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Selanoco Installation

Dannemeyer Focuses on U.S. Deficit

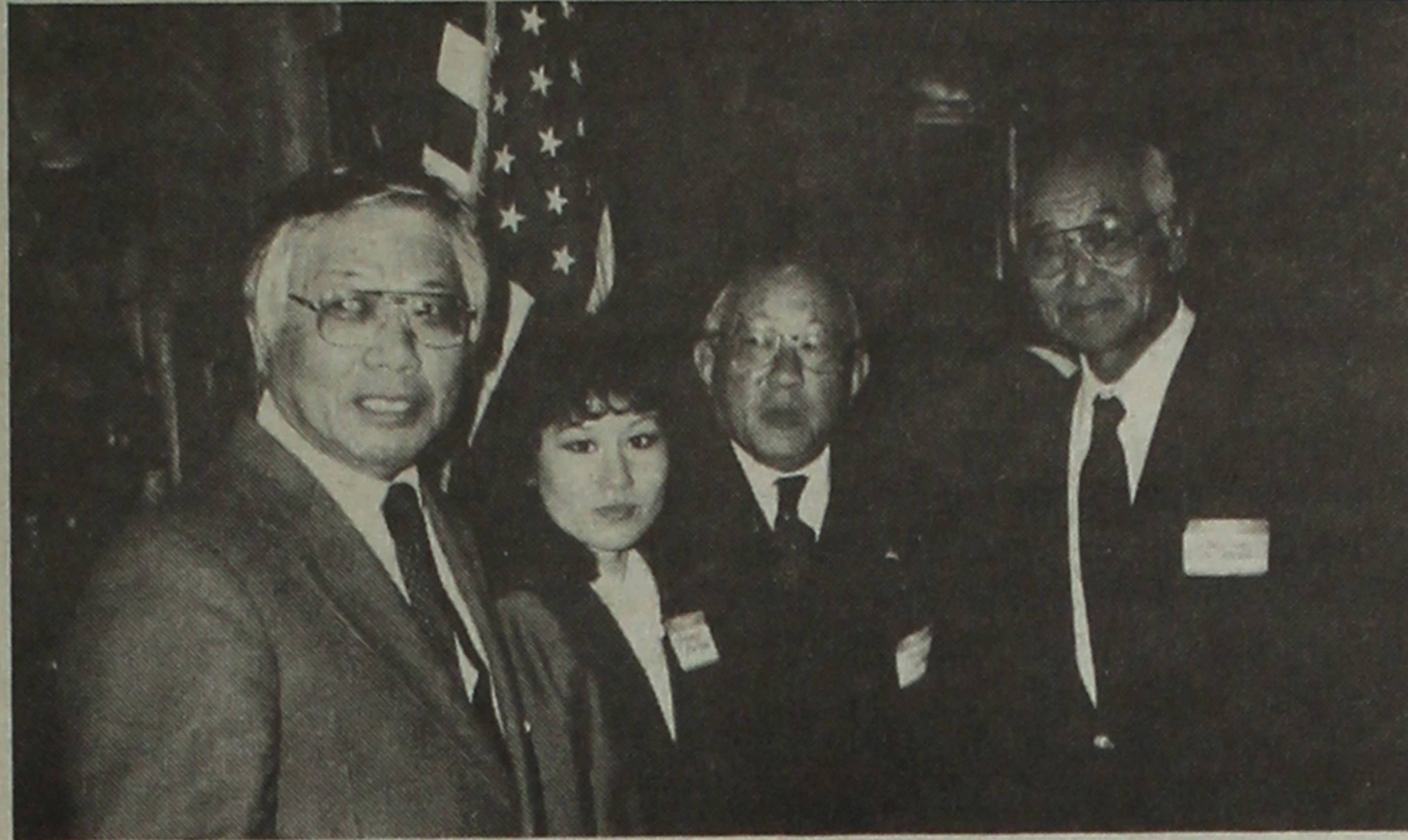
By Harry K. Honda
BUENA PARK, Calif. — South East Los Angeles North Orange County (SELANOCO) JACL dedicated its 22nd annual installation dinner Jan. 16 to the charter members who helped found the chapter in 1966 with Henry Yamaga as president. Frances Hachiya, an industrial engineer by profession who last month was re-elected chapter president, was "reportedly" a year old at the time.

In the Pacific Southwest District Council tradition of engaging two neighboring chapters to help start a new chapter, Orange County and East Los Angeles chapters were co-sponsors over the roster of 125, including state Assemblyman Joe Gonsalves. Today, the chapter has grown to 403.

Judge Richard Hanki, who is beginning to be a tradition as the installation emcee (he once admitted to being the "poor man's Bob Hope") for SELANOCO, had all the charter members present rise to be recognized. Among them were Mary Karasawa and Jun Fukushima, both awarded 1987 chapter service plaques, along with Evelyn Hanki and Kurtis Nakagawa.

Installation Guest Speaker

Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif., 39th Dist.) of Fullerton, who was introduced by Clarence Nishizu, spoke on the monetary health of America now floundering in a \$2.3 trillion debt. He hoped the 1988 presidential campaign will focus on this area. While he said there was enough blame to go around on "how we got into this debt—it took 200 years for the debt figure to reach the first trillion, the second trillion was passed in 1986—" the issue now is "how do we get out of it?"



Pacific Citizen Photo By Harry Honda

SELANOCO: 1966-1988—A 22-year sweep of chapter history stands in front of flag at the Selanoco JACL installation. From left are: national JACL president, Harry Kajihara; Frances Hachiya, re-elected Selanoco president; Henry Yamaga, charter chapter president, and Clarence Nishizu, representing Orange County JACL, which co-sponsored Selanoco's start in JACL in 1966.

While the Congress has kept the money faucet flowing, Dannemeyer, who voted for the H.R. 442 redress bill last September, said the flow must be reduced by trimming the budget. Possible cuts can be made with federal retirement and medicare, he mentioned.

He also spoke on the physical health of America—of the doctor-patient relationship being held in confidence except for communicable diseases for public health reasons. Dannemeyer, one of the chief congressional exponents in the battle against AIDS, called for state initiative to have AIDS on this list. Because of "politics in health," according to Dannemeyer, AIDS has not been a reportable communicable disease since 1985.

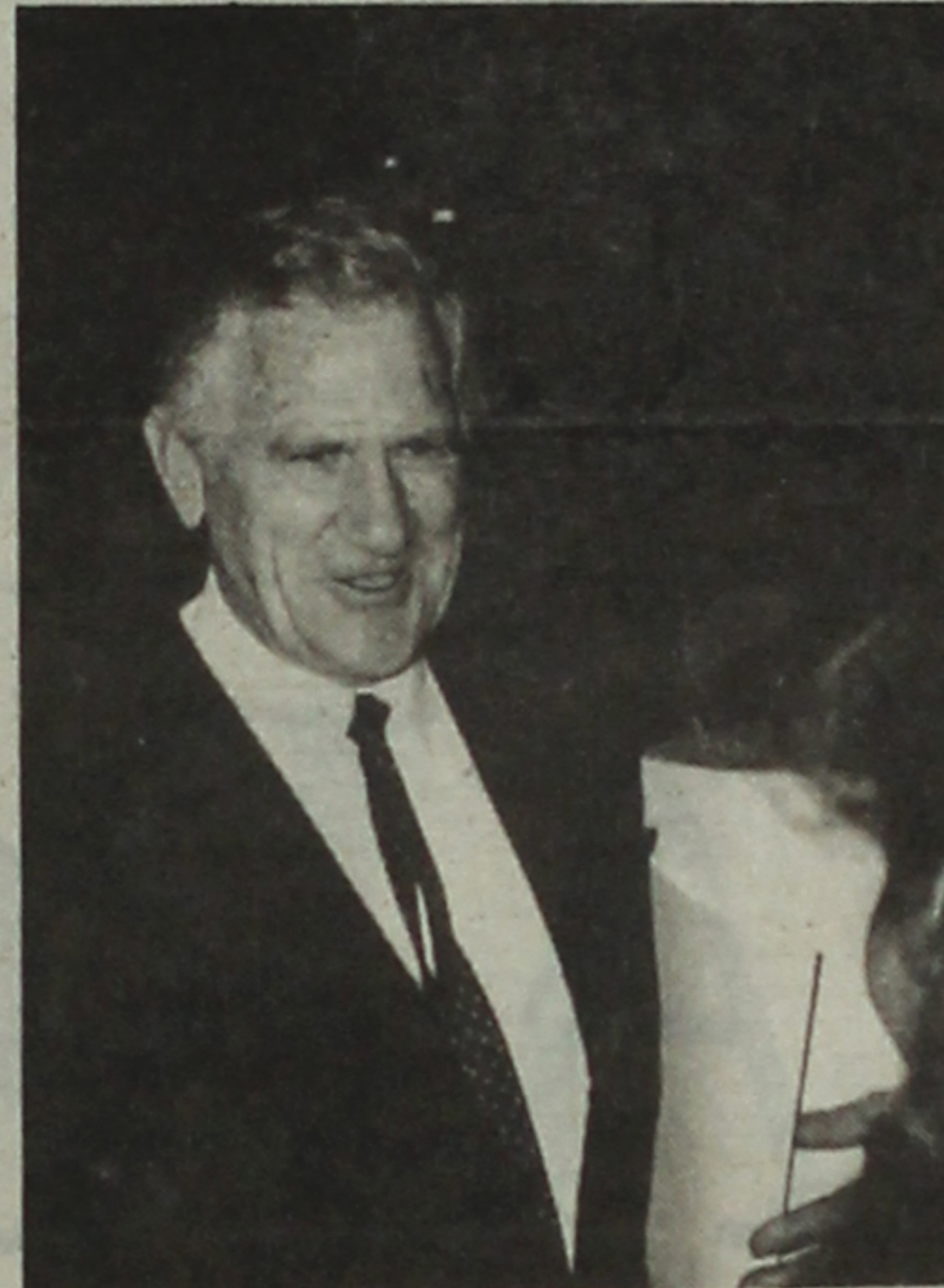
Installation Ceremony

Harry Kajihara, national JACL president, swore in the 1988 SELANOCO chapter officers. Hiroshi Kamei, scholarship chair, called up Stephanie Endo and Deron Matsuoka, 1987 Presidential Classroom scholars, to relate briefly their experiences of a week in Washington, D.C. The chapter continues to sponsor four young students to this popular program from funds chiefly raised by its outstanding Holiday Issue work.

