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## News in Brief

### Nakajo Ousted From Festival Co-Chair Slot

SAN FRANCISCO — Steve Nakajo, co-chairman of the recent San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival, was ousted in a vote of no-confidence May 26.

According to the *Hokubei Mainichi*, a secret ballot vote resulted in Nakajo losing with a tally of 10-9 against supporting him, with three abstentions. Twenty-two of the 58 committee members attended the meeting.

The vote followed discussion about discontinuation of the popular Cherry Blossom Queen event in the festival. Some felt that the contest was sexist, archaic and degrading to women, while others said it helped promote the festival and gave young women educational opportunities.

Co-chairman Yukio Murakami has called a meeting to make plans for next year's festival.

### Korematsu Awarded Honorary Law Degree

NEW YORK — Fred Korematsu, who in 1942 defied evacuation orders and took his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at City University of New York (CUNY) law school late last month. The Supreme Court in a wartime decision found Korematsu guilty, but the conviction was overturned in 1984 when Sansei attorneys reopened the case with new evidence charging government prosecutors with misconduct in the original trial. Korematsu's citation called his life, "a testament to the strength of the human spirit and a beacon of hope for those who dedicate their lives to the attainment and preservation of fundamental guarantees of law for all peoples."

CUNY Law School, whose motto is "Law in the Service of Human Needs", was created in 1983. Half of CUNY's faculty is composed of women and one-third (including four Asian Americans) are people of color.

Asian American students from a wide variety of backgrounds are presently enrolled at the Law School.

### 'Lost Years' For Sale

LOS ANGELES — A fifth edition of *The Lost Years 1942-46* published by the Manzanar Committee, is now available.

The 60-page monograph, edited by Sue Kunitomi Embrey, has been typeset and printed on semi-gloss paper. The new edition carries an updated bibliography.

*The Lost Years* sells for \$5 per copy, with \$1.25 postage and handling, if purchased from the committee. The address is 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles 90026.

## Nikkei Vietnam Vets Saluted In L.A.

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — Japanese American Vietnam veterans received a warm, if not long overdue, tribute by 980 members of the Japanese American community at a fund-raising dinner held June 2 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

"Born in the U.S.A.: A Salute to Japanese American Vietnam Veterans and Vincent Okamoto" honored the approximately 3,000 of Japanese ancestry who served in the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War. The dinner raised over \$103,000 for the establishment of a memorial plaque at the Japanese American National Museum in honor of their contributions.

Proceeds from the event will also be used for the construction of a wing in the Japanese Retirement Home in Los Angeles, which will be named in memory of the late Justice John Aiso.

Judge Morio Fukuto introduced Okamoto as the representative honoree for all Japanese American Vietnam veterans. According to Fukuto, 15 Japanese American servicemen are still missing-in-action in Viet-

nam. Of the 98 who perished in the war, two have posthumously received the Medal of Honor—the nation's highest military award.

The families of medal recipients SFC Rodney J.T. Yano of Kealahou, Hawaii, and CPL Terry T. Kawamura of Wahiawa, Oahu, were among the audience of veterans and local dignitaries at Thursday night's celebration.

Okamoto, 44, is a former director of the California Veterans Affairs Commission. A past councilman for the City of Gardena, Calif., he has also worked as director of organizations such as the California Oriental Peace Officers. Currently, he resides in Torrance, Calif., with his wife Mitzi and son Darby.

In 1968, he received the Distinguished Service Cross, along with 15 other decorations, for his service in Vietnam.

Okamoto began his speech by acknowledging the indifference or hostility that some veterans faced upon their return home from fighting what many Americans saw as an unpopular war. Treated as an "invis-

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### JACL-LEC Mailgram Hotline to the White House Urges President Reagan to Sign Redress Bill

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The JACL-LEC acknowledges a \$10,000 contribution from the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund toward the \$20,000 mailgram account.

## Matsui to Help Write Upcoming Democratic Platform

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) has been chosen to serve as one of sixteen members of the committee that will draft the 1988 National Democratic Platform, Democratic National Party Chairman Paul G. Kirk announced on June 2.

The panel is scheduled to convene in an open session at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Mich., on June 9 through June 12. Its purpose will be to develop a working draft of the party's platform. After approval by the full platform committee (made up of 183 Democrats nationwide) the platform will be presented at the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta, Ga., on June 19.

The drafting committee is made up of six selections by Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, six selections by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and four selections by Kirk Matsui was asked by Dukakis to serve as one of his selections on the panel.

"My goal is to play a constructive role in fashioning a platform that will be true to our Democratic heritage," the congressman said. "I will be looking toward a document that will bring all Democrats closer together. It will be a document that will enhance our chances for victory

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### 'Only Fair'

## Bush Says 'Yes' to Redress

ONTARIO, Calif. — Vice President George Bush endorsed on Monday legislation to redress Japanese Americans for World War II injustices.

"It is only fair," Bush was quoted, "that our country provide apologies and reparations to those innocent Japanese Americans interned in prison camps during WW2." The vice president was campaigning in California as the Republican candidate for November's presidential election. Bush's press secretary released the following statement:

"Today, the vice president endorsed legislation implementing the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. A conference committee is now meeting on legislation that would provide \$20,000 in reparations per person to an estimated 60,000 Japanese American survivors who were interned during World War II. The legislation would also apologize on behalf of the United States to those interned Japanese Americans.

"In February 1942, President Roosevelt authorized the internment of over 100,000 Japanese Americans. These Americans were rounded up, forced to abandon their property, and sent to 'relocation centers.' For up to three years, these Americans were isolated from their fellow citizens, denied decent jobs, and denied the opportunity to send

their children to decent schools. Their experience was an unfortunate chapter in our nation's history.

"The vice president strongly believes that it is only fair that our country provide apologies and reparations to those Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. During times of war, it is often difficult to resist succumbing to hysteria. However, we should always try to remember our basic purpose—to defend freedom and civil rights for all."

The two Democratic presidential candidates, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and the Rev. Jesse Jackson have already announced their support for redress. President Reagan has not announced a position on the redress bill, which the Justice Department has recommended that he veto.

The bill currently in the conference stage to resolve different wording between the Senate and House versions of the bill. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has taken on the leadership for the House conferees. According to JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara, Frank reported that the major "sticking point" is the vesting clause for individuals who die after the bill becomes law. There is a possibility of another meeting between the principals of the House and Senate to discuss this issue during this week, she said.

### JACL Presidency

## Candidates Reveal Platform, Histories



Mollie Fujioka is the fifth in a family of five daughters and one son was born near Onalaska, Wash. Her father, Mokuji Yasutake, was a sawmill worker and her mother, Tome, was a midwife. Before being sent to the Tule Lake War Relocation Center, she was active at Longview High School in student government, clubs and sports. She completed high school in camp, where she was once again involved in many activities. She then attended

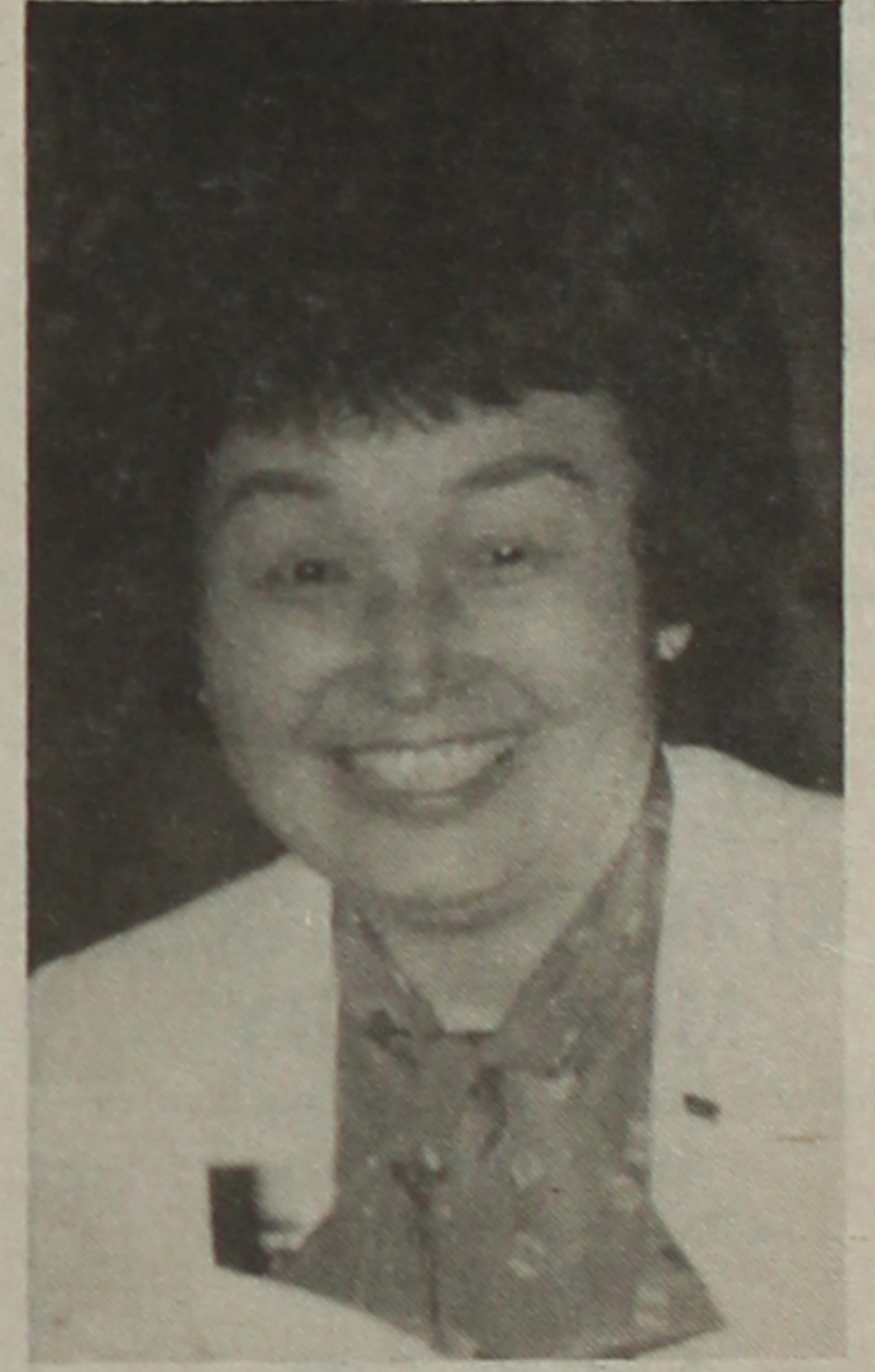
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Cressey Nakagawa was born on Sept. 12, 1943, in Chicago, Ill. From 1944 through 1963, he lived in Modesto, Calif., where he attended grammar school and graduated from Modesto High School in 1961.

