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Opposed Internment

Judge Known for Civil Rights Work Dies at 80

PORTLAND — U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon, whose civil rights work during his 58-year legal career included opposition to the wartime internment of Japanese Americans, died Feb. 15 of complications resulting from cancer. He was 80.

Born in Portland, Solomon attended Reed College, University of Washington, University of Chicago, Columbia University Law School, and Stanford University Law School. He was in private practice from 1929 until President Truman appointed him to the federal bench in 1949.

Acted on Behalf of JAs

During WW2, Solomon defended local Japanese Americans by publicly opposing their internment, protesting the boycott of their produce and intervening on their behalf with labor and farm groups. He helped organize the Committee to Aid Relocation when Japanese Americans were allowed to return to the area.

"He was sincere in trying to help Niseis," recalled former Portland JACL president George Azumano.

"He always spoke out in support of Japanese Americans," said attorney Peggy Nagae, noting that Solomon filed a brief in the late Min Yasui's case, which tested the constitutionality of the wartime curfew imposed on persons of Japanese ancestry.

"He was one of those lonely voices that stood out against the camps and was a man of principle," former National JACL president Jim Tsujimura said of Solomon. "I've been thinking over the last few years that we should be doing an awards dinner or something for him, but unfortunately we never got around to it."

"After revocation of the evacuation orders," remembered former Pacific Northwest District JACL governor Homer Yasui. "Gus Solomon, while still an at-

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Congressmen Urge Hearings on Violence Against Asians

WASHINGTON — Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.) have asked the chair of a House subcommittee to hold hearings on violence against Americans of Asian ancestry.

"The recent large influx of Asian immigrants, in conjunction with the renewed global economic competitiveness of the Far East, has created an extremely volatile situation," the congressmen said in a Feb. 20 letter to Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), who chairs the Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

"Americans of Asian ancestry have become an easily recognizable scapegoat for feelings of hostility and fear."

Matsui and Mineta said that cases of anti-Asian violence reported to the Justice Department increased 62 percent from 1984 to 1985. They cited the 1982 killing of Vincent Chin as the most notorious example of the trend.

"Infamous for its almost casual treatment by the Detroit courts, Mr. Chin's case stands as glaring testimony to the need for increased civil rights action," the letter read. "The age-old mistrust of the unfamiliar has contributed to elevated suspicions and tension. We have a clear duty to investigate this important and pressing problem."

JACL Reacts to INS Plan to Put Arabs in Detention Camp

by J.K. Yamamoto

The existence of an INS option paper that provides for the roundup and detention of Arab and Iranian immigrants is an indication that another mass internment is in the making, JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi said Feb. 19.

"On this date 45 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt... authorized the detention of aliens and Americans of Japanese ancestry based upon fears of espionage and sabotage by members of this ethnic community," Wakabayashi said in a written statement. "The sole criterion for the forced removal from our homes into desolate camps, surrounded by barbed wire and secured by armed military guards, was ethnic ancestry."

'Repugnant to Democracy'

"Americans with Middle Eastern ancestry are faced with a similar public perception.... International terrorism is abhorrent to our tradition. Equally, the transference of the abhorrence of terrorism to American Arabs, based

on their ancestry, is repugnant to the finest aspirations of our American democracy....

"The documentation of government plans calling for a detention camp in Oakdale, La., is a frightening renewal of a direction that 45 years ago resulted in the greatest failure of our Constitution. In this year celebrating the bicentennial of the founding of our Constitution, we ought to pay special attention to repairing damage done to our national guiding document."

Deportation Case

The INS document, entitled "Alien Terrorists and Undesirables: A Contingency Plan," was drafted in May 1986. It was publicized last month by attorneys for seven Palestinians and a Kenyan who the government was attempting to deport because of alleged ties to the PLO.

Following a Feb. 17 hearing in Los Angeles, U.S. Immigration Judge Roy Daniels freed five of the detainees on their own recog-

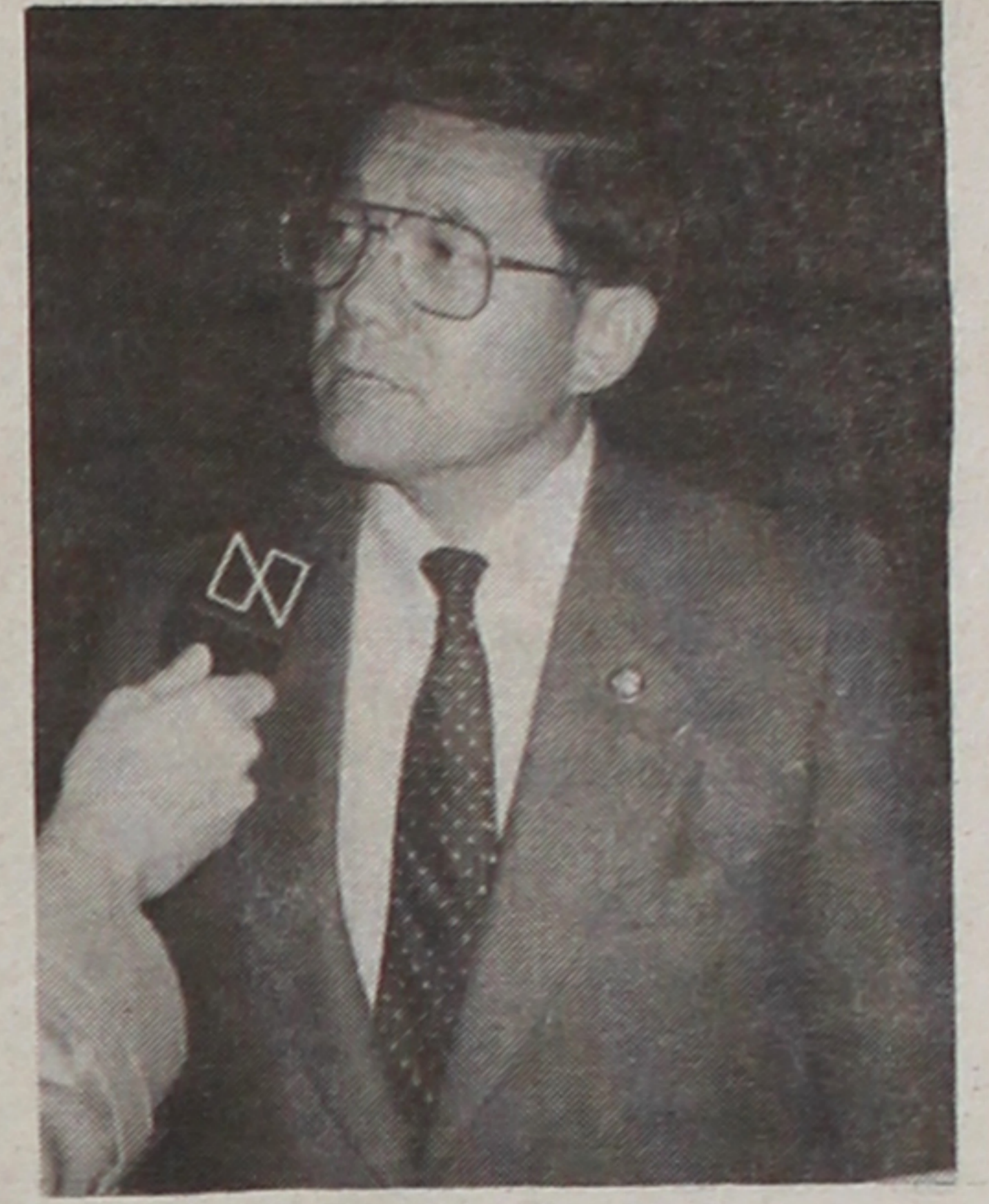
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Bill's Backers Optimistic

Sen. Wilson of California Is Co-Sponsor Mineta Sets September Target Date



Sen. Pete Wilson



Rep. Norman Mineta

WASHINGTON — Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) is the latest co-sponsor of the redress bill which Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) plans to introduce.

During a late afternoon Senate session on Feb. 19, Matsunaga made a statement to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the internment of Japanese Americans.

"As we celebrate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution this year," he said, "it is most appropriate that we act to remove once and for all this singular blot upon the greatest of human-written documents, and that we solemnly resolve that such a mass denial of protection guaranteed by that document shall never again occur in the United States of America."

Plea to Colleagues

Matsunaga urged his colleagues to join him in introducing the redress bill. At the end of the session, Wilson informed Matsunaga that he would be a co-sponsor.

The Senate bill now has 42 co-sponsors. Others who have recently signed on are Max Baucus (D-Mont.), John Breaux (D-La.), Robert Dole (R-Kan.), Bennett Johnston (D-La.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), James Sasser (D-Tenn.), Paul Simon (D-Ill.), and Steven Symms (R-Idaho). (See Feb. 6 PC for other 33 sponsors.)

Contacts With Farmers

Wilson, a first-term senator and former mayor of San Diego, was guest speaker at the Nisei Farmers League's 16th annual banquet in Fresno on Feb. 6.

Wilson told the audience of more than 500 that he opposed trade protectionism and that he successfully established a guest worker provision in the new immigration law which would permit farmers to have a supply of seasonal workers. He also paid

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by Robert Shimabukuro

SAN JOSE — Speaking at the annual Day of Remembrance observance, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) called prospects for redress "bright" and saw hope of passage of the redress bills by Sept. 17, when the country will begin its celebration of the bicentennial of the Constitution.

Mineta urged the approximately 300 persons attending ceremonies at the Buddhist Church Betsuin of San Jose on Feb. 15 to continue forward "with strength and determination."