Ken Inouye, in updating the 22-

year chapter history, pointed out the younger generation have been moving up the leadership ladder in chapter. Chapter presidents since 1980 have been Sansei.

The Rev. Abraham Dohi of the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church gave the benediction. Some 150 members and guests attended, in-



Rep. William Dannemeyer

cluding luminaries from neighboring JACL chapters and Akemi Miyake, president of the newly-organized Orange County Japanese American Assn. The dinner was held at Buena Park Hotel, adjacent to Knott's Berry Farm.

'Cautious Optimism' on Passage of Redress Bill Seen This Year

By Grayce Uyehara

WASHINGTON — During the months of December and January, JACL-LEC lobbying work has continued in Washington. Grant Ujifusa, legislative strategy chair, reports that after a series of meetings at the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Justice and the White House, considerable progress is being made to win the support of the president for redress legislation. Ujifusa said, "Although I cannot get into detail, I am more than cautiously optimistic about a favorable outcome with the one remaining vote we need in the White House."

Letter's Position Under Review

Ujifusa went on to say that the form letter that was sent from the White House in response to letters to the president states the administration's opposition to the bill. The response should not, in any way, be taken at face value.

He added, "The contents of that letter do not represent the final position of the administration and was already old news last spring when the responses were being sent from the Department of Justice. The position in the response letter is under review and being reconsidered."

"Moreover," Ujifusa said, "many important conservatives in the administration, some may think as automatically against redress, are, in fact, supporting us within the White House. So, to the extent that the issue remains defined as non-partisan, to that extent redress is advanced. We should, without finding the letters as partisan of the left or right, continue to write to the White House and redouble our efforts."

"The issue comes down to one vote and we feel that we just may have that vote," added Ujifusa.

Grayce Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive director, added, "Since politics is the art of the possible, we should not begin to feel that the issue has been settled completely in our favor."

"This caveat is necessary as other events may take over. Redress supporters who feel the White House response letter is a setback need to hear that at this time, the important work goes on, one-to-one and face-to-face."

Meetings Scheduled

Now that Congress is back to start the second session of the 100th Congress, Uyehara is scheduling meetings with the Nikkei members of Congress to share information from the recent lobbying efforts in Washington and to review strategy. Consultation at this time is important in identifying any problem areas ahead of time.

Uyehara, in her contact this week with Sen. Spark Matsunaga's (D-Hawaii) office, asked about the present status of S. 1009 and received the following statement from the senator:

"The long awaited Senate consid-

eration of S. 1009 appears to be approaching at last. However, it is still important for supporters of S. 1009 throughout the country to continue contacting their senators and their friends in the administration to urge them to support the bill."

Overriding a Veto

In the event redress legislation is not signed into law by the president, a careful review of the votes in both houses will be done by the JACL-LEC staff. With the strong support of the House leadership, Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas), Majority Leader Tom Foley (D-Wash.), Majority Whip Tony Coelho (D-Calif.) and Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who steered H.R. 442 through the House, Congress may be able to override the veto.

If the vote on S. 1009 adds up close to 76 co-sponsors on this bill, the override veto will be easier in the Senate. Congress may override a veto by two-thirds majority vote in both houses and the bill becomes law without the president's signature.

In the House, 218 members must be present for a quorum and two-thirds of those present must override the veto, while the Senate requires 51 for a quorum and a two-thirds vote of those present.

Sen. Matsunaga and the Senate leadership are trying to get S. 1009 to a vote in February. The following week the Senate will not be in session as they experiment with their new schedule for the second session. The Senate will not be in session one week each month, but will convene for a full week the rest of the month. The House schedule will be as before.

Early Vote on S. 1009 Urged

Uyehara has been asked by the Aleut and Pribiloff Island Corporations and their attorney in Washington to meet with them this week to discuss the redress legislation. Six members of both corporations are in town to meet with Sens. Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski (both R-Alaska). They also want to meet with Sen. Matsunaga to urge him to get S. 1009 to a vote as soon as possible.

John Kirkland, attorney for the Alaskans, stated that he thinks the redress bill should be completed early in this session since other major issues such as the INF treaty, contra aid and the Kennedy appointment to the Supreme Court, along with the budget process and the presidential and general elections may delay its progress.

Writing to the President

Since there is a good possibility S. 1009 will be voted by the Senate during the first week of February, it is recommended by the JACL-LEC that all the chapters and redress supporters start the letter writing campaign to the president as soon as S. 1009 passes. It is not expected for the conference committee to spend too much time working out the differences on the related bills.

Matsui Urges House Support for Census Bill

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) has taken another step forward in requiring the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a "complete and timely" tabulation of Asian Americans in its 1990 Census. In a letter, dated Jan. 21 and sent to each member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Matsui urged lawmakers to co-sponsor the Asian American census legislation he introduced to the House in December.

"As legislators we must serve all Americans, including the growing number of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders," Matsui wrote his colleagues. "In order to do so effectively, we must have complete census data available to us. I believe H.R. 3828 is an important step in that direction."

H.R. 3828 would require the Census Bureau to provide a breakdown of Asian Americans by separate ethnic designations when it conducts its 1990 Census. Matsui introduced the legislation because of indications that the bureau will not tabulate Asian subgroups from the

questionnaire it send to every household. Instead, the bureau plans to rely on information from its sample questionnaire that will go to only one in every six households nationwide.

"Local government agencies and private foundations need a complete and accurate breakdown of these groups in order to provide direct services," Matsui wrote. "The president pro tempore of the California State Senate, for example, recently notified the House Subcommittee on Census and Population that 'it is crucial to have an accurate, up-to-date census counting for each specific Asian American category in order to assure that these communities will get their fair share of federal assistance programs which are ethnic-specific.'"

"Similarly," Matsui continued, "state and local governments rely on ethnic-specific data for certain programs. As you know, the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations for the 1990 Census has also urged that a

100% tabulation be used for those groups."

H.R. 3828 would also ensure that the information gathered for the 1990 Census be made available to the public in a timely manner. The legislation requires the bureau to make its findings available "not later than December 31 of the first year beginning after the year in which a census is taken."

Matsui said his legislation has already gained bipartisan support and that he expects wide co-sponsorship of the bill. He said hearings on the 1990 Census questionnaire will be held in April by the Census and Population Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally (D-Calif.).

Original co-sponsors of the bill include U.S. Reps. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Mike Lowry (D-Wash.), Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Chip Pashayan (R-Calif.), Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), and Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii).



VOUCHING FOR LUNGREN—U.S. Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.), far right, was all smiles when U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), took the podium at a press conference held Jan. 14 at the California State Capitol by a group supporting Lungren's confirmation as state treasurer. Of the many Asian American participants, Eunice Sato, former mayor and Long Beach City Council member, represented the Nikkei.

Pirating the Beatles in Japan

By Yoko Ono

Artist
Bungei Shunju

Yoko Ono, widow of former Beatle John Lennon, attacks Japan's short copyright protection for singers and musicians—only 20 years compared to 75 years in the United States. Her ire is directed at a Tokyo music company that pays no royalties on more than 100 pre-1967 Beatles' songs in a recently released CD. The dispute has grown serious with the appearance of early Beatles' songs in TV commercials, again without royalty payments.

Other companies are also making discs of American pop songs and jazz without payment of royalties. Ono says the real victims are those singers and musicians who have only one or two big hits in their career and count on royalties to survive when they can no longer perform.

TOKYO—In the fight to protect artists' copyrights, we stay on top of news about pirated records or plans to produce them. Unfortunately, often there is little we can do to stop

the ripoffs.

Last spring I learned that a Tokyo-based music company had issued a compact disc with more than 100 of the Beatles' early works.

We have taken action against every unauthorized Beatles' record or tape. Many of the bootlegged versions sound as if they were made in a Taiwanese noodle shop. In any case, what makes this CD so important is that it does not violate Japanese law.

By recopying Beatles' records issued before 1967, the company stayed within Japan's copyright law, which protects records for only 20 years. They tried to take advantage of this ridiculous loophole to make a quick, easy profit.

Record shops in Japan scoffed at the product, and Britain slapped an import ban on it. Sales seem to be slow. Nevertheless, a principle is at stake: proper remuneration to musicians. And violations are increasing.

The Seibu Saison group, a market-

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Senator Pleased With Progress of Two Measures

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has expressed great satisfaction with the progress of two measures he has been supporting in the Senate.

On Dec. 22, he announced that legislation to increase outpatient mental health benefits under Medicare was included as part of the budget act approved by Congress and sent to the president.

According to Matsunaga, the current \$250 "cap" on outpatient mental health benefits has not been increased since Medicare was established in 1965. This amount in constant dollars, he says, buys only about \$57 worth of care in 1987. The recently approved amendment would increase the limit to \$1,100, a figure estimated to offset the effect of 22 years of inflation on the benefit level.

As a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, Matsunaga said the provision was in the Senate bill, but not included in the House bill. During conference negotiations, House conferees accepted the amendment. Matsunaga was among the Senate conferees.

He reports that recent advances in research have given doctors the ability to treat mental illness much more effectively, but access to these advances is largely denied to beneficiaries because of current policies.

"Medicare's inadequate coverage discourages many beneficiaries from seeking mental health care when it is most timely and effective; consequently, there is much needless suffering and expense," Matsunaga said.

The senator also said he was pleased that the budget bill includes a \$50 million increase in

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funds for Title XX social services, which supports a variety of community-based social service programs, including child care, child abuse prevention and assistance for the handicapped, disabled and elderly. The bill provides for the first increase in Title XX in several years.