After two years at Modesto Junior College, he transferred to Stanford University where he obtained a B.A. in political science in 1965. Thereafter, Nakagawa attended and graduated from U.C. Hastings College of Law in San Francisco

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Helen Kawagoe graduated in June 1944 from Butte High School, Gila River Relocation Center, Rivers, Ariz. and went on to receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws from South Bay University College of Laws. To further her education, she attended the Continuing Education for Public Officials, University of California at Santa Cruz; Records Management Seminars, American University, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Savings and Loan League Workshops for Marketing Personnel

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Theater Review

# 'Yankee Dawg' a First Rate Production

By George Johnston

"The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to protect the innocent ... and the guilty ... and the embarrassed." That disclaimer should precede Philip Kan Gotanda's excellent play, *Yankee Dawg You Die*. The two man drama, starring Sab Shimono as Vincent Chang and Kelvin Han Yee as Bradley Yamashita, is the story of a pair of actors, one old and one young, both very different, yet maybe more similar than they think.

Yamashita (he pronounces it *Yamasheta*) is a young, brash, idealistic up-and-coming actor, whose experience is mainly with Asian American community-based outlets. Chang is the older, pompously dignified veteran actor who has played every Asian male stereotype you love to hate, from the simpering, kowtowing little brown brother to the menacing, vicious (and spectacled) yellow heathen. The actors meet at a Hollywood party and the audience gets to see them interact over the course of a few months.

### Contradictory Emotions

For Yamashita, Chang evokes some contradictory emotions. He looks up to Chang on one hand for being an Asian American acting presence, a familiar face on a late night movie. Chang is a survivor (he changed his name from Takeda to work). On the other hand, Yamashita resents Chang for being an "Asian American Step n' Fetchit" whose "Charlie Chopsuey" portrayals have embedded themselves into the minds of millions, messing it up for Asian Americans everywhere.

Meanwhile, Chang, although bemused by Yamashita's youthful energy, looks down upon his training in Asian American "film" and theater (Chang calls it "amateur hour"), and believes that Yamashita still hasn't paid his dues. Despite this, they become friends and see more of each other, learning about each other, going to auditions, getting into arguments, listening to each other's stories and playing mind games on one another.

### The Actors

Shimono and Yee deliver first

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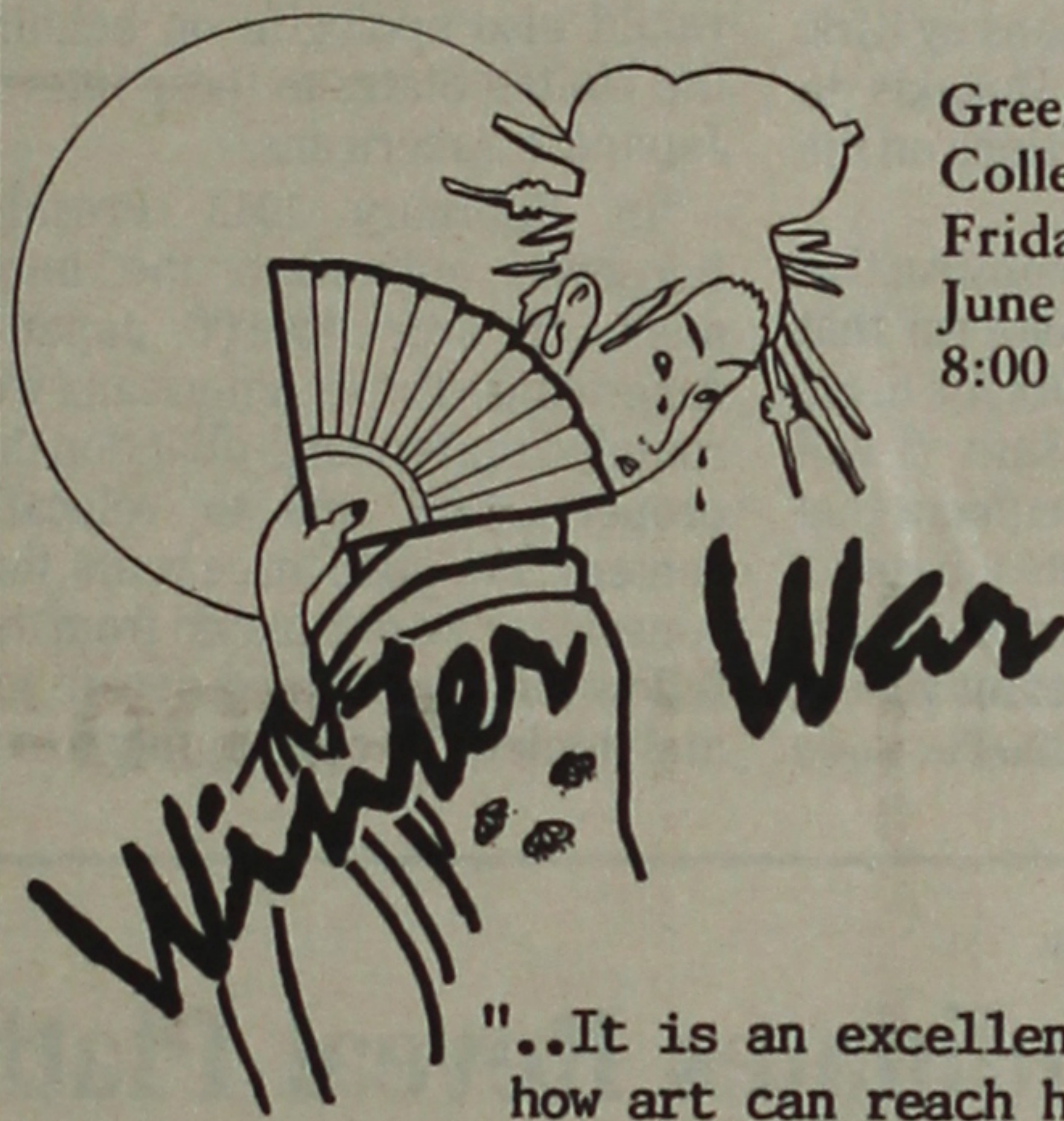


Photo By Fred Speiser

**YANKEE DAWG**—Bradley Yamashita (Kelvin Han Yee, foreground) entreats Godzilla (played by Sab Shimono) to punish his tormentors in the Berkeley Repertory Theatre production of *Yankee Dawg You Die*, playing at the Los Angeles Theatre Center through July 3, 1988.

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LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications, the oldest Asian Pacific, community-based media organization, is now offering professional filmmaking instruction for a select number of individuals in the Asian Pacific Filmmaker Development Program

Partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, this program will provide its participants a chance to become involved in the writing, producing and directing of short, Super-8mm, documentary, dramatic and animated films. Instruction and guidance will be provided by experienced independent film makers.

Designed specifically to encourage and develop media producers in the Asian Pacific communities, the program will place strong emphasis on the cultivation of ideas, images, themes and subject matter which reflect ethnic culture and history, contemporary community concerns, and personal visions of a distinctly Asian Pacific nature.

Applicants to the program need not have past experience in film production. Selections will be made

on the basis of ideas and desire to produce Asian Pacific programs. Those selected will be provided with the equipment, resources and filmmaking skills to produce fully realized films. A \$100 instructional fee will be assessed each participant.

Two separate courses, each approximately 12 weeks in duration, will be conducted through the coming year. Each course will introduce students to scripting, cinematography, sound, and editing. Separate applications will be considered for each course with five applicants accepted for each course. The courses are as follows:

- 1) Documentary Production—(August, 1988, through November, 1988.) This course will focus on documenting aspects of Asian Pacific America. Applications are due June 15, 1988.
- 2) The Dramatic Film—(September through December) Participants will write short, dramatic scripts with Asian Pacific themes. Applications are due July 15, 1988.

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**REVIEW**

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rate performances throughout the entire play and both display good chemistry between themselves. Shimono really becomes another person in Chang. The combination of Gotanda's balanced portrayals and Shimono's acting makes it difficult to dislike Chang, even though it would be easy to do. Yee, who played the son in the movie *A Great Wall*, is great, reminiscent of the late

John Belushi in both speech and manner.

The play itself is done well on every level. The story is often funny and full of inside jokes on names and events in the Asian American community. Gotanda even seems to mock himself, alluding to a playwright that sounds suspiciously like it could be him. For the very sensitive, be forewarned that some of the language is a bit rough at times. As for the characters of Chang and Yamashita, they appear to be composites of many different people who have tried to make it in the crazy world of acting.

The look of the play also gets high marks, with the modernistic platform, great lighting and the Roy Lichtenstein-like slides projected onto the background screens. The sound-effects and music are also first cabin... *Yankee Dawg You Die* is simply a good production.

**JANM Benefit**

*Yankee Dawg You Die* is currently playing at the Los Angeles Theatre Center until July 3, on the Manny Rice Stage of the Tom Bradley Theatre. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$22 to \$25. Call (213) 627-6500 for details.

The Japanese American National Museum is hosting two special benefit performances of the play, June 16 at 8:00 p.m. and June 22 at 6:30 p.m., with profits from the tickets sales of those shows going to the museum. For these shows, tickets are \$27 for special seats, \$22 (same as the LATC price) and \$15 for students (only available June 22). For information on tickets for the benefit shows, call (213) 625-0414.

**VIETNAM**

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ible generation," he said, many of them repressed their feelings about "what had been the most momentous event of their lives." When in the last several years they began to "speak their minds, part of the message they [were] sending was... 'don't be ashamed of us because we did what we had to do.'"

"... We're getting tired of hearing people refer to Vietnam as the only war America ever lost. I didn't lose that war and neither did the Vietnam veterans," Okamoto continued. "To say we lost the war... is an insult to every man and woman who served in Vietnam. In truth, Saigon fell to the Communists more than two years after the last American combat units had been withdrawn from Vietnam.

"Indeed, Vietnam was one of America's few wars where no major American combat unit ever lost a decisive engagement to the enemy on the battlefield, where no major American combat unit ever laid down its arms... and surrendered to the enemy."

If, in remembering the Americans who died, "it becomes a little bit harder for this country to ever again send another generation of young men off to fight on foreign soil, then I think we've done a good thing here tonight," said Okamoto. And if a similar event should ever occur, he added, then "the government and the people collectively had better be prepared to support [the servicemen], both while doing the fighting and when they return."

