional, my work will help my patients lead more fulfilled and productive lives."

Cynthia Yuko Ikeda

Sumitomo Bank Undergraduate Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Majoring in a Business Related Field Member: San Francisco Chapter JACL

"I have found that since I've entered college, much of the strength and self-confidence which helps me to continue to strive for my goals, stems knowing that I am part of the Japanese American community, and that the community is there to support me. Like so many other Nikkei, I too, refuse to be beaten by the system. I continue to strive for what I consider to be success."

Currently a Political Science major with a concentration in international relations, Cynthia is contemplating a double major in East Asian Studies and hopes to study in Japan before going on to graduate school. Eventually, she plans on a career in International corporate law.

Active in the Asian Pacific Law Students association and the Nikkei Student Union at UCLA, Cynthia has also volunteered her summer labors to the Nihon-

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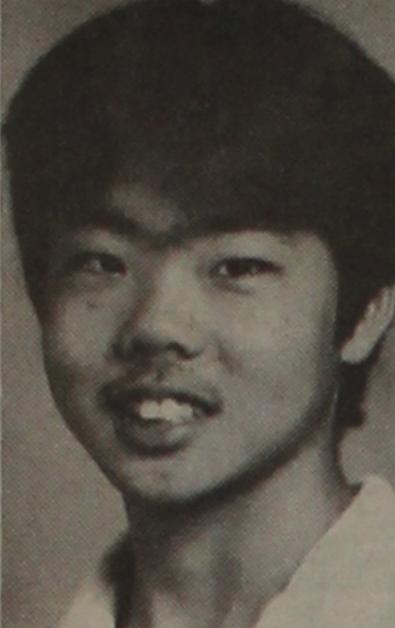
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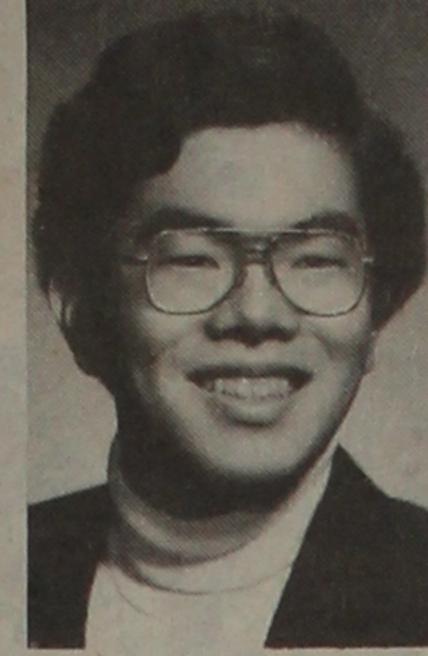
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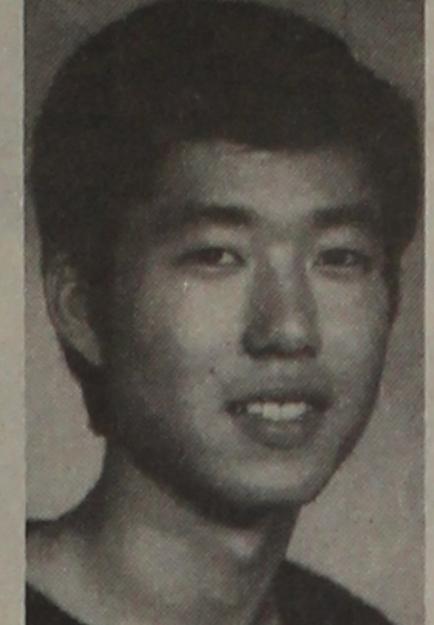
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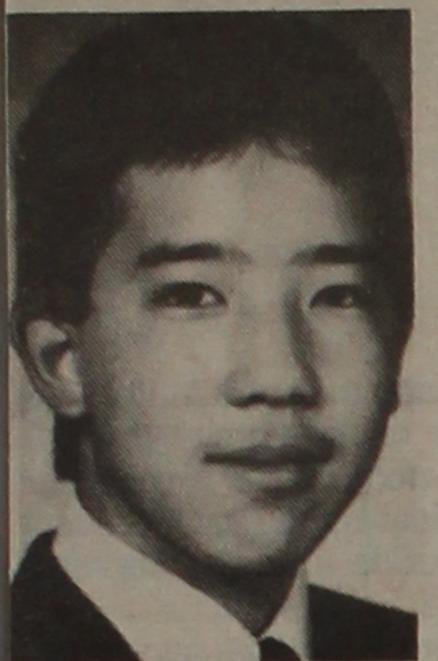
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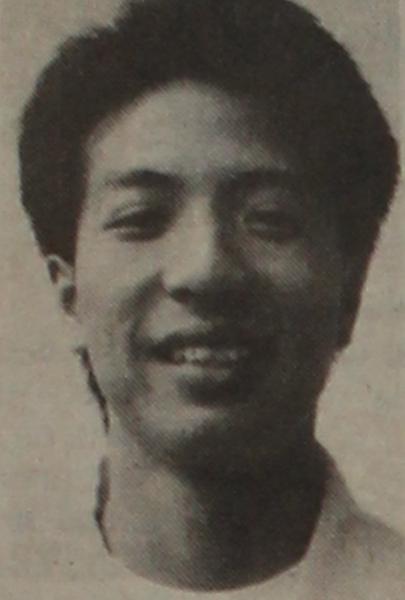
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machi Legal Outreach program in San Francisco. Dedicated to the Japanese American community from which she draws her strength, Cynthia someday hopes to return that support through JACL or through political office. "Whether I will succeed in all my aspirations, I do not know. But, one thing I am positive of is that the greatest calamity would be to (have) quit before I have begun."

Tracey Lynne Jofuku

Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship

Parent: Mrs. Kazuko Jofuku of Watsonville, CA

"Painting is a fine art which demands of a greater vision and conviction of resolve than that which is normally entailed in the practice of experience, the fulfillment of dreams, and the greater strive for perfection. It is for this reason that I too am a dreamer and, in my own way, a painter, painstakingly sketching out both the outlines and horizons of my

Over the years, those around her have watched Tracey develop from a shy, quiet girl into a confident, National Merit Commended Scholar and valedictorian of Watsonville High. Striving to become a more well-rounded person, Tracey has learned how to reach out, ask questions, and explore different channels of life. Immersed in social and civic activities including Girls State, Santa Clara County Model United Nations, and Mock Trial, she has found her "niche" in law. "In choosing my prospective career, I have managed the tradeoffs of ambition and success...and satisfied both my moral convictions and my questioning nature."

Tracey will continue to work on her "masterpiece" at Stanford this fall, hoping to improve upon "the beauty of balance and unity, (for they have) remained the underlying factors in both my scholastic and personal success.

Nancy Uyeno Kamei

Sumitomo Bank Graduate Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Studying in a Business Related Field

Member: Selanoco Chapter JACL

Originally attracted to the health professions by her concern for the welfare of others, Nancy obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from UC San Francisco. She soon realized that in order to have a measurable impact, she also needed to understand the economic forces at work within the industry. Working for three years in sales for a major pharmaceutical company provided valuable experience and helped focus her sights on business school.

Now attending the Stanford Graduate School of Business, Nancy continues to focus on the future. "As a Japanese American, I have always felt a special responsibility to perform well so that barriers would not be created for the generations to follow. My experience on the MBA Minority Admissions Council has been particularly rewarding because I have been able to contribute to

policy formation that will affect many Asian Americans in the years to come.

"The challenge for my grandfather was to build a life in the United States; the challenge for my parents became assimilating into the American culture. My challenge still lies ahead. I am proud to be a part of a generation that can bring the dreams of the Issei and Nisei to fruition."