Recently, another bill supported by Matsunaga was signed into law by President Reagan. According to the senator, the reauthorization of the Older American Act of 1965 recognizes the tremendous growth in the very oldest segment of the elderly population and the projected demand for community-based, long-term services by authorizing \$25 million in fiscal year 1988 for non-medical, in-home services.

"I was extremely pleased to hear of the president's action," said Matsunaga. "His signature culminates a year of very hard work for myself, as chairman of the Aging Subcommittee, and for the bipartisan supporters of this essential legislation.

"The smooth passage of this legislation is certainly evidence that the government can provide essential

services without sacrificing fiscal responsibility," Matsunaga continued. He noted that the \$1.5 billion authorized for programs under the act in fiscal year 1988 is only five percent higher than in the last fiscal year.

"With this reauthorization, we have refined and improved existing legislation... The legacy will be a program which is still open to all older Americans, but which is better targeted through new service authorizations, as well as improved direction regarding service priorities, for those older individuals who are in most need of assistance."

The act also includes modifications to Title VI grant programs to Indian Tribal organizations; amendments to strengthen the operation of the long-term care ombudsman program; authorization of appropriations to enable states to carry out programs for the prevention of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly; changes to strengthen administration of the act at both the federal and local level; and authorization for the president to call a White House Conference on Aging in 1991.

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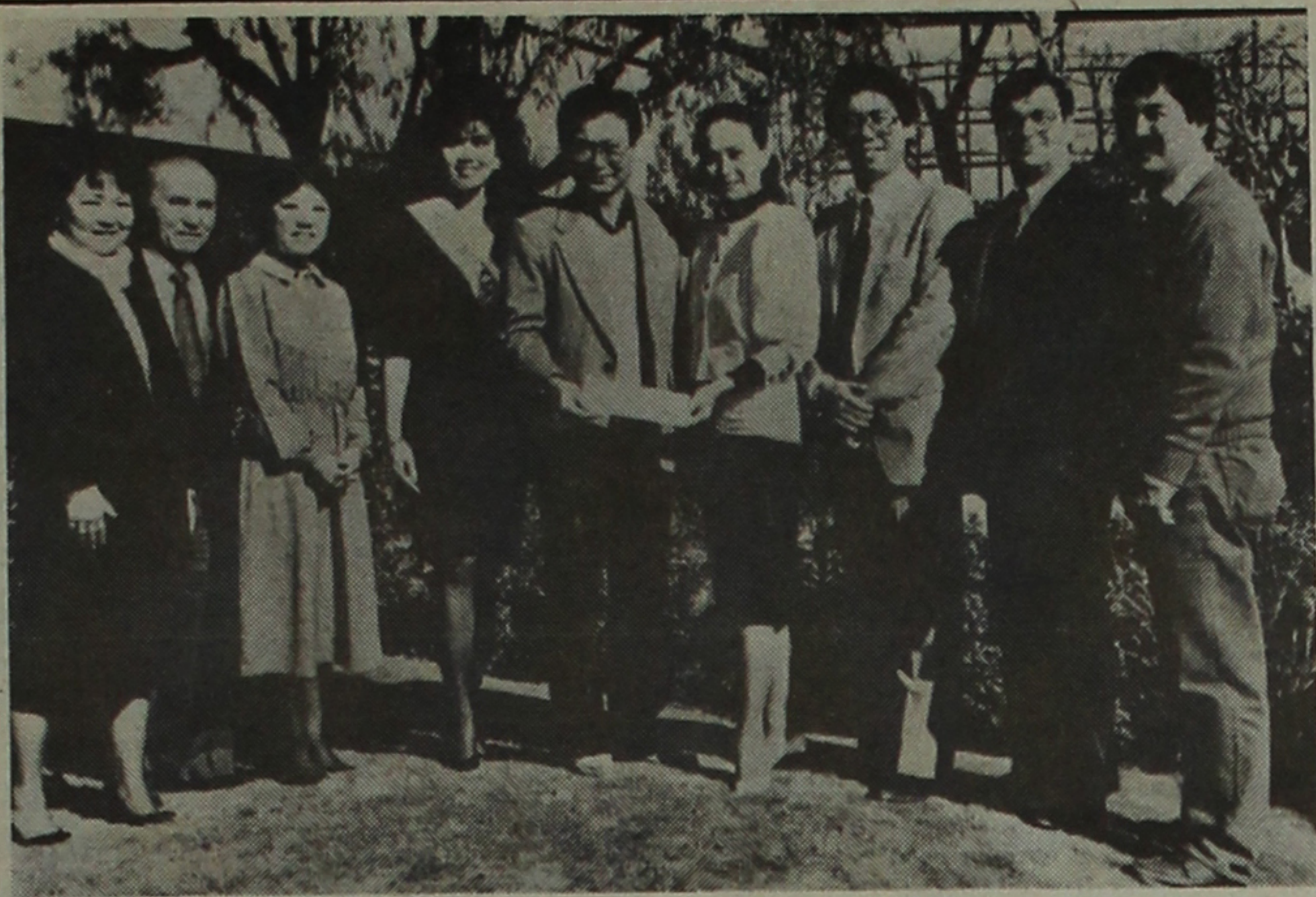
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COMMUNITY GRANT—The newly-formed Nikkei Foundation of America (NFA) recently made its first-ever grant to the Little Tokyo Service Center in the amount of \$10,000 to support its community service programs. NFA Vice President Helen Funai presented the check to Bill Watanabe (center). Also on hand (from left) were Judi Sliskovich, NFA Board member; Yo Takagaki, NFA president; Denise Sumie Kato, Miss Nikkei California 1987; Dave Koga, LTSC treasurer; Joseph Sliskovich, NFA secretary; and Ron Kuramoto, LTSC president. The proceeds came from the 1987 Miss Nikkei California Pageant.

NCCJ Offers Small Business Directory

LOS ANGELES — The Asian/Pacific American Small-Business Directory, produced by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ), is now available from many public officials and from local chambers of commerce.

Designed to assist small-business owners in obtaining vendor contracts and information assisting the development of their businesses, the directory includes addresses, telephone numbers and contact names for corporations, government

agencies, and technical assistance organizations. Chamber and local community organizations are listed, as well.

"Our goal is to assist Asian/Pacific businessmen in the integration of their business into Southern California's growing economy," said Carolyn Webb de Macias, Pacific Bell executive. Macias co-chaired the project with William Ouchi of UCLA's Graduate School of Management.

NCCJ, a nonprofit community relations organization now in its fortieth year of service to the Los Angeles area, worked with Leadership and Education for Asian/Pacifics and the Pacific Asian Consortium on Employment to gather the extensive information in the directory. Pacific Bell and the May Company assisted the effort by providing the printing.

Directories may be obtained by calling local public officials or the NCCJ office at (213) 385-0491.

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ing conglomerate, and Marubeni Corp., the trading company, are also issuing CDs of American pop music and jazz whose copyright protection in Japan has run out.

For vocalists or groups like the Beatles who wrote a long list of Top 10 hits, such rereleases may not be a serious financial loss. The copyright for composers and lyricists extends to 50 years after their death. I presume the CD manufacturer paid the royalties to the intermediary, the Japan Association of Song Writers, Authors and Composers.

But some singers or bands have only one smash hit in their entire careers. Many artists may need the income from a record released in their 20s or 30s to make ends meet in their old age. It's terribly unfair for anyone to use these works without paying a cent.

Recording is hard physical labor, especially for vocalists. Creating new music and long tours on the road are exhausting; musicians burn out early. Usually the vocal chords take such a beating that few singers last more than a couple of decades. Many ex-performers, deprived of residual income from their most productive years, live near the poverty line.

Artistic integrity is also at stake. Performers take enormous care with the design of album jackets. The record and cover constitute a single esthetic unit. It adds insult to injury to see Beatles songs packaged in cheap, tacky jackets.

Japanese copyright protection for artists and record producers is woefully short compared to other countries. In the United States, for example, recordings are covered for 75 years. In most of Western Europe the period is 50 years. Brazil and Columbia honor copyrights for 60 years and 80 years, respectively.

The Japanese public is unaware of this situation. And the politicians

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AAs in Higher Ed Confab

OAKLAND, Calif. — "Asian Americans in Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities," the first statewide conference organized to address issues affecting Asian Americans in the higher education system, will be held Feb. 26-28 at the Oakland Airport Hyatt Hotel.

"This conference is more crucial than ever," commented Conference Coordinator Dale Shimasaki. "Asian students face the possibility of a racially biased admissions process... Asian faculty struggle with an archaic tenure review system... Asian administrators face unique problems of administration. We hope that through this conference we can begin to address these concerns and develop a network of support groups in order to advocate and benefit Asians in the higher education system."

The conference kicks off with a reception hosted by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown on Friday evening. Brown will also keynote the Saturday morning opening session of the conference. Workshop topics scheduled for Saturday's first afternoon session include Campus Administration, Admissions Issues, Faculty Concerns and Student Support Services. The second session will address Staff and Executive Management Affirmative Action, Ethnic Minority Relations, Curriculum Issues and Research Needs.

The conference committee has also planned a special reception and dinner in Downtown Oakland for Saturday evening. The dinner program will feature Assemblyman Tom Hayden, chairperson of the Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education.

The conference will conclude Sunday with a discussion between Asian American educators and state policy makers. Panelists will include Dr. Hideko Bannai, board of governors, California Community

Colleges; Henry Der, California Post-Secondary Education Commission; Dr. John Kashiwabara, board of trustees, California State Universities; Ron Wakabayashi, California Student Aid Commission; Yori Wada, U.C. Board of Regents; State Senator Gary Hart; and Assemblyman John Vasconellos.

The registration fee, which includes the Friday reception and Saturday luncheon program and dinner, is \$75. Student rates are also available.

For more information and registration, contact Asian Americans in Higher Education at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, or call (415) 921-5225.