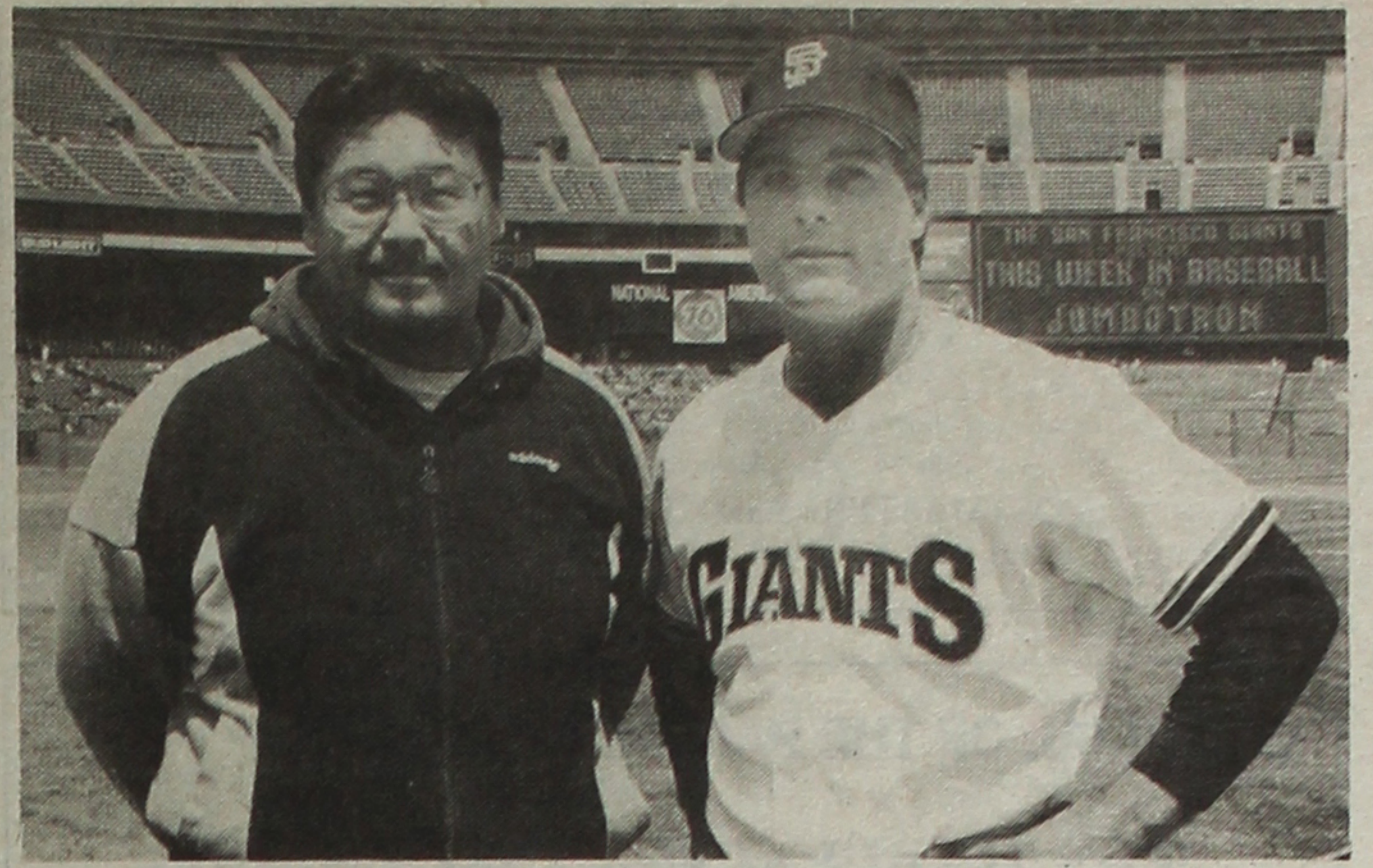
The program, which was emceed by KCBS-TV Anchorwoman Tritia Toyota, also honored former actress Martha Raye. Raye, who is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, was in Vietnam for nine years of the war.

**Pacific Citizen Not Involved in Essay Contest**

LOS ANGELES—A letter being distributed by Ben Matsuoka of Chicago, Ill. concerning an essay contest with the topic "How Best, We Can Serve America," is not sponsored, endorsed nor connected to the Pacific Citizen or the JACL. The letter, dated May 12, proposes an essay contest regarding redress and coming up with ideas on how to "give opportunities for our concerned citizens to participate in a constructive effort to build America, not debilitate America."

The address given for entries is that of the Pacific Citizen, which was done without the knowledge or permission of this publication. "The fact that our address was given seems to give the impression that we are involved in this contest," said P.C. General Manager of Operations Harry Honda. "This is not so."

Sue Kunitomi Embrey, who received an original contest letter, wrote Matsuoka back, scolding him for "perpetrating a fraud," this resulted in Matsuoka sending a letter to the P.C. office, in which he wrote, "I am sorry I named your office as a depository, but I am doubly sorry you do not respond to our nationwide communities. I will withdraw your P.C. office as an essay depository immediately." Honda responded with a letter acknowledging the receipt of Matsuoka's letter of apology and the withdrawal of the P.C. address in the contest.



**DARUMA DOLL DAY**—Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi Senior Center poses with Mario Aldrete of the San Francisco Giants. The Giants are getting ready for Japanese American Day on July 9, when they take on the St. Louis Cardinals. The Daruma Doll Award will be presented in a pregame ceremony to the Giant that best represents the spirit of Daruma, which is perseverance. Every baseball fan who buys a ticket will be able to vote for the Giant whom he thinks best represents the spirit of the award. Ticket info: (415) 931-2294.

**MATSUI**

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in November, not hinder them."

Kirk has called for a departure from past platforms which he believes have been "lengthy lists of legislative initiatives." This year he is looking for a document that is a "broad, positive and brief statement of purpose."

Matsui was one of the first members of Congress outside of Mas-

sachusetts to endorse Dukakis for president and serves as a co-chair to the Dukakis campaign in California. He will serve as the committee's only voting member who is a congressman. Rep. Bill Grey (D-Pa.) will serve as committee chairman but will not have voting power.

Other members of the drafting committee include Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, Pennsylvania Secretary of Public Welfare Anna Burger Price and Chicago City Treasurer Cecil Partee.

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## The World of the Flat Earther

THE FLAT Earth Society never seems to want for prospective members. Flat Earthers are people who believe things like the earth is not spherical, but flat. They adhere blindly to outlandish beliefs even though history, science and human experience have proven them totally wrong.

The latest prominent Flat Earther is Seisuke Okuno, who was forced to quit his National Land Agency post in the Japanese cabinet for public statements about Japan's role in World War II. In a widely reported speech, Okuno denied Japan was the aggressor against China and Korea, but rather had fought to secure its own safety. This interpretation of history runs counter to the version accepted by most Japanese, which is that aggression by militarists led to invasion of the mainland and ultimately to World War II.

Embarrassed, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita pressured Okuno to resign. He did, but without repentance. He said he was stepping down, "not because I was wrong, but for the sake of Japan's diplomatic relationship."

The United States has its share of Flat Earthers. Among them are the men and women who write to newspapers saying redress payments should not be made to people who bombed Pearl Harbor and were responsible for the Bataan Death March. These people simply will not, and perhaps cannot, understand that the individuals benefiting from the redress bill passed by Congress are American citizens and legally resident aliens who were mistreated solely because their ethnic origins happened to be Japanese.

No one has discovered a way to change a Flat Earther's mind. But perhaps that's because mindless persons cannot be changed.

## Grassroots Effort Gains Support of Former U.S. President

The campaign to build up popular support for redress is showing encouraging results. This week JACL-LEC received a copy of a letter from former President Gerald Ford to George Tabuchi of Stockton, Calif., promising support for redress. Dated May 18, Ford's letter said:

"Dear George:

I will be in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 24th and at that time will personally indicate my support of the redress bill to the White House and several other top administration officials. I sincerely hope the president will approve this long delayed legislation.

"I was proud as president to sign the rescinding order of Executive Order No. 9066 of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Warmest, best wishes,

(signed) Gerald R. Ford"

### Grassroots Support

Charles Nagao, Seabrook Chapter redress chair, received a call recently from the New Jersey State Republican leader, James Hurley from Vineland. Hurley asked when the bill would go to the president so he could call him to sign the measure.

Tak Moriuchi, Philadelphia Chapter redress coordinator for New Jersey and president of the New Jersey Fruit Growers Association has persuaded several individuals with access to the White House to call the president.

In Cocoa Beach, Fla., John Nitta has rounded up his fellow Shriners to write hundreds of letters to the president.

Bill Yoshino, Midwest District regional director, reports that his office sent out 800 mailings to encourage participation in the White House campaign.

Jo Okura, Cincinnati JACL redress chair; Tom Kometani, EDC Governor; Sumi Kobayashi, Philadelphia chapter and Terry Yamada, Portland chapter, report that their chapters have all been busy writing letters and petitions with signatures to the president. Kobayashi has involved all the Chinese American organizations from the Philadelphia area with the help of Ida Chen. This includes the Delaware Valley Asian American

### LEC UPDATE

Grayce Ueyehara



### Bar Association.

The *Ethnic News of the Ethnic Heritage Council of Seattle* published an editorial supporting the White House campaign. In mid-May, the American Jewish Committee passed a resolution at their national meeting in favor of redress, as has the United Methodist Church. A resolution in favor of redress was also passed by the California Association of Human Rights Organizations in San Diego.

These are only a sampling of the tremendous grass roots lobbying which is taking place all over the United States. If President Reagan signs the redress bill, the many individuals who have learned to use the political process as "We, the people" will be entitled to much of the credit.

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### The Hotline

Western Union's prepaid Hotline Mailgram through Operator #9395 still has unused funds. Even if you have written a letter, use the mailgram service to get your message to the president.

Meanwhile, there have been paid ads placed in newspapers by "Concerned Americans" urging individuals to tell the president to veto H.R. 442 and to tell legislators not to override his veto. This advertisement appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Boston Globe*. Lillian Baker of "Americans for Historical Accuracy" also has advertised in opposition to the redress bill in California papers.

The opposition is hard at work. We must keep up our efforts after having come this far.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and no more than 200 words. A contact phone number and address must be included or P.C. will not print the letter. Letters may be subject to editing.

### Hecht 'Poorly' Informed

(Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from a letter sent to Sen. Chic Hecht [R-Nev.]; Hecht voted against S. 1009, which passed 69-27 on April 20.)

Last week I wrote to you asking for your support of S. 1009. I just heard about your press release with your comments.

Your comments show how poorly you are informed. When you said the Japanese Americans did not suffer or die, you showed insensitivity to the facts. Some did die and all suffered.

I too experienced evacuation and volunteered for military duty, having served in the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team the most highly decorated military unit. I lost my right leg and suffered multiple other wounds. I saw my friends killed or wounded in action. When you said Japanese Americans did not suffer or die, you should read about the 100th/442nd Combat Team. Your colleagues in the Senate, Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, are outstanding veterans of our unit.

For your information, yes, there was the Evacuation Claims Act. We were told by authorities at that time, we could only file claims for which we could verify with receipts or other documents and not on lost income or anticipated income. We filed a claim for \$27,000 and were forced to settle for \$1,500.

Within hours after the War Department announced that Japanese Americans could return to their former homes in California, our family home was burned to the ground. Yet we were unable to claim that as a loss because we couldn't prove the cause of the fire.

My brothers and I gave 14 years in military service. My brother, Dan, with over five and one-half years, including service with the 442nd Combat Team, died last year. Our oldest brother, Paul, had over five years of service, had 15 acres of prime land in Loomis, Calif., with a small mortgage of \$1,200. The Placer County Bank violated the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act and foreclosed after he was in service for 3 years and he did not know about it until he returned in 1946. That same

15-acre parcel sold for \$860,000 several years ago.

When a small segment of our population was evacuated and incarcerated merely because of race, any amount given for redress is but a token for all the suffering and indignity forced upon these people by their own government.

Incidentally, the only reason our parents were not citizens was because they were unable to (become citizens) by law and didn't become eligible until passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

I am a past commander of American Legion Post 1 and DAV Chapter 1 and department commander, DAV. I am also one of your constituents.

WILSON MAKABE  
Reno, Nev.

### Camp Food No Picnic

I don't know where John Mooring got his information that the internees received the same food ration as the soldiers. He was right in one respect, the food was on par with the K ration.