Smithsonian Exhibit

Mineta also hailed the WW2 veterans who were honored in the evening's program and asked the audience to attend the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit commemorating the bicentennial, which will focus on the Japanese American experience.

Katriel Schory's "Yankee Samurai," a film about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's exploits and their 40th anniversary reunion with the townspeople of Bruyeres, France, was a featured part of the program.

Introductory remarks were made by Rudy Tokiwa, a 442nd veteran, and Eric Saul, advisor to the National Japanese American Historical Society/Go For Broke, which sponsored the film showing.

'Fighting and Suffering'

Tokiwa said that the reason the 442nd was on the front line was to prove their loyalty both to their country and to their families.

"I hope I did not waste all that time fighting and suffering for nothing," he said. "I'm still waiting for the letter from the government telling me they were sorry for incarcerating us."

Saul explained Schory's desire to make "Yankee Samurai," recalling his initial conversations with the Israeli filmmaker.

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Teacher Continues Battle With School District

MERCED, Calif. — Arguments were heard Feb. 23 in a civil suit brought by teacher Mitsue Takahashi, who is charging the Livingston Union School District with racial discrimination and violation of her civil rights.

Attorneys Peter Lucey and Angela Kreta, representing the school district, said the case was without merit because Takahashi had already had her day in court. Takahashi's attorneys, Mary Dunlap and Thomas Sannar, contended that the school district had yet to address the merits of the case.

Merced County Superior Court Judge George Barrett is expected to render a decision in

about a month. If Takahashi loses, her attorneys will consider an appeal; if the school district loses, a trial will be held.

Fired in 1980

The case dates back to 1980, when Takahashi, an 8th grade teacher with 20 years of experience, was fired for incompetence. An administrative hearing panel upheld the firing in November 1980 by a 2-1 vote.

Takahashi, who had received positive evaluations from administrators up to that time, questioned the qualifications of the principals who evaluated her. Dale Eastlee was a first-year principal newly assigned to the school, she said, and Hamilton

Brannan had never taught the 8th grade and based his opinion on 45 minutes of observation.

LUSD Superintendent Harold Thompson claimed that Takahashi's ability to control student behavior had been suspect for 10 years; Takahashi's supporters said testimony from students and teachers contradicting that claim was restricted during the hearing.

Takahashi was the first teacher in California to be dismissed for incompetence under the Stull Act, which requires school districts to establish standards to measure student achievement by adopting a statement of goals and objectives.

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MITSUE TAKAHASHI CASE

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Her supporters have maintained that her students met academic requirements set by the district, and that accusations that she could not control her students were false, exaggerated, or based on subjective standards.

Takahashi received legal representation from the California Teachers Association and support from the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council JACL, but her case was dismissed by a Merced County Superior Court judge in May 1981.

JACL Support an Issue

The JACL National Council passed a resolution in August 1982 to support Takahashi's "right to take a stand and seek a full and fair hearing" by monitoring the case and keeping the membership informed.

The case was a source of con-

trovercy within the organization, however, because Takahashi did not have the backing of her chapter, the Livingston-Merced JACL. Two of the Livingston School Board members who voted to allow the superintendent to dismiss Takahashi were members of the same chapter.

The resolution passed by the council was submitted by the Fresno JACL. The Livingston-Merced Chapter's position was that the outcome of the case was "fair," and its president attempted to have the resolution tabled.

APAC's Involvement

In her current battle, Takahashi has gotten support from Asian Pacific American Coalition USA.

Jerry Enomoto, regional president of APAC for the Sacramento area and former JACL national

president, said, "The emotional and financial harm done in this matter is inexcusable. Redress is long overdue." He also called for renewed support from JACL.

Jessie Furukawa, APAC affirmative action former state Education Department consultant, suggested there was a connection between the firing and attempts by the school district to condemn orchard property owned by Takahashi and her husband Kaz.

Attorney Dunlap said in an interview with PC that her client's race, gender and age were all factors in the district's action.

"This is the seventh year of this case," she stressed. "We should finally be getting to the merits.... The reality is that she has not had her day in court on the claim that the school district essentially set her up for termination."

DETENTION OF ARABS

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nizance; the other three posted bonds.

A support group called Committee for Justice has claimed not only that the FBI had no incriminating evidence but also that the arrest and detention were part of a large-scale action described in the document.

One section of the 31-page report reads, "In order to accomplish the detention of aliens apprehended as the result of any special projects undertaken by INS, a phased approach has been developed by the Detention and Deportation Division.... dependent upon the number of aliens to be confined. Essentially, it

proposes to take advantage of the recently opened Oakdale, La., processing facility in order to house and isolate this population."

INS has stated that the proposal was taken under advisement but never accepted.

PSW Committee

Wilma Cadorna of Committee for Justice made a presentation to the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council during its quarterly meeting on Feb. 22 at Little Tokyo Towers in Los Angeles.

The council then approved the forming of an ad hoc committee to "study the matter and come up with a recommendation with respect to the hearing [for the

Palestinians] on Apr. 28," said George Ogawa of the South Bay Chapter.

Serving on the committee will be Ogawa, Junji Kumamoto of Riverside Chapter, Sandi Kawasaki of Pan Asian Chapter, PSW legal counsel Ron Ohata and PSW regional director John Saito.

Ogawa reported receiving a "satisfying response" to JACL's involvement in the case when he attended a public meeting held Feb. 22 by Committee for Justice.

The ad hoc committee will report to the district board in April prior to the hearing, according to Ogawa.

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LOS ANGELES — The UCLA Asian American Studies Center is offering a postdoctoral fellowship in Japanese American studies for the 1987-88 academic year.

Funded by UCLA alumni and Friends of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry Endowed Chair Program, the fellowship is the only one of its kind in the nation.

According to UCLA professor Don Nakanishi, associate director of the center, the fellowship provides an opportunity to use the archives of the UCLA Japanese American Research Project Collection, to do field work in one of the country's major Japanese American communities, or to become involved with local groups like the JA National Museum and the JA Historical Society.

During the nine-month residency at the center, the fellow is expected to undertake original research on a significant topic in

Japanese American studies; participate in teaching and research activities of the center; and present findings at a campus colloquium and a public lecture. A \$18,000-20,000 stipend is provided.

This year's fellow, Dr. Mitziko Sawada of New York, is scheduled to make a community presentation on her research on New York City's Issei in March.

The competition is open to all doctorates interested in pursuing research in JA studies. Priority will be given to recent Ph.D. recipients. Send research proposal, curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation by March 31 to: Japanese American Studies Fellowship Competition, c/o Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Final selection will be made by Apr. 30. For more information, call (213) 825-2974.

JA Library Bulletin Available

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The eight-page publication contains a summary of news affecting Nikkei communities throughout the United States and Canada.

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JUDGE SOLOMON

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torney, spoke out on behalf of the Nikkei, asking Portlanders to give them a chance. . . . He was a great civil libertarian.

"Since he was a sitting judge, he couldn't say much about redress, but I'm sure he was for it."

Solomon's awards include the E.B. MacNaughton Civil Liberties Award and the Brotherhood Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, both in 1966; the Portland's First Citizen award, presented by the Realtors of Portland, in 1971; and honors from Reed College in 1975, Portland State University in 1980, Lewis and Clark College in 1984 and Northwestern School of Law in 1986.

He became chief judge of the District Court in 1959 and retired to senior status in 1971. He also sat frequently as a senior judge on panels of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He served longer than any other federal judge

in Oregon history.

He helped organize the Legal Aid Society of Oregon and the Portland chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and held posts with the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

"Equality and justice were not empty words to Judge Solomon," said William Hilliard, editor of The Oregonian. "He believed deeply in this country and the dignity of all its people. All of us are freer today because of the courage and strength of this wonderful man."

Solomon is survived by his wife Elisabeth; sons Gerald and Richard of Portland and Phillip of Los Angeles; sister Claire Cantor of Portland; and three grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 18 at Temple Beth Israel.

—from reports by The Oregonian and Pacific Citizen staff

Plans Already Being Made for '88 Convention

by **Harry Honda**
 SAN FRANCISCO — Pacific Northwest District regional director Tim Otani, attending the JACL National Board meeting, began the 60-week countdown for the 30th biennial convention, scheduled for August 1988 at the University of Washington.

"Two kinds of conventions are being planned," Otani told the board, "one for the first-time attendees and the not-so-usual chapter delegates."

He estimated that 1,000 first-timers would attend the daytime non-delegate workshops. About 200 JACL delegates and officials would meet for about 30 hours—spaced over 5 days, instead of 3½ as in Chicago last year, Otani said.

Workshop themes for delegates may be the same as in Chicago—redress, anti-Asian violence, women's concerns, aging and retirement, leadership development, and U.S.-Japan relations.

But input from the chapters was also encouraged. "Do we want to keep the same topics?" vice president of general operations Yosh Nakashima wondered aloud.

The tentative program is spread throughout the week, starting on Thursday, Aug. 4, with golf, tennis, youth activities and sightseeing in Canada through Saturday. Also to be held that day are the National Board and staff meeting, a reunion for ex-Pacific Northwest Nikkei "coming home" to Seattle (where National JACL held its first convention in 1930), a 1000 Club reception and casino night.

Youth events are planned each day from noon to midnight at the SAD Cafe on campus.

The National Council is scheduled to open with a delegate orientation on Sunday at 9 a.m. and

wrap the afternoon with a speech contest, workshop and opening banquet. The council will convene all day Monday, ending with the candidates' forum and committee sessions in the evening. On Tuesday, delegates have two breaks: the awards luncheon and Sayonara Banquet.