Takeshi Steven Kawamoto

Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship (\$1250)

Parents: Tadashi & Toyoko Kawamoto of San Carlos, CA

"Boldly going where no man has gone before," Steven, too, wants to experience the thrill of new frontiers and scientific exploration.

Dedicated to the understanding of what lies beyond, Steven was found at the end of one semester with his AP Physics class softball team facing both the AP English class and a physics final in the same afternoon. Steven was patrolling right field—a Wilson "Dave Parker" autographed mitt pushed down on his left hand, and the Principles of Modern Physics clutched in his right...

A wicked line drive is hit in Steven's direction. He spears the ball with a magnificent one-handed catch, calmly places the physics book on the ground, and doubled-up the base runner. Picking up the Physics text, he continues his studies undaunted.

Aside from being admired for his "cool" on the field, Steven graduates this year as Sequoia High School's valedictorian and a National Merit Finalist. He has demonstrated his leadership potential as Senior Class Senator and Ambassador to the Model United Nations. Headed for Harvard or Stanford this fall, Steven is not sure in which direction his interests will take him, but he someday hopes to be in the position to "enhance, extend, and possibly even save human

Brian Haruo Kawanishi

Colonel Walter T. Tsukamoto Scholarship (\$500)

Parents: George & Maxine Kawanishi of Dayton, OH

The competition at Wayne High this year was fierce-Brian, a National Merit finalist, graduated only 0.09 points away from being named valedictorian of his class of 600 students. Disappointed that there were not enough periods in each day to fit in everything of interest, Brian still found time for "a myriad of different activities which has given me a knowledge of a great many things."

Being blessed with the talent to be an excellent musician, Brian was first chair violin with the orchestra and first chair clarinet in the school band. Earlier (before his voice changed), he had participated in the children's choir of the Dayton Opera, and performed the role of Amahl in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" under the baton of Charles W. Wilson and the Philharmonic Orchestra.

Active not only in school but in his church and community activities such

as Cub Scouts and the Rotary Boys" Choir, Brian says they were "valuable learning experiences. All this and the teachers and friends around me have helped me to be where I am today My parents, brothers, family and friends have influenced a large part of my life."

Brian will enter Ohio State University this fall as a University Distinguished Scholar expecting to major in Electrical Engineering with hopes of further pursuing his interests in music and art.

Isaac Hajime Kazato

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$5000) Member: Alameda Chapter JACL

"My conviction to go into medicine developed through my childhood experiences. During frequent visits to the pediatrician, I valued the treatment and care I received. (More recently), by experiencing the suffering that illness causes for both the afflicted individuals and their families, I became convinced of what precious assets life and good health comprise. Through medicine, I desire to help people who are physically frail, they may I had formerly been (helped)."

As the son of a United Methodist minister, Isaac is no stranger to the Nikkei community and has generously given of himself whether as a Sunday school teacher or working with Issei. The winner of numerous local, state and national piano competitions, Isaac continues to enjoy performing, whether in the concert hall or in the sitting room, rewarded only by the listener's enjoyment. He has provided hours of entertainment to community audiences ranging from a United Nation's local chapter to residents of local convalescent homes.

Elected Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, Isaac graduated from UC Berkeley in Chemistry, four-time Regent's Scholar, with a nearly perfect GPA (3.95). With accomplishments too numerous to mention, Isaac goes on to medical school at Stanford or UC San Francisco "to help people gain more healthy and wholesome lives."

Kei Koizumi

Mr. & Mrs. James Michener Scholarship (\$500)

Parents: Tetsunori & Hisako Koizumi of Columbus, OH

As valedictorian of Bishop Watterson High, National Merit Semi-Finalist, and recipient of the U.S. National Mathematics Award and the U.S. Achievement Academy French Award, Kei has demonstrated his excellence as a Scholar. However, because of difficulties in adjusting to America after returning from Japan, he notes, "I've tended to be shy and unsure of myself until a few years ago, when I finally became comfortable here. I used to be withdrawn, but more and more I've become involved in school and the community."

Kei has indeed blossomed through his participation in four years of fall drama productions and three spring musicals. Active in the Human Rights Club, a peer counseling program, and the Newman Center Catholic Youth Group, Kei most

1987 Scholarship Awards at a Glance

FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP Membership: (n) non-member; (p) parents only

Jojiro Takano Kuwahara (\$5000) .St. Louis Takeshi Steven Kawamoto . . . (n) San Carlos, CA Moriuchi (\$1250) Las Vegas Moriuchi (\$1250) .San Diego Yoshio Nogami Hall Itano (\$1000) Mikio Moriyasu (p) Salt Lake City Itano (\$1000) So. Park Seattle(\$1000) Ross Masao Okamura(n)El Cerrito Matthew Mitsuru Hanasono(n)Torrance Kasai (\$1000) Scott Tadao Kurashige(p) Venice-Culver California First(\$1000) Lisa Sayuri Hirai (n)San Jose Sumitomo (\$1000) Tracey Lynne Jofuku(p)Watsonville Uyesugi (\$800) .(n)Arlington Anne Y. Matsuura Terami (\$800) Elizabeth Megumi Arai (n) Anchorage Nakamura (\$500) (Award was declined) Yonemura (\$500) Jean Harumi Sumida(p)Gresham/Troutdale Michener (\$500) Kei Koizumi(n)Columbus Michener (\$500) Darin Takeo Yamasaki (p) Seabrook Aoki (\$500) Brian Haruo Kawanishi(p)Dayton Tsukamoto (\$500) Nicole Mar(p)Eden Township

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kuwahara (\$5000) California First (\$1000) Sumitomo (\$1000) Kido (\$750) Yatabe (\$750) JACL National (\$500) Abiko (\$500)

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	Isaac Hajime Kazato .	(p)Alameda
	Mika Hiramatsu	Golden Gate
)	Lori Vacek	(n)San Francisco
	Nancy Uyeno Kamei	(p)Selanoco
	Yasuko Fukuda	(p)San Francisco
	Kelly Harumi Hattori	(n)Bensenville, IL
	Lois L. Watanabe	San Diego
	Wendy Lee Ng	(p)Marin County

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kuwahara Wendy Naomi SodetaniNational Creative Arts (\$5000) Hiratsuka .Marin County Performing Arts (\$1900) Karen Akemi Shinozaki(n)Honolulu Edwin Norio Sasaki Hayashi Law (\$2000) .(n)Hayward Sato Law (\$1000)

enjoys helping others. "I believe because of my past experiences of being insecure and withdraw, I have a sensitivity to other children, who are not living up to their potential, (and) am very interested in helping (them) discover their gifts and a love of learning.

"Throughout my life, I have been guided by many excellent teachers, and I believe that I can someday repay the debt I owe them by carrying on their work." To this end, Kei hopes to attend Boston University in the fall to acquire as broad an education as possible.

James Jamison Kumpei

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship (\$5000) Member: New York Chapter JACL

"In this bicentennial year of our Constitution, we commemorate the 45th anniversary of what the American Civil Liberties Union called 'the worst wholesale violation of civil liberties of American citizens in our history,' namely, the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II."

So begins a "Guest Room" column by freshman Jim Kumpei published in the Cornell Daily News to educate the university community and to develop support for the Redress movement. So impressed was Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, author and prime mover of the Senate Bill, S1009, that the Senator included Jim's column in the Congressional Record with the bill's introduction.

As with most Sansei, Jim knows about being American-i.e., rock music, baseball cards, and tennis. However, through his involvement with the Redress movement and the Cornell Asian American Coalition, Jim has learned more about being a Japanese American and to be proud of his mother's family's heritage as well.

