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City Treasurer Eyes \$290,000 Investment Loss

BELLFLOWER, Calif.—City Treasurer Mike Sakamoto, 43, is a key figure in an investment deal which has gone sour, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Nov. 12. While the case is under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which the SEC has not confirmed nor denied because the matter is confidential, it involves a loss of \$290,000.

Last December, the city of Bellflower began purchasing zero-coupon U.S. Treasury notes through E.F. Hutton. The investment totaled \$717,827. On Oct. 26, the city sold the bonds for \$425,000, Sakamoto reported. The bonds were to have a yield of 8.25% over 25 years.

Zero-coupon bonds pay all their accumulated interest at maturity instead of at regular intervals, such as every six months. That makes their prices sensitive to interest rates. They are known as one of the more volatile types of bond issues. Although the California Government Code allows cities to invest in Treasury notes, using public money for speculative investments in hopes that the market will rise or fall is forbidden, according to Zenda James, president of the California Municipal Treasurers Association.

Treasurer's Responsibility

As treasurer, Sakamoto has the authority to invest city money and review investment policies, Bellflower city attorney Maurice O'Shea explained as the city council has no knowledge of these specific types of investments. City administrator Jack Simpson said it is usual procedure to invest without consulting the council.

The city council was surprised and angry when it learned of the loss. Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Cleveland commented, "We should have never been in this market. . . I'm not sure Mr. Sakamoto did anything wrong, so until I find out who did, I am not firing anyone." Councilman William Pendleton said, "Whether we made money or didn't, it was an improper investment. As far as I'm concerned, it was E.F. Hutton's mistake."

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CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY—Representatives from various Asian American groups testified on anti-Asian violence before the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights on Oct. 10 in Washington. (l-r) Arthur Soong, president, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; James Tso, president, Organization of Chinese Americans; and Floyd Shimomura, chair, JACL Anti-Asian Violence Committee. Not pictured: Kim Cook, executive director, Mutual Assistance Associations Consortium.

Chicago JACL Calls Kennedy Immigration Bill 'Racist'

By George Johnston

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL Board of Directors voted to symbolically oppose the passage of identical immigration reform bills, S. 1611 and H.R. 3143 in its October meeting. "The implications of this bill . . . are clearly racist," said Chicago JACL President Paul Igasaki. The New York-based Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) have also raised concerns about the immigration reform bills, which would make modifications in immigration reforms which took place in 1965.

Background

The Senate bill, also known as the "Immigration Act of 1987," was introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) Aug. 6. The identical H.R. 3143 was introduced by Rep. Brian Donnelly (D-Mass.). The Senate Immigration Subcommittee heard testimony on S. 1611 on Oct. 23; H.R. 3143 has not yet undergone hearings.

In 1965, Congress enacted legislation to end special preference given to immigrants from Europe, giving people from all countries of the world an equal chance to come to the U.S., with family reunification its foundation. A ceiling of 270,000 people a year, worldwide, was set with a maximum of 20,000 immigrants per nation. Since that time, most of the recent legal immigration has come from Asia and Mexico.

'Adversely Affected' Nations

Part of the opposition to S. 1611 is the criteria for immigrants helped by the creation of 50,000 additional non-preference visas. The additional 50,000 is supposed to help those nations "adversely affected" by 1965 reforms, or immigrants who no longer have living relatives in the U.S. The new legislation would be establish a point system based on education, professional background and English language literacy to determine eligibility for . . . 50,000 additional visas for older sources of immigration — especially the traditional ethnic flows from Ireland, Italy, other nations of Western Europe, Canada and other countries."

The point system would require an applicant to total at least 70 points to qualify to register for a visa. The English language requirement would give 10 points to English-speaking immigrants and an additional 30 points

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Vincent Chin's Mother Leaves U.S. in Disgust

By Judith A. Lyons

DETROIT — Months after the man who murdered her son Vincent was acquitted by a Cleveland jury, Lilly Chin has decided to return to China—perhaps forever.

"She said she had to leave because she couldn't find justice in this country," said Henry Yee who was appointed by the state to represent Chin's estate. "There were just too many reminders and memories for her here and she was fed up and depressed."

The "justice" that the widowed housewife, and mother of adopted son Vincent, couldn't understand was the jury's May 1 decision to acquit her son's confessed killer Ronald Ebens on charges of civil rights violations.

Ebens and his nephew Michael Nitz got off with light sentences for

second degree murder—three years parole and a fine of \$3,780 each.

The two defendants who had worked in Detroit auto plants, allegedly confused Vincent Chin for Japanese and blamed him for the layoffs in the industry. After a dispute in a bar, Ebens struck Chin with a baseball bat in a parking lot. Four days later on June 22, 1982 Vincent Chin died.

James Shimoura, a Detroit attorney and member of the American Citizen's for Justice, said that Chin, 67, will live in Canton where her 88-year-old mother and relatives live.

"We just got a postcard from her the other day so we know she has arrived," said Shimoura. "It really has been a real hardship and heartache for her these past five years. I guess she just wanted to get away from it all."

He said she continues to use her Oakpark, Michigan house as her legal residence and thinks she will return to the United States someday, "although it may be a number of years before she does."

Yee disagrees with Shimoura and thinks Chin will not return to America and the memories that drove her away.

"She just broke down and said she wanted to go back. I don't think she will return. I don't think so," said Yee.

Yee said that Chin is receiving \$50,000 in life insurance for Vincent and restitution of \$200 a month from Ebens and \$30 a month from Nitz.

"She plans to take the proceeds and build an elementary school in her village with it," said Yee.

—reprinted from Asian Week

JACL Urges Federal Tally of Anti-Asian Violence

By George Johnston

WASHINGTON — Increased anti-Asian violence was the topic at an Oct. 10 hearing before the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, chaired by Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.). Individuals and groups presenting testimony were Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.); Rep. Bob Matsui (D-Calif.); Floyd Shimomura of the JACL Anti-Asian Violence Committee; Arthur Soong, president of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Kim Cook, executive director of the Mutual Assistance Associations Consortium; and James Tso, president of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

Shimomura's Testimony

Floyd Shimomura, a deputy attorney general of California and part-time teacher at the University of California at Davis School of Law, appeared on behalf of the JACL and reported the reasons why he thought anti-Asian violence re-emerged in the 1980s. According to Shimomura, "First, often overlooked, is the simple fact that America, during the last 45 years, has fought three major wars in Asia . . . In each war, hundreds of thousands of young Americans were sent to Asia to fight an Asian foe . . . The emotional scars and hostility created by such conflicts do not disappear overnight.

"Second, the rapid increase in Asian immigration has caused strains . . . now three out of every five Asians (in the U.S.) are foreign born." Shimomura cited "trade friction caused by competition from Asian countries" as the third cause of anti-Asian sentiment whereby Asian Americans have become the scapegoat.

'National Tragedy'

Matsui testified that existing evidence shows an increase of racially motivated crimes, often referred to "hate crimes," citing a Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission report that showed Asians as 24 percent of all hate crime victims in 1986, up from 14 percent in 1985.

"What today is a pernicious problem," he said, "could soon explode into a national tragedy." Matsui also cited 1986 statistics from Boston, where Asians constitute three percent of the population, but were victims of nearly one third of the attacks police considered racially motivated.