Chu Announces Candidacy for City Council

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — Dr. Judy Chu formally announced her candidacy Jan. 4 for the April 5, 1988, Monterey Park City Council elections. A clinical psychologist, Chu counsels disabled students at Los Angeles City College. She is also an associate professor of sociology at California State University, Los Angeles.

With an outstanding record of community service, Chu was elected to her present position as a member of the Garvey School District's Board of Education in 1985. In deciding to become a candidate for the Monterey Park City Council, Chu says that she is running "to improve the quality of life for all the residents of this city."

"Not only do I want to reduce traffic congestion and upgrade the quality of development," said Chu, "but I want to improve community relations. It is time to heal the wounds that have divided our city."

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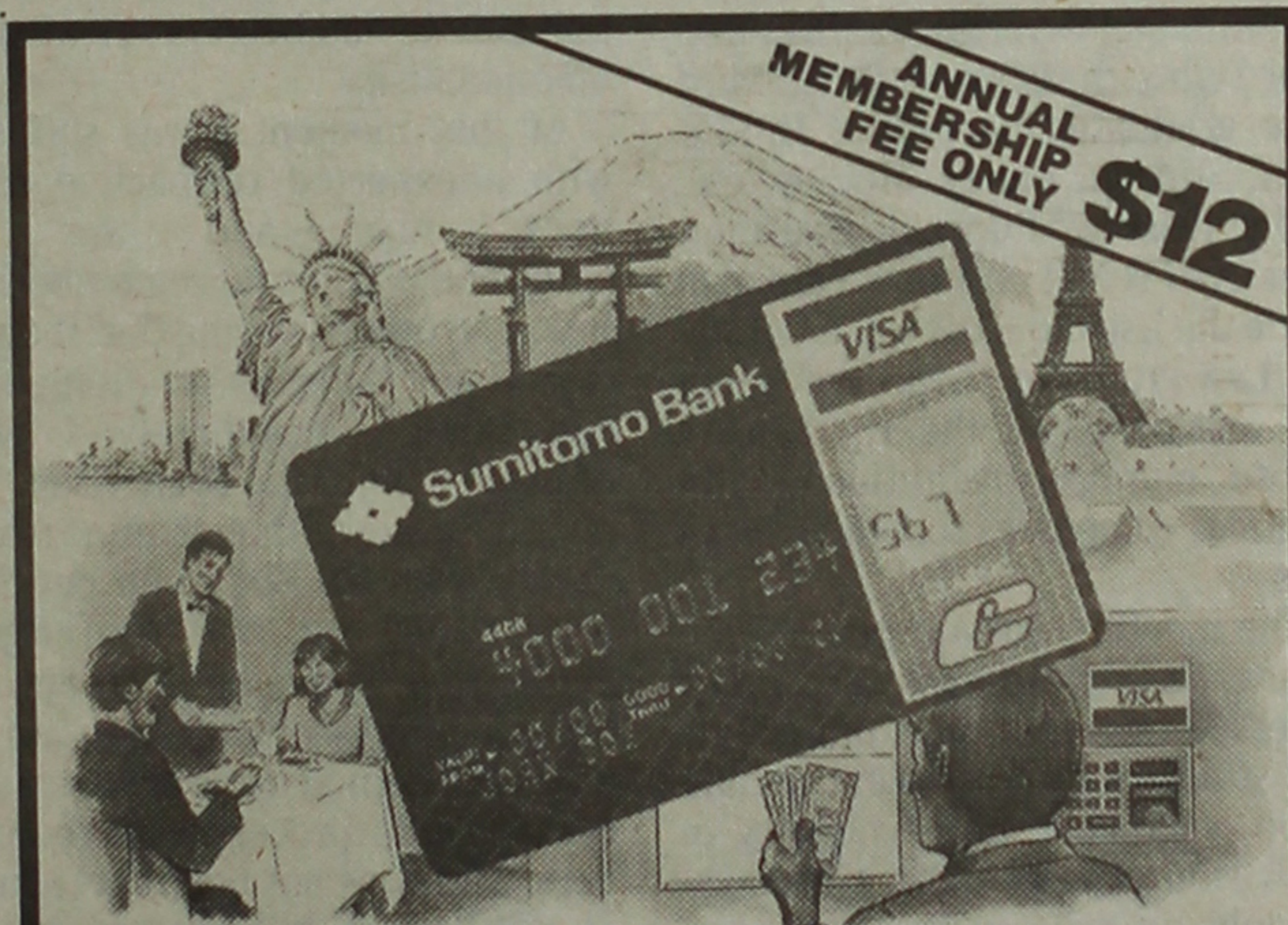
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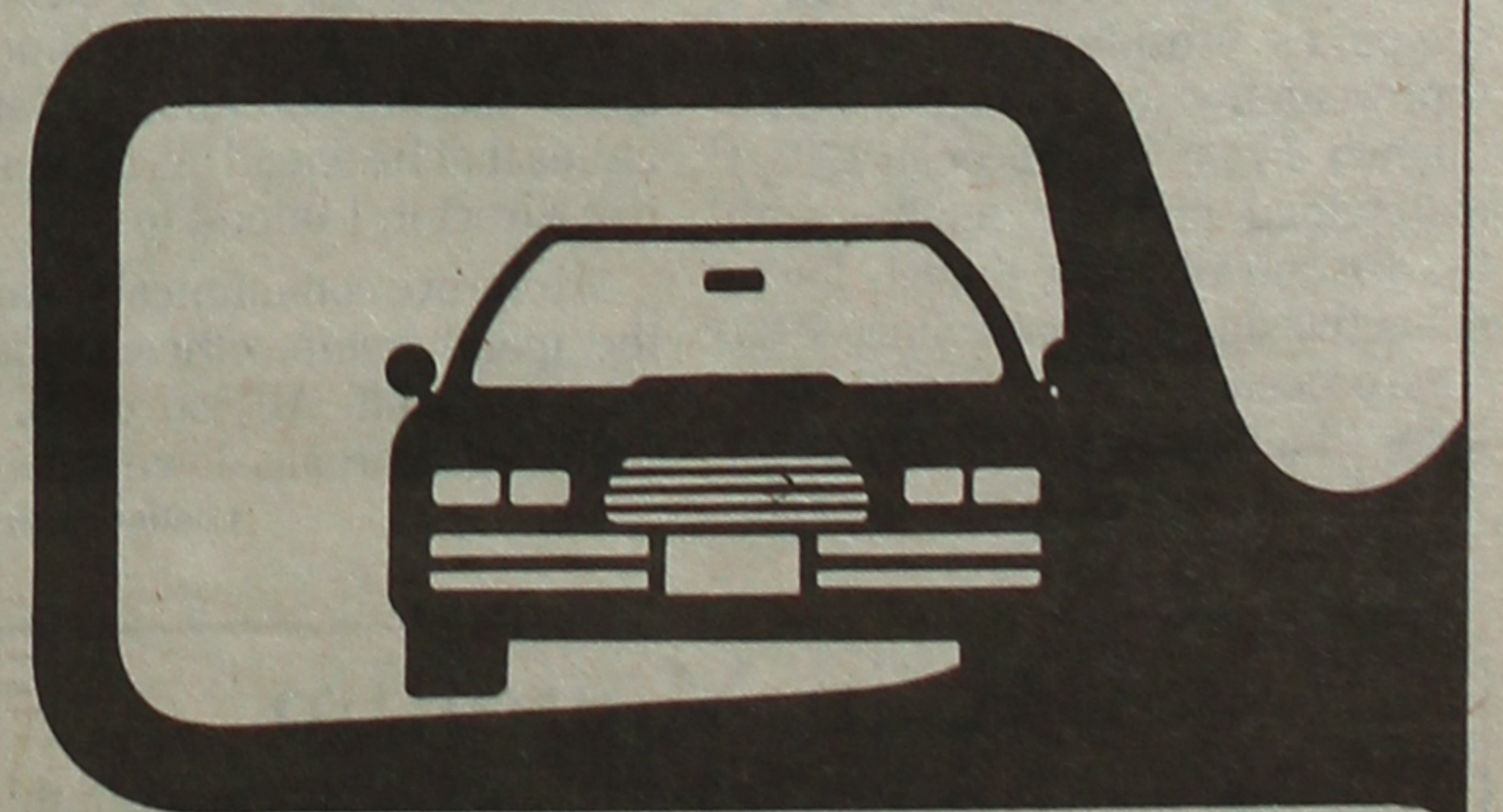
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Introducing Neal Taniguchi

By Neal Taniguchi
JACL Administrative Director

For those people who do not have a direct line to the JACL "grapevine," let me take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Neal Taniguchi, and I am the new administrative director for the JACL. While my name and position is currently not widely known within the JACL, I hope that within the near future the membership will come to understand and work with me in my role as JACL's administrative director.



Academically, I hail from the University of California, Berkeley, where I earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in public policy (MPP). While in graduate school, I worked as an intern for the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in their Local Government Advisory Program, and I served as a teaching assistant in several undergraduate classes.

Since finishing graduate school in 1985, I have been working in and around local government. From 1985 through the end of 1986 I served as a management intern with the city of Oakland, Calif. During this time, I worked in the Public Library assisting the director and business manager with the department budget and daily administrative functions. Since the beginning of this year and up until a month ago, I worked as a management analyst with the Harvey M. Rose Accountancy Corp./San Francisco Budget Analyst's Office. The Harvey Rose Corp. is unique in that it specializes in public sector management and budget analysis, and specifically provides these consulting services on contract to the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors and to other California counties.

JACL Background

My JACL affiliation dates back to 1975, when I became a member of the Fresno Chapter JACL JAYS. While with the Fresno Chapter, I served as president and chapter representative to the District Youth Council. From 1979 through 1985, I maintained my membership with the Fresno Chapter, though I was not active due to school. Since 1985, I have been a member of the Berkeley Chapter, and most recently, I served as vice president and schol-

arship chair to the chapter.