The council adjourns Wednesday at noon. A salmon derby, a day at Longacres and other sight-seeing tours have been planned for Thursday, the final day.

At least 300 rooms are being reserved at Haggett Residence Hall, which is a five-minute walk to the banquet sites on campus.

"We need to assure UW that 250 people will stay within Haggett dorm or risk having to pay for use of some meeting rooms," Otani warned.

Shuttle service will be provided

ed for delegates staying off campus at Nendel's Hotel, about two miles from Haggett, "although the most convenient place to stay will be on campus," Otani said.

"This is due to the condensed nature of the business sessions and lack of available time to return to your hotel room."

A four-night package at Haggett will be \$84.44 double per person, \$102.50 single. Both include breakfast for each night's stay on campus. Additional nights can be reserved up to three nights for \$21.11 per person double, \$25.63 single. Rates at Nendel's are \$58 double, \$52 single per night, \$6 per additional person and \$6 for roll-aways.

For more information or to offer input, write to Seattle JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. South, Room 108, Seattle, WA 98104.

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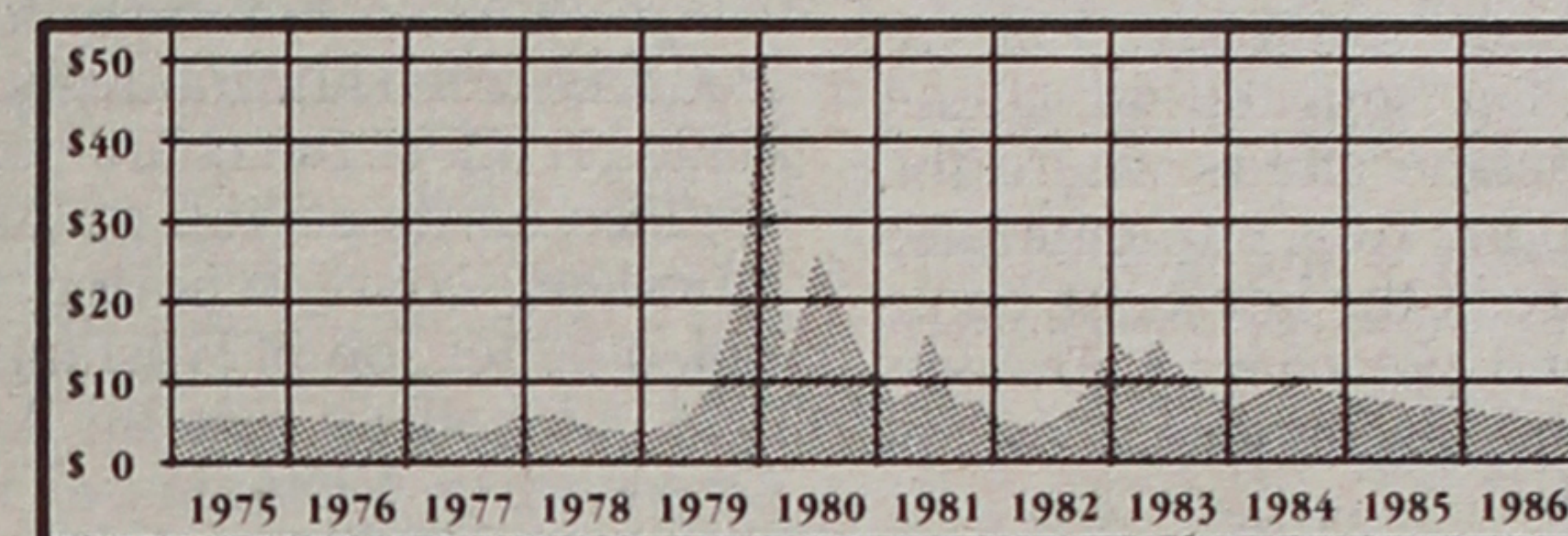
As much as \$15,000 will be awarded, in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. Last year, 24 students from across the country received scholarships totaling \$13,600. Nearly \$50,000 has been awarded since the program began in 1982.

"Asian Americans are sorely underrepresented in broadcast and print journalism," said Los Angeles Times reporter and AAJA national president Bill Sing. "This is our way to help more Asian American youth pursue journalism careers."

Students must submit completed applications and supporting materials to AAJA no later than Apr. 14. Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of editors, news directors and reporters from such news organizations as the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and CBS, ABC and NBC affiliates. Applicants will be judged on journalistic skills, commitment to a journalism career and academic achievement.

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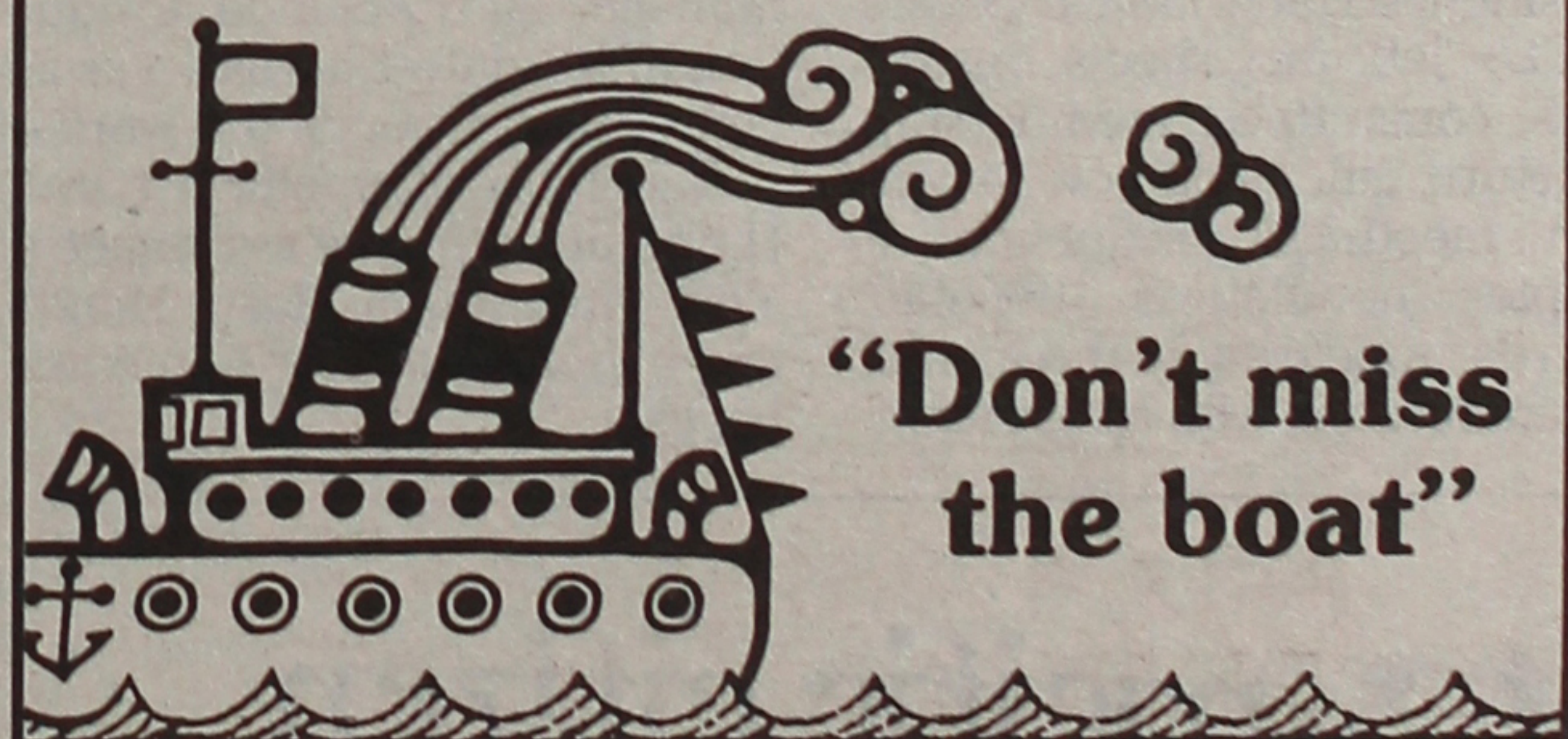


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Bill Marutani



THERE ARE MANY worthy charities and activities which tug upon the purse strings and other resources of Asian Americans, including those of AJA's. These are in addition to the various universal appeals such as United Way, public radio and TV, our respective religious organizations, professional societies, support of worthy candidates for public offices, whether on a national, state or local level, and so on.

Beyond such universal appeals, one is often called upon to subscribe to and to attend programs and affairs that require sizable monetary contributions to some "prestigious" gathering. For example, I'm solicited to attend gala black-tie affairs where the subscription runs into multiples of hundreds, the latest one being two grand per couple. Frankly, with some exceptions, I do not subscribe.

Let me try to explain.

ALL TOO OFTEN the needs of my ethnic community, the Asian American community, are overlooked by society at large. Even though the needs are critical, deep-seated and often overwhelming. Whether society's overlooking is due to indifference or lack of information, the situation persists.

If I, as an Asian American, do not subscribe to and support the efforts to promote and preserve the welfare of this ethnic community, who will? There may be

some who criticize this view as being narrow or even ethnocentric, that I should be more "ecumenical" in my approach. However, such criticism fails to answer my query: If not I (us), then who?

Other groups—ethnic, religious, etc.—look after *their* own. We cannot do less. Indeed, because of the continuing greater disparity confronting us, with the threat of widening of the gap, we are obliged to do more.