A Cornell University National Scholar and at the head of his class in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Jim is a charming and perceptive individual who would like to be remembered as "A young man who tried to use his abilities to the fullest possible extent."

Scott Tadao Kurashige

California First Bank Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Majoring in a **Business Related Field**

Parents: Milnes & Noriko Kurashige of Culver City, CA

"In today's world, financial matters are important to everyone, and I do not believe it is fair that some people are taken advantage of by others. Thus, I would like to become an investment counselor share my knowledge and help others."

Already an entrepreneur, Scott has turned his love of baseball and card collecting into a small sports collectibles business. Although far from being able to

corner the market, Scott continues for the enjoyment and has had articles published describing his ventures.

The recipient of a National Merit Letter of Commendation and dedicated student. Scott also remembers to make time for the community. He has been patrol leader, quartermaster and historian for a local Asian American Boy Scouts troop. He is a religious chairperson for the Junior Young Buddhist Association and Sunday school teacher. For the last ten years, he has been on the Venice Youth Council and the Crescent Bay Sports League. During his vacations, Scott is usually found at the Venice Japanese Community Center helping out with the senior citizens luncheon program.

This fall, Scott will be headed for the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business to begin his undergraduate career.

David C. Lee

Professor Sho Sato Memorial Law Scholarship (\$1000)

As an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, "I chose English as a major for the study of literature deals with human life, encompassing man's psychological world and his social, historical, political world. Convinced of my desire to go into the helping profession, I participated in the the Peer Advisor Program at City College of San Francisco and the Writing Tutor Program at UC Berkeley, which

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Nancy Uyeno Kamei

Daughter-in-law of Hiroshi & Tamiko Kamei

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Mark Tanaka



Dahni Tsuboi



Lori Vacek



Lois Watanabe



Darin Yamasaki

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provided me with important counseling and teaching skills.

"However, I soon realized that to be truly effective in helping others, I had to understand more fully how the forces of society shape human behavior and consciousness. Thus, I chose to study law and gain a comprehensive understanding of society's legal institutions which seem to play a larger part than any other social force in how we conduct our lives.

"One of the ways in which I hope to exercise my leadership is to establish a national network of minority pre-law organizations to support and educate minorities interested in the study of law and the legal profession. There is a great need for more minorities in law, not only to diversify the legal profession, but also (to diversify) the leadership of this country. I want to help fill that need."

David will be entering Stanford University Law School this fall.

Nicole Mar

Abe & Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Award Parents: R. & Joanne (Arai) Mar of San Leandro, CA

"Since the age of eight, I have been swimming competitively. During the last four years, I have been training before and after school, approximately five hours a day. This rigorous schedule has played a large part in forming my principle characteristics. Two prominent qualities are self-discipline and motivation. The trophies and ribbons are the small rewards and only part of what is gained...the opportunity to travel and make many lasting friendships, (but) more importantly, my value of physical well-being."

Nicole graduates as a National Merit Commended Scholar in the top 1% of her class at San Leandro High. She is captain of both the varsity volleyball and swimming teams, has chaired a leadership workshop, and has been elected as class officer in each of four years of high school. Within the Nikkei community, she has been the activities chair for the Oakland Jr YBA, and has participated in the East Bay Girls Athletic League for

Eden Township.

Nicole is hoping to continue swimming competitively this fall at Harvard University where she can join her sister on the swim team. Deriving her inspiration from her father's determination to overcome his illness and her mother's dedication, she will begin to realize her longterm goal of becoming a physician specializing in sports medicine.

Anne Y. Matsuura

Dr. Takashi Terami Memorial Scholarship (\$800)

Parent: Harry H. Matsuura of Arlington, VA

Graduating as Yorktown High School's senior class valedictorian and as a National Merit Finalist are two of Anne's more "ordinary" honors. She has won first place honors in Mathematics at a Regional Science Fair, was a finalist in the Virginia State Forensic Spelling competition, has received Maxima Cum Laude honors in a National Latin Exam, and was selected to attend the Virginia Governor's School in Math and Science. This year Anne was named a 1987 Presidential Scholar, the nation's highest honor awarded to 141 graduating high school students.

Anne, facing her other interests with the same zeal, has achieved similar success. She has competed in the Bartok Microcosmos Competition at the University of Maryland for the last four years in piano. She has received superior ratings at the Junior Bach Festival and from the National Guild of Piano Teachers for the last seven years. An avid and accomplished tennis player, she is captain of the varsity tennis team and became a finalist in this year's regional competition.

Attracted to a career in medical research, Anne sees "finding cures for diseases, making breakthroughs in the study of DNA, or discovering how different parts of the brain function extremely exciting." This fall, she will be making her mark at Duke University.

Mikio Moriyasu

Masao & Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) Parents: Hideo & Maruko Moriyasu of Salt Lake City, UT

Mikio describes himself as "a Sansei who has been raised with a strong sense of community responsibility, integrity, excellence, and humility." Demonstrating that he has learned his lessons well, Mikio has not only achieved academic excellence, but has taken the time to help others through a national honor society tutoring program and volunteering for the Utah Heart Fund drive. He has received numerous awards and has participated in Boys State, Model U.N., the International Baccalaureate program, and the Initiative for Understanding— American/Soviet Youth Exchange program as a student ambassador.

A strong supporter of the Nikkei community, Mikio has also volunteered for the Utah Nippo, the local JA newspaper, and has been involved with the State Office of Education's cultural youth conference on Japan and the Matsumoto/Salt Lake City "Sister City" program. He has volunteered for the Hokkaido Broadcasting Company on location in Salt Lake City, and has spoken at a memorial service for the victims of the Hiroshima bombing.

This fall, Mikio plans on attending the University of Utah in engineering, and hopes to follow through with graduate work toward his PhD and a profession utilizing computer aided design.

Miriam Yuko Murase

Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship (\$750) Member: San Francisco Chapter JACL

"As I grew up in San Francisco, the Japanese American community played a key role in developing my life's goals. I have spent all my summer vacations working with the Japanese American community, as a volunteer at Kimochi

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YOSHIO NOGAMI HALL Masao & Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship

LOIS WATANABE

The Rev. John H. Yamashita Memorial Scholarship

Kai, a daycamp counselor at the Japanese Community Youth Council, and as a student intern at the Japanese American Citizens League (National Headquarters). These experiences have been extremely rewarding because, through knowing Japanese Americans of all age groups and backgrounds, I have gained an awareness of, and a pride in, my identity as a Japanese American."

Having completed her freshman year at Berkeley, Miriam has chosen a political science major because it opens up a wide range of possibilities: law, social work, or government service, through which she can help the community and fulfill the role model set forth by her parents.

"Though I am not a poet, I am, nonetheless, dedicated to insuring that the voice of the Asian American community does not go unheard... As I find my place in American society, I will take with me the values and traditions of my Japanese cultural heritage that will surely enrich the fabric of our nation."

Sharon Shizue Nakamura

Japanese American Citizens League Undergraduate Scholarship (\$500) Member: New York Chapter JACL

Being a fourth generation Japanese American, Sharon finds it difficult to be aware of her background and ethnic tradition at Miami University in Ohio where she is rarely exposed to culture. "Although I feel I retain some characteristics and ideas brought to me by my grandmother, they are only vague frag-

Thus, as one of her college goals, Sharon has set out to learn more about her ethnic heritage. In doing so, she has taken on the responsibilities of Special Projects Director of the Minority Affairs Council, a branch of Miami University's student government. Through her position, Sharon has coordinated guest lectures, workshops and published campus information to increase the awareness of the student body and faculty on issues related to all ethnic groups. Most recently, she has worked to establish an Asian American support group. "Since Miami University is virtually homogeneous in racial population, (it is) an important challenge to help internationalize and culturally inform the student body."