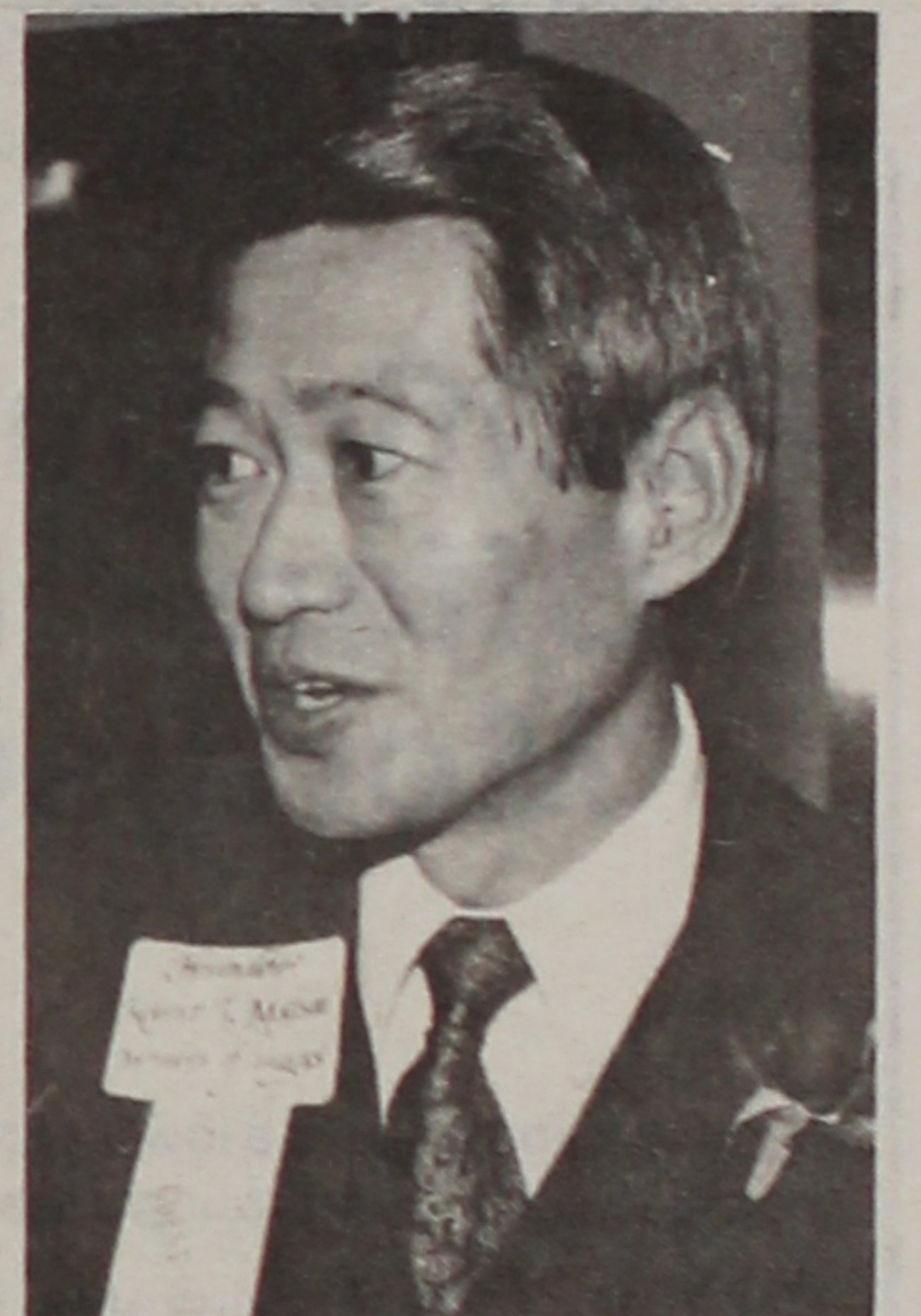
Inflammatory remarks by government officials and American industrial leaders, as well as negative portrayals in entertainment media, were also cited by Matsui as possible causes for increased anti-Asian sentiment. "When a deputy U.S. trade representative refers to the Japanese as 'Nippers' or when the chairman of a major auto manufacturer says that his goal is to 'beat the hell out of the Japs,' tension is created and scapegoats are found," noted Matsui. "The result of these stereotypes—whether created by business leaders, public officials or Hollywood—is that the public lumps all Asians together. The fact that an Asian may be an American becomes of no consequence."

Testimony supplied by the JACL also pointed the finger at the enter-

tainment media, not only for the lack of Asian American and Asian portrayals, but for being negative when shown at all. According to a 1979 study by the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications, only 2.5 percent of the characters on prime time television during the period of 1970-76 were Asian. The JACL report also referred to the American Telecommunications Association, which identified recent movies that characterized Asians in a negative manner, including "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," "Revenge of the Nerds," "Sixteen Candles," and "Gremlins." "Year of the Dragon" was also cited in the JACL report as a movie that "outraged the Asian American community with its negative portrayal of Asian Americans."

Remedies

Matsui felt that documentation was the first step to combat anti-Asian violence. A bill introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), H.R. 3193, would require the attorney general to collect and publish statistics for a period of five years "on crimes which manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity." According



Robert Matsui

to Matsui, "We simply must know more about hate crimes and their numbers if we are to respond to them effectively." Matsui also felt that stiffer penalties for hate crimes, including crimes of vandalism toward houses of worship and other religious institutions, would be appropriate.

Shimomura, in giving the four-point JACL stance, echoed some of Matsui's sentiments to remedy the situation. The first point would strengthen criminal sanctions for hate crimes, making misdemeanors into felonies, if crimes are committed because of racial, ethnic or religious hatred.

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Declares He Was Misled

Sakamoto declared he was misled. When asked if he was aware that the bonds were bought on margin, Sakamoto said: "It's almost im-

possible to read what's on those confirmation slips." He told the *Times* there are many areas "I cannot get into because of potential litigation. But our office's understanding was that this was a proper investment."

Sakamoto also serves as assistant city administrator. He was appointed city treasurer by the city council in 1980. Before joining Bellflower, he was a grants consultant for several L.A. county communities, including Bellflower, Paramount and Culver City.

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Two of Senator's Proposals Accepted

WASHINGTON — Two major proposals authored by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), which would aid the flow of international trade and authorize a new round of multilateral trade negotiations, were approved Oct. 22 as House and Senate conferees began negotiations on historic trade legislation.

One of Matsunaga's amendments, approved as a floor amendment to the Senate's Omnibus Trade Bill, would lead to direct implementation on Jan. 1, 1988 of the Interna-

tional Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, basically setting a common international language among trading nations.

"The adoption of a uniform system will yield substantial benefits to companies involved in international trade," Matsunaga said. "Record-keeping will be simplified, tracking goods between countries will become easier, and compliance with restrictions on imports, such as licensing requirements, will become more certain."

The Harmonized System is scheduled to be put into use on Jan. 1, 1988 by more than 40 of the world's major trading nations. It will be the first time that most of the world's trade will be conducted based on a uniform record-keeping system.

In designing the amendment, Matsunaga said that meeting the internationally set deadline of Jan. 1, 1988 was of critical importance and so he proposed direct implementation in place of earlier language providing for "fast-track" approval procedure.

The conference also approved the renewal of the president's authority to continue negotiations in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade talks. Present authority expires on Jan 3, 1988. Matsunaga introduced legislation to extend the negotiating authority last February and the legislation was included in the Senate's Omnibus Trade Bill.

"Some of the problems that are casting a long shadow over the international trading system today, such as the distortions in agricultural trade, can only be resolved on a multilateral basis," Matsunaga said, adding that the Senate bill recognized that theory.

Matsunaga, chairman of the International Trade Subcommittee, said acceptance of the Harmonized Code and renewal of negotiating authorities were major legislative goals of the Reagan Administration.

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Education Fund Offers Internships to AA Students

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AACE is now expanding its services to include internships for Asian American high school students interested in civics and government.

This program is made possible by Jessie Cheng, a Honolulu philanthropist who has been supportive of Asian American organizations.

She makes annual contributions to the Organization of Chinese Americans to make it possible for students in Hawaii to participate in government internship programs in Washington, D.C. She is also active in senior service organizations such as the Golden Age Association. She also promotes Chinese arts and cultural activities.

Through the Jessie Cheng Education Fund, high school seniors in San Francisco can participate in internship programs with the offices of various elected officials and local governmental agencies.

Supervisor Thomas Hsieh said of the program, "Ultimately, this would promote the awareness of Asian Americans in the political process and their interest to participate. This valuable program is the first of its kind in San Francisco and I strongly encourage all eligible students to apply."

Participants will learn how governmental regulations and laws affect the local citizenry, provide assistance to constituents, and work closely with staff on current issues. The program is a semester-long internship with a \$500 stipend. Three students will be selected for the spring 1988 semester, with additional placements in succeeding semesters.

Application deadline is Nov. 31. For additional information and an application, contact AACE, 2012 Pine St., San Francisco 94115; (415) 921-5537.

46 Years of a Warm Association

By Shig Kahara

In the fall of 1941, weeks before Pearl Harbor, a U.S. Army/JA scene occurred at the Presidio of San Francisco. Lt. Col. John Weckerling, 4th Army G2, was having difficulty persuading Private John Aiso to accept the position of chief instructor of the Japanese Language Intelligence School. Finally, the tall, lean West Pointer stood up, put his hand on John's shoulder and said, "John, your country needs you." John had never been told by anyone of authority that America was his country. To the contrary, John had been told again and again that America did not want him.