AND SO IT was that in my former life as a member of the judiciary, I openly pushed for absorption of Asian Americans into the justice system. Seeking to practice affirmative action, I welcomed Asian American law clerks, without waiving qualification requirements. And each turned out to be excellent lawyers, all of whom went on to better and greater things.

I pressed the district attorney to hire an Asian American (to his credit, he acted affirmatively and made an offer), the court system to place on its payroll an Asian American court reporter (she took a better job in Washington, D.C.), as well as hire an Asian American (a Vietnamese) in a messenger position which paid comparatively well. This last effort met with an obstacle which had nothing to do with merit, for the Vietnamese candidate was eminently well-qualified.

I'VE OFTEN SAID that when "the system" is truly open to all, including in particular Asian Americans, then I'll cease pushing for any particular ethnic group, including my own. And I would. Gladly. But until that day arrives, I have to do what I have to do to bring matters into equitable balance.

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Harry Kajihara



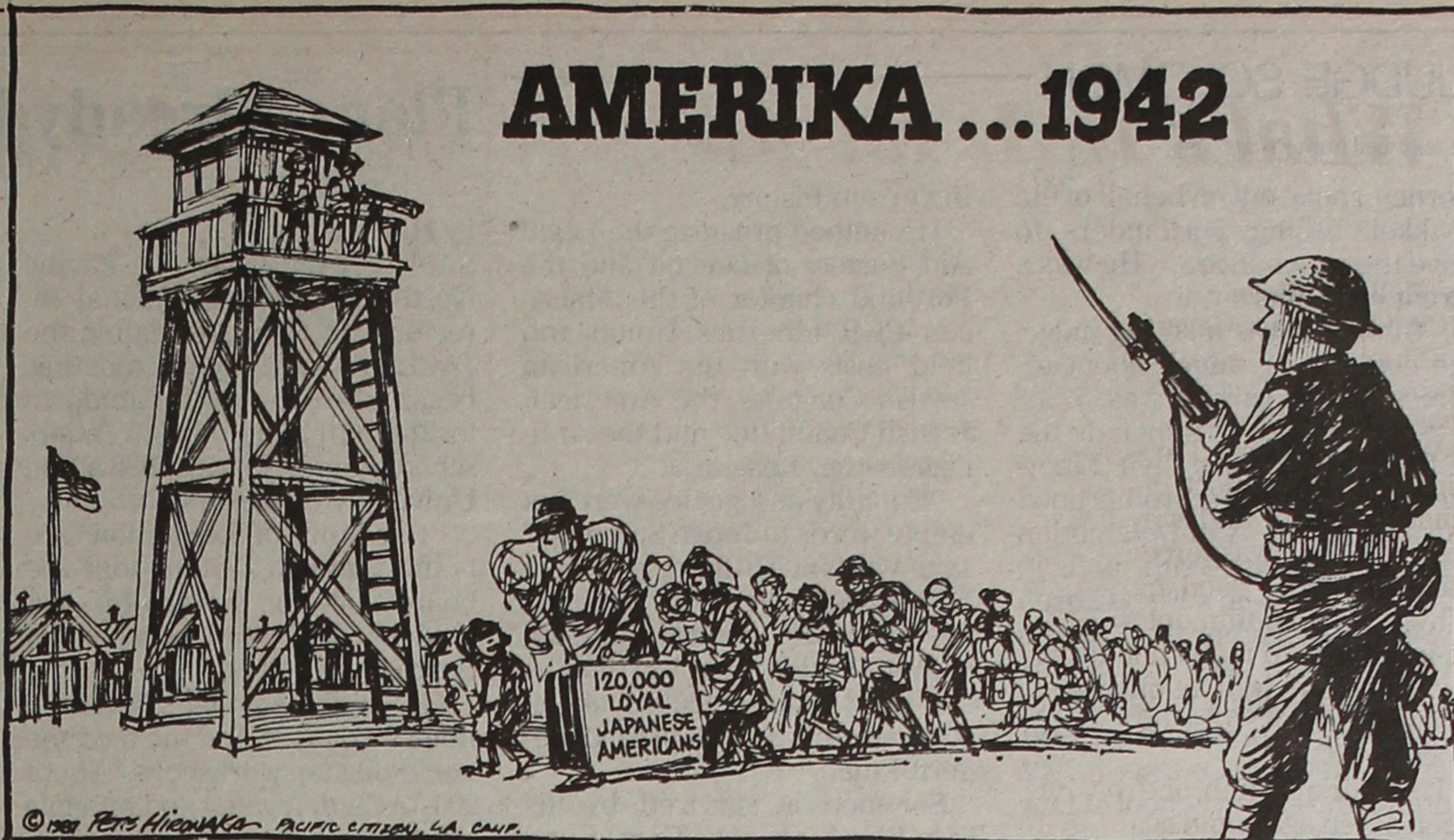
An invaluable reference and resource for all chapter presidents and chapter board members has just come off the press!

The document is the Chapter President's Handbook. It covers JACL's job, fact sheets, resolutions, committees, membership structure, guides on how to conduct meetings, production of chapter newsletters, benefits, awards, appearing in the media, communicating with congression-

al representatives, and other related materials.

The handbook should be treated as a "living document," with continuous expansion and revision, particularly with input by the chapter presidents and concerned grassroots.

This President's Handbook has been revived after 10 years' rest period, according to VP of operations Yosh Nakashima. The original handbook was prepared by JACL national director Masao Satow, and updating was accomplished over the years by PC manager Harry Honda. Production of this latest update was accomplished through the work of public information officer Carole Hayashino with the assistance of Yosh Nakashima, Harry Honda, and national director Ron Wakabayashi.



AMERIKA...1942

Aches and Pains

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro



It is often a little unnerving to read my columns in the PC these days—primarily because of the delay in the time involved in mailing the copy in and receiving the paper.

By the time I read that it was cold and clear in Portland, it was pouring. When I read that it had been raining continuously for a week, the weather had taken a turn for the better.

So with that in mind, note that it has been beautiful here recently. Either clear, blue skies or very high clouds. Which means that all the mountains make their obligatory appearances somewhat in the manner of a debutante mountain ball—Hood, St. Helens and Baker.

Sometimes the top of Hood is enshrouded with clouds, looking

as if her head had been capped in white lace. These are sights never seen in Los Angeles, although at times the top floors of the ARCO building or one of the fancy hotels are cut off by smog.

My health these days is definitely better. Still, having to do manual labor has left me with a bad case of sore muscles. At a desk job, people seem to suffer from headaches, shoulder aches and neck aches; all that mental tension instigates the old Exedrin addiction. A physical job is different. In these jobs, every part of the body aches.

Of course, I'm beginning to think I've just got an allergy to work. At one point in my life I was involved in setting up a wood shop at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts. One of the major concerns was health and safety, so I attended a few conferences on occupational safety and diseases.

The most helpful information I found was a book, *Work is Hazardous to Your Health*. The title said it all.

Well, I was complaining to my sister (who is a few years older) about my aches and pains. She informed me that now it takes

her longer to recover from a tennis workout. "But you know, Bob," she advised, "it's a lot easier to recover if I warm up first."

So I naturally thought about the possibilities. Always looking for a scam, I thought, "Now that's what the world needs—a woodworkers' exercise video."

We would need to find a shapey young woodworker first, to lead us through the exercises. After all, I doubt if many people would pay to see me in leotards, jumping around doing aerobic dances (non-impact, of course). But you never know—if Richard Simmons could sell, anybody could, I suppose.

Seriously, excluding the aches and pains, I feel better than I have for a long time. And I'm down to my playing weight. My spring training must be about over. Ready for the season, coach.

Lap joint, cross joint,
slice that tenon
Don't let the wood
make you feel like a lemon.
Bubinga, walnut,
teak in the fire
Kick those legs,
lose your spare tire.

Enough, please!

The Continuing PC Saga: A Brief Synopsis

by J.K. Yamamoto

Many readers seem confused about recent personnel changes at Pacific Citizen; as a matter of fact, it took us a while to figure out what was going on. In order to make the story perfectly clear, here is a simplified version of events, starting a few years back.

In 1983, Karen Seriguchi, former Pacific Northwest District regional director, succeeded Peter Imamura as editor of the PC. In 1984, I joined the staff as assistant editor.

At the end of 1984, I was forced by other commitments to go from full-time to part-time status, and former Portland Chapter president Bob Shimabukuro became assistant editor.

In 1985, Karen resigned to take her present position as executive director of the Asian American Journalists Association. Bob became acting editor and I once again became assistant editor.

In 1986, the editor's position was opened to applicants across the country because the rules did not permit an acting editor to automatically become permanent editor. Bob was one of five applicants who sought the job. Around the time of the Chicago

convention, the PC Board chose Lynn Sakamoto. When Lynn came on board, both Bob and I were assistant editors.

At the end of 1986, Bob decided to return to Portland; the Holiday Issue was his last issue as a staff member. However, he continues to write for PC as a columnist and correspondent.

Lynn decided earlier this year, for personal reasons, to step down from her position. I have been the acting editor since the Feb. 20 issue, and Lynn continues to work here on a part-time basis, assisting me and finishing some of the projects that she started.

The position of editor is once again open to applicants. As in Bob's case, I must apply for the job if I want to be permanent editor. If I don't apply, or if I apply and am not chosen, a new editor will join the staff and I will yet again be assistant editor; if I apply and am chosen, presumably a new assistant editor will have to be found.