This fall, Sharon intends to transfer to UCLA to take advantage of its renown in the area of ethnic studies. There she will enroll as an International Economics

career in international business or banking.

major and work toward her goal of a

Wendy Lee Ng

Magoichi Kato Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$600) Member: Marin County Chapter JACL

"I am third generation Chinese American on my father's side and Sansei on my mother's side of the family. I grew up in a bicultural atmosphere—being both Chinese and Japanese American. I do not feel I have to make a choice in identifying with one or the other. I see myself as being fully Asian American with an understanding of both the Chinese and Japanese experiences in America.

"I have always felt it necessary for me to be involved in social and political issues. I believe it is my responsibility to teach our history and struggles—to learn and understand Asian American from both an academic and personal pers-

pective."

Wendy is currently at the University of Oregon doing sociological research on the Japanese American community in Hood River. Although much of the anti-Japanese sentiment was buried or denied after the war, the recent focus on Redress has the community working toward the healing of old wounds. Wendy's PhD thesis will focus on the maintenance of this rural Nikkei community and on the effects of relocation and internment on the ethnic identity of its residents.

"All too often we ignore the importance and significance of our families and community who have raised us. Therefore, I feel it is imperative that the academic community bridges itself to the outside."

Ross Masao Okamura

South Park Japanese Community of Seattle Scholarship (\$1000)

Parents: Dennis & Mary Okamura of El Cerrito, CA

"Four years ago, when I started high school, I never expected to become who I am today. Back then, I was a stamp collecter entranced with the idea of becoming a postal worker and getting first pick of all the new releases."

Today, Ross is a National Merit Finalist and chairman of the El Cerrito High School Site Council, a committee of students, parents, teachers, and administrators, working toward school improve-

ments. He is captain of the Matheletes team, member of the varsity track & field team, an amateur DJ, a volunteer tutor, vice president of the Asian Student Union, and president of the Berkeley Sangha Jr. YBA.

In the last four years, Ross says he has discovered that "my motivation is strong and my goal is to learn and experience as much as I can. Once I discover something that interests me, I am not satisfied with myself until I find what my limits are. I then try my best to expand them—a very optimistic attitude, and a very exhausting one."

Ross further understands that career choices can drastically change as one develops, and so for the time being is remaining flexible. He is, however, hoping to start his undergraduate education this fall with electrical engineering courses at MIT or Stanford—certainly a long way from stamp collecting and pos-

Robin Kimiko Sakahara

tal work.

Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship (\$1250)

Parents: William & Janet Sakahara of Las Vegas, NV

Robin is this year's valedictorian of Las Vegas Valley High, a National Merit Finalist, and recipient of Numerous local and state awards. While active in all types of civic and social organizations, Robin seems to be a "natural" for leadership positions—four years of student government including Student Body President, participation in Girls State, Girls Nation, and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar.

Being student body president "requires an immense amount of time, but produces great results and great satisfaction. It has allowed me to work closely with other people and take on a great deal of responsibility. I have learned to (accept) challenges and overcome obstacles. I have discovered many of my weaknesses and strengths, and overall, I have gained significant experience and recognition of my capabilities."

No stranger to the Nikkei community, Robin is a member of the Las Vegas JACL, is active in the Buddhist Church, and has been doing ondo for the last four years.

Coupling her success in mathematics with her creativity and love of art, Robin plans on attending Yale this fall to pursue a career in architecture.

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SHELLIE KIM SAKAMOTO Member of Downtown L.A. JACL

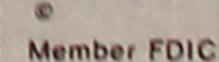
LORI VACEK Member of Golden Gate JACL

SCOTT TADAO KURASHIGE Son of Milnes & Noriko Kurashige Culver City, Calif.

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Shellie Kim Sakamoto

California First Bank Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Majoring in a Business Related Field

Member: Downtown LA Chapter JACL

"As our world becomes increasingly implex, there is a definite need for indiduals who can understand and interret technical issues. Further, these indiduals must also be capable of addresng the theoretical and ethical concerns hich are inherent in any actions that ill affect others. This complex task is ot one which is easily filled; however, it (one) which attracted me to USC and timately to Accounting as a dis-

Not just concerned about the bottom ne, Shellie is also actively involved in everal Asian American associations. ne has served on the Heritage Week ommittee for the Asian Pacific Student utreach organization, and has particiated in USC's Asian American Tutorial roject. Additionally concerned about e problems of the young, Shellie taught "Drug Awareness and Information" urse at the Manual Arts High School.

Realizing that there is a vast amount knowledge that can not be acquired in e classroom, Shellie sees her work exerience as a strong complement to her lucation. "There are many challenges nead existing in all actions we take. opefully, through education, experice and growth, I can meet these nallenges."

aren Akemi Shinozaki

Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts (\$1900) Parents: Richard & Masako Shinozaki of San Rafael, CA

"I love music and being able to exress myself through the violin. Giving f myself in a performance and reaching ut to someone else gives me a deep atisfaction."

Karen has come a long way since reeiving her first quarter-sized violin at he age of seven so that she could be like er big brother Rick. At the age of 9, laren began to study at the San Franisco Conservatory of Music where she as continued with lessons two or three mes a week. Last summer, Karen was elected as a finalist in the National Conerto Competition—the only national husic competition specifically for high chool age artists. As soloist of the San rancisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, laren helped win the highest honor at he 15th Annual International Youth and Iusic Festival in Vienna.

Graduating with honors as a National Ierit Commended Scholar from San omenico High School, Karen will connue her studies at the San Francisco onservatory of Music and work toward ternational violin competitions in Italy nd England. Future plans include UC erkeley in the spring.

"I still have much to learn, technicalmusically, and emotionally. Howver, the hours of practice required to urther my music is teaching me, among ther things, discipline and hard work."

dwin Norio Sasaki

Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarship (\$2000) for a Student Entering Law School for the first time

"I am third generation Japanese merican who was born, raised and eduated in Honolulu, Hawaii. Neither of my arents attended college, but both of em have made tremendous personal acrifices to provide me with the best bssible education.'

Today, Edwin is graduating from Harard with honors in History. "History aches us one great lesson, and that is to cknowledge rather than ignore the misikes of our past, so that as a people truly edicated to the principles of liberty and istice for all, we may better defend gainst the perpetration of gross injustes in the future. This is a crucial lesson lat we, the Japanese Americans of a punger generation, can ill afford to foret. Manzanar, Tule Lake, Heart Mounin, Topaz, Poston, Gila River, Graada, Minidoka, Rohwer, Jerome, Hon-

al JAA Awards b 'independent'

FRANCISCO—Eight CJAA vards made in 1986 are not being reated this year through the National CL Scholarship Committee, accordg to George Kondo for the California panese Alumni Association. He said e awards would be made "independtly" from this year.

The CJAA awards are among the most veted in JACL—each for \$2,500, four ing to undergraduates and four to aduate students.

ouliuli—these were the tragic mistakes which those of us who love our country dearly can forgive, but which those of us who love freedom and justice dare not forget.

"I would like to use my law school education in a way that will contribute meaningfully to the improvement of Asian American relations in our society, and with this goal in mind, I promise to bring with me to law school a high level of motivation, a firm commitment to learning, and a strong sense of social responsibility."

Wendy Naomi Sodetani

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Creative Arts Scholarship (\$5000) Member: Hawaii Chapter JACL

"All my life I felt that being a local girl from Hawaii was a handicap: I grew up trapped in a cultural backwater, distanced from the 'outside world' where things happened. I didn't want to write about the people I knew, events and places that made up life in the islands; they seemed inconsequential.