In 1923, John had been elected student body president of Le Conte Junior High School in Hollywood, but parents of the Caucasian students forced the principal to cancel student government until John graduated. In John's senior year at Hollywood High School, he won the Southern California debating championship with the right to speak in the national championships in Washington D.C., but he was denied the opportunity on some lame, prejudiced excuse.

So, "John, your country needs you" was a cultural shock, an American cultural shock to an American. But John's response was instantaneous and intuitive, "Yes sir. I'll do the job."

The symbolism of the scene is that Colonel Weckerling was saying to all JA's, "We consider you to be loyal

American citizens. We respect you. We have confidence in you. We trust you. We ask that you perform a vital task in national defense that no other Americans can do. Your country needs you."

Private John Aiso responded as a JA to the Army and his country saying, "Yes, we are loyal. We will serve."

This event established a personal, special and unique relationship between the U.S. Army and JA's. Respect, confidence and trust on the part of the Army and loyalty and service to America on the part of the JA soldier.

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When the infamous Relocation of 1942 put 112,000 JA men, women and children, the parents, brothers, sisters and friends of the first MIS students and instructors behind American barbed wired concentration camps, the confidence and trust of the Pentagon G2 did not waver, nor did the loyalty of JA men. MIS recruiting teams went into the ten Relocation Camps, to Hawaii and later to Camp McCoy where the 100th Battalion was training and to Camp Shelby where the 442 RCT was training and came out with thousands of volunteers and instructors to continue the vital task.

Six thousand MIS men, a miniscule number among the 25,000,000

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to those from a list of "adversely affected" nations. Only two nations on the list, Japan and Indonesia, are Asian. The OCA feels this could be discriminatory to Asian immigrants since "... anyone from Canada, Great Britain or Ireland would have an automatic 40-point head start for non-preference visas."

Alterations

The bill is also controversial because it would modify eligibility requirements based on family reunification. According to the AALDEF, the bill "Restricts eligibility for family reunification immigration under the preference system by excluding from second preference immigration eligibility adult sons and daughters of permanent resident aliens, and from fifth preference immigration eligibility married brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens." Further, it "reduces by two thirds, from 64,800 to 21,600 the number of immigrant visas currently made available each year to brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens under the fifth preference, which suffers the largest backlog, largely Asian, of any

immigration preference."

The OCA believes that "S. 1611 has some good features, but also has the potential to turn back the clock. Cer-

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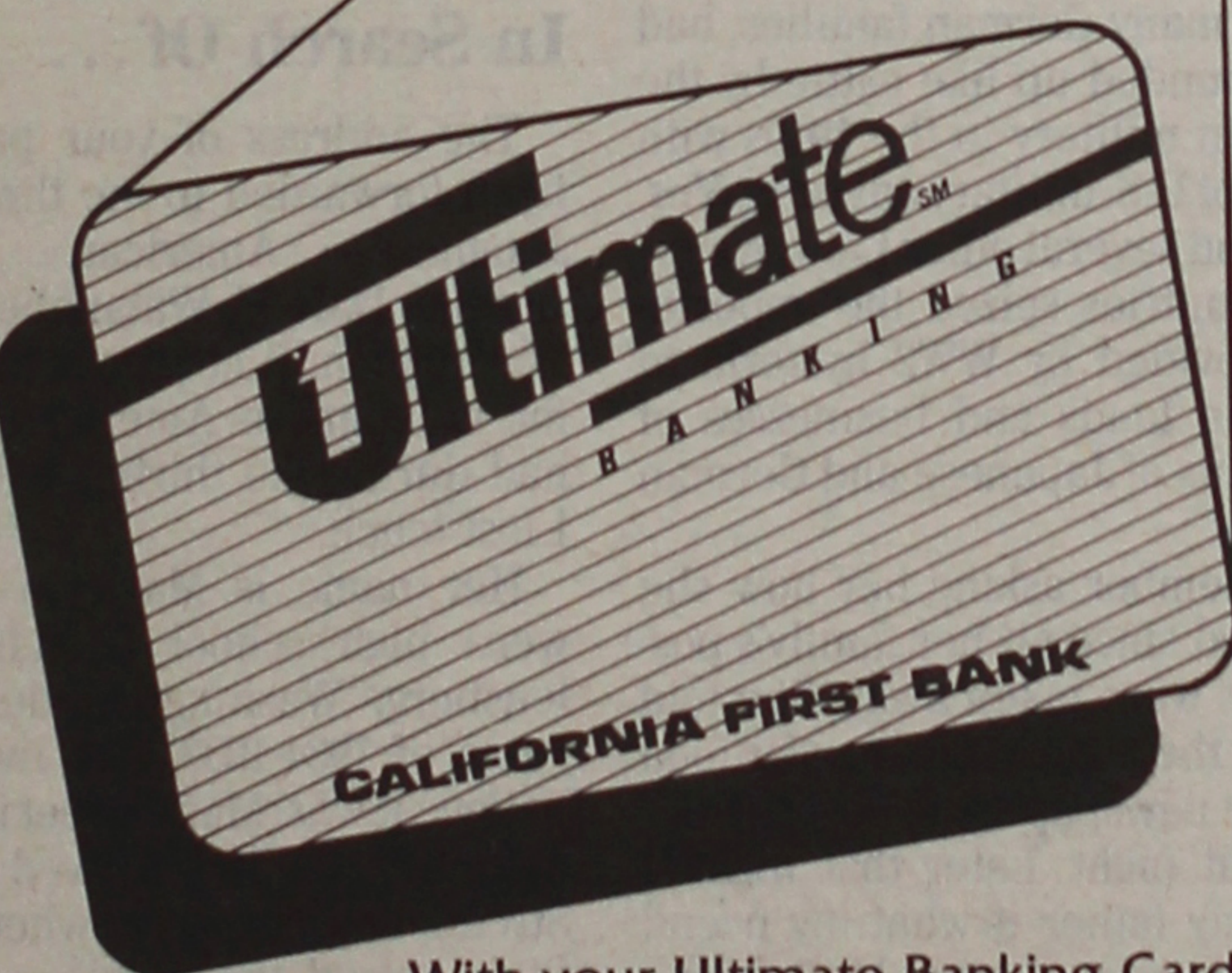
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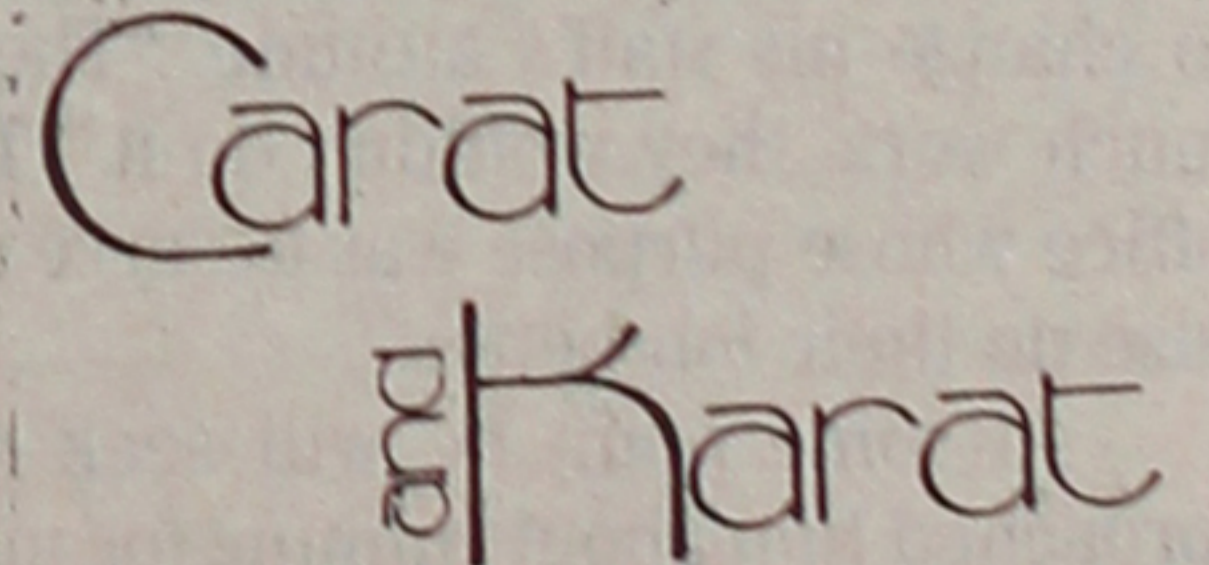
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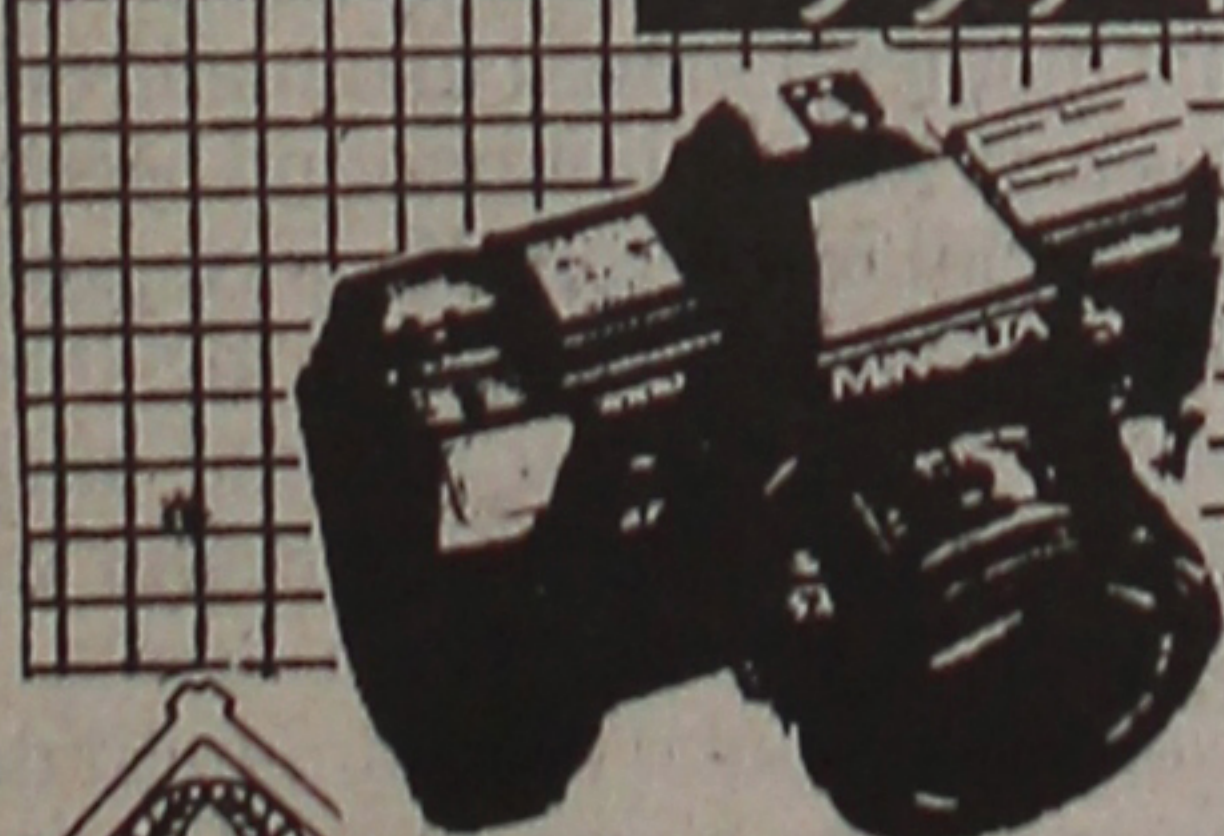
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Nature of Being a Treasurer