Lynn will leave the staff for good once a decision is made regarding the editor's position.

If you follow all of the above, you now know as much as the rest of us. Stay tuned for further developments.

SENATE BILL

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tribute to Japanese Americans who served in the military while their families were interned.

LEC executive director Grayce Ueyehara credited the league, which is headed by Harry Kubo and has a membership of 1,500, with influencing Wilson's decision: "Wilson's co-sponsorship has been the result of so much grass-roots lobbying from his constituents in California. The culmination of the years of work was brought to fruition by his contacts with the Nisei Farmers League."

The bill will be introduced, Ueyehara said, when the bill acquires the "magic number" of 51 co-sponsors.

SAN JOSE EVENT

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According to Saul, Schory's father, a Polish Jew, was a refugee placed in a British concentration camp in Palestine.

When the British needed more men in northern Africa, a unit of Polish Jewish immigrants from the camps was formed to fight the Nazis, Saul said. This unit eventually became the most decorated unit in the British army, and Schory saw a parallel between his father's unit and the 442nd.

The program was sponsored by Nihonmachi Outreach Committee, NJAHS/GFB, and San Jose JACL.

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What's in It for Me?

by Mollie Fujioka
NCWNP District Governor

Following is an edited version of a speech given Jan. 18 at the Diablo Valley Chapter installation dinner.

When I was asked to speak tonight on the subject of JACL—what it's about and why I'm involved in it—I was forced to step back and take a good, hard look. Why is my commitment to JACL so important to me? I had to ask myself. What is it about JACL that compels me to go on? *What's in it for me?*

It's a fair question, one that has been asked again and again, both by members and potential ones.

I am just beginning to serve my second term as governor of this 34-chapter district. In that capacity, I prepare the agenda and preside over quarterly District Executive Board meetings as well as the quarterly District Council meetings.

Recruiting chairpersons for district committees, attending to correspondence and innumerable phone calls, traveling to chapters to install their newly-elected boards, not to mention attending various other chapter events, are all part of the territory.

As governor, I also represent the district on the National Board at four weekend meetings a year. And as part of the National Board, I serve on two national committees: Personnel Manual Review and Election Reform.

Added to that, I am on the board and executive committee of the Legislative Education Committee, the JACL lobbying arm for the redress effort. As governor I have the responsibility of raising LEC funds district-wide.

Tired just hearing about it? So is my husband George. And so am I! For one-and-a-half years I tried to juggle all these responsibilities along with commuting to Oakland to work in a cable TV business. Since I'm not a superwoman, something had to go. I gave up my job—and my paychecks.

Why? What do I receive in return?

I'd like to share with you how I think it sorts out.

■ I am confident that JACL will help me attain first-class citizenship.

During WW2, I was interned in a concentration camp. Seven out of ten articles of the Bill of Rights had been ignored to accomplish that, resulting in the loss of my constitutional rights as a citizen of this country. JACL took the legislative route through bills in Congress to redress that wrong. It also filed friend of the court briefs in support of the National Council for Japanese American Redress class action suit.

JACL has also actively supported the *coram nobis* cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and the late Min Yasui.

■ I want to be a member of the only national organization that has a track record of achievement on behalf of Japanese Americans.

By legislation, citizenship for WW1 veterans was won by the efforts of Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum and JACL.

The desegregation of the Florin, Calif. schools was accomplished in 1936 through the efforts of Al and Mary Tsukamoto, with JACL support.

JACL carried the fight to repeal the Alien Land Law.

JACL lent its support for the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act. This made it possible, for instance, for our chapter member, Tom Oshiro, to become a citizen. It allowed my father, Mokuji Yasu-

take, to become a proud citizen. This was the man who had chided and sometimes derided me about the value of citizenship as we languished together in the Tule Lake detention camp.

We now live in a society which allows for a good deal of open association and participation. In my lifetime, however, many organizations were closed to Nikkei: AAA, labor unions, health insurance and bowling leagues, to name a few. JACL has always stood for and worked for full participation in the larger American society.

■ I want to be with an organization that has public influence.

The formation of the presidential study commission, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, was the direct result of JACL effort. The findings of this commission became the basis for the legislation on redress.

JACL seeks and has formed coalitions to work together on shared concerns, a recent example being the formation of a coalition to combat anti-Asian violence.

JACL was also part of a coalition in the last election to defeat Proposition 63, the "English as the official language" initiative. It maintains its concern in the wake of the proposition's passage by being a watchdog for abuses that might surface.

JACL is part of the task force on the University of California admissions policy.

As a national organization, JACL is capable of attracting national attention, the most recent example being the wide media coverage paid to a press conference announcing the continuance of the *coram nobis* case of Min Yasui.

■ I want to be a member of an organization that strengthens and reinforces my ethnic identity.

JACL helps shape and reinforce my identity with my ethnic roots, so that I would no longer feel compelled, for instance, to create an elaborate and fictional "American" breakfast, as I did for my 4th grade teacher, rather than admit to eating rice and *miso shiru*.

With the help of Congressman Mike Lowry of Washington, JACL made "Jpn" the official abbreviation for Japan, barring the use of the offensive term "Jap."

Interest in ethnic identity is apparent from the well-attended workshops on interracial marriages at JACL-sponsored conferences. A workshop to be held in May in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Women's Concerns Committee, is titled "Where is the Japanese American Family Going?"

■ I want to be in an organization whose network of members enriches my life and my family's sense of community.

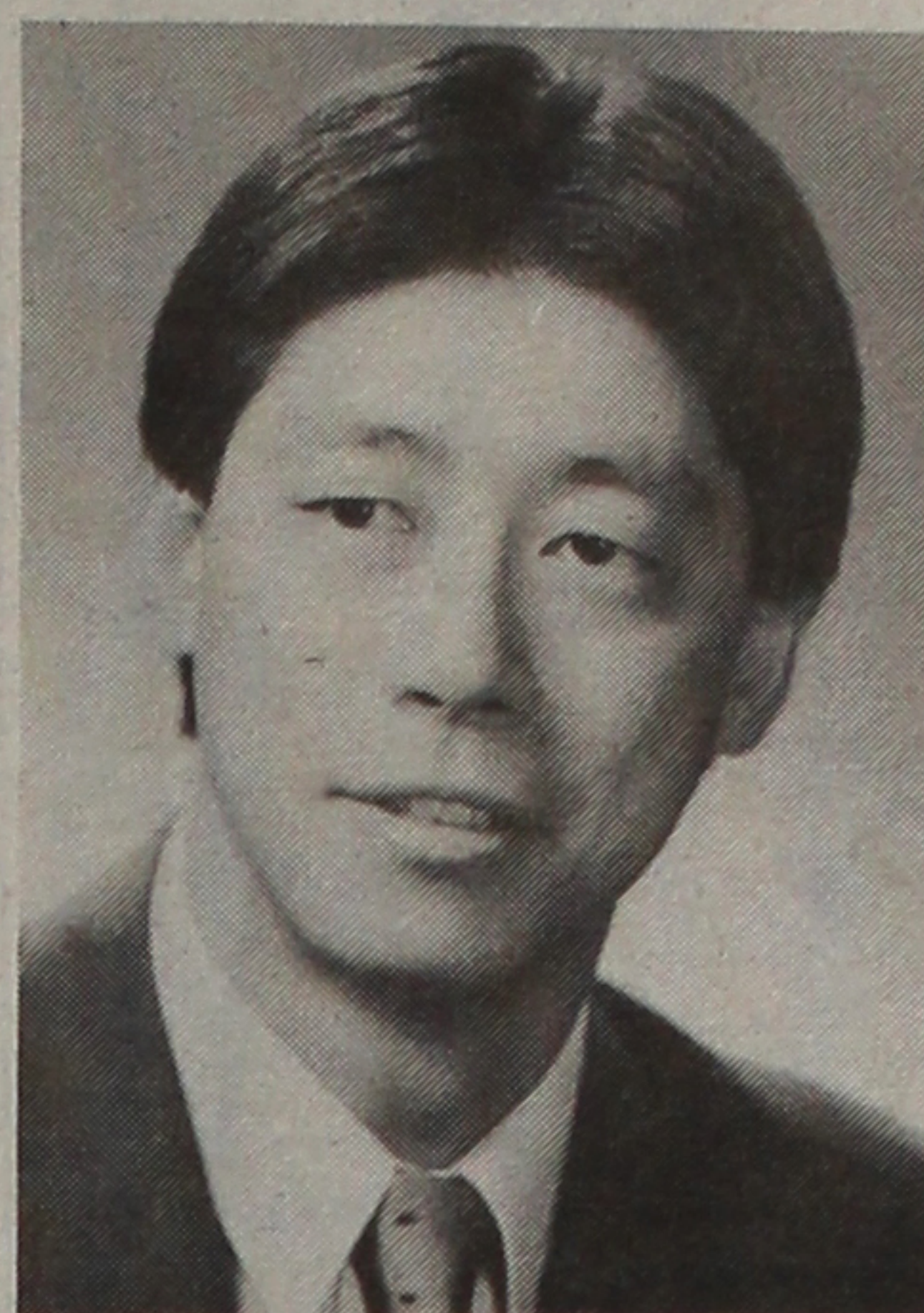
JACL is an organization whose network is invaluable to me and my family. The women's network is an important part of my life. For two years, the NCWNP JACL Women's Concerns Committee has sponsored conferences in which over 400 Nikkei women have gathered to discuss their concerns. Presently, the committee is compiling a resource directory of Nikkei women in a variety of occupations for public referral.