It is hard to believe that the daily ration was 31 cents a day per internee. This is not hearsay, having worked under Mr. Best, chief steward, in Poston Camp I. No thought was given to nutrition when ordering the food. Beside myself, Sam Sugita, Alice Maeda and another girl whose name I forgot worked in the chief steward office.

FRED T. YOSHIDA  
San Francisco, Calif.

### Stereotypes Harmful

If the redress bill passes "it would reflect unfavorably on Japanese Americans," says S.I. Hayakawa (P.C. May 6, 1988). "Japanese Americans have a higher income than others, including Whites." For his information, his stereotyping us reflects unfavorably on us.

I've been told Hayakawa is a millionaire owning considerable property in California. Which is easy to believe considering the fat fee he garnered on his lecture tours and drawing his senator's salary while snoozing away at Senate sessions. And back East he did well for himself throughout the war. So, if he would pool his resources with the JA's whose income fall far below the national average, such a statistic of income averaging of JA's would be more meaningful. As it is, it's a racist thing to do, to average income ac-

ording to race, creating a false, composite image of Japanese Americans.

How is it that Whites, with their billionaires and millionaires, escape the stereotype of having income way above the national average? For one thing, their media call attention, a lot, to their needy: The elderly, the homeless, drug addicts, AIDS victims, the handicapped, etc. Consequently the Whites avoid getting put in one economic box.

We Japanese Americans, too, have the right to be judged as individuals. It's a right given us by Almighty God, not by those who would forever stereotype us.

MARY TANI  
Los Angeles, Calif.

### A Christian Putdown

The predictable and anticipated reactions to the title and contents of Mr. Masaoka's book seem to have the Rashoman effect, encompassing the emotional spectrum from chutzpah to syncophancy. The book's issues will be debated for generations but we probably have had enough pettifoggery on the metaphor, Moses, to which I may have ungraciously contributed.

So what follows may be a relapse or at least a diversion. Mr. Hohri's assertion, in his rather retributive book review, that Moses was not a prophet but just a lawmaker (but what a body of law and directly from God!) is overly dismissive and a Christian putdown.

Widely accepted and acknowledged by most Jewish and Christian scholars and theologians, Moses was the father of Jewish, and hence, of Christian, prophets. Furthermore, he was a rare truly divinely guided or directed prophet; the association between God (Yahweh) and Moses was closer and more direct than with any other prophet including Jesus (I realize many Christians consider him son of God).

In contrast, Jesus aside, most biblical prophets, both Jewish and Christian, were regarded as forecasters, seers, visionaries, teachers and crazies—like the weather and investment forecasters and prophets. Moreover, Moses shared with Elijah and Jesus mysterious terminal events and implied ascension into heaven. Good heavens, I'm over my head, but I make my stand of the rock of Tao—impartiality, neutrality and bemusement.

EJI SUYAMA  
Ellsworth, Maine

## Kō-den

### EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



respect. And that holds true for any other deceased of the Buddhist faith. And, oh yes, *senkō* is written with two *kanji* characters, the *kō* being the same "kaori" as in *kō-den*. The *sen* is the character for line, route, track, wire. So *senkō*, loosely translated, means a fragrance stick.

(I hope all those smart folks took my advice in the first paragraph; otherwise, I'm going to be inundated with remonstrating corrections.)

ETHNIC GROUPS EACH have their own way of observing the passing of a family member or friend: the Irish with their wakes, the Italians with their observations, the Jews with their—is it called a *shivah*? Some have open caskets, some closed, some no casket with just a memorial ceremony; some cremation, others keeping the body intact.

To each his own.  
ONE CAN PROVIDE in one's own

will, *yuigon-shō*, for provisions relating to funeral ceremony, burial, etc. In considering the provisions of a will, this is one of the items that should be considered: Cremation? "Modest" funeral? To have such a provision can, perhaps, serve to place a brake on a bereaved widow/widower or family survivors who, in their grief, might be compelled to give the deceased "a big send-off."

When the deceased, for all (s)he cares, would have preferred that the survivors save the money for their own welfare.

WHILE SPEAKING of *yuigon-shō*'s, I urge that such be taken care of now, and not when you become ill or are in the hospital. Take care of the matter when you're healthy; signing one of those things at the hospital bed is rather depressing. Two things are certain: taxes is one of them. If there's anything that anyone can guarantee, it is that the will will be used, and it doesn't cost more to get the protection early.

BUT GETTING BACK to *kō-den*. The *kō* part means fragrance, perfume, in the pleasant sense. If you put it down twice—to read *kō-kō*—it means, you guessed it: "pickles" that you eat with your *chazuke*. I don't know how it was at your home, but the *kō-kō* we used to ferment was anything but "fragrant."

## Eating and Talking in Boston

On a recent business trip to Boston I asked a native to recommend several of the city's very best fish restaurants.

"Try the Tuna Fisheries," he said. Tuna Fisheries. Sounded good. But as it turned out there was no Tuna Fisheries. Eventually I figured out that my friend, who speaks with the strange accents of Boston (remember President Kennedy referring to Cuba as Cuber?) was steering me to Turner Fisheries, a kind of polished mahogany place in a downtown hotel. The help there spoke the same dialect, but I managed to make my wishes known by pointing to the menu. The clam chowder was as good as I ever remember having.

(On the ride to the airport the cab driver and his dispatcher were carrying on an animated conversation on the two-way radio in a totally unfamiliar language as we were driving through a large Vietnamese and Thai neighborhood. Turned out to be Polish. Boston would prove to be a real challenge for those folks who think we ought to make English the official American language.)

My mission in Boston was to take part in the annual convention of the Organization of News Ombudsmen, a relatively small group of mostly newspaper folks who are hired to listen to reader complaints. These range from protests about the way the ink rubs off from the printed page onto your hands, all the way to charges of unfairness in presenting the news, invasion of privacy, distortion, bias and ignorance. Since many of the complaints are well-taken, most of us ombuddies write columns in which we often have to criticize our colleagues for their errors of commission or omission. News ombudsing is not a dull calling.

One evening I had dinner with Takeshi Maezawa who is the head Om of the Yomiuri, Japan's largest newspaper, and we had an opportunity to compare the kinds of complaints filed by readers.

My conclusion is that the Japa-

### FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



nese are uncomfortable about standing out in a crowd. (The Issei and Nisei retained this characteristic, but it seems to have been diluted substantially in the third generation.) They like the comfort of anonymity. Reporter by-lines over news stories are virtually unknown, so they escape public wrath if they should goof up. By the same token, Maezawa explained, readers complaining about something or other almost never sign their letters.

The result is that one can escape accountability. What it amounts to, without delving too far into dime store psychology, seems to be that you can do something that is different or daring, and maybe unpopular or nonconformist, but after you've done it you can duck your head and pretend you don't know anything about it.

As Maezawa-san and I discussed this matter, I began to wonder if this common declination of responsibility was responsible for some of Japan's public relations problems with other countries. For example, Japan has found lots of reasons for limiting imports of American beef, oranges and rice, for making it difficult to buy U.S. cars, for explaining how computer chips came to be sold below cost in Hongkong, and why U.S. contractors cannot bid on the Kansai airport, ad infinitum. But when the pressure becomes tough enough they find that, by gosh, Americans can be accommodated after all. Would it be too far-fetched to wonder if each Japanese felt a personal responsibility for the actions of his government, things might be somewhat different?

## What Makes a Leader Effective?

As most members may be aware, JACL is experiencing a leadership development kick. We send our younger members to every leadership conference under the sky, and they learn all of the skills and steps they need to take to help them become leaders.

What often lacks though is an in depth analysis of what makes a leader truly effective. A great deal of the time, I wonder whether conference participants really stop and think of what makes real live leaders click. Leaders are not born, but they are surely not made solely through attending workshops either. To be sure, all leaders possess the kinds of skills we see presented at conference workshops. However, the truly effective leaders possess an often intangible quality that enables them to garner the support and following of groups and individuals.

People aspiring to leadership positions in their respective careers and community organizations should observe these effective leaders closely, and analyze those qualities which make them so effective.

For instance, at the Pacific Southwest District Conference, held May 14, in Los Angeles, I had the opportunity to observe the speeches of two notable leaders of the Los Angeles area Asian Pacific Community, Warren Furutani and Yoon Hee Kim. Both Furutani and Kim are excellent orators, and I think those people in attendance at the conference would agree that the speakers captivated the audience with their speaking style.

As I sat listening to these

### THE BEAR FACTS

Neal Taniguchi

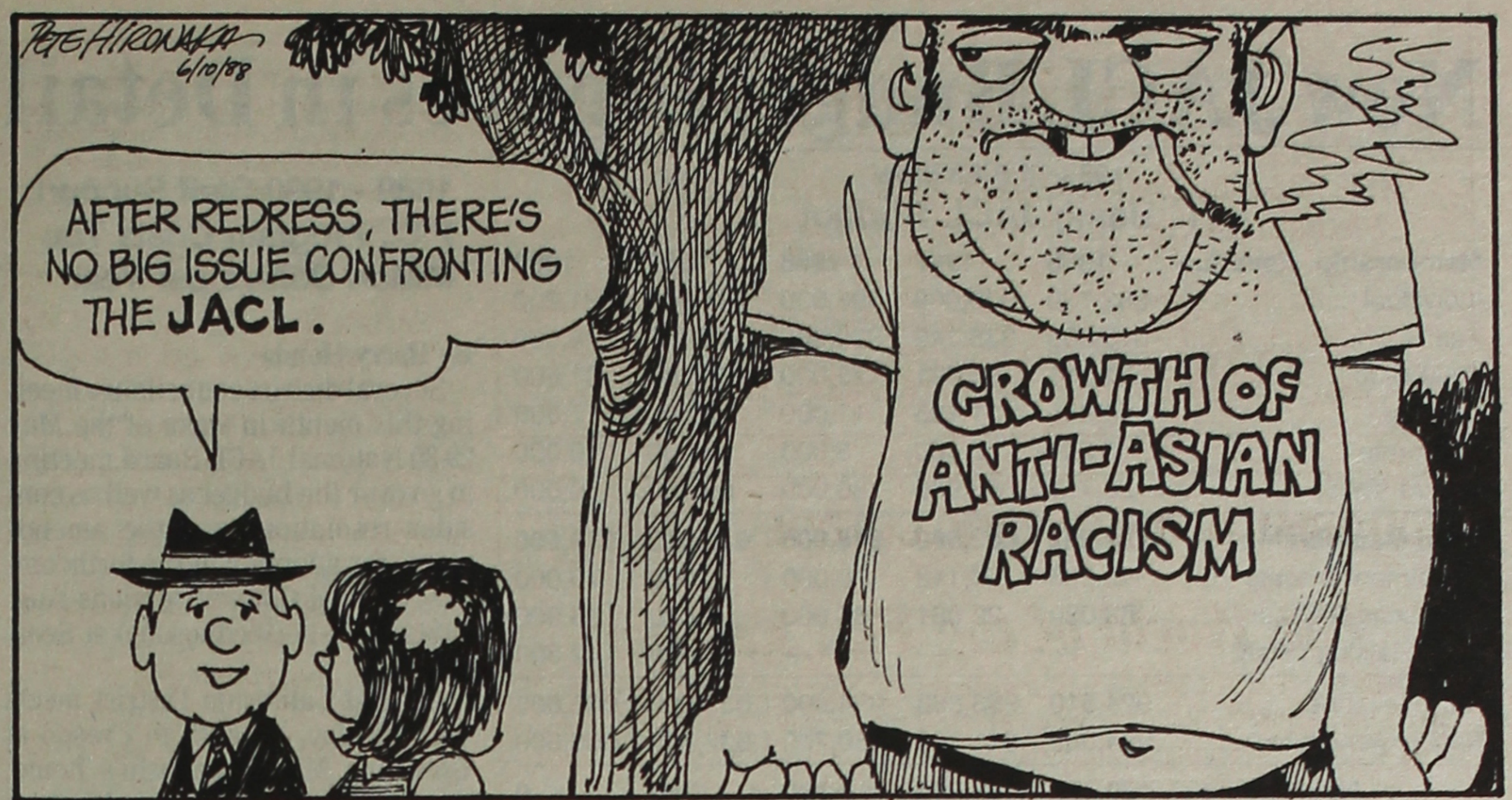


speeches, I tried to figure out what qualities they possessed that enabled them to evolve into their current leadership roles. In particular, their speaking styles exhibit a great deal of personal conviction, eloquence, charisma, and compassion, qualities that induce people to listen and often times follow.