ELSEWHERE this week is a story about Mike Sakamoto, city treasurer at Bellflower, a southeastern Los Angeles county municipality. The fact of a Nikkei being Bellflower's city treasurer and what the responsibilities of that office were came into focus as part of our traditional beat covering the activities of Japanese Americans in general. We added another name to the political file of City Treasurers — the best known being Lloyd F. Hara of Seattle, a JACL chapter president in 1981 and delegate at the 1982 national convention.

Just re-elected to his third term, Seattle City Treasurer Hara was in distinguished national company upon being honored last month to the 1987 All-Pro City Management First Team by "City and State," a national monthly devoted to public business and finance. "Selfless dedication" was the common characteristic of the public servants who were honored for their work, often in anonymity to better the lives of their fellow citizens.

Under the headline, "Creating a Model for the Nation," writer Rodd Zolkos reveals much of how Lloyd Hara, 47, keeps his office humming as well as his personal style. The 1968 Chevelle he drives "says a lot about him," the article begins. He intends to drive it to 300,000 miles, always trying "to get the most out of everything."

Hara had in mind to make the Seattle treasury operation a model for the nation when he took office in 1979. First thing was to automate. He remembered the first time — "We must have spent at least \$50,000 of staff time trying to justify the purchase of the \$5,000 machine. That's craziness but that happens. The reason we fought so hard for the initial PC was that it was important to get the first one to get the second, third and fourth ones."

He instituted new office hours for banking: it didn't make sense to him to take in money from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and hold it for deposit the following morning, when it could be earning interest today. Now, city collections are banked at 2 p.m. "The whole program, in effect, in terms of speeding everything up is worth about \$1.8 million annually to us," he revealed. "That's not increasing taxes nor costs." That's typical of him, his colleagues related to the writer. One noted Hara was probably "the most innovative elected treasurer in the country."

Hara's office handles about \$1 billion in annual cash receipts and disbursements; he manages a \$200 million investment portfolio.

WHICH reminds us of the time he was addressing the JACL National Council during a discussion on the endowment fund. Lloyd wanted to know how it was being administered and showed his professional concern over the fact that the committee met only four times a year and the fund had sustained some losses. This led Henry Sakai, then national treasurer, to explain the budget process, the presence of restrictive and non-restrictive funds, how funds are managed and the difficulty the organization faced in raising funds. As a closing comment, Hara advised, "If you have these endowments and want someone to will money over to JACL in an endowment fund, I think people are very concerned how well it's being managed. I think we have to have a little credibility here about the proper fiscal management before anybody is going to give the money to you. That is the concern I am raising." Sakai agreed, adding that where the endowment fund was, in his words, "at the lousiest place for it to be." (See pg. 15 in the 1982 Convention minutes.)

Whereupon National Director Ron Wakabayashi (see pg. 16) added: (1) While books are kept at Headquarters, the Endowment Fund is, by the JACL Constitution, administered by the fund committee, "we don't have direct jurisdiction over administering that fund." (2) Regarding scholarship endowment, these were reviewed this year. "I don't think it had been reviewed for a while because when we looked at it, we found out some were sitting in accounts that were drawing only 7.25% and we moved those right away." The scholarship donors were advised of how their account was working.

Getting back to the Hara story, not only did he look at the department's office equipment but the people who worked with it. During the first six months in office, he had everyone on his staff take a diagnostic survey analyzing the skill levels and personality factors. In order to know his staff, he personally interviewed each of his employees to learn his or her goals. He found a need to change his staff's attitude. "They had a non-service attitude. If it was too much work, they wouldn't do it." That, he decided, was inappropriate for an office whose purpose was to serve other city departments—"to help somebody else do their job better."

At some point he will seek new challenges. People have seriously approached him about running for mayor, county executive, state treasurer, state auditor, Zolkos was told. . . . As an elected official you only have so many years to do your job." Perhaps that was a signal that this would be his last term as city treasurer. Furthermore, he admitted his management style has riled some people and added, "If everything is running extremely well in an organization, I'm not the person to run that organization. I'm sure as heck going to be meddling around to screw it up."

HE CONTINUES to work extensively in the Asian American community, locally and nationally (with National JACL on redress since this movement began a decade ago), the Asian-American business sector, and was instrumental in starting a Rotary Club with a significant number of women—40%, says the story. He conducts professional seminars while pursuing his doctorate at the Univ. of Washington in urban government and public finance. At home, he and wife Sheryn have three children; he's active in the Boy Scouts and each summer spends two weeks in the Army Reserve.

We thank the party who sent the monthly magazine to us. The story has been staring at us for weeks. We never suspected it would take a story of another Nikkei city treasurer with a different twist to devote this week's editorial on Lloyd Hara's national recognition of his professionalism and on the nature of being a treasurer. ■

'Trash' a Treasure for Future Generations

Elmer Ogawa was a congenial sort of fellow who had a knack with a camera. Up in Seattle where he was born and lived much of his life, he always seemed to be around when someone wanted a photograph taken, and he was quick to oblige.

You might say he was among the earliest Nisei. He was born in 1905 to a Japanese father and a German-Irish mother. That would make him somewhere around 37 years old when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, serving three years. After the war he returned to Seattle where he became active in JACL, and in the Jackson Street Community Council. Frequently he would send pictures and stories about local activities to Pacific Citizen.