For myself and my family, the friendships made through JACL are invaluable. With these friends we can help each other in times of need, cry together, laugh to-

Nikkei Newsmakers



Christine C. Iijima Hall, Ph.D., has been appointed director of the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs for the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Hall served as the director of student development and as the counseling psychologist at the UC Irvine College of Medicine. She is a graduate of CSU Long Beach and received her doctorate in psychology from UCLA.



Alan Furuta, manager of the Sumitomo Bank of California's West Los Angeles office, has been elected general chairman of the 1987 Nisei Week Japanese Festival, becoming the first Sansei to serve in that position. He has served as chairman of the Nisei Week Coronation Ball, benefit drawing and finance committee. He received a degree in history from the University of Illinois and taught for a year in Chicago before joining Sumitomo Bank in Los Angeles 15 years ago.



Eunice Sato, former Long Beach, Calif., mayor and city councilwoman, has been appointed to the newly created California Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility by Gov. George Deukmejian. Sato joins eight other men and women on the task force who will study the causal relationship between the lack of self-esteem and social problems such as teen-age pregnancy and crime.

Letters to the Editor

J-Town Homeless Shelter

Re: "Little Tokyo Opposes New Homeless Shelter" (Feb. 6 PC):

As the street people have their problems, so do businesses, professionals and tenants living in and around Little Tokyo.

Some 40 years ago, the Japanese population was finally released from the concentration camps set up by the government. Deprived of their former homes, jobs and property, the majority of them were forced to seek whatever employment was available. They were the "street people" of that era, and many of them came back to Little Tokyo.

Little Tokyo was then a blighted area. Gradually, the former merchants repossessed their old properties and started a complete renovation. What you see today is the culmination of a life-or-death struggle of these people to build up Little Tokyo. After many years, they have finally succeeded, to a certain degree, to attract new businesses and foot traffic into the area.

The people in Little Tokyo have been constantly struggling, through mutual endeavor, advertising and public relations work, to enhance the area's image. Here we have commercial and residential areas. To exist as such, it must have an image that is favorable to the public in general, for who would come to this area if there was fear of crime, molesta-

tion or underfed, ill-clothed and even smelly people?

And we can commiserate with each other over growing old. Tracking the past gains of JACL and seeing the promise of the future solidifies my commitment to JACL. I feel that being involved in this organization can bring about change and solutions. I feel that I can make a difference.

This is what JACL means to me. This is what's in it for me. I hope that there is something as valuable in it for you as a member. And if you know someone, including your spouse, who is not a member, I hope you will urge him/her to join. It is a worthy investment.

The fact that street people are now in our midst has severely tarnished the image of Little Tokyo.

Little Tokyo merchants are individually and collectively spending thousands of dollars in advertising and public relations to improve the image of this area, for security purposes, and for the physical improvement of their businesses. Most of the merchants are sole proprietors working 10 to 15 hours each day to keep their small businesses going and to pay thousands month in and month out to various governmental agencies in the form of sales taxes, payroll taxes, etc.

We do not condemn or castigate the street people. Nor are we asking for government handouts. All we ask is that the federal, state, county and city governments consider the plight placed upon the merchants and residents of this community. Intentionally or unintentionally, the government has contributed to the destruction of the image of Little Tokyo, an image that was and is being created through 40 years of struggling by the people of Little Tokyo.

We therefore emphatically and strenuously advocate and appeal to the government bodies to remove these people from the heart of Little Tokyo to an area conducive for their betterment and welfare.

WALTER TATSUNO
Los Angeles

In Search Of...

I am trying to locate a former high school friend. Her name is Kikue Kato and she graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland, Calif., in February 1942. We had our 40th class reunion in 1982, and I was told the committee could not locate her. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

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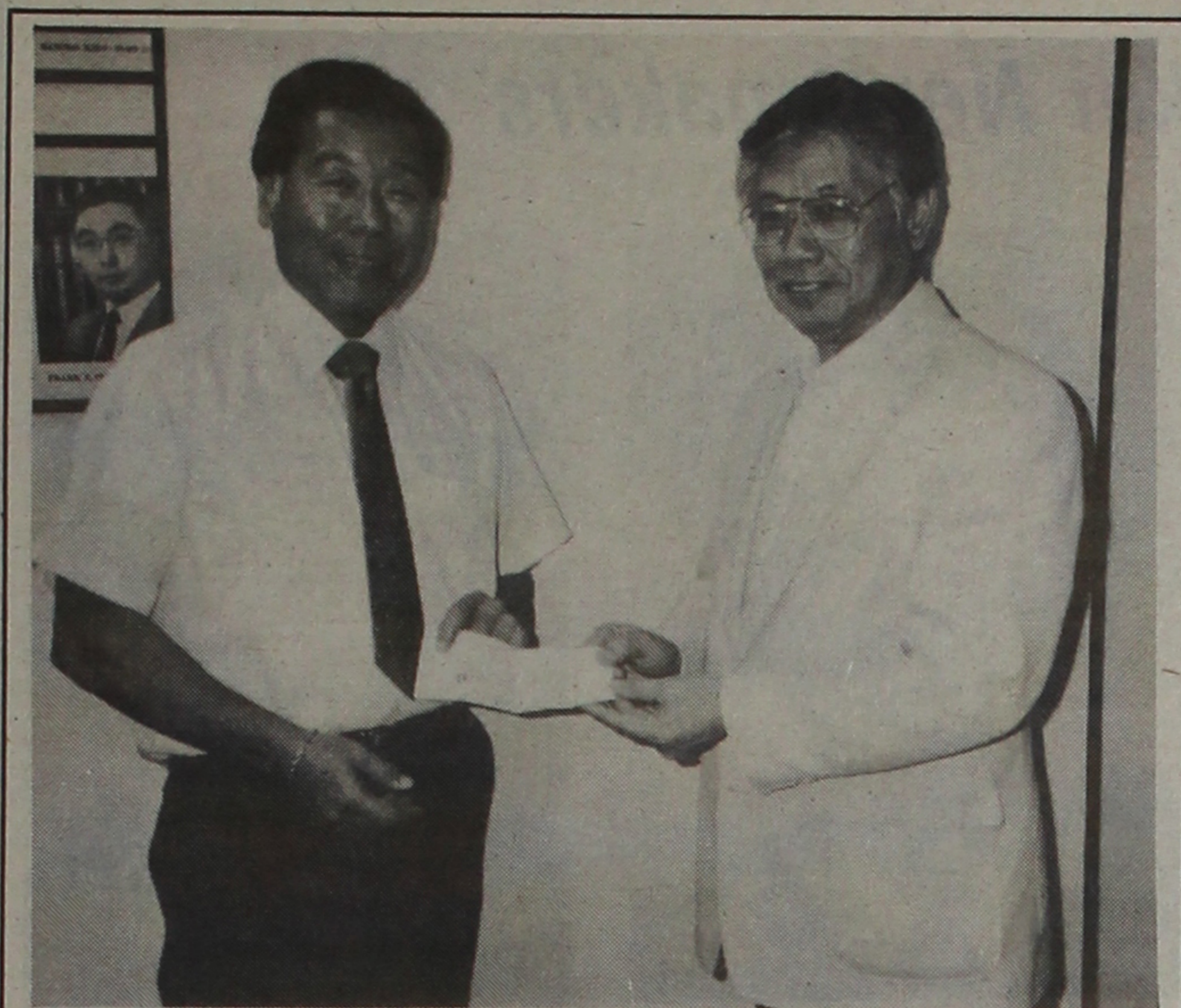
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FUNDS FOR FAIRNESS — LEC chair Jerry Enomoto (left) presents a check for \$22,000 to LEC fund drive chair Harry Kajihara during JACL National Board meeting held Feb. 14 at JACL Headquarters in San Francisco. The proceeds were from a fund-raiser held by Americans for Fairness on Nov. 29 at Sacramento City College.

Wakabayashi Named to Post

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Speaker Willie Brown has appointed JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi to the Student Aid Commission.

The commission administers state and federal student assistance and aid programs. It reports to the Legislature every two years on the impact and effectiveness of programs and investigates data

regarding financial resources, students' needs, and the scope and impact of existing programs.

In addition to his JACL duties, Wakabayashi is a member of Californians United, a coalition formed last year to combat the "Official English" ballot measure; the Asian American Task Force on UC Berkeley Admissions; and San Francisco's Sister City Committee.

Commission members receive compensation for expenses. Wakabayashi's term expires Jan. 1, 1991.

Diablo Valley Installs Officers

by Mei Nakano

CONCORD, Calif. — Close to 100 members and friends of the Diablo Valley Chapter JACL gathered Jan. 18 at the Velvet Turtle Inn to install newly elected officers and board members.

Assuming office for 1987 were: president—Hannah Yasuda (January-June), Ben Fukutome (July-December); 1st v.p.—Donald Ikeda, Ben Fukutome; 2nd v.p.—Mary Ann Utsumi; secretary—Jim Yamasaki; treasurer—Sharon Ikeda-Chan; newsletter editor—Jack Nakashima.

They will be joined by board members Charles Ajari, Sam Cohen (parliamentarian), Mae Hirasuna (scholarship), Nobby Nakamura, Isabel Oshiro (theater), Sachiko Sanchez (historian), Maya Shiroyama (blood donors), Bill Suzuki and Chiyeko Tahira (hospitality).

Past president Nobby Nakamura took the podium as emcee for the event and gave testimony as to how he, formerly a marginal supporter of JACL, came to realize by way of a specific incident how important JACL was as an instrument through which Japanese Americans could work.