Similarly, but on a completely different occasion, I was given the opportunity to observe and speak with some of our Nikkei leaders in Washington, D.C. as part of the JACL's 1987 Washington, D.C. Leadership Program. I know that I came home with more than a Georgetown University T-shirt; I brought back with me the impressions I had of all of our Nikkei legislators. Like Furutani and Kim in Los Angeles, Reps. Mineta, Matsui and Saiki, and Sens. Inouye and Matsunaga possess a great deal of personal conviction, eloquence, charisma, and compassion. These qualities translate into the work they do in the Congress and the Senate.

This is not to say that these four qualities—personal conviction, eloquence, charisma, and compas-

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## National Board Motions

The following is a summary of motions made and actions taken at the May 29-30 meeting of the National Board in San Francisco. (The person who made the motion and the person who seconded it are parenthesized.)

#### Awards

(Kinoshita/Yasuhara) Move that the award for the five Nikkei congresspersons for their contribution to redress be awarded by JACL and LEC at the National Convention. Vote: Unanimous.

(H. Hasegawa/Yasuhara) Move that Chevron, USA be recognized during the JACL leadership conference for its continuing support of the National JACL. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Ruby Pin Award

(Marutani/Fujioka) Move to accept the motion by the Fresno Chapter to nominate Fred Hirasuna for the Ruby Pin award. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Certification of Hilo and Sequoia Chapters

(Marutani/H. Hasegawa) Move that the National Board certify the acceptance of the University of Hawaii Hilo chapter and the Sequoia JACL meeting the minimum requirements of membership for inclusion into the NCWNPDC subject to the approval of the National Council at the biennial National JACL Convention in Seattle. Vote: Unanimous.

#### LEC Fundraising

(Kometani/H. Hasegawa) Move that the National Board give authorization for the use of the Pacific Citizen mailing list for LEC direct mail fundraising solicitation. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Singles Concerns

(Marutani/Fujioka) Move that the Singles Committee be provided with \$500 from program funds for presentation of a program at the JACL National Convention in 1988. Vote: Unanimous.

#### National Convention Expenses for District Governors

(Yasuhara/H. Hasegawa) Move that budget adjustments be made in the 1990 budget to include the governor's expenses for the 1990 National Convention comparable to that of National Officers. Vote: Unanimous.

(Yasuhara/Kometani) Move that part of the excess revenues due to the National JACL from the 1988 National Convention be used to compensate District Governors in a comparable manner as National Officers attending the National Convention. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Youth Representatives' Expenses for National Convention

(Yasuhara/H. Hasegawa) Move that the National Youth Chair and the National Youth Representative be allocated up to \$500 for travel and lodging for the National Youth Conference. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Washington, D.C. Board Meeting

(Kinoshita/Fujioka) Move that the National Board support in principal holding a late fall National Board meeting in Washington, D.C. subject to the final

recommendations from the Planning Committee to the National Board. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Washington, D.C. Awards Function

(Kinoshita/H. Hasegawa) Move that in the event that a fall meeting of the National Board and LEC cannot be arranged in Washington, D.C. that a limited group of representatives be selected by the National President and LEC Chair to attend a Washington, D.C. function co-sponsored with EDC to award recognition to key congressional leaders for their redress contributions. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Minutes

(Marutani/H. Hasegawa) Move that all additions or corrections to the minutes of the February Board meeting be submitted to National Headquarters in writing within 30 days. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Personnel Committee

(Kometani/Fujioka) Move to approve planned meeting of the Personnel Committee for the weekend of July 16 and 17, 1988, and authorize reimbursement for travel and meeting expenses. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Personnel Committee Recommendations

(Nakashima/Fujioka) Move to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee as presented in executive session. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Personnel Manual Revisions

(Marutani/Takahashi) Move that the National Board adopt the revised personnel manual as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Presidential Appointments

(Marutani/Fujioka) Move that the presidential appointment of Richard Sasaki to the JACL National Personnel Committee be approved (as one of two non-JACL National Board members). Vote: Unanimous.

#### Treasurer's Report

(Takahashi/H. Hasegawa) Move that the National Board accept the National Secretary/Treasurer's report as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

#### National Budget

(Yasuhara/H. Hasegawa) Move that the National Board accept the 1989-90 budget as proposed by the National Secretary/Treasurer with an additional one dollar increase for national support. Vote: Approved with 1 no vote (Nishi).

#### Affinity Card

(Nishi/Takahashi) Move that the National Board accept the affinity card proposal by Sumitomo Bank. Vote: Unanimous.

#### SRS Renewals

(Fujioka/Takahashi) Move that the National Board authorize the renewal of SRS generated memberships by SRS.

Vote: Approved with one abstention.

#### Constitution Project Videotape

(Yasuhara/Fujioka) Move that the JACL endorse "Hirabayashi v. the United States," a videotape produced by the Constitution Project (501(c)3) organization based in Portland. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Universal Voter Registration

(Kinoshita/Takahashi) Move that the JACL actively promote the Universal Voters Act of 1988 through the Washington, D.C. Office Representative. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Hiroshima Day Memorial

(Kinoshita/Marutani) Move that the Hiroshima Day Floating Lantern Memorial Service at the U. of W. Frosh Pond on Aug. 6, 1988, be listed on the National Convention calendar and be endorsed as an optional activity under the National Committee of A-Bomb Survivors for the Convention attendees. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Americans by Choice

(Kinoshita/Marutani) Move that the policy statement of "Americans by Choice" be endorsed by the National Board. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Runyan v. McCrary

(Kinoshita/Marutani) Move that the JACL sign on to the LCCR amicus brief in support of its concerns on the Supreme Court's decision to reconsider Runyan v. McCrary. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Racial Justice Act

(Kinoshita/Marutani) Move that the JACL join in the endorsement of the Racial Justice Act. Vote: Unanimous.

#### American Jewish Committee

(Kinoshita/Marutani) Move that the National Board approve a joint meeting with the national representatives of the American Jewish Committee with the ultimate goal of active inclusion of other ethnic civil rights groups in the United States at a time and place mutually agreeable to both organizations, subject to approval by the National Board of Planning Committee report. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Program for Action

(Hokoyama/Takahashi) Move to accept the second version of the draft Program for Action as amended. Vote: Unanimous.

(Yasuhara/H. Hasegawa) Move to strike the paragraph relating to U.S.-Japan in the draft of the Program for Action. Vote: Approved with one no vote.

#### U.S.-Japan Relations

(Yasuhara/Kometani) Move that the National Board accept the resolution of the U.S.-Japan Committee. Vote: Unanimous.

## JACL-LEC Motions

Some of the motions passed at the May 28 JACL-LEC Board meeting are as follows:

#### Continance of JACL-LEC

(Takamine/Liggett, amended by S. Wakamatsu/H. Tanaka) Move that JACL-LEC continue operations beyond the fiscal year 1989 for the purposes of monitoring the appropriations process, assisting the attorney general in locating eligible recipients, acting as an information base and providing input into the formation of the trust fund committee. The estimated cost for these activities is \$100,000 per year and will be the focus of fund raising activities. Vote: Unanimous.

#### JACL-LEC Manual

(G. Takamine/P. Liggett) Move that the

present JACL personnel manual be adopted in principle by the JACL-LEC and be revised for presentation at the next meeting, and establish a personnel committee vice president of operations (Cherry Kinoshita) as a chair of said committee. Hank Tanaka is appointed to chair the special committee to review the JACL personnel manual. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Convention Expenses

(S. Wakamatsu/G. Glenn) Move that the JACL-LEC provide \$220 for each JACL-LEC board member attending the Seattle JACL National Convention, basically

one half of the convention package, and two nights hotel lodging. This provision extends to governors who are JACL-LEC Board members and whose respective districts do not provide for their convention expenses. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Extension of Takahashi's Employ

(G. Takamine/P. Liggett) Move that the JACL-LEC approve an extension of the written agreement between JACL-LEC and Rita Takahashi. Said agreement's terms are embodied in the form of letter dated Jan. 18, 1987. Said extension of said agreement is to be from Sept. 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988. Vote: Unanimous.





## Guidelines for Undeclared Candidates

Teresa Maebori, chair of the National Nominations Committee, reports that at the present there are nominations for every office, except vice president of planning and development.

Encouraging qualified individuals to run for office, Maebori states that those declaring their candidacy now must be nominated from the floor at the National Convention. A candidate must have an official nomination form filled out and the endorsement of the majority of the chapters of her or his district council.

Although the candidate will not be officially recognized until Aug. 7 when the nominations are open at the convention, Maebori notes that this does not prevent him or her from publishing a biography and platform at his or her own expense in the Pacific Citizen or anywhere else.

## Vice President for Public Affairs

Cherry Kinoshita was born in Seattle, Wash. During WW2, she and her family were relocated to the Puyallup Assembly Center and later to the Minidoka Relocation Center in Hunt, Ida. While in Minidoka, she worked as a reporter/co-editor of the camp's newspaper, the *Minidoka Irrigator*.

After the war, from 1945 to 1947, Kinoshita attended school in Minneapolis, Minn. and eventually received a B.A. in sociology from the University of Washington, where she graduated *magna cum laude*. She and her husband, Mas, lived in Corvallis, Ore., until he graduated from Oregon State University. The Kinoshitas currently reside in Seattle, where they have lived for 38 years.

### Community Service

Kinoshita has participated in various community service organizations, among them as a member of the University of Washington Alumni Association, the Washington Association of Realtors and the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. She has also taken part in political candidates activities, such as municipal, state and national human relations workshops, coalition-building workshop of the American Jewish Committee and fund-raising seminar given by the University of Washington.

In 1984, she received the Minoru Masuda Community Service Award from the Seattle JACL chapter. In 1983, the United Nations Association of USA and the Seattle chapter jointly presented her the United Nations Human Rights Award.