Elmer died in 1970. When his brother Herbert went to Seattle from Dallas, Texas, to do all the things people have to do when a relative dies, he found Elmer's modest apartment crammed with mementoes of a lifetime. There were stacks and stacks of photographs, letters from family and friends, newspaper clippings, Christmas cards, manuscripts of material he had written, legal documents, minutes of club meetings, yellowed and dog-eared news releases about long-forgotten events.

Herb's first impulse was to have

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



the material carted off to the dump. But realizing how much all those papers and photos had meant to his brother, he couldn't bring himself to destroy all that stuff. So Herb got in touch with the University of Washington, which Elmer had attended, and asked whether anyone there had any interest in looking over the material. Somewhat to his surprise they said they'd be pleased to take everything, sort it out, and perhaps file it away.

A few months ago Herb received a letter from Karyl Winn, a manuscripts librarian from the University of Washington Libraries. It said Elmer's material had finally been organized and inventoried, and they'd like to go through the formality of having Herb approve public access to the collection.

And a formidable collection it was. The papers alone measured four feet, eight inches. The photographs filled 12 boxes which were

transferred to the libraries' historical photography collection. "They have been of some interest to researchers of the Seattle Japanese community," Karyl Winn wrote.

The material, now carefully filed away in the archives of a great university, tells something about a relatively obscure man named Elmer Ogawa, but equally important, it tells a great deal about a people and what happened in their particular niche of history. It is likely that future historians will learn a great deal by just pawing through the papers and pictures that Elmer squirreled away, and the university is saving for scholarly research.

It is a little frightening to realize that the stuff that each of us puts away, or throws away, may have historical significance, but only if someone takes the time to sort through it, catalogue it, and put it where interested students can find it.

The sad part of all this is that so much of our history as a people is being lost as Nisei, one after another, pass on and their papers about an extremely important time in history are thrown out with the trash. It isn't trash, but a treasure to libraries, schools and historical societies, and those who will come after us.

Letters to the Editor

Japanese Peruvians Were Also Interned

The recent series of articles on the Japanese Americans detained in WW2 brought back childhood memories.

I was a youngster of 16 growing up in Lima, Peru at the time, and had befriended a Japanese-Peruvian who studied German with me. My friend was a highly educated young woman who took it upon herself to teach me Latin twice a week. She was extremely attentive and kind toward my parents. Once I asked her why she liked them so much since to me they seemed over-protective and strict. It was then that she told me that they were very different from the heartless Peruvians she had known who had hurt her family and countless other Japanese-Peruvians. She told me how Peruvians of Japanese ancestry, as well as many German families, had been rounded up like cattle by the Peruvian military in the 1940s with the aid of U.S. military advisers. Yes, Peru, and several other Latin American countries seized the opportunity provided by WW2 hysteria to steal the lands and businesses of Peruvians of Japanese and German ancestry.

I remember asking her how she had lived since all her family's possessions were taken away. She told me that they had had to beg for food and use newspapers to cover themselves at night. Later that night, I asked my father if what my friend had told me was true. He became very sad and said that it was. I remember clearly being overcome by sadness. I have never forgotten that day. These innocent victims ended up in U.S. internment camps. The U.S. government was a willing partner in an abominable miscarriage of justice!

Although I empathize with the victims' unwillingness to recall the humiliation and pain they once suffered by taking a stand on the issue of governmental compensations and public apology, we owe it to our children, and to all those super-patriots who so willingly endorse racist societal policies, to learn the truth.

I am now an American citizen who cherishes the freedoms safeguarded by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In all these years, I have seen repeatedly the emergence of

the ugly spectre of racism. The '70s and '80s have been open season on Hispanics. It is our duty to compensate the innocent victims of Roosevelt's ill-advised internment policy. If the Reagan administration is willing to tax its citizens in order to appropriate \$270 million in military aid to finance mercenaries (the Contras), then it most certainly should feel that it has the moral obligation to compensate victims of past injustices committed within our borders. We must never forget what was done to the Japanese Americans! As we have witnessed before, our collective memory is painfully limited. We seem to forget the atrocities committed in the name of "freedom and democracy."

If we are not reminded of our past sins, we are bound to commit them time and time again.

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In Search Of . . .

The address of your paper has been forwarded to me through the Japanese American Citizens League, Dale H. Watanabe, Seattle, Washington. It concerns the search for a Japanese American friend I had during the thirties with whom I lost touch.

Her name is Marjorie Ota. We were high school friends in Ellensburg, Washington, during the years of 1934-1937. She lived on (I believe it was) Main Street in a hotel with her family; I lived on "A" Street. I'm not sure whether the Ota's owned the hotel or whether they managed it. They were the only family of Japanese origin in Ellensburg at that time. There were, I believe, two boys in the family, but I don't remember any other siblings. Maybe there was a sister; it's so long ago, now, and a "long shot" that I should attempt to find her.

In 1937, I moved to Yakima, Washington; in 1938, on the death of my mother, I moved to Canada (Victoria, British Columbia) and became a Canadian citizen. Marjorie and I wrote to each other during these years. In 1945, near the end of the war, I joined the WRCNS and was posted to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to work as a dental assistant until discharge. 1946. It was during the time I was in the service that we lost touch. The last time I heard from Marjorie Ota, she and her family

had been sent to an internment camp. Our letters ceased.

I'm 65 years old now; Marjorie would be about 64. Maybe she's gone; I wonder if her parents are living. I don't know anything about her, except that our friendship disappeared because of war, and I find it difficult to accept as I become older, wiser, aware of injustices. It's something I've never forgotten, because I think I feel responsible for losing her. I would deeply appreciate any help your newspaper can give me.

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Guilty Eyes

Here we sit in your small wooden rooms that you want us to call home. The free mountain wind climbs through the cracks of your wall causing us to huddle together for warmth. We sit here accused of no crime; yet the color of our skin; the shape of our eyes keep us imprisoned from our once trusted society.

Tears always fall here yet we get no sympathy for you have learned to turn your back like a steel door shutting off a scared animal waiting for his death by gas.

You call us Japs with hate that burns like a well heated branding iron pressed against our thin hides. You curse us and say that we can not be trusted. So here we are, herded away from society like unheard dust swept under a well trampled rug, waiting for your guilt to set us free.

—Lois M. Shimazaki

Lois Shimazaki is a junior at California State University of Northridge.

NCRRC Calls for Letters to Reagan

By John Ota

With Reagan's signature as the main obstacle to the Japanese American redress bill becoming law, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRRC) is trying to get at least 10,000 letters to the president urging him to sign the bill.

As of November 12, NCRRC chapters in Los Angeles, San Jose and San Francisco have collected some 4,000 signed letters and distributed another 4,000 to supporters. Many individuals have taken the initiative to xerox, collect and mail scores of letters to Reagan from friends and relatives.

"This is the kind of grassroots support that has been the driving force behind the redress movement all along, and we encourage everyone to keep it up," says Bert Nakano, NCRRC spokesperson.

Letters from France

Also, 442nd veteran Rudy Tokiwa of Mountain View told NCRRC that Serge Karlesso and Pierre Moulins of France, who still remember the 442nd's brave sacrifices in helping to liberate French towns from the Nazis, are organizing letters to Reagan urging him to sign the redress bill, known as the Civil Liberties Act of 1987.

So far, according to Tokiwa, at least 1,400 letters have been sent to Reagan from France, and thousands more are expected. Karlesso and Moulins, who are officers of the Go for Broke Club in France, say their goal is 20,000 letters. Tokiwa talked with them in Washington, D.C., when the Smithsonian exhibit on Japanese Americans opened in September.

Sen. Matsunaga's office has told NCRRC that the senator wants to see the Senate vote on the bill by late November or early December. The Senate vote has been delayed to give redress forces more time to persuade the president to sign the bill, and also because of the stock market problems, which have led to renewed concern about the federal deficit.

"This gives us more time to organize letters, calls and mailgrams, and we should use the time wisely," advises Nakano.

With three-fourths (75) of the senators co-sponsoring the Senate redress bill, the measure is expected to pass. In fact, Sen. Matsunaga is trying to get the bill passed by unanimous consent. After Senate passage, the bill could go to the president within two weeks. This means Reagan could get the bill by early December. But it's also possible that there may be more delays. Once he gets the bill, Reagan will have 10 working days to sign it.

Will Reagan Sign It?

"As long as there is a chance that Reagan will sign the bill, we must go for it," says Nakano. "We've come too far and we have waited too long for us to just sit back because we think Reagan won't sign it."