Reinforcing that theme, Mollie Fujioka, governor of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District, delivered the keynote address for the evening. Entitled "JACL: What's In It for Me?" the speech gave rise to enthusiastic applause. (The speech appears on page 5.)

Fujioka, herself a charter member of the Diablo Valley Chapter, also installed the officers and board members.

Chapter Pulse

ALAMEDA

● Installation dinner will take place March 14 at Francesco's Restaurant on Hegenberger Road. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Info: Nancy Tajima, 1165 Sand Beach Pl., Alameda, CA 94501, or (415) 522-3485.

CONTRA COSTA

● Chapter's annual Senior Appreciation Dinner will take place March 28, 5 p.m., at Maple Hall, San Pablo City. Co-chairpersons for the event are the Rev. Frank M. Omi and Linda Matsui.

DIABLO VALLEY

● Charles Putney of the Century Financial Group will be guest speaker at the March 27 general meeting scheduled to take place at the San Francisco Federal Savings Building, Walnut Creek. Info: Hannah Yasuda, (415) 934-2610.

MARIN

● Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night will take place Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m., at Marin Buddhist Church, 390 Miller Ave. Event is open to the public. Info: Steven Gotanda, (415) 897-9058.

MILE-HI

● Bill Hosokawa will be guest speaker at the chapter's installation dinner March 7 at the Regency Hotel, 3900 Elati St. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Info: Sumi Takeno, (303) 777-1861, or Kiyoto Futa, (303) 987-3882.

SAN DIEGO

● Chapter will sponsor a talk by psychologist Dr. Stanley Sue March 13, 7 p.m., at the North Conference Room of the Student Center of UC San Diego. Dr. Sue will speak on "The Aspects of Success, Achievement and Self-Image of Asian Americans." Info: Marleen Kawahara, (619) 458-1710.

SEQUOIA

● Installation brunch will take place March 22, 11 a.m., at Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Info: Bud Nakano, (415) 856-1974; Tats Hori, (415) 948-6575; or Al Nakai, (415) 322-6125.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

● Installation dinner dance will take place March 7 at the Alondra Country Club, 16400 S. Prairie Ave. For further information and reservations, call Annabelle Lee, (213) 327-0099.

WEST VALLEY

● Annual membership Potluck and Bingo Night will take place March 14, 6 p.m., at the chapter's clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr., San Jose.

RENO

● Scholarship Teriyaki Dinner and Sushi Sale will take place March 15 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 9th and Sutro. Further information may be obtained by contacting event chairperson Linda Okada, (702) 825-0961 or 825-5511.

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For further information, call (916) 323-8043.

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Bay Area JA Seniors Plan Shinnen Kai

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Bay Area Japanese American Senior Centers (BAJASC), a coalition of 15 centers from San Jose to Concord and Sebastopol, will hold its Shinnen Kai on March 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 Stierlin Rd.

The program will include craft displays and sales, guest speakers, lunch, and entertainment. Interested seniors should contact their nearest center for transportation and lunch information.

The following officers were elected at a Jan. 8 BAJASC meeting at West Valley JACL Center in San Jose: president—Ichiro Nishida of San Lorenzo; v.p.—Yukio Kitagawa of Concord; treasurer—John Yamada of Castro Valley; secretary—Lucy Kishaba of Sebastopol.

Plans were discussed for the Shinnen Kai, which Yamada and Nishida are co-chairing with Kaz Furusho of Mountain View, and for an upcoming national Japanese American conference on aging.

Member organizations include Kimochi in San Francisco, Yu-Ai Kai in San Jose, Eden Center in San Lorenzo, Japanese American Services of the East Bay, Berkeley Nikkei Center, Berkeley JACL Drop-in Center, and El Cerrito Sakura Kai. Board members meet at different centers on a rotating basis.

Church Moves

LONG BEACH, Calif. — After being at the same address, 1333 Locust Ave., for approximately 60 years, Grace Presbyterian Church (formerly Japanese Presbyterian Church) is moving to another location in Paramount.

The first worship service at the new location, 8025 E. Somerset Blvd., will be held March 1. Children's service starts at 11:15 a.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church is part of Los Ranchos Presbytery and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. The Rev. Darrel Meyers is interim pastor.

Community Calendar

Feb. 28 — March 14

LOS ANGELES

Feb. 28 through April 12 Works by Keiko Kasai, Akiyoshi Taniguchi, Aya Kimura and Emiko Higo will be featured in "AJA: Emerging Artists," an exhibit at the Doizaki Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

March 5 5:30-7:30 p.m. The appointments of Mas Fukai as chief deputy to L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, and Dennis Nishikawa as commissioner of the L.A. City Public Works Department, will be celebrated with a reception in the Golden Ballroom of the New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Cost is \$15 per person. Info: Mike Watanabe, (213) 293-6284, or Kerry Doi, (213) 748-8431.

SAN JOSE

March 8 3 p.m. Bowling/Pizza Day, sponsored by the Asian American Social Club, will take place at Camino Bowl, 2025 El Camino Real West, in Mountain View. Cost is \$1.80 per game. Free shoe rental. Info: (408) 262-8026.

BERKELEY

Through March 31 "Turning Leaves," a photo exhibit featuring the family albums of two Japanese American families, is on display at the Lowie Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley. Exhibit was funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and is being sponsored by the JACL and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center of Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO

March 7 1-4 p.m. Social Security workshop, sponsored by Nisei and Retirement, will take place at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St. Speaker will be Betty Bernstein of the Social Security Administration. Info: (415) 731-2967.

CLAREMONT

Feb. 28 and March 5, 6 and 7 Two Kabuki plays, "Gohiki Kanjincho" and "Semimaru," will be performed by the Claremont Colleges at the Garrison Theater, 10th Street and Dartmouth Avenue. Info: (714) 626-7530.

FRESNO

March 9 7:30 p.m. "A Great Wall," a film by Peter Wang, will be shown at CSU Fresno during Amerasia Week festivities on the campus. Screening will take place at the Satellite College Union. Info: (209) 294-3002.

WEST COVINA

March 14 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas Night, sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Inc., will take place at the center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Tickets are \$10 per person and include buffet snacks. Info: (818) 960-2566.

MONTEBELLO

March 8 11:30 a.m. Installation banquet of the Nikkei Widowed Group will take place at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant, 901 Via San Clemente. Tickets are \$12.50. Info: Henry, (213) 324-5194, or Yuki, (213) 291-3312.

Tell Them You Saw It in the Pacific Citizen

Local Nikkei to Show Off Their Talent at Benefit for JCCCNC

SAN FRANCISCO — An array of talent drawn from three generations of Nikkei will be showcased at "J-Town Revue," a fund-raiser for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, on March 21, 7:30 p.m., at the recently opened AMC Kabuki 8 Theater.

Yo Kasai will sing popular songs of the '40s, accompanied by pianist Sadie Tajima, with whom he performed in camp. Another Nisei vocalist, Toru Saito, will accompany himself on guitar.

Sansei singer Richard Kishimoto will offer an operatic number as well as a popular ballad. Also featured will be pop vocalist Cynthia Hamada, who has performed with a number of local bands.

Joe Yoshino and partner Joyce

Ling will display their talent in ballroom dancing. The husband-and-wife team of Jimmy Mori and Theresa Schmidt will perform modern dance selections.

Representing the Yonsei will be the Choraliers, a children's chorus, who will sing popular children's songs.

Nisei pianist Milton Oshiro will show off his versatility on the keys. A band led by Sho Ikemi will perform songs from Hawaii, while the Ron Kanzaki group will entertain with "oldies but goodies" from the '60s.

"J-Town Revue" will be the first performance held at the Kabuki 8 Theater by a Japanese American organization.

Tickets are \$12 each. For information, call the JCCCNC office at (415) 567-5505.

UC Students Can Apply for 1987-88 CJAA Scholarships

BERKELEY — Continuing and returning students of Japanese ancestry at any of the nine University of California campuses are encouraged to apply for California Japanese Alumni Association scholarships and grants for the 1987-88 academic year.

Eight scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, contributions to the community and personal character. In addition, six grants of \$500 each will be made on the basis of

community service.

Applications for CJAA scholarships and grants are being distributed by financial aid offices at each of the UC campuses and by CJAA officials. Application deadline is March 15. Awards will be announced by May 31; funds will be distributed at the beginning of each semester/quarter upon enrollment.

Further information may be obtained by contacting George Yasukochi, 1656 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702; (415) 843-1519.

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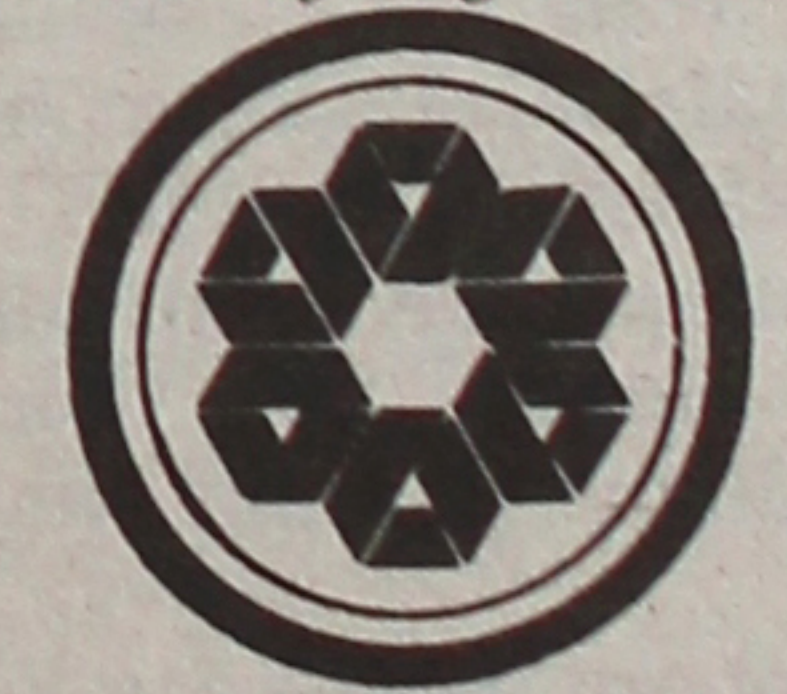
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Solicitations Planned

JACL Explores Ways to Attract Members

by Harry Honda

SAN FRANCISCO — Over the past year, JACL engaged SRS Group Consultants, a Washington, D.C.-based direct-mail firm, and netted 1,141 new members from 80,000 solicitation pieces (a 1.8 percent response rate), plus \$55,010 in revenue over \$34,193 in solicitation expenses.