### JACL Background

As a 26-year JACL member, 16-year 1000 Club member and current Life Member, Kinoshita has held numerous leadership positions in the JACL at the national, district and chapter level. Currently the vice president for public affairs and vice chair of operations of the JACL-LEC, Kinoshita has served as a Pacific Citizen board member (1978-86), chair of the National Nominations Committee (1980-82) and the Japanese American Biennium Committee (1978-80), and an official delegate for the 1978 National Convention.

At the district level, Kinoshita, who is presently PNWD redress coordinator, has been a PNW district vice governor (1983-85) and corresponding secretary. She has also served as Seattle chapter president-elect (1976) and president (1977), as 1st, 3rd and 4th vice presidents (1973-75), a member of the chapter board of directors (1967-86) and recognitions chair.

Chapter committees she has participated on include the International Relations, Meiji Mura Project, Constitution & Bylaws, Golden Anniversary, Cultural Festival, Installation & Awards Bqt, and Nominations.

Kinoshita's JACL recognitions are the Silver Pin (1980) and Sapphire Pin (1981). She was a co-recipient of the JACLer of the Biennium Award in 1984.

### Platform

In her campaign for re-election as

vice president for public affairs, Kinoshita states that instead of "outlining goals expressed in general terms and lofty ideals" she would rather address the "specific issue goals and objective" of the position for the 1988-90 biennium. The area of responsibilities for VP/PA, Kinoshita says, run the "entire gamut of 'Ethnic Concerns' or civil rights issues."



According to Kinoshita, the goals and objectives for the vice president for public affairs and the national committees under its jurisdiction for the next biennium are:

—To achieve a successful culmination of the redress legislative program, achieve attainment of appropriations, and work cooperatively with the Legislative Education Committee in support of its goals.

—To activate and carry out, in preparation for the actualization of the redress bill, preplanning to be ready for the impact on the community and the organization of the redress legislation.

—To be vigilant and active on civil rights issues and issues of racial bias which affect Japanese Americans, Asian Americans, and ethnic minorities. Concerns currently include anti-Asian violence; discriminatory legislation affecting immigration, census data, English only; racial bias in university admissions; media stereotyping, etc.

—To encourage and develop a proactive position to aid in the fight against racism through a multicultural education approach; to follow through with the establishment of a permanent standing committee called "Education" which will explore the concept of "cooperative pluralism" and work "to change the racist mentality that gives rise to civil rights problems."

—To expand our coalition bases and increase active networking among civil rights organizations, exploring areas of mutually beneficial programs.

—To encourage the development of a strengthened JACL Washington D.C. office to represent JACL visibly and outspokenly, to implement coalition networking at the nation's capital where the major legislative activities are centered, and to research issues which concern Asian Americans.

—To develop and distribute an employment practices manual for JACL staff and chapter use, outlining guidelines for the areas of JACL involvement and assistance to individuals seeking help with employment practices problems.

—To monitor, investigate and map plans for improvement of institutionalized racial bias as evidenced in limited upper management entry, quota ceilings, university admissions, etc.

—To support the Atomic Bomb Survivors program, its medical examination program, and its international efforts to promote worldwide peace.

—To aggressively seek hate crimes legislation—identification of anti-Asian violence incidents, seek appropriate punishment for race-bias crimes, and advocate a nation-wide educational program for law enforcement personnel.

## National Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Nishi was born in Sacramento, Calif., on Jan. 8, 1956. Raised on his parents' family farm in Davis, Calif., he graduated from Davis High School in 1974.

Nishi attended college at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and graduated with honors in 1979 with a B.S. in Agricultural Business Management. For seven years, he was employed as an agricultural lending officer with the Farm Credit System in Stockton, Calif. Currently, he works at California First Bank in Roseville, Calif., as a commercial lending officer.

### Community Service

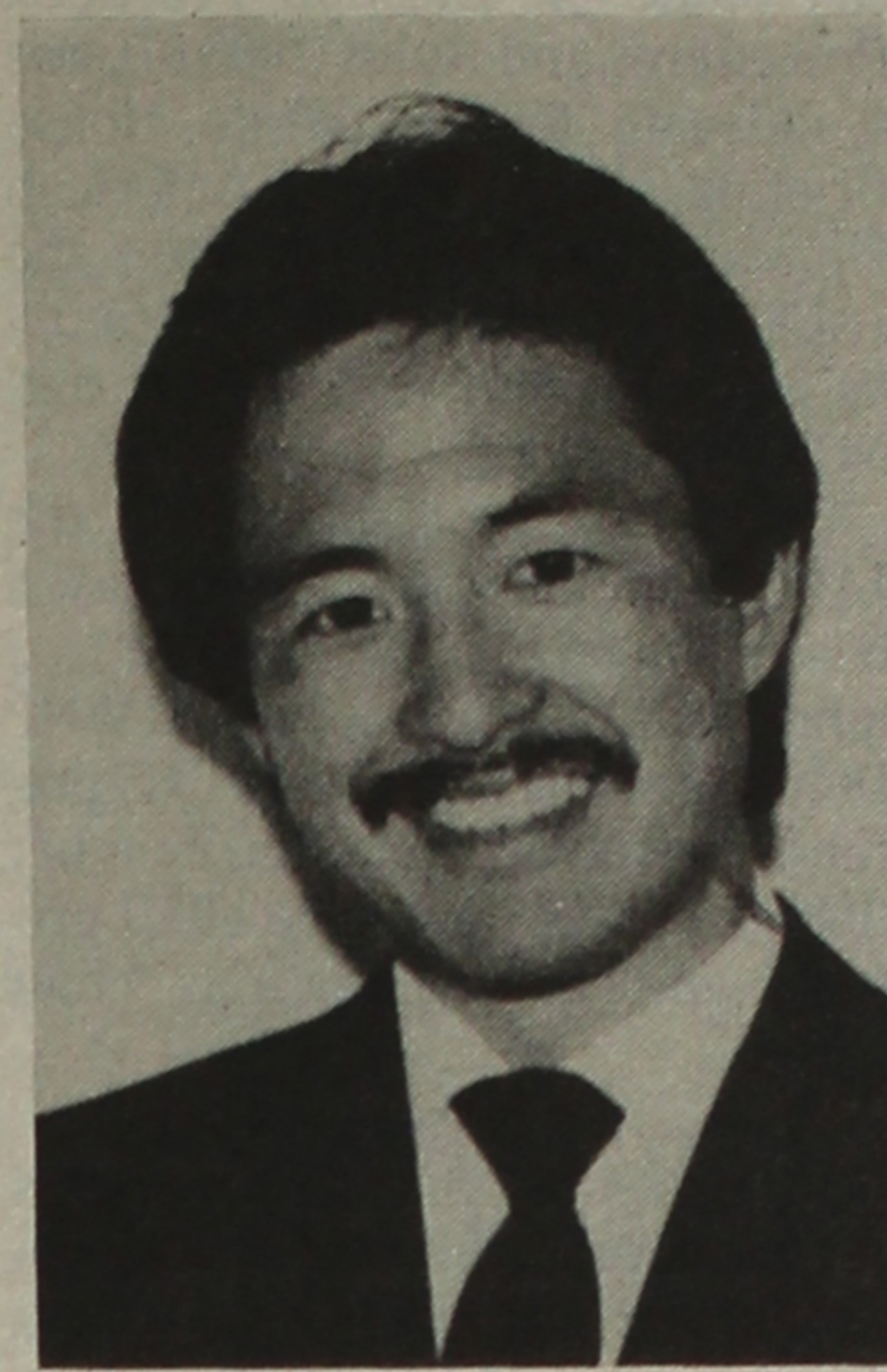
Nishi has been a member of the Stockton-East Rotary Club (1982 to 1986) and is a past member of Tracy Breakfast Lions Club. A former chairman and vice-chairman of the National Association of Credit Managers-Stockton Agri-Business Group, he also served on the committee to erect the Stockton Assembly Center Monument in the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, the site of the 1942 assembly center for area Japanese Americans.

### JACL Background

Nishi has been active with the JACL French Camp chapter since 1981, holding such offices as corresponding secretary and first vice-president. He was also a two-time chapter president.

Currently, he is an executive board member of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific (NCWNP) District. A member of the district board since 1985, he served as its secretary in 1986.

Nishi has been National secretary-treasurer of JACL since his election in 1986 at the Chicago Convention. He is also a JACL 1000 Club



Life member and has served on the National JACL Awards & Recognitions Committee.

### Platform

Nishi believes that there are many issues that JACL must face in the coming biennium. The three most important issues which must be addressed, he states, are JACL's involvement in civil rights, membership development, and fiscal responsibility.

According to Nishi, JACL's primary objective is in the pursuit of safeguarding not only the civil rights of all Japanese Americans, but for all Americans.

"We must not forget that JACL is a human and civil rights organization and should not hesitate to take the lead in these types of issues," he says. "JACL is not only active in the redress issue but also such contemporary issues as university admissions and the census classification controversies, which illustrates a

continuing need for a strong Asian American civil rights organization like JACL to safeguard not only our rights but that of future generations to come."

Another aspect that concerns Nishi is maintaining JACL membership.

"Maintaining membership is not only the key to a balanced budget but an issue which will determine JACL's future survival," he states. "With the leadership of JACL now into a generational transition period and with our goal of achieving redress close to becoming a reality, JACL must now define and redirect its goals and objectives if it is to attract new members. Emphasis could then be placed on developing a marketing strategy which would allow chapters to more aggressively seek and attract new memberships."

His experience as National treasurer during the past biennium has made him aware of the importance of keeping the membership well informed of the financial progress of the organization to convey credibility in JACL. It is also important, he feels, that the membership have a hand in the development of the national budget so that a better informed decision can be made of how monies are to be spent when the biennial budget is presented for approval at the National Convention.

"Given the importance of maintaining a fiscally stable JACL in the coming biennium, JACL must function more in a business-like manner with financial decisions based on a sound fiscal basis," he says. "It is the responsibility of the national leadership as well as the National treasurer to see that this approach is taken if JACL is to continue to be a viable organization."