As the new administrative director, I look forward to serving the JACL. I believe that the JACL has entered a period of transition, not only because of the aging of our membership, but also because of the eventual resolution of the Redress issue in the near future. Through this transitional period and the years beyond, it is important that JACL remain strong and improve as an organization. We have only begun to recognize the challenges and responsibilities that lie ahead for the JACL, and if the JACL is to meet those challenges and responsibilities, it must constantly seek to improve its functional capability.

One of my responsibilities each year is to coordinate the Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference. If we are to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the future, the JACL needs to cultivate new members, both young and old, to give the organization leadership and direction. This is one of the objectives of the Washington, D.C. Leadership Program. I firmly believe that the leadership program is essential to the future of the JACL. As a participant in the 1987 Leadership Conference, I was impressed with the wide range of organizations and individuals whom the JACL works with in Washington, D.C. The Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference provides participants with the opportunity to see that the JACL can make a difference in shaping public policy and encouraging positive social change; and as active members, individuals can accomplish a great deal by participating in JACL activities. Washington, D.C. also serves as an ideal arena in which to observe national leaders (role models) make decisions that affect the country and our specific communities. To the extent that it exposes participants to leadership role models and highlights the potential that JACL has to encourage change, the leadership conference is essential to the future of the JACL.

Internally, we need a stable organizational base with which to tackle the difficult and challenging issues that lie ahead. As administrative director, I intend to:

1) Improve communication among the membership, officers and the National staff. All too often, communication breaks down among the

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Getting a Haircut in Japan Is Shear Indulgence

Haruo Tanaka, a Denver resident who grew up in Japan, confesses to one indulgence when he visits that country. No, it isn't cabarets with seductive hostesses or geisha restaurants, yakitori bars or even hot springs spas, although each of them offers much in the way of indulgence in that male-oriented country.

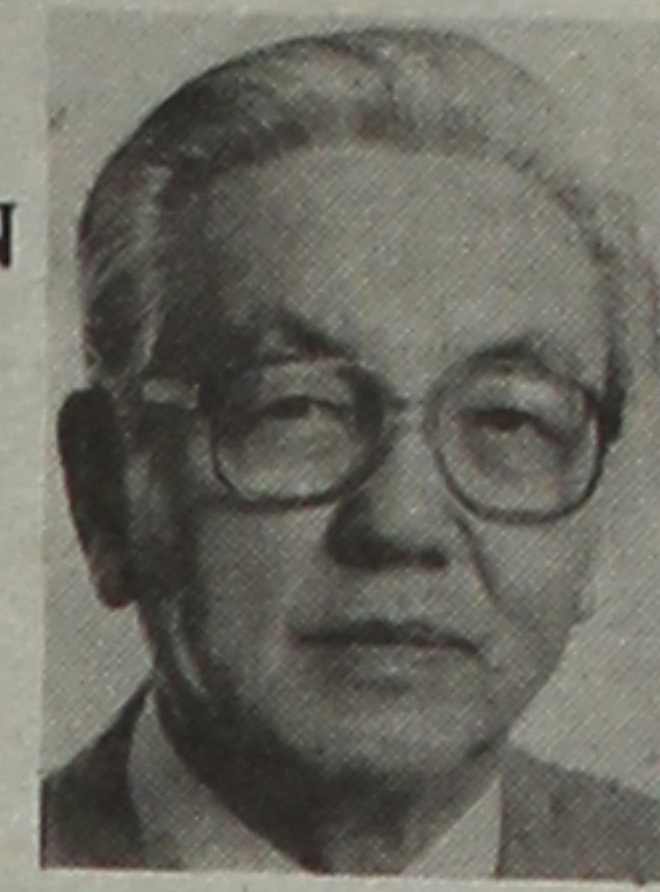
It's a haircut. Not at some fancy tansorial parlor, but at almost any routine, undistinguished Japanese barbershop.

Please do not snicker. Tanaka is correct. Getting even a routine, obligatory haircut in Japan is indeed an indulgence by American standards, as I rediscovered recently. Now, it should be explained that normally I get my hair cut in the States before visiting Japan because everything over there, not excluding barbers, is so expensive. But this last time my graying locks became so shaggy during my stay that I had no choice but to have them shorn.

The place I entered had four chairs, was well-lighted and was in an underground arcade on the fringes of the highest rent district. I knew I would like the place when the receptionist placed my jacket on

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



a plastic hanger rather than hanging it from a nail. How long has it been since that happened to you in the States? Then she brought out a pair of slippers and invited me to remove my shoes. Great idea.

The barbering process started with a shampoo administered by a young lady. I didn't ask for it. It was just routine, she said. After she dried my hair she turned me over to the barber himself, a youngish man with the look of a professional. He gave my head a critical look, then asked politely if he could be so bold as to inquire who my regular barber was.

"I live in the States," I said. "I'm just visiting Tokyo."

"I thought so," he said, and I detected disapproval of the quality of American haircuts.

Then he went to work with clipper

and scissors, gave me a second shampoo, shaved the back of my neck and clipped errant hairs out of ears and nostrils. He also gave me a vigorous scalp massage and worked over my neck and shoulders. He asked what kind of hair dressing I used. I mentioned an American brand and he had it. Through it all he managed not to get hair down my shirt collar or water down my neck. I declined a shave, shine or manicle. Later, my wife assured me that considering the head the barber had to work with, he had done a superb job.

The charge was 3,500 yen, or about \$27 at the then exchange rate, about the cost of a decent lunch at the hotel. The barber said if he could get a visa, he'd like to move to the States and open a barbershop. I replied that with the kind of service he provides as routine, he'd probably be very popular. He and everyone else working in the shop bowed when I left and invited me to return. Nice feeling.

Back home, I told my regular barber about the service in Tokyo and the price I had paid.

"Hmm," he said, "You can't get Americans to pay that kind of money."

Letters to the Editor

Harvard Symposium Revisited

The CWRIC (Judge Marutani), NCJAR (Herzig) and *coram nobis* (Hirabayashi and Minami) peripatetic flying squad came to Cambridge Dec. 8, to open the symposium, "On the Brink of Justice: The Current Battle Over The Internment of Japanese Americans," sponsored by the Asian American Law Students Association, Harvard Law School and co-sponsors. It was traveling back through the time warp to recall that 90% of the major government lawyers in the 1942-1945 civil rights disaster were Harvard Law graduates, including Biddle, Hull, Stinson, Fahey, McCloy, etc., and at least two Supreme Court justices. As I recall only one Yale man made the list and FDR was a Columbia Law graduate. It was the "landed" aristocrats of the Ivy League whose moral, constitutional, and political compasses lost their bearings.

The meeting was a reprise of the "war cases" (Hirabayashi, et al), now reversed by time's court of appeals but still facing the present arcane appeals process, an asymmetry of the vision of justice. Mr. Hirabayashi told his saga so familiarly embedded in numerous publications and in our memories. Judge Marutani reminded us that the Constitution was corrupted or ignored by its guardians and this was the bicentennial year. Mr. Minami modestly summarized the *coram nobis* cases in which he played a principal role. Mrs. Herzig energetically recounted her forays into the vineyard of government archives and shock as the Machiavellian maneuvers were uncovered by painful bits and pieces.

In attendance was a tribal Asian group indistinguishable ethnically but no doubt, law students, lawyers and undergraduates. Still I don't recall any penetrating questions and the answers corresponded in kind. One might as well have attended a lecture on the theory of divine origin of Hammurabi's Code. Prof. Alan M. Dershowitz made a brief appearance and exhorted the panel and audience and just as suddenly left for another meeting. By the end of 2½ hours, the session began to have aura of surrealism and I wondered whether there was any hope of redemption for my long trip from Down East Maine.

The Kennedy School of Government Symposium sponsored by the

Asian Student Caucus, KSG, was graced by two Californian congressmen, Mr. Mineta and Shumway, both knowledgeable, articulate, urbane and Constitution-wise, but on opposite sides of the House legislation, the Ying and Yang of it. Judge Marutani opened the session by presenting Mrs. Grayce Uyehara JACL-LEC who had so successfully cajoled and importuned us with such passion during 1987 and who, I am convinced, could hector the president to sign. I forgot what Mr. Mineta said. Mr. Shumway complained that the legislation (H.R.442) and debate had been permeated by emotionalism.

At that moment I was suffused with unexpected retroactive emotions, rage and the lucidity and morality of remembering. It was so overpowering that it obliterated any thoughts or attempts at responding immediately—I was afflicted with, as the French say, "esprit d'escalier," though mine was a darker version. But when one has been raped by total civil rights abuse, one remembers; when one has been imprisoned without an indictment, denied a writ of habeas corpus and due process, one remembers; when one has been shot at and shoots back to kill another human being (442RCT) while his parents are hostages in a United States concentration camp, one remembers. I remember.

Mr. Shumway, seeking a payment plan should the legislation pass presidential muster, proposed a complicated sliding scale per diem scheme devised, no doubt, by a fair but tormented mind. The dead, of course, would not count but then I suppose Heaven hasn't much currency today anyway.

Finally he was concerned with "backlash"; both congressmen should or must know that it has been largely "discounted" (to borrow a Wall Street jargonese) by a majority of us. Hell, I want, need and crave it; I would even savor it, preferring to experience an emotion than the scar. Then the theatre of the absurd would have come full circle.

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Maine

"Gentlemen's Agreement"

The three-proxy limit passed by the JACL National Council at the Salt Lake City National Convention in 1978 was not a "Gentlemen's Agreement." It was a constitutional amendment duly introduced and

unanimously passed.

The proxy limit was inadvertently omitted from the constitution published for the subsequent conventions, but the delegates remembered and abided by the amendment.

When it was directly challenged at the Chicago Convention (1986), many delegates were flabbergasted when the printed bylaws did not have this limitation in print. The legal counsel at the convention could only go by what he had in hand.

The election fiasco is now the thing of the past. What we need to do is to go on with the business on hand. We should not, however, change the fact rhetorically by calling the passed amendment a "Gentlemen's Agreement."