"If we took that approach, we would not have gotten the bill passed in the House, because a lot of people thought it would never pass there," he added. Although the Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget oppose the redress bill, Reagan himself has

not directly commented on it.

Redress supporters may want to remind the president of the letter he sent to the National Japanese American Historical Society, in which he praised the 442nd and referred to the internment as a "sad chapter in our history."

Here's how you can help:

Writing Letters

Sample form letters can be obtained from NCRRC (see address below) or you can do your own. The letters can be as short as one sentence urging Reagan to sign the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 into law. Address letters to: President Reagan, the White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

The NCRRC is emphasizing form letters because with thousands of letters going to Reagan, it is unlikely his staff will do more than estimate the number of pro and con letters. However, those who want to write personal letters to Reagan, and especially to his advisers, are encouraged to do so.

You can help by asking friends and relatives to sign and write their addresses on xeroxed form letters. Thanksgiving is a good time for this. It is better to collect them, to make sure they get sent, and mail them directly to the White House or give them to NCRRC to be mailed. If you mail them yourselves, let the NCRRC know how many you sent. (Write to NCRRC at 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 406, Los Angeles, CA 90012; or at 1911 Bush St., Number 1-G, San Francisco, CA 94115.)

Phone Calls and Mailgrams

Once the bill goes to Reagan, it is advisable for redress supporters to call the White House or send a mailgram instead of mailing a letter, which is slower.

Messages can be left for the President by calling the White House political opinion line at (202) 456-7639, which is open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. West Coast time. The cost is about 20 to 40 cents per minute from the West Coast.

To send a mailgram, call NCRRC's National Redress Mailgram Hotline at 1-800-257-4900 (Operator 9225). These mailgrams (\$4.50 for the first, \$4 for additional ones) are guaranteed next day delivery if called in before midnight (the hotline is open 24 hours a day). You can choose between pre-set messages Number 1 or 2 or dictate your own message (5.45 for 50 words, including sender's and receiver's addresses, \$7.70 for 100 words). Mailgram message Number 3 is for Reagan's advisers. (See below.)

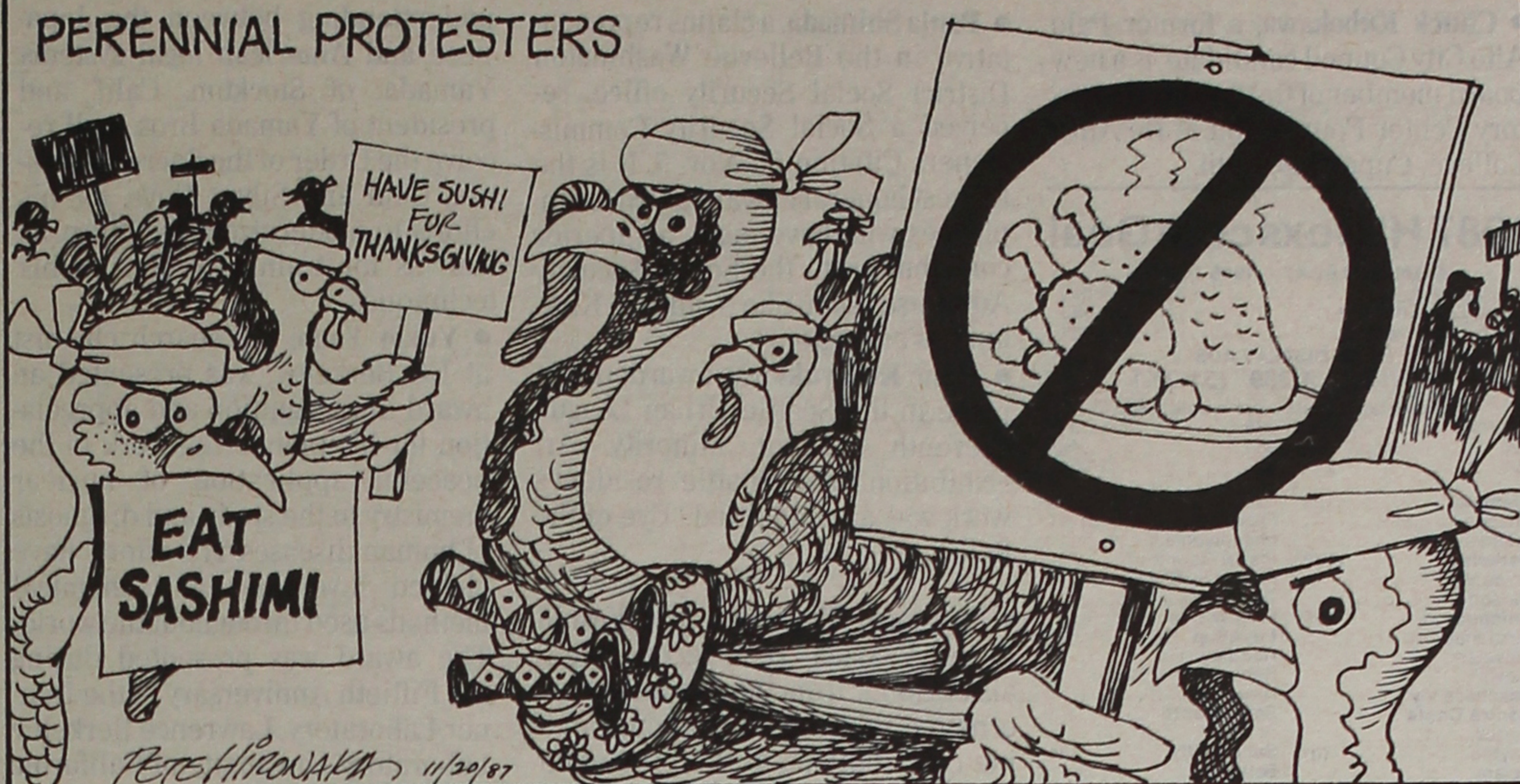
Write Reagan's Advisers, Too

Besides Reagan, you can contact those who may have influence with the president and urge them to ask him to sign the bill. These include Reagan's Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Republican Party Chair Frank Fahrenkopf, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, Vice President George Bush and Nancy Reagan.

Fahrenkopf's address is: 301 First St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003; Dole's address is U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; write to Baker, Bush and Nancy Reagan at the White House address listed above.

often overlooked factor. The final point of the remedy would be the hiring of more Asians in law enforcement, "which might help to in-

PERENNIAL PROTESTERS



Plan Would Lump All Asian Americans Together

Numbers, statistics and projections are the foundation for judgments that we make. In the 1970s, the liberalization of the immigration law in 1965 produced the highest rate of Asian immigration to the United States. Accelerated by other international events, specifically the fall of Saigon, Asian American numbers swelled. The effect of such dramatic increases in population are being felt both politically and socially.

The trend is that Asian immigration will continue at a substantial pace, but it will drop off from the levels established in the 1970s. Irrespective of anything but the most dramatic reversal of this trend, the numbers of Asian Americans in the United States has reached a level of "political significance."

Asian Americans, however, are not a monolithic group. In areas of concentration such as Los Angeles, as many as 29 distinct ethnic populations come under the umbrella of Asian. The diversification and expansion of the Asian American population are two important, but separate aspects of our profile. Up to 1970, Japanese Americans were the largest Asian American population. While we remain the largest

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American born and raised population, we will probably rank 6th in Asian American population size by the year 2000. This kind of reduction in size would have some implications for lessened visibility, except for the advantages of being American born and raised, which lasts for one generation; and the immense growth of the Japanese economy, which has a tangential effect on our perception.

The remarkable achievements of new Asian immigrants in academic and business sectors has masked major implications for the future. The dropout rates in new immigrant populations, involvement in crime and these sorts of indicators are rising. The successful model minority image just does not stand up under real scrutiny. The implications for the future are laden with expanding concerns.

The movement of the U.S. Census toward a data collection model that will count only one single Asian/Pacific category, rather than a methodology which accounts for the ethnic diversity becomes a major concern. This direction is to be finalized by January of 1988. After that point, only the Congress can take action to modify the methodology. The consequences for Japanese Americans, for all Asian Americans, is extremely disconcerting. The effect will be the absence of any meaningful baseline of information from which social trends within our communities can be accurately discerned. In effect, all Asian Americans will be painted with the single stroke of one brush. The ability to identify problem growth areas as well as achievement greatly diminishes. The effect is that the designation Asian/Pacific becomes an inadequate substitute for the designation "other."