## National Youth Representative

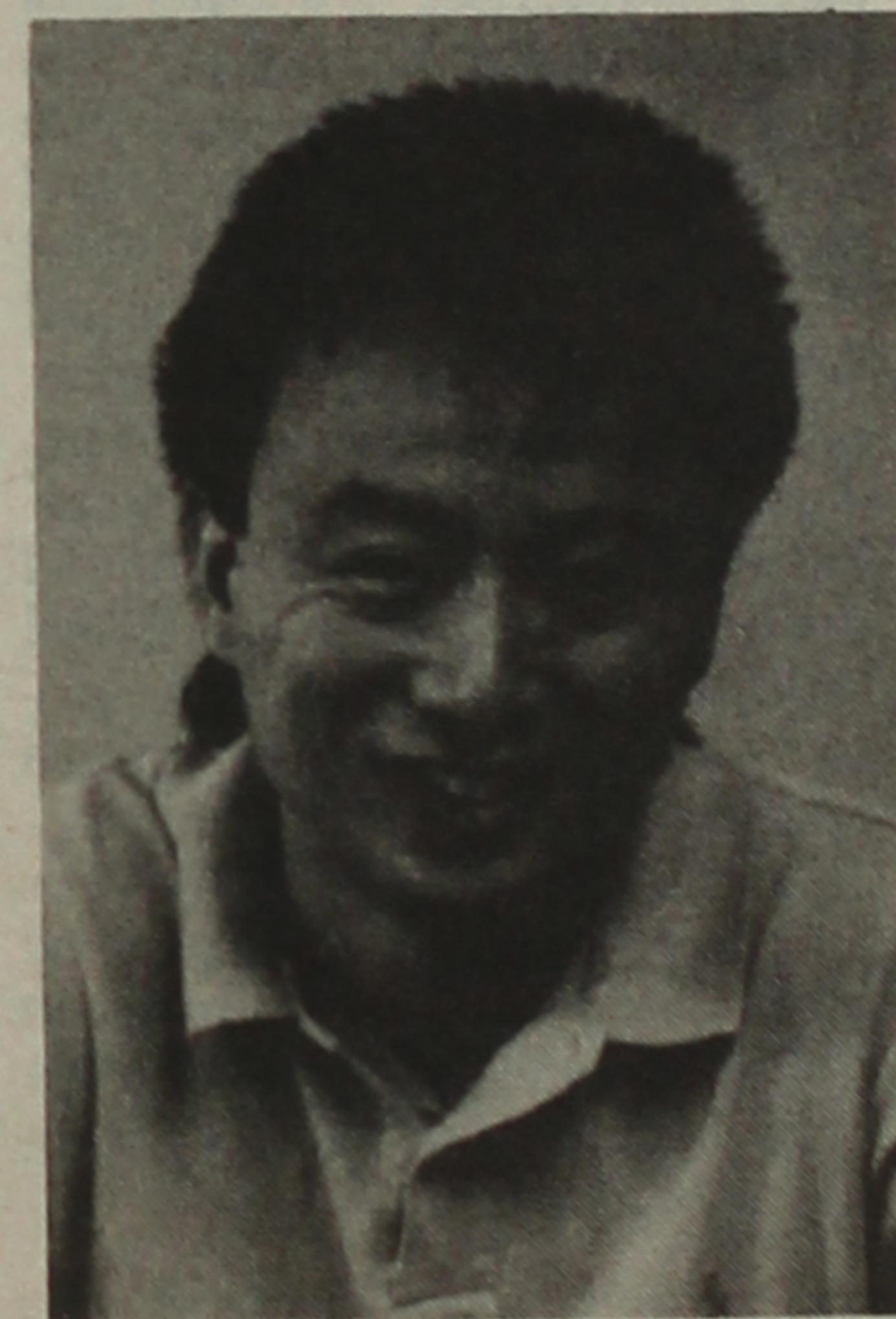
Jimmy Tokeshi, 25, grew up in the Crenshaw District of Los Angeles. He was able to attend the schools of his choice, Emerson Jr. High and University High, because of a voluntary busing program.

As a grammar school through high school student, Tokeshi belonged to the Senshin Buddhist Temple Boy Scout Troop 636, eventually attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Though in a primarily Buddhist Troop, Tokeshi's church affiliation was with the Centenary United Methodist Church.

At present, Tokeshi is a senior at California State University, Los Angeles, majoring in broadcasting communications. His field of studies focuses on producing and video production. Employed as a manager for a courier service that specializes in same day delivery throughout the Southern California area, Tokeshi's responsibilities include dispatching, driver management and office management. His favorite past time is writing short stories.

### Community Service

Tokeshi is a member of the Japanese American National Museum's Oral History Program and Resources Development committees. He was also a member of the museum's "Living on Tokyo Time"



Benefit Committee.

### JACL Background

Now in his third year as a board member of the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter JACL, Tokeshi also serves as the Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) JACL Youth representative, a position he has held since last year. His activities and responsibilities as a chapter member included his participation on the committees organizing the annual Mother's Day Luncheon and annual

Nisei Week Won Ton Booth and his volunteer work for the Annual Miniature Golfing for the 9th Street School in downtown Los Angeles. He has also been a board member of his chapter's Scholarship Fund.

As the PSWD Youth representative, Tokeshi served on the committee organizing the PSW/LEAP "Making More of a Difference" conference and co-chaired the PSW/Nikkei Leadership Association's "Thought Into Action" conference. A member of the district's Ethnic Concerns Committee, Tokeshi also acted as a liaison between PSWD and the Korean American Coalition (KAC) during KAC's demonstration against *Rolling Stone* magazine's publication of an article about the Korean community.

### Platform

Tokeshi states that JACL after redress will be his platform. His goals are to outreach to community organizations, leadership development and coalition building.

His objectives toward these goals will be to establish and maintain lines of communication between different community organizations, promote leadership programs through JACL and build ties with other ethnic and mainstream organizations.

## BUDGET

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For the regional or "district field offices," salaries are calculated similar to National Headquarters expenses. There is no increase in district allocations.

For "programs," \$5,000 has been budgeted for youth and scholarship expenses, \$12,000 for all other programs. As many programs are funded by outside grants and donations, only the net costs are listed under programs.

P.C. "production costs" are di-

vided into four departments. Editorial includes cost of writing, processing, reference material, travel expenses, special articles and photographs. Advertising includes costs of non-payroll personnel and a market survey in 1989. Composition-presswork covers printing (\$1,000 per issue), typesetter loan (\$6,900 per year), service maintenance (\$4,400), chemicals, paper and paste-up supplies.

Mailing costs went up 26% due to the recent postal increase (\$2,800 for 25,000 copies). With a dues increase,

the P.C. Board anticipates a 3% drop in member subscriptions and the 1989-90 budget is recognizing that possibility. Mailing service (tie and sack) averages about \$440 per issue, except for the Holiday Issue.

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# VP General Operations

Priscilla Ann Ouchida, a Sansei, has been married for eight years to husband, Peter. They reside in Sacramento, Calif., with one cat. Ouchida's hobbies include traveling, skiing, abalone hunting, reading and gardening. She is also a lifelong member of the Sacramento Buddhist Church. Ouchida received her college education at California State University, Sacramento.

Ouchida has worked with the California State Assembly since 1976. During this time, she served on the Ways and Means Committee, which helps to formulate the California State Budget. Among her duties were budget review and program analysis of budgets totaling over \$1 billion. In addition, she is responsible for managing an office budget of over \$500,000, and a staff of 18 people.

She is currently employed as a legislative assistant to the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee and is responsible for all facets of legislation introduced by Assemblyman Patrick Johnston, including evaluating legislative proposals, researching, and working in compliance with legislative procedure.

Ouchida has received commendations for legislative accomplishments from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors; the Japanese American Citizens League; and Congressman Robert Matsui. She also received the Outstanding Asian Award in 1982 for legislative contributions from Asian Pacific American Advocates of California, a statewide organization.

### Community Service

As a volunteer for the Democratic Asian Legislative Staff Caucus, she developed a successful voter registration program geared toward registering newly naturalized citizens of Asian ethnicity. She also developed a system for assembling specialized political mail which could not be processed by machine.

Every year she organizes a group

project to assist Christmas Promise, which provides gifts and food for needy families. Because of her concern for senior citizens, she has organized and donated for the past eight years a Christmas repast for 150 senior citizens who live in the most impoverished area in Sacramento.

### JACL Background

An active 1000 Club member of the Sacramento Chapter for many years, Ouchida is in her third term as chapter president. She served for two years as district council delegate and is currently secretary to the executive board of the Northern California/Western Nevada Pacific (NCWNP) District Council. Ouchida also served on the planning committee for the 1988 NCWNP District Leadership Conference. In 1987 she participated in the Washington, D.C. Leadership Class.

Over the years, Ouchida has worked with National staff on various projects, including 1982 legislation providing back pay to Japanese American state employees fired from their jobs during WW2 because

## 1000 CLUB

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- Sacramento: 29-Frank Hiyama, 16-Kazuo Kimura. San Diego: 5-Michiyo Kira. San Fernando Valley: 11-Paul Tsuneishi\*. San Francisco: 23-Ken Kiwata, 34-Yone Satoda, 29-John Yasumoto. San Jose: 32-Eiichi Sakauye. San Luis Obispo: 2-George Fukunaga. Seattle: 4-Marvin Hayami. Sequoia: 15-Toshi Hanazono, 12-Lawrence Onitsuka. Snake River: 28-Roy Kondo, 26-James Wakagawa. Sonoma County: 10-Donald Ito. South Bay: 39-Ira Shimasaki. Ventura County: 12-Bob Fukutomi. Washington, D.C.: 34-Hisako Sakata. West Los Angeles: Life-Joe Uyeda. West Valley: Life-Taketsugu Takei, LIFE Joe Uyeda (WLA), Taketsugu Takei (WV). CENTURY CLUB\* 8-Robert N Takamoto (Gar), 6-Paul Tsuneishi (SFV), 8-Bob Fukutomi (Vnt).

of their race.

### Platform Statement

I believe JACL is at a "crossroads" and if we are to ensure the survival of the organization for the generations ahead, we must make a commitment to rebuild JACL. The future of JACL depends on the support of the Sansei and Yonsei—and we must make some assessments of how the organization can address the needs of these individuals. It may take us several years to accomplish our goals, so it is important we start looking at the needs and issues of tomorrow now.