"Today, I feel a lifetime commitment to help unearth and share stories reflecting Hawaii's multicultural heritage beyond these shores. I am deeply convinced they have a place in the literature, television and film venues of the 'larger world,' and a contribution to make in terms of cross-cultural understanding."

Thus, Wendy has begun a project to write, direct and produce a film entitled "Colours" which explores the friendship between two "social misfits" living in a sugar plantation camp town in rural Hawaii during the '40s: an old Hawaiian man, blinded by leprosy, and a little Japanese girl who is hearing-impaired. Besides dealing with inter-ethnic prejudice, "Colours" shows the transforming power of creativity—how imagination can go beyond boundaries, real or imagined.

Knowing what it means to be a "person of color," Wendy now views the arts as a place where social change can begin to happen. "Colours" is just a beginning.

Jean Harumi Sumida

Mr. & Mrs. James Michener Scholarship (\$500) Parent: Etsuo Sumida of Portland, OR

This 1987 valedictorian of Portland's James Madison High, is as comfortable doing combat on the courts with a varsity tennis racket as she is with the pen of the Editor-in-Chief of the school news paper. Whether in math competitions or representing her school in the Summer Enrichment Program at Cornell Univer-

sity, Jean is constantly giving it her best. Having been brought up with a strong sense of family and community responsibility, Jean divides her "free" time between helping out at her parent's restaurant and volunteering for special projects. She has taken leadership roles as chairman of a Red Cross Blood Drive and a Project Second Wind Canned Food Drive. Currently, she is treasurer of the Portland/Sapporo Sister City Association, and serves as a Japanese/English interpreter for the Mayor's Office and the City of Portland.

Headed for Stanford this fall, Jean expects to pursue a major in engineering based on her love of math and science. She also hopes to be able to spend some time studying in Japan. Having been raised in an American home with strong Japanese influences, Jean sees herself as the product of two cultures that may find common ground in the field of international business.

Jojiro Takano

of St Louis, MO

Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship (\$5000) Parents: Masaharu & Hiroko Takano

"An individual should always challenge himself to educate himself and to improve the world around him. I have high hopes that my future will bring many opportunities to accomplish both of these objectives."

Given what Jojiro has accomplished in his first 18 years, one realizes that his standards are far beyond those of the typical achievement-oriented Sansei. Academically, Jojiro has distinguished himself as Parkway North High School's class salutatorian and as a National Merit Finalist with nearly perfect (780/780) SAT scores. He has garnered first place honors in state-wide mathematics competitions, and has earned a Rensselaer Medal in Math and Science.

What's more, Jojiro is the JAYs President for the St. Louis JACL Chapter!!! Not only having time to demonstrate his concern for others in academic circles (e.g., peer counseling and participation in Students Against Drunk Driving), Jojiro has taken on the responsibilities of community leadership.

Furthermore, he has had the wisdom

to develop skills from his experiences— Jojiro was a finalist in last summer's National JACL Forensics Competition, and learn more about himself—"Leadership has given me (the) conviction that I have the ability to improve the world around me." Isn't it nice that we'll all benefit.

Mark Makoto Tanaka

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship (\$750) Member: Cincinnati Chapter JACL

"Born in Kyoto (and) self-conscious of our ethnicity, my two siblings and I had always shunned the Japanese language. By the time I matured and developed a positive self-identity as a Japanese American, I thought it was too late to ever learn. However, this past summer, our father took the three of us to Japan (and to our entire extended family) for for the first time in 14 years. Returning to school, I was determined to learn Japanese...The decision was one of my

Not only concerned about his own ethnic development, Mark is a founding member of the Asian American Studies Program steering committee which seeks to educate the community about Asian American issues and to institute an ethnic studies program at Harvard. In addition, he serves on the steering committee of the Japanese Cultural Society.

Having chosen anthropology "for its holistic outlook," Mark finds that his course work continues to allay his initial fears that anthropology was an irrelevant indulgence. He now sees his career interests focusing on medical anthropology and human ecology with the hope of improving conditions in the world. Today, Mark is a companion tutor (big brother) to a 8-year-old child, and a volunteer assisting local refugees through a family visitation and tutoring program. He has already begun to make a difference.

Dahni Kiku Tsuboi

Kyutaro Abiko Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

"'A picture is worth a thousand words,' says the artist. $E = mc^2$ says the beaming-with-pride mathematician. But, 'literature is the human element of man,' says the English major. That's me! I am an avid believer in the written word, (a) storyteller of history and fantasy, (of) dreams and traditions on a page.

"It is the romantic in me, or perhaps the romantic me that puts so much into my trusted pen-writing down all of my thoughts, good and bad, in an attempt to understand myself. It is the romantic me that believes in everything I can imagine."

Having enjoyed previous success in several California state journalism competitions, Dahni now exhibits her writing talents as an honors student and English major at Wellesley College (near Boston, MA). Active in the Asian Association, she is currently focusing her energies on the Committee to Establish an Asian-American Studies Course at Wellesley.

Finding no better 'place to stage it all than on paper," Dahni says "literature captures the essence of living."

Lori Vacek

California First Bank Graduate Scholarship (\$1000) for a California Resident Studying in a Business Related Field

Affiliation: San Francisco Chapter JACL

"When I was about 13 years old, my two-year-old sister woke up from a nap and was rushed to the hospital where she remained paralyzed from the neck down and unable to breath. No one ever discerned what the illness was or why it occurred

"For the next two and a half years, our neighbors and the Crippled Children's Society provided financial support. Our parish and the local police department held benefit fundraisers. The local ambulance company donated oxygen tanks for her respirator (and) the Ford Motor Plant donated a generator to provide a back-up source of energy. Friends would come over to our house to read and spend time with her so that the family could rest.

"Although this experience took place 15 years ago, it continues to shape my outlook. It is the reason why I am interested in nonprofit and community affairs work as I have seen how (they) can directly impact the lives of people they

serve. A graduate of Washington University in Political Science/Human Services, and a Coro Foundation Fellow in Public Affairs, Lori plans on continuing her studies at UC Berkeley in business administration to complement the nonprofit experience she already has.

Lois L. Watanabe

The Reverend H. John Yamashita Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$1000) Member: San Diego Chapter JACL

"I am a Yonsei...fourth generation American, Japanese by ancestry. The basic values and beliefs of my ancestors that have passed faithfully from generation to generation and are now instilled in me. I respect my elders, love my family and my country. A graduate degree has always been my goal; education a neces-

"My parents built an environment which gave me freedom to explore and experience new challenges while concurrently supplying the stability and security of their unwavering support. Consequently, I have developed a self-confidence that allows a sensitivity to others and a positive outlook on life which makes all experiences good ones. I have been given a legacy of caring and the importance of education, a combination which makes medicine a natural choice. I'd like to utilize and perpetuate this legacy by striving to help others."

A 1984 honors graduate of Brown University, Lois is now beginning her fourth year in Medical School at UC San Diego. A native of Hawaii, she is familiar with the needs of the Asian community and has been active in several Asian American student associations. She further expects to broaden her horizons by traveling to Africa this year for clinical experi-

Darin Takeo Yamasaki

Giichi Aoki Memorial Scholarship (\$500) Parent: James K. Yamasaki of Bridgeton, NJ

"I was born in a small town named Bridgeton in New Jersey. Growing up, there was always the quality of having things just right—in a particular pattern—in order."

For those of you familiar with the Seabrook community (of which Bridgeton is part), you will understand that Darin's description perfectly captures the essence of the area: the modest homes, the neatly kept orchards, the serenity of the countryside, and the simplicity of the resident's lives ... "order."