Asian American communities and organizations have a compelling interest to advocate strongly for the inclusion of ethnically specific data collection in the Census process. We have only until January of 1988 to respond.

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combatants of the Pacific War, operated secretly and efficiently in every theater and campaign, and made a difference. General Charles Willoughby, McArthur's G2, stated that his MIS men shortened the war by two years. It is estimated that possibly one million casualties were saved. It is possible that one hundred billion dollars in war costs were saved.

In 1943, the 442 RCT was organized and manned with volunteers from the Relocation Camps and Hawaii, who went into battle in Italy and France and broke all records for valor in the two hundred year military history of the United States.

In this dark and bitter period of the JA experience of anger, humiliation and shame, when the president and Congress unjustly incarcerated innocent citizens in total disregard of constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection of the laws, the Army alone enabled us to maintain a semblance of human dignity and individual worth and faith in America. The Army gave us the opportunity to demonstrate our loyalty and fight for our country and to make a contribution to victory.

When the war ended, MIS was transferred to Monterey and became Army Language School, where thousands of students were trained for occupation duty until 1952. By that time the Cold War was in full swing. The lesson taught by MIS in WW2, the importance of

foreign languages in national defense was elevated up to the national strategic level. In 1963, ALS became Defense Language Institute, which is today the largest and finest foreign language training institute in the entire world. It is a matter of extreme pride that what MIS started on a shoe string budget of two thousand dollars in 1941 is now considered to be a national asset.

World War II of two generations ago is a fading memory. The days of MIS are long gone. But the relationship of the war years did not change and fade away. In fact another dimension developed. To respect, confidence and trust was added, we honor you.

In 1969, Nisei Hall fifty yards below this building was dedicated in honor of all JA soldiers, 100th, 442 and MIS, with the support of Colonel Long and Colonel Horne.

In 1980, these three buildings, the crown jewels of the DLI academic complex were dedicated as Nakamura, Hachiya and Mizutani Halls, memorializing MIS war heroes through the efforts of Colonel Stapleton and Colonel Foster.

In 1981, General James Lawton Collins, previously ALS Commandant and DLI Director and at that time Chief of Military History approved the "442d Go for Broke" and "MIS Yankee Samurai" exhibits at the U.S. Army Museum at the Presidio of San Francisco. Since then, the exhibit has traveled extensively throughout the country and has been viewed by millions of Americans. In 1987, they comprise the central theme of "For a More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans

and the United States Constitution," the Smithsonian contribution to the constitutional bicentennial, which was dedicated on October 1, this year.

In 1984, Colonel McNierny sponsored a colorful and impressive "Yankee Samurai Exhibit" at the Monterey Conference Center.

And today, thanks to the support of Colonel Bullard and Colonel Poch, the Army and DLI honors us again by celebrating the 46th anniversary of MIS/DLI and dedicating the Yankee Samurai Exhibit.

Forty six years of a warm and cordial association through war and in peace. It is truly a special and beautiful American story that revolves around values of duty, honor and country. It is what America is all about.

It is difficult to find appropriate words to express how we feel about all this. To express our gratitude for the multitude of considerations and kindnesses extended to us by the Army and all the Commandants of MIS, ALS and DLI, I shall simply say on behalf of all MIS men and women, instructors, all JA soldiers and all JA citizens, "Thank you, sincerely. Thank you for so much. Thank you for everything."

In conclusion, I wish to thank the National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco for their wholehearted support, cooperation and assistance to create a superb and unique Yankee Samurai exhibit and to loan it to DLI on an indefinite basis. Your exhibit will tell and preserve a little known, but extraordinary story of WW2 loyalty, honor and sacrifice, our legacy to America.

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increase law enforcement sensitivity and bridge the existing gap between the Asian community and law enforcement agencies."

Part two would institute federal monitoring of hate crimes, to be done by supporting legislation such as H.R. 3193. The plan also called for better training of law enforcement personnel, so that police would investigate and recognize the possibility of race hatred as a motivation for criminal activity, since this is an

For the Record

On the front page of the Nov. 13 issue of P.C., a headline incorrectly reads "Committee's Analysis of S.1004." As most readers know, the number of the redress bill in the Senate is S.1009.

Pacific Citizen regrets the error.

● **Chuck Kubokawa**, a former Palo Alto City Council candidate, is a new board member of the California History Center Foundation at De Anza College, Cupertino, Calif.

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 Display Ads 8,310 col inches
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ONE-LINE GREETINGS: 36 (6%)

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Cleveland		St Louis	
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Detroit		Seattle	
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● **Paula Shimada**, a claims representative in the Bellevue Washington District Social Security office, received a Social Security Commissioners Citation on Nov. 5. It is the highest honorary award given to employees who have made a superior contribution to the Social Security Administration. She resides in Kirkland, Washington.

● **Irene Kuniyuki** was awarded first place in the Seattle Urban League Eleventh Annual Minority Art Exhibition. The Seattle resident's work was a photo titled "Eye of the Sole."

● **Masatatsu Yonemura** and **Yoshio Robert Yamada** are to receive Medals of Honor from the Japanese government in recognition of outstanding contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan. Yonemura, of Oakland and senior partner at Yonemura and Yasaki, will receive the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Ray with Neck Ribbon, for contributing to the promotion of mutual

understanding between the Japanese and American legal systems. Yamada, of Stockton, Calif., and president of Yamada Bros., will receive the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Rays, for his efforts to modernize agriculture, as well as for training others in his techniques.

● **Yukio Yano**, a research chemist at UC Berkeley, was presented an award in recognition and appreciation for his pioneering work in the peaceful application of nuclear chemistry to the study and diagnosis of human diseases. His efforts have yielded inventions and chemical methods used throughout the world. The award was presented during the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Donner Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, University of California at Berkeley.

● **Lloyd Hara**, Seattle city treasurer, was re-elected to a 3rd term as treasurer, winning 68,850 votes to his opponent's 19,903 votes.

● **Clarence Moriwaki** won the city

council position no. 1 in the Seattle suburb of Tukwila, defeating his opponent 549 to 510.

● **George S. Iwasaki**, an instructor of electronics at North Seattle Community College, received an award of recognition in honor of outstanding contribution to education as a community college faculty member in the Northwest. He received the award Nov. 6 at the first annual NW Community College Conference.

● **Lorna Mae Nagata**, a fourth grade

teacher in Alhambra, Calif., was named Teacher of the Year for California. She was chosen from among the state's 200,000 teachers. The honor includes a cash award of \$15,000. Nagata, 40, is originally from the island of Maui in Hawaii and has spent all of her 16 years of teaching at Fremont Elementary School. She is married to **Carl Nagata**, an administrative intern in the Alhambra City School District. They have two sons, **Dean** and **Ian**.

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IMMIGRATION

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 Main aspects of the bill raise the specter of discrimination against Asian and Hispanic peoples...
 The modifications in family reunification, which AALDEF "vehemently opposes" would, according to AALDEF, "... have immediate and potential restrictive effects upon legal immigration from Asian nations."
 In addition to these changes, the bill would also shift enforcement of immigration laws from the legislative branch of government to the executive branch.
 "By giving advantage to those older sources of immigration," said Masaki, "... we accept the implication that newer immigrants are somehow contributing less to our society. Nothing could be further from the truth."

MIS Celebrates 46 Anniversary in Monterey

MONTEREY, Calif. — The 46th anniversary (1941-1987) of the founding of the Military Intelligence Service Language School was celebrated at the Presidio of Monterey on Oct. 30, 1987.
 The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), working with the Northern California MIS Association, has put a permanent photo exhibit in Nakamura Hall, one of the three Nisei Silver Star recipients in whose honor a building has been named at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey.
 All branches of the U.S. armed forces participated in the impressive ceremony.

Over 500 Attend Reunion, Honor Nakane

WEST COVINA, Calif. — The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center in West Covina was the setting for a wonderful reunion of former and present residents of the pre-WW2 era on a recent Saturday in October. Friends and relatives from many states and all over California enjoyed a day of fellowship and renewing of friendships at the center. Many came to honor Aiko Nakane, who taught at the San Gabriel Japanese School during the years of 1927 to 1935. Nakane came from her home in Chicago as a guest of Tom and Eunice Sato to greet her many students and to catch up on the years since the war.

There were over 500 persons attending the reunion and they came from states like Illinois, Florida, Nebraska, Utah, Texas, New York, Colorado, Hawaii and Missouri, as well as a few from Japan. Most of the afternoon was spent getting reacquainted and reminiscing and remembering. Dinner was served in the gymnasium after which those over 80 years of age were introduced and honored. Mr. Bacon Sakatani, who was the general chairman, presented slides of pre-war San Gabriel Valley families, many of whom were in attendance.