It would seem that a simple correction in the next printed constitution is all that is necessary. A constitutional amendment does not seem necessary.

CLIFFORD UYEDA
San Francisco, Calif.

A Thought

I read with great interest the editorial, "Excellent, But Out of Print," (Nov. 13, 1987). I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments expressed. I am, however, somewhat biased as I was on the advisory council for this project and worked on the manual. I would be interested in contributing to an updated version—as would, I suspect, other former advisory council members and consultants—and many other Nikkei educators. What is needed, of course, is someone to coordinate this effort, some clerical help, and money to publish a new manual (although recent advances in desktop publishing and book production technology may make this cost much less than many people suspect). Just a thought.

RUSSELL ENDO
Boulder, Colo.

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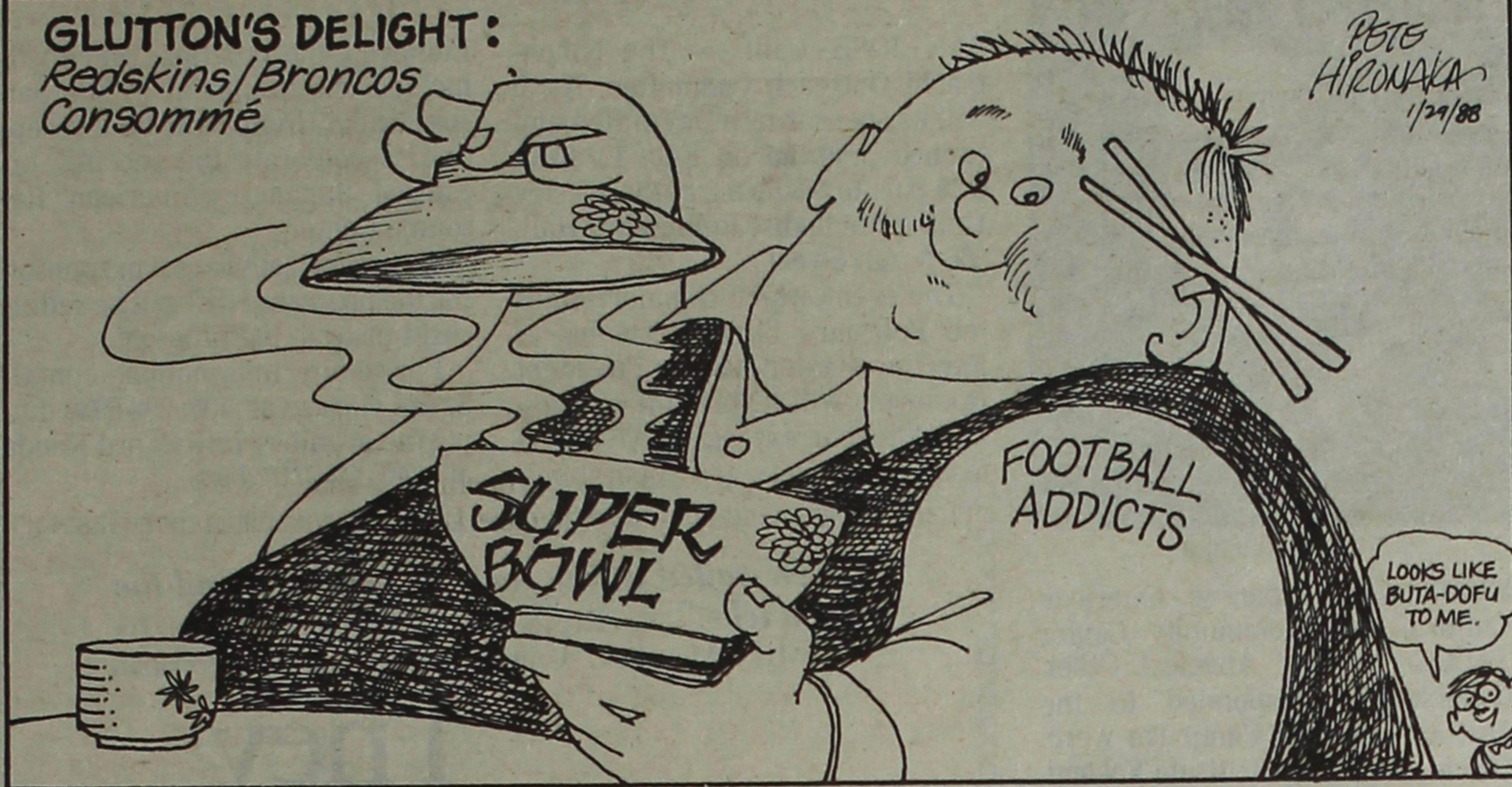
P.C. in Microfilm

Copies of the Pacific Citizen in microfilm are available. While the first reel features scattered prewar monthly issues from Vol. 1, No. 1 (dated Oct. 15, 1929) through March 1942 (the eve of Evacuation), plus the entire run of weekly issues of 1942 from June through December, the remaining years are contained in 25 reels. This 26-reel set is available at \$840.

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Articles About Asian Americans May Be Misleading

Perception, not reality, dominates the formation of public policy. What seems to be rather than what is, matters. Asian Americans have perceptions formed largely from what media replicates from a rather narrow band along the continuum, along which this community, like any other, rests.

The *Time* and *Newsweek* articles on Asian Americans in education would have all of us believe that Asian American educational successes are miraculous examples of a super minority. Indeed, the successful model minority image is the impression that is left. Two major points were neglected. The success among newcomer communities is housed in the best educated immigrant population ever to arrive on our shores. Language handicaps have developed a pattern similar to other immigrant periods which have special concentration in small business, but the population is exceptionally well educated.

Further sorting of the data would show that specific populations not so well educated, such as subsequent groups of "Boat people" and the preliterate Hmong, are not faring so well. In fact, the rate of unemployment, school dropouts, and other such indicators are

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Wakabayashi



among the highest in the country. The second point missed is that the perception of success results in a degree of backlash as represented in the controversy over university admissions.

The conglomerate view of Asian Americans, which does not distinguish among us on an ethnic basis, does not distinguish variation component parts with separate and distinct patterns, needs and interests. The predominant or most visible segments tend to determine the perception of the entire cloth.

This dilemma, which causes us inconvenience and harm, will be compounded by the 1990 Census. The Constitution only requires a count of Americans, not a count by any particular categories. While Blacks will be identified, as well as populations under the Hispanic category, Asian/Pacifics will not be counted in this manner. There will be only the one category of Asian/Pacifics,

which is barely a substitute for the box marked "other."

Previous census efforts have coded larger Asian American populations, although the promised publication of such data has not been provided or provided a good five years after target deadlines, minimizing their utility in such a dynamically changing population. Because the census long form is projected to have a reduced universe, from 16 million in 1980 to 10 million in 1990, the ability to extrapolate Asian community profiles becomes diminished, eliminating the statistical safety net. In other words, specific Asian American populations such as Japanese Americans, will not have a count of population.

Given that formula funding, affirmative action criteria in employment, schools, etc., would require comparison with the general population, the absence of such data is a cruel injustice. It would be felt for a decade, and a decade that is likely to be the decade of the Pacific.

Congressman Robert Matsui, recognizing the impact of such action, is involved in mounting congressional action to prevent this travesty. JACL has an institutional obligation and interest in exerting much energy behind his efforts.

Coming or Going

AJAs OFTEN COMPLAIN that within our own American society they are viewed by their fellow Americans as "Japanese," rather than what they are—simply Americans who happen to be of Japanese ancestry. If it were limited to "viewing," it is of no consequence; AJAs should be, and are, proud of their ancestry, just as any other American should be proud of whatever they might claim.

After all, who is to question the ethnic format selected by the Almighty?

HOWEVER, THE "PROBLEM" emanates from the artifices that follow the superficiality of the "viewing," the withholding of free advantages that other citizens enjoy (or should enjoy) or the imposition of false obstacles that others do not (or should not have to) contend with. And so, AJAs all too often find themselves having "to earn" those advantages freely available to others, or having to overcome obstacles not placed in the paths of others.

It's somewhat akin to having to run life's race on a muddy track, burdened with an extra load—while one's competitors race on a dry track, without false burdens.

IN AN EFFORT to right things and to provide "a level playing field" for all, AJAs turn to seeking to "educate" our fellow Americans as to just who we are. It is a never-ending and, at times, seemingly futile effort. But

then the alternative is to give up and do nothing.

And that is not an "alternative." IF BEING OF Japanese ancestry in our American society can mean an uneven playing field wherein AJAs run an uphill race, one might believe that the factor of being of Japanese ancestry would provide a level playing field when an AJA is in Japan. Superficially, perhaps; substantively, no. (In fact, sometimes even "superficially," no.) Aside from one's relatives and a few close acquaintances, the AJA may well (and usually is) viewed with disdain. Here is an American who looks like a Nippon-jin but lacks the behavioral patterns, speech, decorum and restrained manners expected of a Nippon-jin.

American society or Nippon society, the AJA has to contend with who (s)he is. We "get" it coming or going.

THIS SUBJECT IS being raised to suggest that while AJAs may well be concentrating on educating fellow Americans, perhaps there is a similar—albeit not as critical—need to "educate" the Nippon-jins as to who we are. For Japan has become a world economic power, its bases spread throughout the globe. Its presence is felt here in the United States by its integration into our economic production; its management skills pervade all facets of our industry; television ads pick up on Japanese productivity, prowess and

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Bill
Marutani



even peccadilloes. To ignore the potency for public relations of such a broad force is to ignore reality that is all around us.

IN APPROACHING THIS untapped avenue, we need an organized, well-developed, bilateral program. On our part, we need to understand the Nippon-jins; they, in turn, need to appreciate who we are. In so doing, just as we should not jettison our Japanese ancestry in educating our fellow Americans, we most assuredly should not camouflage our Americanism vis-à-vis the Nippon-jins.

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and bureaucrats who are responsible for the short copyrights are indifferent to musicians and the record industry. They have no appreciation of creative people.