However, with all his activities: Ski Club, Yearbook Sports Editor, Deerfield Presbyterian Youth Group, soccer, cross-country, and tennis, Darin's outward appearance is one of being constantly on the run-not one of "order." Inside, however, he reflects the community of which he is so much a part, and has chosen his field of study based on his "sense of order."

"Science and mathematics have always intrigued me (due to) the preciseness and set patterns each has . . . (They) also provide a challenge to unravel their precise formulas and set laws. It is for these reasons that I (want) to be an industrial research pharmacist.."

In pursuit of his chosen field of study, Darin is planning on attending Rutgers University this fall.



JACL Legislative Education Committee Fund Drive Report

'WE CAN DO IT' SPIRIT PREVAILS

By Mae Takahashi, LEC National Fund-Raising Chair

Passing of the Redress Bill can become a reality with our continual commitment and dedication to that effort. The progress of this significant bill is a product of a dynamic "we can do it" attitude. The most striking evidence of this is the on-going support of generous members and friends in time and monies.

So, it is a privilege for me here to commend and thank them for working so hard in their fund-raising tasks.

The Redress Bill has made extraordinary progress in Congress but it is still at a critical stage. We need to work harder to raise funds so executive director Grayce Uyehara and staff can continue their effective campaign.

It is exciting to report that the Pacific Southwest District Council has received \$25,000 through its mail campaign. It is a tribute to their innovation, dedication and commitment to the Redress effort ... Recognition and appreciation is extended to Sachi Kuwamoto, CCDC-JACL regional director, and Sue Koga for their assistance in acknowledging and documenting the contributions for the JACL-LEC Fund ... I also want to thank Bacon Sakatani for his meticulous attention in entering data of all contributors and contributions in his computer. It is through his conscientious work that the following list is being published ... And thank you to all the contributors.

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Heritage Flavors Nikkei's Music

by Edna Ikeda

SAN DIEGO - Pianist/composer Glen Horiuchi recently received a grant from the City of San Diego, Public Arts Advisory Board, to do a series of six free outdoor concerts entitled 'Multicultural Jazz in the Park"

The rhythm of taiko drums and Japanese folk tunes are integrated into his jazz tunes in a way that expresses experiences from the Japanese American community. Horiuchi hopes that the result is that people can hear something about their parent's or grandparent's experiences in this country in his music.

Original compositions include "Next Step," which was composed after the commission hearings on the camps in 1981. Horiuchi found the hearings to be a deeply moving event, as close friends and family members testified.

"It was very moving to me to see people express all the stories that really hadn't been expressed for forty years." Horiuchi wanted to capture the intensity and emotion from the hearings. "So that's basically what gave me the idea for 'Next Step' — the title meaning what's the next step for the Japanese American community to take."

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of taiko drums and Japanese American community and musical experiences, Horiuchi has been deeply influenced by the music of jazz giant John Coltrane. "His approach (was) of really going for it all and approaching something with intensity." Coltrane's music reflected the upheavals occuring during the sixties. In addition, Horiuchi also admires Thelonious Monk and Charles Mingus.

The music by the band Hiroshima had a big impact on Horiuchi when they came out with their first album. 'They really put out the idea of using Japanese instruments, melodies and rhythms that a lot of us had seen and experienced, such as at obon festivals, and putting it into music that a lot of us (Sansei) could relate to. That was really powerful."

Though Horiuchi's music has little resemblance to Hiroshima, he credits them as an important influence on his own compositions. "I think they were an important first step. They take Japanese sounds and put it into popular black music, R&B or jazz fusion. I use a lot of elements of black music but not so much dance or popular music — more like that from the 'jazz tradition' of Coltrane, Monk and Mingus."

The outdoor concerts, which ran each weekend between July 2 and Aug. 13, received a good reception from an audience of different nationalities.



Director of 'Minefields'-Momoko Iko will direct "Asian Women: Through the Minefields," to be presented by the Pacific Asian American Women Writers-West (PAAWWW) Sept. 26 in Los Angeles (see article).

Reading Slated for Arts Celebration

LOS ANGELES — "Asian Women: Through the Minefields," a dramatic literary reading by Pacific Asian American Women Writers-West (PAAWWW), will be performed at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd., on Sept. 26 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The production, part of the month-long Fringe Festival/Los Angeles Arts Festival, will take place at the first national convention of the Asian American Journalists Association and is open to the public, free of charge.

Adapted and produced by Emma Gee and directed by Momoko Iko, "Asian Women: Through the Minefields" will be a collage of

works, by Pacific Asian American women writers, past and present. Writers who will be reading include Cecilia Brainard, Naomi Hirahara, Velina Hasu Houston, Momoko Iko, Akemi Kikumura, Ardis Nishikawa, Joyce Nako, Janice Mirikitani, Amy Uyematsu and Wakako Yamauchi.

Formed in 1978, PAAWWW is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to fostering the artistic development of women writers of color.

For more information about the reading, contact Naomi Hirahara at (213) 629-2285 during the day, and (818) 441-5099 in the

evenings.

SAN FRANCISCO — With over 300 enthusiastic participants attending the Third National JACL Singles Convention, the message is now clear: the needs of singles can no longer

The convention, held Sept.4-6 at San Francisco's Cathedral Hill Hotel, was attended by participants from throughout California and the Pacific Northwest, and from as far away as Denver and

"The singles issue is the binding force that brings us together," stated Meriko Mori, National JACL Singles Concern Committee chair. "We do more than fun and social activities. We are also able to support the community and increase awareness of

The Fine Art of Flirting

The convention's agenda included a number of workshops. One of the more popular workshops was entitled 'Master the Fine Art of Flirting," led by popular Bay Area dating coach

Emphasizing eye contact, small talk and touching as key points, Kellam noted that "flirting feels good and has the capability of making others feel

"Culturally, Asians are taught to lower their eyes," said Kellam and instructed her listeners to "start by just looking at a few

lam's advice was to "try it first in an environment you feel safe in"

compliment. 'The less expectations you have, the happier you'll be," she warned.

Her explanation of the proper way to touch while socializing drew laughs from the audience. "The touching zone for women is from the shoulders to the hands," said Kellam. "For men, you can touch them just

Sexuality for Singles

was entitled "Sexuality for Sensuous Singles." It was led by members of the Orange County Sansei Singles. Each panel member described his or her dif-

"When we formed the Orange

Another divorcee, Cathy Iseda, described her experiences as a single parent trying to raise her son while also dating. 'I tell him everything that goes on with my ex-spouse and reassure him that he is loved and is my number one priority," she acknowledged. "If someone comes into our lives and takes me out, I divide time

Singles Issues Explored at Meeting

By Mark J. Jue

be taken for granted.

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Carolyn Kellams.

people's eyes everyday."

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about anywhere you want."

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County group, I met a lot of Japanese Americans who were not in touch with their sexuality," observed Grace Masuda. 'I never saw my Dad touch my Mom until about four years ago. I was divorced six years ago and was also not aware of my sexuality, other than being intimate with my husband," she said, adding that dating revealed what it was like having an interracial relationship versus one with a Japanese American.

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LOS ANGELES — Dr. Feelie Lee has joined UCLA Extension as senior consultant for the newly established Asian/Pacific Outreach Program.

In this role, she will be respon sible for developing strategic plans to help meet the continu ing education needs of the Asian Pacific population in the greater Los Angeles area.

A former teacher, writer and lecturer, Lee also serves as director of International Projects for the UCLA Office of International Students and Scholars and the International Student Center.