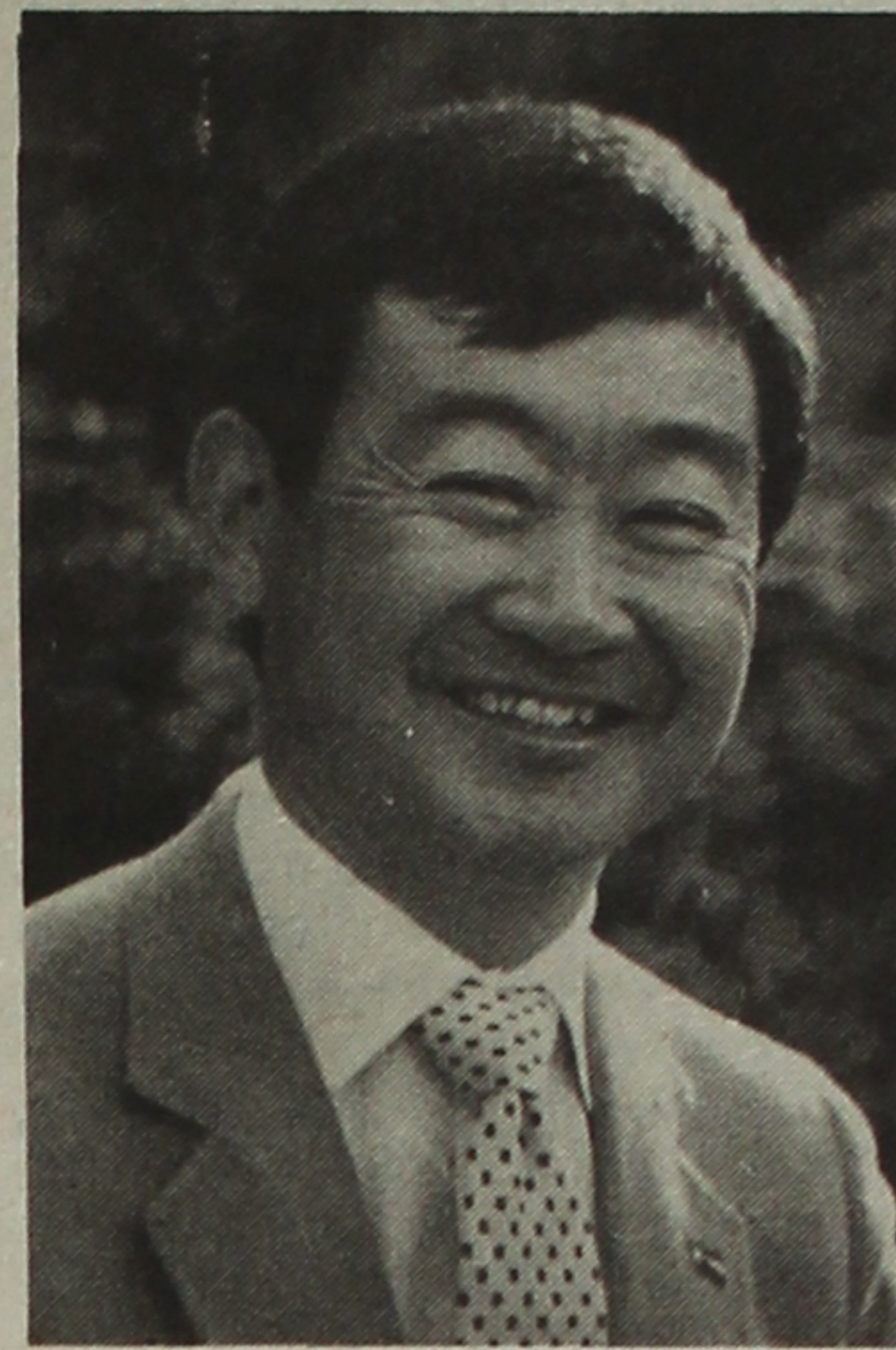
I believe it is necessary to the well-being of the Japanese community that JACL remain a vital, visible force in the United States. But the national organization can only be as strong as the individual chapters. I believe we need to focus on improving services to the chapters, because without strong chapters, JACL cannot regenerate itself.

We need to give boards and officers the tools with which to increase membership. I have developed some programs at the local and district level which I believe can be implemented nationally. These programs focus on the family because I feel family involvement will ensure multi-generational exposure and participation in JACL, which is the key to the survival of JACL.

Funding will continue to be a problem, and we will have to make some sacrifices today to ensure the well-being of the organization into the 21 century. It may be that the Pacific Citizen is a luxury that we can no longer afford. We will have to look at all of our programs, prioritize our needs, and make some real decisions.

The organization's leadership must also come to grips with conflict resolution. Personal conflicts are destructive to the organization. We must realize that we will disagree with one another at one point or another. Even brothers and sisters do not agree with one another all of the time. We must accept that different people will have a different approach to a problem—that neither approach is right or wrong—just different. And that different points of view are part of a constructive consensus process.

# VP 1000 Club, Membership & Services



Robert Sakaguchi hails from Brighton, Colo. and is employed in Denver at the Colorado Department of Highways. He and his wife Linda have three daughters, Tracy, Tammy and Kristen. He attended the University of Colorado, where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Between 1966-70, he served in the U.S. Air Force. His hobbies include golf, skiing, fishing, climbing and gardening.

### Community Service

Sakaguchi was elected to the Broomfield City Council in Nov. 1987 and was a member of the Broomfield Planning & Zoning Commission for seven years. He served as the vice chairman for two years and as chairman until he was elected to the city council. He is a member of the Broomfield Arts and Humanities Council; the Brighton Japanese American Association (he served as president, secretary and finance chairman); the Colorado Unity Board of Directors (a group opposing the English-only measure in Colorado); the Greater Denver Japanese American Community Graduates Committee; the Japanese Association of Colorado; and the Nisei Veteran Club.

### JACL Background

As a member of the Mile-Hi Chapter, Sakaguchi has served as the

membership chairman (1985), president (1986-88), and vice-governor for Colorado. While leading the chapter, he led the planning and execution of the 1987 Tri-District Convention; a Salute to Nisei Veterans (1986); a Tribute to Minoru Yasui (1987); the 100th Anniversary Observance of Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr (1988); and the Young Asian Spring Recital (1988).

### Platform

Sakaguchi would "develop a programmed approach to membership" which would establish goals and objectives; review current policies regarding membership; develop programs that will attract new members; and develop additional services for members. Next, he would "develop an aggressive membership marketing campaign" which would develop national promotional material; and assist in developing local promotional material. He would also continue and enhance efforts to promote 1000 Club membership and work with the National Board to review and establish the vision, mission, goals and policies for organization.

# CCDC to Elect District Officers at June 25 Meeting

FRESNO, Calif. — Central California District Council (CCDC) has advanced its election calendar to pick district officers from November to the upcoming June 25 pre-convention meeting at District Governor Mae Takahashi's home, 5270 E. Copper Ave., in Clovis. Chapter officers will be sworn in en masse.

The meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m., will include a preview and discussion of the Seattle Convention agenda, given by National Director Ron Wakabayashi and a candidates' forum. The \$15 registration by June 15 includes lunch and dinner.

For more information, contact Dale Ikeda, (209) 438-1264; or Takahashi, (209) 297-7877.

## CURRENT JACL MEMBERSHIP RATES

Report Changes to: Pacific Citizen, Attn: Tomi, 941 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90013

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# Youth Convention to Coincide with Seattle Confab

**By Alan Mochizuki**  
 Everyone's coming to Seattle this summer. Not just official JACL delegates and avid golfers, but also youth from throughout the country. They will be participating in the 1988 JACL National Youth Convention scheduled for Aug. 5 to 10, which coincides with the 1988 JACL National Convention to be held at the University of Washington.

JAYS (Japanese American Youth) members, who range in age from high school to college students, will have the opportunity to meet others from all regions of the country. Those attending will be encouraged to find out what groups from other districts are doing, the successes they've had, and the frustrations they've encountered. Rap sessions will take place to exchange ideas,

set goals, and plan the future direction of the local groups. Says Crystal Tanabe, 1988 JAYS National Youth Convention chairperson, "I would like to see a wide representation of youth from all districts. I hope that those who attend will be able to meet a lot of the other attendees, if not all, and when the convention ends, that the friendships will continue."

## A Variety of Activities

A wide variety of activities are planned for personal growth, socializing, and enjoying the Seattle area.

Practical skills will be taught through educational workshops. Topics include developing stronger leadership skills, becoming more socially assertive, and managing time and stress more effectively.

District finalists will compete for national awards during the National Speech and Forensic Contest.

A day on the town will allow for plenty of time to see Seattle. Sightseeing can include the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the waterfront, the original Nordstroms store, a ferry ride across Puget Sound, and a number of other cultural and scenic attractions.

The JAYS will view how animals live in the wild in Seattle. The Woodland Park Zoo, which has been ranked as one of the best in the

country by several national publications, is designed to showcase animals in their natural habitats. Participants will also have the opportunity to bike, roller skate, sunbathe, and people-watch.

Dancing on the high seas will be the order of business for the moonlight cruise and the Sunday picnic will be a time for a friendly game of softball, football, or tennis; gliding over the water on a sailboat; canoeing through marshes and unknown waterways; or enjoying a leisurely afternoon lunch.

In addition, to get a taste of the JACL National Convention, Youth Convention participants will be attending the JACL opening banquet. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will keynote the evening's festivities.

"The activities planned for the Youth Convention are geared towards JAYS of all ages. I think they will feel comfortable being involved in workshops, outings and dances," says Denise Tsuji, Seattle JAYS president. "I'm sure everyone who comes will find the convention to be educational, enjoyable, and worthwhile."

The registration fee for the National Youth Convention is \$100 before June 17 and \$120 after. For more information, contact Crystal Tanabe at (206) 361-6146.

## LEADER

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sion—are the essential ingredients for leadership. Rather, these are qualities I have found while observing true leaders in action.

On a final note, one of the important values of the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program is the opportunity it gives participants to observe our national leaders in action, both formally and informally. Like "looking into a fish bowl," Leadership Program participants get a chance to observe a slice of the life in Washington, D.C. and what makes leaders effective. I encourage JACL districts, and members to support the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program because of the opportunities it gives us to observe leadership styles and strengths.

The next Washington, D.C. Program is tentatively scheduled for April, 1989, and I urge interested members to inquire with the National Office or their respective districts about this worthwhile program.

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 • 17th Annual Benefit Steak Bake, July 24, 11 am-2 pm, Barnes Park, 400 McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Proceeds to benefit Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the chapters scholarship fund. Info: Sid, 213 261-9202; or Mable, 213 263-8469.

**INDIANAPOLIS**  
 • Garage Sale & Baked Goods Sale, June 17 & 18, Ken and Yas Matsumoto's home, 4240 Briarwood Dr., Indianapolis. Bring your donated treasures. Info: Judi-Izuka Campbell, 317 842-8326.

• Japanese Kitemaking Workshop, June 18, 1-3:30 pm, President Benjamin Harrison's home, 1230 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. Fee: beginners—\$5 member/\$6 non-member; intermediate—\$10 member/\$11 non-member. Info: Ann Moore, 317 631-1898.

• "Shodo—The Way of the Brush": Japanese Brush Calligraphy Workshop, June 18, 9:30 am-12 noon, President Benjamin Harrison's home, 1230 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. Garret Uyeno, instructor. Fee: \$11 (includes supplies). Info: Ann Moore, 317 631-1898.

• Annual Family Picnic & Kite Fly, June 26, 1-5 pm, Sahn Park, 6981 E. 91st St., Indianapolis. Bring a favorite dish to pitch-in lunch. (Table service and beverages provided.) Info: Susie-Kubota Russell, 317 881-0476.

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 • Idaho Falls JACL two-day reunion, July 30 & 31, 1988. Open to persons residing or who resided in the vicinity of Idaho Falls, regardless of

the length of residency and includes persons who relocated to the area during the evacuation period. Info: Todd Ogawa, 1526 Westland Ave., Idaho Falls, ID, 83402; Sud Morishita, 1131 Bannock, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; or Martha Saka-guchi, 1059 Redwood, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

**MARINA**  
 • "Conquer the Bridge" meeting, June 15, 7:30 pm, Merit Savings Bank, 18505 S. Western Ave., Gardena. Info: 213 558-4255.

**SEATTLE**  
 • Nikkei Educational Conference, a two-day conference held in conjunction with the JACL National Convention, Aug. 6 & 7, the University of Washington. Hosted by state Superintendent of Public Instruction and UW, the conference will formulate guidelines for the future of American education from a Nikkei perspective. Participants include Harry Kitano, sociologist, and Warren Furutani, member of L.A. School Board of Education. Fee: \$40 for JACLers and \$55 for non-members. Info: Mako Nakagawa, program director, superintendent of public instruction, Office of Basic Education, Old Capitol Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

**VENTURA**  
 • JACL Singles Potluck/Meeting, June 26, 5 pm, 10261 Erie St., Ventura. Please bring a main dish. Discussion of possible singles events. Info: Bruce Katayama, 805 659-5241, or Stan Mukai, 805 650-1705.

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