Having become an economic superpower, Japan now must strive for cultural eminence. The music world has a vital role to play in this

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN BOOKSHELF:

Japanese American Farm Life

■ **Country Voices: The Oral History of a Japanese American Family Farm Community.** David Mas Masumoto. Inaka Countryside Publications, 9336 E. Lincoln, Del Rey, CA 93616: 242 pp. \$14.95 soft.

Hardpan and mochi hardly appear like a winning combination, but they are the clashing elements that come together in a Japanese American account of a familiar theme—ethnicity and agriculture. For David Mas Masumoto, the small town of Del Rey, Calif., situated about fifteen miles southeast of Fresno, is an appropriate setting for a glimpse into the drama of rural life and community. Drawing from oral interviews and personal reflections, he seeks to capture the joys and pains of a life in agriculture in California's rich San Joaquin Valley for a readership whom he suspects is largely unaware of the experience of farming.

It is a rich and bountiful harvest that he presents. Not only does he describe the sacrifices and contributions of the pioneering Issei generation in vivid detail, but he also traces the changes that accompanied the arrival of the second and third generations, the Nisei and Sansei. Predictably, there is mention of the bachelors, picture brides, gambling houses, the relocation, and the postwar adjustment.

Contemporary Japanese American Culture

But it is not the historical chronology that is the strength of this book. Nor is it the emphasis on agriculture fused with the use of oral history, the sound of "country voices." In fact, in recent years there have been many studies about Japanese Americans in farming, with some focusing on the Santa Clara Valley and the Pajaro Valley, to name just a few examples. Rather, the noteworthy characteristic of this work is its keen attention to contemporary Japanese American culture and its course between tradition and change.

David Mas Masumoto is a farmer and writer in Del Rey, but he also holds degrees in sociology and community development. His specialized training makes him a careful observer of social and cultural processes and the subtle nuances of change. Thus, he states that "the history of a community doesn't lie in names and events but rather in processes." (p.5) Elsewhere, he declares that traditions have resiliency as "continual change reshapes and redefines actions and meanings." (p.2)

This sensitivity to process and change as Nikkei alter previous practices and attach new meanings to traditions derived from the past is helpful for an understanding of Japanese American culture. Instead of seeing immigrant traditions as dying out, Masumoto sees cultural invention as an accommodation to new conditions and different contexts. From this vantage point, he can view sympathetically the use of *hachimaki* headbands with upside down *kanji*, the evolution of *obon* dancing with its carnival aspects, and experimentation with brown rice *sushi*.

'Ordinary Folk'

Masumoto also grounds his study around the experiences of ordinary folk as they engage in the routines of everyday life. The stories of farm families are at center stage as national history takes a back seat to local history. As he puts it, "What people perceived as important became the historical reality told here, the daily life of a community is what mattered." (p.3) In this sense, he has written a warm and intimate internal history of a farming community based upon the perceptions and emotions of its residents.

Country Voices is not without its shortcomings, however. First of all, readers may not subscribe to the idea conveyed in its pages that farmers are somehow invested with a higher moral virtue and work ethic than, say, their urban counterparts or the Willy Loman's in the big cities. Farmers, after all, were also businessmen. Secondly, oral memories may not equate with historical realities. The comment that the Del Rey Japanese were not much affected by the Great Depression may raise questions. Was the downturn in the farm economy several years ago primarily an illusion? Nostalgia has a way of coloring simple truths. Lastly, the book would have benefited from tighter editing to eliminate misspellings, idiosyncratic punctuation, grammatical mistakes, and occasional factual errors. Reference should hence be made to the alien land laws of 1913 and 1920, not 1924. (p.10)

Nonetheless, these are minor problems. David Mas Masumoto and his informants are to be congratulated for providing us with such excellent introduction to the world of Japanese American farm life. More importantly, they have collectively provided us with fresh perspectives to appreciate the vitality and fluidity of contemporary Japanese American culture. Readers who take the time to peruse through the pages of *Country Voices* will find that they will be amply rewarded.

—Franklin Ng

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A 'Must' Guide on U.S. Politics

■ **The Almanac of American Politics 1988.** Michael Barone, Grant Ujifusa; National Journal, 1730 M St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; 1,415pp, \$42.95 hard, \$39.95 soft.

Co-author Grant Ujifusa's name is well known to JACL and the redress movement because of his work with the JACL-Legislative Education Committee plus his expertise on Washington matters relative to Capitol Hill. But Ujifusa, the Sansei from Wyoming, is known more widely because of the *Almanac* that has become the "most consulted, respected and influential reference in Washington," as the publishers declare. And in our editorial office, too.

It is a masterful profile of every member in the House and Senate, the President, the Governors; their legislative records and election results. Congressional maps by district, listing of the committees, demographics, campaign finance and index wrap up this handbook.

This being a presidential election year, thumbnail sketches of all running and potential candidates are featured in the opening pages. A sketch of Gary Hart, of course, is missing since he had quit but decided again to run... after the book went to press.

This review must note the price of the same published in 1972 (\$4.95), which is in the P.C. library. It was co-authored by three men who had worked together on the Harvard *Crimson* during their undergraduate years in the mid-'60s: Ujifusa, now with Macmillan's Free Press, Barone of the Washington Post and Douglas Matthew.

—Harry Honda

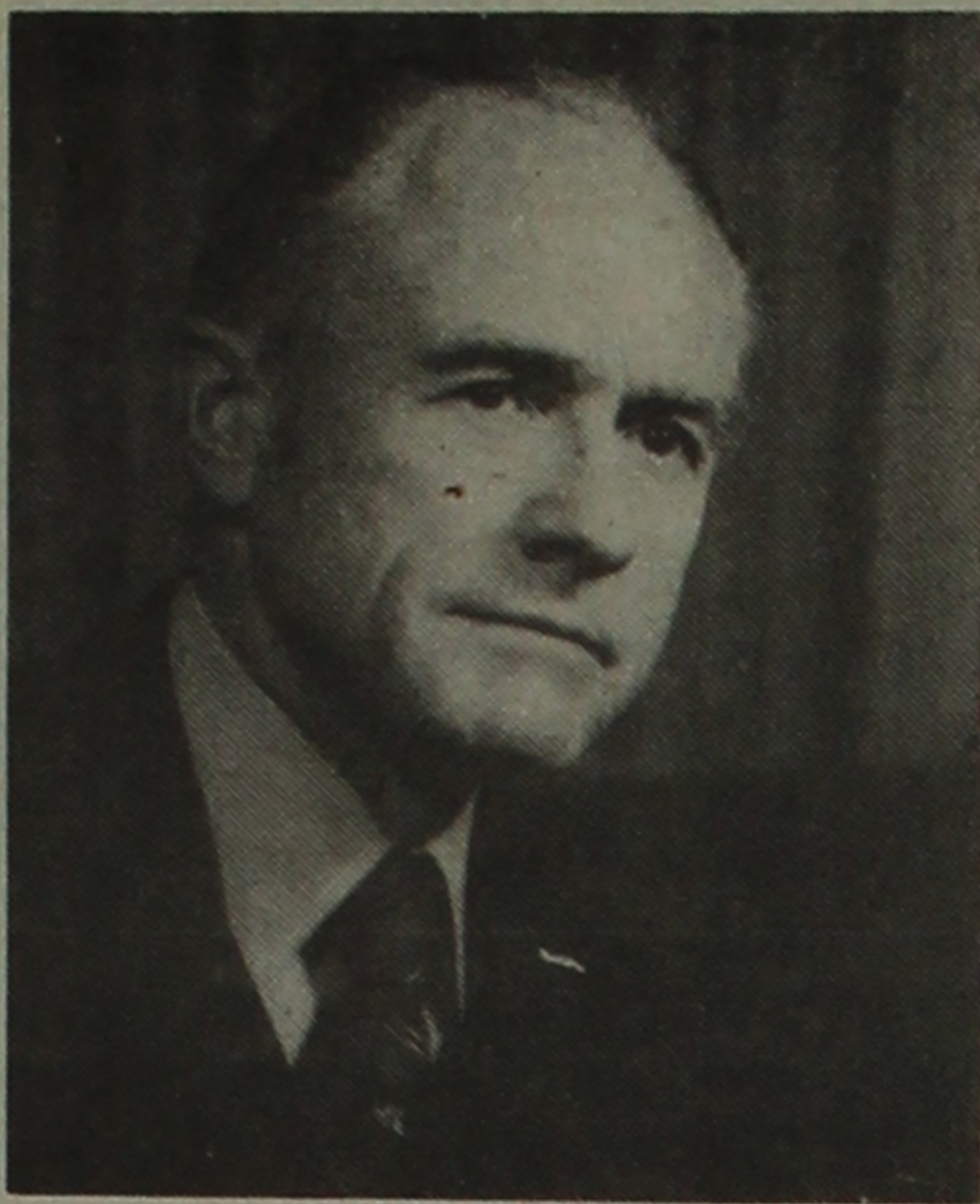
renaissance, but talent must be adequately protected. Unless individual artists are assured of long-term rewards, the recording industry in Japan is doomed.

Unauthorized recordings can be controlled by revising the law: changing 20 years to 50 years would make copyrights a long play. Politicians won't act, however, without

public pressure and active involvement by the intellectual community.

A country's copyright system reflects its cultural standards. I hope the government will show the same concern for singers and musicians that it has for exporting audio equipment and videocassettes.