Theatrical Group Holds Fundraiser, Honors Mitsui

LOS ANGELES — Janet Mitsu was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo's office for outstanding civic and community contributions as she stepped down from her position at East West Players.

Serving as Administrator of the oldest Asian American thea ter company in the U.S. for the past seven years, Mitsui was re sponsible for administering the theater's operations strategic plans. She also played a critical role in East West Player's search for a new theater site, tentatively located in down town Los Angeles.

Mitsui was honored at a June 27 East West Player's Fundrais ing Luau where approximately 475 friends and patrons came to support the efforts of the theater Organized by board member Shirley Chami, the event helped raise funds which will go to wards the building and operations fund of the theater.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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LOS ANGELES

Present-Nov. 6—"Bijyutsu, Hogaku: Japanese," a group exhibition of Los Angeles contemporary artists, at the FHP Hippodrome Gallery. Hours: M-F, 10 am-4 pm, Tues. 10 am-7 pm. Info: 213 432-8431.

Present to Sept. 30—The Asian American Resource Center and the University Library, California State University, Los Angeles present an exhibit, "My People Did This to My People," by Tina Midori Imahara, at the Library (North). Parking and other info: 213 224-2252.

Sept. 19—Asian Pacific Bar of California panel program, "Anti-Asian Violence: Impact and Implications," 2 pm-5pm, Century Plaza Hotel.

Sept. 12-Oct. 16—Bunka Shodo Exhibition, 12 pm-5 pm, George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., 90012, closed Mondays. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

Sept. 20—The Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California presents "An Afternoon with Bob Nakamura," 2 pm at the Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 West 162nd St., Gardena. Two award-winning films, "Wataridori: Birds of Passage" and "Fool's Dance" will be shown free of charge. Info: Iku Kiriyama, 213 326-0608.

Sept. 23-27—Asian American Journalists Association National Convention, Downtown Hilton. Workshops, job fair, displays, guest speakers and lots more. Info: AAJA, 213 389-8383.

Sept. 23—"Organizing Asian Pacific Workers in Southern California," 8 am-4 pm, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 1010 S. Flower St. \$30 ea. Info: June McMahon, 213 825-3537.

Sept. 24—Director of Japanese Affairs Glen Fukushima, office of the U.S. Trade Representative, will keynote the Foreign Trade Association's luncheon at the Sheraton Grande Hotel. Reservations: 213 627-0634.

OAKLAND

Sept. 19—The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Women's Concerns Committee of JACL presents "An Affaire for Women: Celebration of Ourselves," 9 am-3:30 pm at Laney College in Oakland. Designed to stimulate awareness of and interest in the accomplishments of JA women in art, literature, theater, music, etc. Info: Lucy Kishaba, 707 823-0376 or Susan Nakamura, 408 448-5445.

ORANGE COUNTY

Sept. 27—The Orange County Sansei Singles 2nd Annual Picnic, 10 am-6 pm, TeWinkle Park in Costa Mesa. \$5 covers bento and soft drink. Info: 213 926-3089 or Ron, 714 894-7947.

PASADENA

Sept. 27—Pacific Asia Museum's "Festival of the Autumn Moon: Open House and Silent Auction," 4:30 pm. Reservations and info: 818 449-2742.

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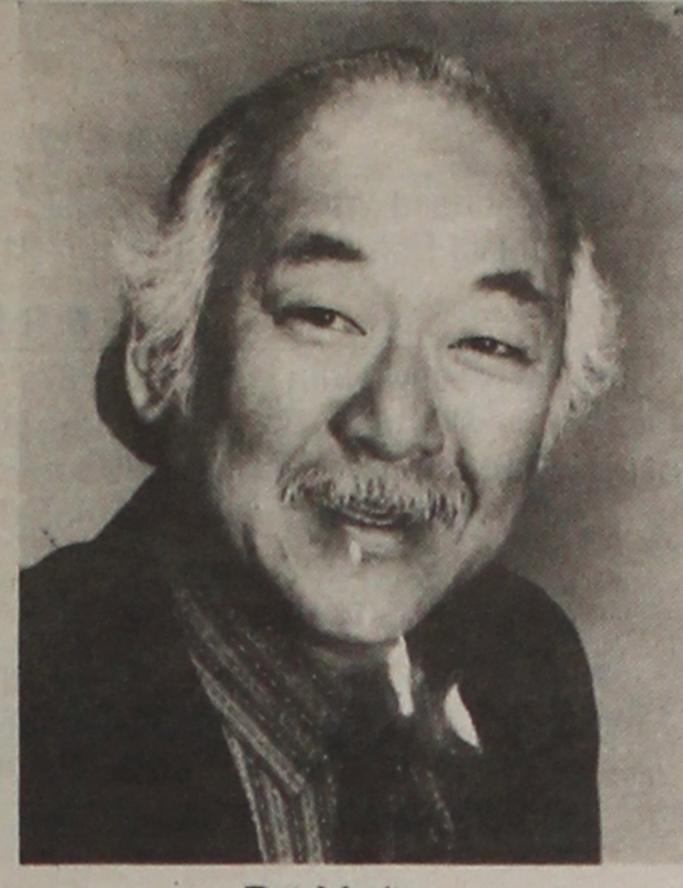
Sept. 12-Nov. 8—"Black Sun: The Eyes of Four," San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park. Info: 619 232-7931.

Sept. 27—Buddhist Temple Annual Food Festival, 11 am-4 pm, 2929 Martin Luther King Way. Tickets to be purchased beforehand. Info: 619 239-0896.

SEATTLE

Sept. 27—Nichiren Buddhist Fujinkai Chow Mein Dinner, 11 am-4:30 pm, 1042 S. Weller St. \$3 ea., available from church or church members.

Actor to Receive ELARCA Award for Contributions



Pat Morita

LOS ANGELES — Pat Morita, star of ABC's television show "Ohara" who also portrayed "Master Miyagi" in the "Karate Kid" and "Karate Kid II" movies, will receive the coveted Humanitarian Award from the board of directors of the East Los Angeles Retarded Citizens' Association, Inc. (EL ARCA).

"The award is the highest honor that can be achieved for contributions made toward the advancement of retarded children," announced Tommy Chung, board president.

The presentation will be made at the Annual Rainbow Ball, to be held on Nov. 7 at the Bonaventure Hotel. Serving as Mistress and Master of Ceremonies of the gala event are Linda Alvarez, anchor of KNBC News, and Luis Avalos, an actor.

"The proceeds from this benefit will go toward the social, educational and recreational programs for retarded children," said Victor Franco, public relations manager of the Miller Brewing Company which is also dinner sponsor of the event.

For more information and reservations, call Janice Cox at

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Former Internees of Poston Reunite

SACRAMENTO — Former Poston Camp internees and friends gathered for the Poston II Reunion held at the Sacramento Inn on Aug. 28, 29 and 30 to recall the events that happened almost 45 years ago.

More than 500 Sacramentans visited the Poston II exhibit, walking through replicas of the Poston II barracks and viewing photos of camp as well as artwork which depicted camp life.

Combat memorabilia, includ-

ing 442nd RCT colors and photos, military decorations and other combat mementos, documented the positive contributions of Japanese Americans during WW2. The Nisei among the nearly 300 who attended had an average age of 64.

Another Poston reunion is planned for the Fall of 1989, under the direction of Otis Kadani. Poston II Memorial booklets are still available by sending \$7.50 to Poston II Reunion, c/o Tsugio Yamamoto, 6880 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831.

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between the relationship and my

"If you are a single parent, be close to your children," Iseda said. "Make them aware that you love them."