In addition to Mr. Sakatani, those

who worked so diligently to undertake this reunion were:

Harry Arita, Tosh Asano, Naomi Fujii, Mas Funo, Ted Hamachi, Yosh Hazama, Jim Makino, Hideo Mayeda, Harry Niitake, Dave Kunizawa, Ben Okura, Ruth Sakatani, Mary Ueda, Sakatani, Tom Sato, Kaz Shimizu, Yosh Sogioka, Rickey Washizaki, Iwao Watanabe, Frank and Kazue Yamashita and Tom and Mabel Yokoe.

Because of the tremendous response to this first reunion, it is hoped that the committee will not wait too long before another reunion is planned.

Emily Igarishii, co-chair of the reunion, recently signed a contract with American Airlines which will provide a 35-40% discount on air fares to the reunion and to the San Francisco area to those who register. A special code number will be

provided to each registrant who will be able to use this special code number to obtain a discount.

The committee has decided that the event will be open to non-Poston III residents since this event is being held in facilities that would be able to accommodate such a large number of people. Friends are invited to participate in all of the activities and enjoy the hospitality of Bally's Hotel and Casino.

Anyone who has not received an application form and is interested in obtaining one should contact the Poston III Committee, 440 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128-2590. You will immediately be sent a reservation form. Questions should also be directed to the committee at the same address.

The Calendar

LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-Nov. 29—A Chorus Line, presented by the East/West Players. Fri. and Sat. 8 pm show, \$15; 2 pm matinee, \$13. 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: 213 660-0366.
 Present-Dec. 12—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion/Song for a Sane*, 8 pm, Fri. and Sat., Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood. Tickets: \$10. Info: 213 466-1767.
 Present-Dec. 27—The contemporary paintings of Keisho Okayama and Richard Yokomi, George Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tue.-Sun.—12-5 pm; closed Monday. Info: 213 628-2725.
 Nov. 20-22—Eighth Annual Japan Expo, Trade and Cultural Exhibition, Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 Figueroa. Hours: Fri., 10-9 pm; Sat., 10 am-9 pm; Sun., 10 am-8 pm. Info: 3 533-6000.
 Nov. 22—Shogun Santa arrives, 1 p.m. Approximately 1,000 school and community children ranging from 6 to 12 yrs. old will join Shogun Santa in a parade through the streets of Little Tokyo. Info: 213 620-8861.
 Nov. 27—"U.S. Asians," 7:30-8 pm, SCI channel 18.
 Dec. 5—"The Psychology of Japanese Businessmen: Out-Thinking the Competitors," 9 am-12 pm, followed by "How to Get a Job Teaching English in Japan," 1:30-5 pm, at Santa Monica College. Presented by Naginata Associates. Info: 213 452-9214.

SEATTLE

Nov. 21—Nippon Kan Heritage Association present *Araki Kodo V* and *Shirane Kinuko* Bamboo Flute and Koto Concert, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St., 7:30 pm. Tickets: Adults—\$7; seniors/students, \$5. Info: 206 624-8801.
 Nov. 21—Ayame Kai's 6th Annual Holiday Crafts Sale to benefit Keiro Nursing Home, 10 am-4 pm, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Info: 206 323-7100.
 Dec. 5—The Japanese Gardeners' Association's Fifth Annual Christmas Dance, 8:30 pm-1:30 am, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Tickets: \$10/ea. Info: 206 242-3198.

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DENVER

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FRESNO

• The Central California District Council JACL mass installation banquet and convention, Nov. 21 at the Hilton Hotel in Fresno. On Nov. 20, there will be a reception for Thomas D. Crouch, chairman of Social and Cultural History, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. Saturday highlights include a Health Fair, workshops entitled "Country Voices, the Oral History of a Japanese Farm Family," "Truth, Liberty and Justice for All: The Internment of Japanese Americans During WW2," a raffle and the banquet. Info: Contact any Central California chapter president.

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

• Anniversary of the JACL Thousand Club, Nov. 21-22, Cactus Pete's Casino in Jackpot, Nev. Package Registration: \$30/ea., includes

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SONOMA COUNTY

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Smithsonian Exhibit Theme for San Mateo JACL Fund-Raiser

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Dr. Harold Langley, curator of naval history at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History, who has been involved since the inception of the museum's Bicentennial of the Constitution exhibit which opened Oct. 1, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," will present in multi-media the opening of the exhibit and the issues surrounding the Japanese American experience on Saturday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the San Francisco Airport Hilton Hotel. Jan Yanehiro of Channel 5's Evening Magazine will host the San Mateo JACL fund-raiser (\$75 per person) for its expanding community center services and budget.

The center provides counseling, referral, educational programs, blood pressure readings, outreach for shut-ins, leisure activities, translation service, library of Japanese and English material and transportation for the elderly.

The center last year had received a one-time grant from the City of San Mateo to hire a part-time social worker. For support, a 100/100 Club (\$100 a year from 100 members) was initiated three years but its membership has trailed off and current needs exceed its present budget of approximately \$20,000, the chapter reported.

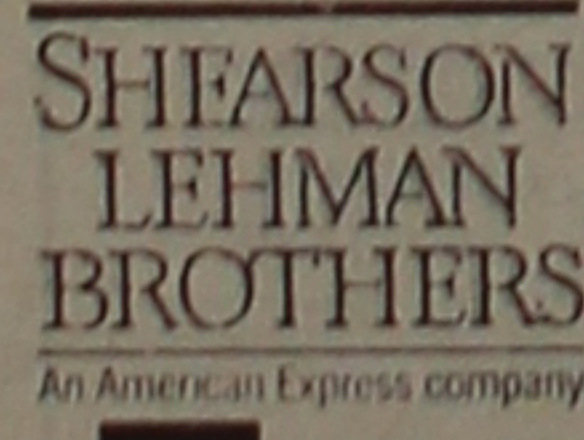
The JACL community center, at 515 S. Claremont St. (415) 343-2793, has long relied on its dedicated staff of 50 volunteers, advisory committee and the part-time social worker for its work with youth groups, seniors and providing a gathering place for community organizations.

Virginia Tanakatsubo is the volunteer coordinator; Roz Enomoto has rejoined the community staff; Ahmie Parrish, community worker, resigned to return to full-time school.

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Yogi Berra's well-worn remark "It ain't over 'til it's over" aptly captures the message being forwarded by leaders of the redress effort.

Among them is Mollie Fujioka, two-term governor of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Council of JACL and member of the executive committee of the Legislative Education Committee (LEC), who recently announced her candidacy for the presidency of National JACL. In her announcement Fujioka declared that redress must remain the highest priority of the organization. "The membership has mandated it," she said, "and I have a deep personal commitment to it... I want to help close this page in history and complete what is still unfinished business."

Fujioka carries out her commitment by way of her offices as well as from what she sees as obligations and opportunities that arise because of the facts of her history as a Japanese American. A former internee at Tule Lake, Fujioka rarely refuses a request to speak about the concentration camps. Education and public awareness are the keys, she believes, to help prevent a repeat of this appalling event in U.S. history.

Fujioka recently spoke to a number of high school students in Concord, graphically recounting her personal experiences in camp—the nitty-gritty, daily experiences of camp life "because that's what they mostly wanted to hear." In addition she described the humiliation she felt at being forced behind barbed wire, a prisoner without cause or re-

medy.

"But I emphasized the point that this revocation of my civil rights and the consequent effort for redress was not my issue. This is an issue for every American, I told them. It is an issue about maintaining the principles laid out in the Constitution."

To a large congregation of women at the recent JACL Women's Concerns Conference, Fujioka had this to say: "It isn't over folks. We can rejoice over the passage of H.R. 422 and the favorable outlook for the Senate Bill, but there remains the tough job of getting the president to sign the redress bill. Write to him please," she urged them, as she does to listeners whenever she speaks. "A simple letter will do. We cannot afford to flag in our efforts now."

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- # 9 The Historic East Tour
May 13 - May 21
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Jun 17 - Jul 1
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Aug 12 - Aug 26
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Oct 1 - Oct 14
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Sep 23 - Oct 1
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- # 19 Hokkaido/Nagoya Festival
Tour - Oct 6 - Oct 20
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Oct 6 - Oct 24
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- # 21 Japan Basic Tour
Oct 7 - Oct 22
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