This summary was provided at the Feb. 13-15 meeting of the JACL National Board, which approved another appeal to 100,000 more Nikkei households across the U.S. starting the last week of March.

An initial test mailing last year featured a letter signed by former Vice President Walter Mondale and was sent to 25,000 civil and human rights-oriented individuals for support of JACL's redress program through either membership or contribution. Only 65 new members and \$3,050 in contributions came.

'Sobering Failure'

Those results were a "sobering failure," SRS admitted. "In retrospect, it may have been an error to try to recruit non-Japanese Americans as JACL members. Better results might have been obtained had we merely solicited contributions."

With 135,000 Nikkei solicited to date, SRS advised the board that eventually JACL would need to find a way to expand support and revenue beyond the limited universe of some 220,000 Japanese American families. With a second rollout of 100,000 names, SRS has 35,000 names remaining.

As part of the initial test, the same letter to 5,000 Japanese American households resulted in 207 new members and \$8,128 in contributions. The response rate with the Nikkei was 4.1 percent—very high by industry standards, SRS noted.

In the wake of that test, JACL ordered the first rollout of 50,000 names, which attracted 1,097 responses—869 new members and a gross revenue of \$43,832 with solicitation expenses of \$19,478. SRS also noted that use of a postage-paid business reply envelope resulted in a 21 percent increase in response.

The board was further reminded that any list it secured from compilers will not be 100 percent usable because some people have moved without leaving a forwarding address.

A sum of \$36,000 was authorized for the second rollout.

State-by-State Analysis

An analysis showed that the 1,141 new members generated by SRS were from 43 states. Missing were New Hampshire, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Top responses came from California (820), Hawaii (216), Colorado (55), Illinois (48) and New York (35).

New members received a kit containing a member benefit booklet, a copy of *Personal Justice Denied* (the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians' report), car rental discount cards, and a letter of welcome from national director Ron Wakabayashi.

Chapter participation was also urged.

Committee Proposed

Membership remains the number one internal priority for JACL, membership chair Jan Yoshiwara emphasized in a campaign report to vice president of membership services Mary Nishimoto and the rest of the National Board. Yoshiwara recommended that a national membership development committee comprised

of district representatives be organized.

Among steps recommended to boost membership were (1) upgrading categories of current members, (2) soliciting small business/corporate memberships, and (3) replacing the local chapter clerical system with a national direct renewal program.

Yoshiwara, a Puyallup Valley JACLer, outlined the campaign with a mission statement, objective and strategy for each phase.

If each of the 18 National Board members, 35 national committee chairs, and 114 chapter presidents recruited 15 new members at \$35 each per year, she pointed out, JACL would have \$85,000 and 2,505 members.

The campaign must be ongoing and individuals aggressively asked to enroll, she continued. "They do not join if we don't ask."

In addition to developing personal contacts and lists of prospects, chapters were encouraged to hold new-member parties, develop direct-mail solicitations, and use membership aids available from National Headquarters.

Sansei Targeted

A target population of 1,200 Sansei regular members should be identified, she suggested, for upgrading to one of the 1000 Club grades: \$55 regular, \$110 Century or \$500 Life.

Small and major business corporations can be enrolled as \$1,000 diamond, \$500 gold and \$250 silver corporate members. Again, Yoshiwara said, the board and staff should develop a potential list and follow up with direct solicitation efforts.

If the National Board signs up 25 diamond and 25 gold corporate members while each chapter signs up one silver corporation member, \$66,000 can be earned.

She also requested that applications for new members be different from renewal forms. A fact

sheet or brochure highlighting JACL's civil rights achievements, programs and member benefits would be included; chapters, likewise, can develop their own fact sheets.

Membership Maintenance

To provide a reliable, effective and expedient renewal system on the individual anniversary basis, an automated direct renewal program was encouraged in the report. Details were presented by former National JACL treasurer Henry Sakai.

Sakai explained that the automated renewal program had been recommended by the board in 1984 but was rejected by delegates at the JACL National Convention because of by-law changes. A lock-box system at post offices, where members would send their renewals, was to expedite the process.

Billing would either be generated by JACL/PC or the bank handling the remittance processing, reducing the workload at the chapter level and enabling chapters to recruit new members and check on late renewals.

Olympia JACLer Ted Masumoto's comment after the convention was also noted. He felt the failure of the resolution was due to delegates detesting the idea of the National Board "ram-rod[ding] something down the throats of the general membership." The plan had not been fully explained and options were not suggested.

The board renewed its position in favor of automated membership renewal. Within the biennium, with district governors explaining the plan in full and working out local problems, Sakai was optimistic that the system would pass and thus help all levels.

S.F. State to Host Conference

SAN FRANCISCO — The Asian American Studies Department of San Francisco State University will host the fourth National Asian American Studies Conference on March 20 and 21.

Over 50 scholars, students and community organizers are scheduled to present papers relating to the theme, "Asian Americans and Education," and other topics.

On March 20, the conference will feature workshops and panels on curriculum issues in Asian American studies; the new CSU admissions requirements; Asian American students and teachers in public schools; biracial/bicultural identity; the relationship between scholarship and com-

munities; and the status of Asian American studies programs.

The program for March 21 includes sessions on: the impact of institutional racism on Asian Americans in university settings; global and historical perspectives on anti-Asian violence; community-based educational programs; uses of Asian American literature in the classroom; current research on Asian American women; and critiques of the "model minority" stereotype.

Registration is \$30 if reservations are made before March 1. For more information, call George K. Woo or Lane Hirabayashi at the SFSU Asian American Studies Department, (415) 469-1054.

JA Writes Book on Race in U.S.

BERKELEY — In their new book, UC Berkeley lecturer Michael Omi and co-author Howard Winant offer a critical analysis of race in American politics and everyday life.

Racial Formation in the United States: From the 1960s to the 1980s, published by Routledge and Kegan Paul, examines recent dramatic changes in notions of racial identity, the nature of group life, and the role of the federal government in race relations.

Omi and Winant put forth a theory of "racial formation" which treats race as a key organizing principle of social action, one which establishes individual and group identity and

shapes the organization of American politics.

The authors argue that an understanding of racial conflict has been limited by race relations perspectives that treat race as part of a supposedly more fundamental social relationship, such as class.

Omi will speak on the book and the seven-year collaborative effort that produced it at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., on March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

A native of San Francisco, Omi has taught in UCB's Asian American Studies Program for the past five years. He has written for various publications, including *Bridge* and *Amerasia Journal*.

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Washington D.C. - Colonial Williamsburg
\$687 triple + air \$897 single + air
ITINERARY ESPECIALLY PREPARED FOR MIS ASSN. of SO. CALIF. AND FRIENDS
Tue. Sept. 29—Washington, D.C.: 4 nights at Capitol Holiday Inn (near the Smithsonian), MIS reception/mixer/light buffet 6-9 pm.
Wed. Sept. 30—Full-day city tour: Bureau of Engraving & Printing, The White House, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, The Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknowns, Kennedy Gravesites, Iwojima Marine Monument, Embassy Row, National Cathedral. Dinner included.
Thu. Oct. 1—FREE DAY: Opening ceremonies of "Japanese American Experience", Smithsonian Institution's Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Exhibit; late afternoon MIS get-together & dinner, Ft. Myers Officers Club.
Fri. Oct. 2—Full-day city tour: Immaculate Conception Shrine, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, Evening Special—"Loni Ding's 'The Color of Honor'", American Film Institute-JFK Center (* subject to final arrangement).
Sat. Oct. 3—Williamsburg: 2 nights at Ramada Inn East. Leave WDC by motorcoach for historic Virginia tidewater country; Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk; dinner at famous Kings Arms Tavern, Williamsburg.
Sun. Oct. 4—Full day exploring the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg, Governor's Palace & Gardens before going off on your own pace to visit any one of the 88 restored historic buildings. Evening dinner at hotel.
Mon. Oct. 5—After breakfast, motor north to Washington, DC, for the flight home.
TOUR INCLUDES
11 meals—6 bkfst's, 5 dnrs, Sept 29 reception-mixer • Transportation via deluxe, lavatory-equipped, air conditioned motorcoach • 6 nights hotel accommodations • All sightseeing & admissions on itinerary • All taxes, service charges • A professional tour guide. Round trip air fare — \$258.00 from LAX
—For Reservation / Further Information— (213) 820-5250
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\$200 deposit due before April 15, 1987; final payment by July 29. Cancellation within 60 days is \$100 /person. Reservations first come-first serve basis.