Reflecting on the difficulties of beginning over again, Ron Yamasaki, a recent widower, said, "Anytime you lose someone, you think about them for a very long time. You have to stay busy and keep trying to work things out.

"Sometimes I go out with another woman and they wonder if I'm thinking about my wife and what we did together," said Yamasaki. "... I just try to have a good time with life and enjoy my-

self. Unsure as to whether or not he was ready for another relationship, he added that joining

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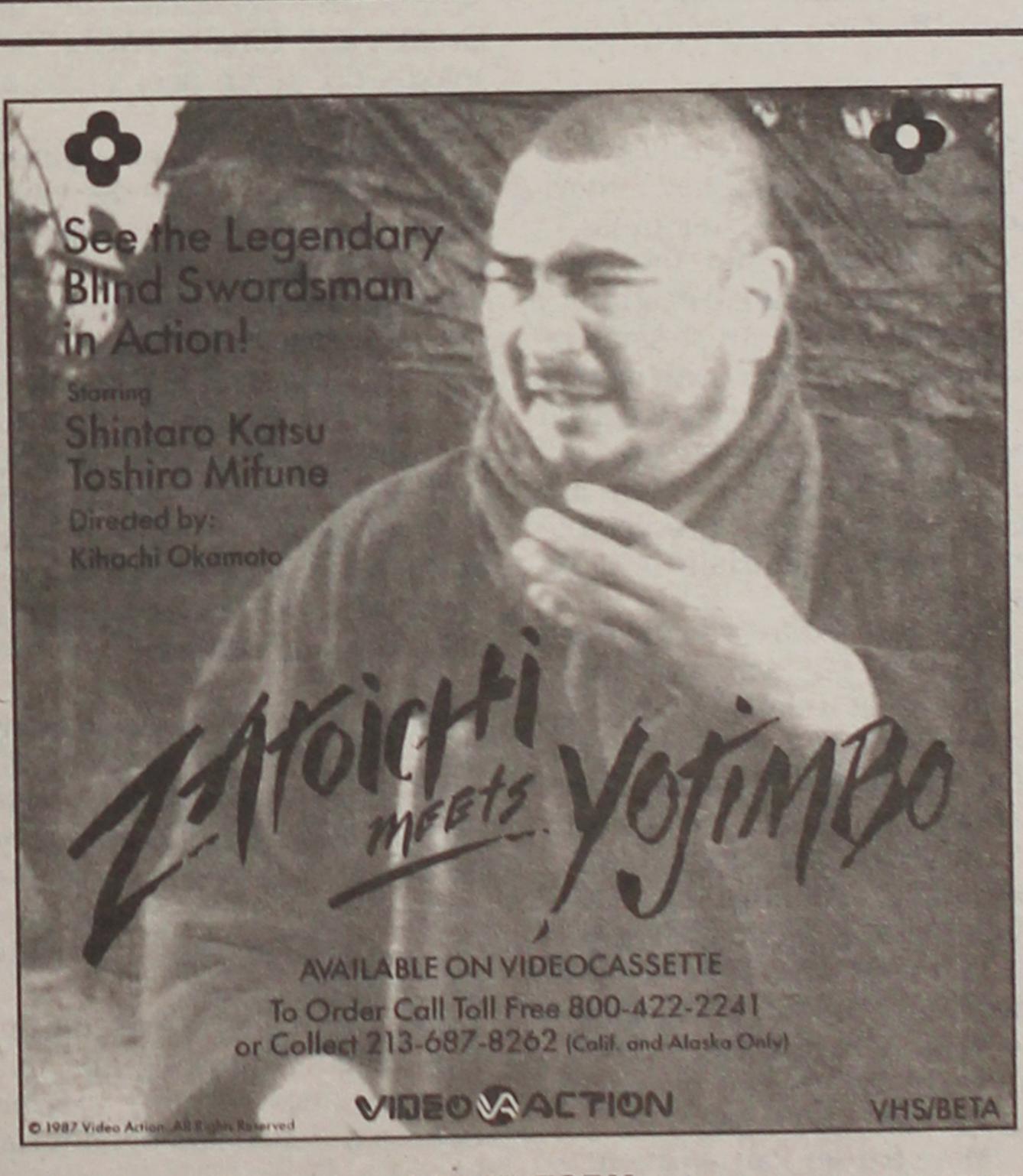
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Kawakami. Gardena Valley: 30-David Miyamoto*. Marina: 2-Linda Hara. Mile Hi: 31-Yutaka Terasaki. St. Louis: 29-George Shimamoto. San Francisco: 34-Jack Hirose. San Jose: 19-William Yamada. Seattle: 25-Mrs. George Kashiwagi, 11-Fumi 11-Richard Yamasaki, Yamasaki.

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SINGLES

lamented.

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singles organization "has helped tremendously." Yamasaki was recently named president of the Orange County Sansei Group.

Much discussion also centered around the negative images of Asian men. 'Even other minorities have gotten better press the black super stud, the Latin lover," cited panelist Harvey Hanemoto. "In contrast Asian females have gotten positive press . . . Asian women are perceived as delicate damsels that are submissive and passive. Men are seen as reserved, predictable and more materialistic," he

All panelists stressed the need for Asians to take more chances in initiating relationships. "Go for the gusto. For things to happen, you've got to make them happen. Japanese Americans are guilty of being too passive," exclaimed Hanemoto. "Also think about what you're looking for in a relationship. We're very specific when looking for cars we want a Toyota Supra Turbo,

ing for men and women." More Sansei Participation

but we're not specific when look-

Unlike the two previous conventions that were attended mainly by Nisei, this convention had strong participation from many younger Sansei. "I attended the last convention and took away a lot of friendships. Before I did not have Japanese American friends. I did not even associate with them," said Joan Sakyo, president of San Francisco Asian Singles. "Afterwords I took over the leadership of my club and Grace (Masuda) and Harvey (Hanemoto) formed the Orange County Sansei Singles.

We encouraged our younger Sanfriends to join," she explained.

"We're mostly Nisei, but we have Sansei members too," asserted Meriko Mori, who also serves as president of the Greater L.A. Singles JACL "Age makes no difference, we're all

just good friends." When asked if all her organization did was social activities, Mori replied, "The social activities bring you together first. That directs us towards community activities. Being single is not just running around having a good time and staying out late all the time. Singles are more focused because they've been through losses, divorce or have never been married. That gives many of us a deeper appreciation for our culture," she declared.

"I didn't expect to see so many -especially young people at this convention," expressed Alan Nishi, National JACL secretarytreasurer. "This tells me that the singles issue is an issue that JACL must address in the future," he concluded.

Other activities at the convention included bowling and golf tournaments, cultural performances, a dance and benefit raf-

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SAN MATEO

- San Mateo JACL "Community Pot Luck Picnic" is Sept. 26, at Shoreview Park, 12 pm to dusk. Plates, napkins, utensils, cups, ice and soft drinks provided. Bring own beer or wine and a pot luck dish (appetizer, salad, main course or dessert). Info: Kimie Watanabe, 415 349 7798, MaryJo Kubota, 415 593 7358, Grace Yamaguchi, 415 579 0276, Virginia Tanakatsubo, 415 345 9618 or the Community Center, 415 343 2793.
- "Planning for Nursing Home Care with Government Benefits," Sept. 29, 7 pm, JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: San Mateo JACL, 415 S. Clermont St., San Mateo, CA 94401.

SOUTH BAY

South Bay JACL Sansei Singles Committee's "Big Bear Weekend" is Oct. 16,17 & 18. Fishing, boating, horseback riding, social activities and getting acquainted exercises. Fee: \$75 ea., due Sept. 30. Info: Aiko, 213 516-6170 or Midori, 213 541-6698.

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