—The Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center

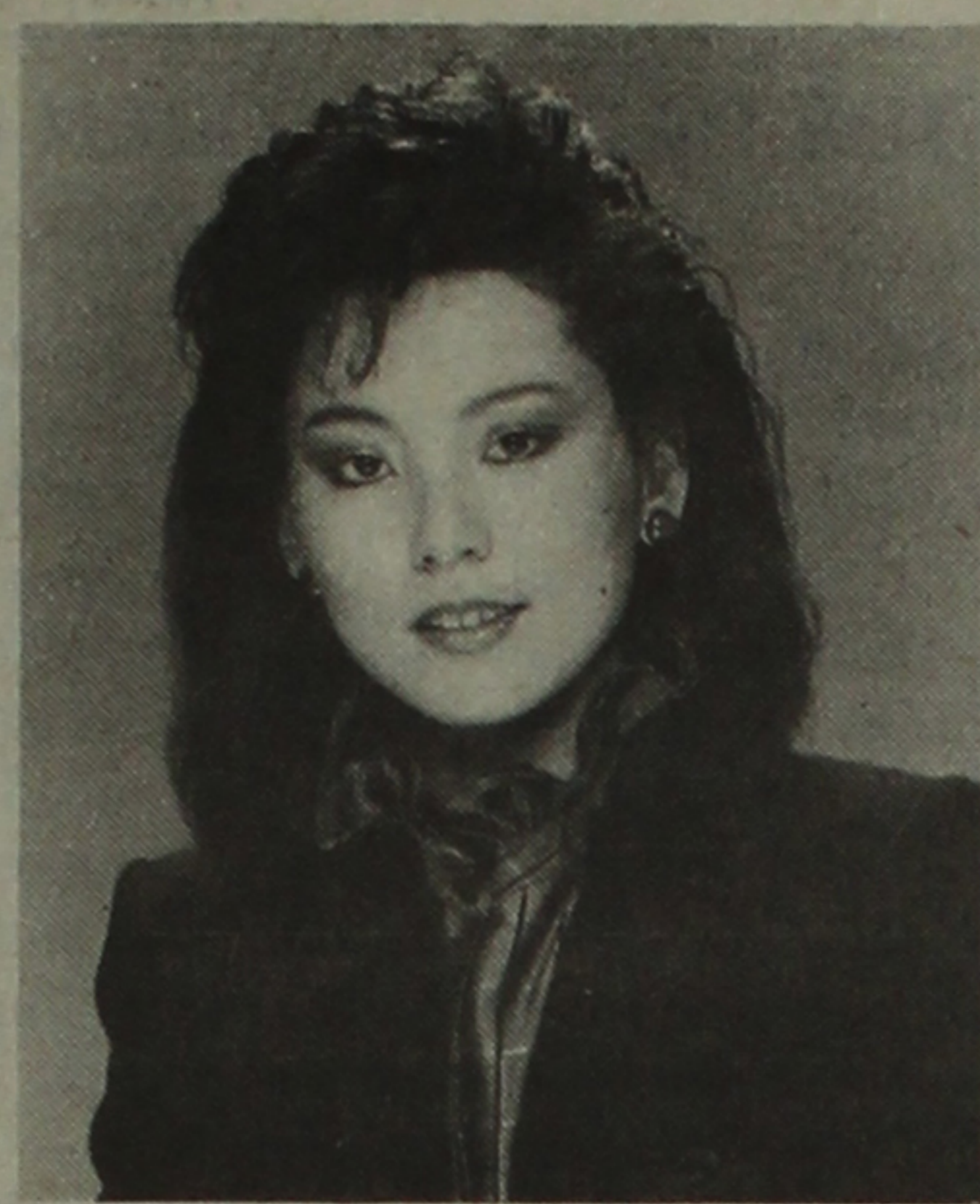


Walter Beran

► **Warren Kubota's** play, *Webster St. Blues* won the Will Glickman Award for best new play to premiere in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1987. The play is about four teenage Japanese American boys coming of age in Japantown circa 1972. It was produced by the Asian American Theatre Company. The award carries a \$1,000 prize.

► **Dwight Okumoto** of Honolulu, was named "Photographer of the Year" by the Hawaii Professional Photographers, the local chapter of the Professional Photographers of America; **Floyd Honda** was awarded first place for weddings.

► **Kenneth K. Wang** of Sacramento, Calif., was appointed to the Capitol Area Committee by Gov. George Deukmejian on Jan. 14. Wang, 31, is the chairman of the board for Camino West, a real estate



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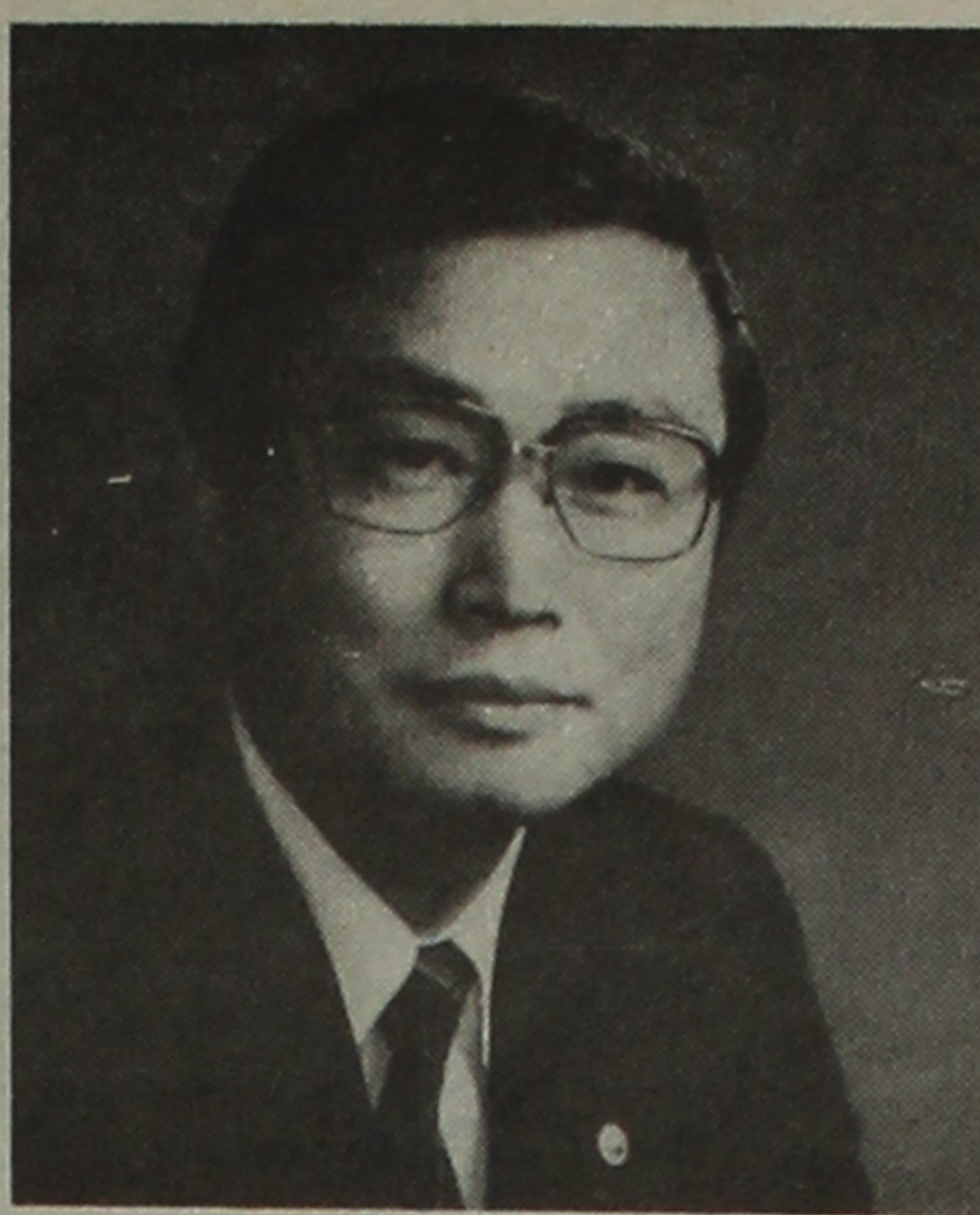
developing company in Sacramento.

► **Rep. Norman Y. Mineta** (D-Calif.), chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives, received the Public Service Award from *Air Transport World*, an airline management magazine on Jan. 21. He was cited for his "eloquent voice of reason" in continuing to promote the development of the nation's air transportation system. He is the first member of Congress to receive this award.

► **Yoon Hee Kim** was named as the director for Asian Pacific Affairs for U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.). Wilson created the post to better coordinate the ongoing efforts of his five state offices and his Washington office in serving the Asian American community. Kim is the president-elect of the Korean American Coalition, a founding member of the Women's Organization Reaching Koreans, a board member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Asian Pacific Women's Network and has been active with the Japanese American National Museum, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Asian American Legal Center and the Korean Youth Center.

► **Patricia Yuzawa-Rubin** of Wilmette, Ill. was confirmed by the Illinois Senate to serve on the Illinois State Board of Education on Nov. 18, 1987. She joins the 17-seat board which oversees Illinois' elementary and secondary schools. She is employed as a Clinical Data Coordinator for the Medical Development Systems in Deerfield.

► **The Beikoku Bunka Shodo Calligraphy Group** recently donated



Koji Yamashita

\$2,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) in Los Angeles. Other donors who responded to the JACCC Year-End Campaign were: **Goichi Nerio** (\$1,000); **Itsuto Yokomi**, **George Takei** and **Matsuzakaya** (\$500); **Harunori Oda** and **Tosh Miura** (\$250); **Nobuichi Wada** and **Noboru J. Kato** (\$200); **Kenji Murata**, **Misao Hirohata**, **George E. Minami**, **Jinki Higa** and **Kazuko Matsumoto** (\$100); **Walter Tatsuno** and **Taro Saisho** (\$50); and **Toshio Hoshida** (\$10).

► **Walter F. Beran**, **William M. Clossey**, **Katsuyoshi Ken Ogawa**, **Etsuko Price**, **Yukiyasu Togo** and **Koji Yamashita** were added to the board of directors of the JACCC in November. This brings to 39 the total number of board members who set the policies for the JACCC.

► **Susumu Sato** of Olympia, Wash. was presented the Order of Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays Medal on Nov. 24, 1987, by the Consul General Shigenobu Nagai in Seattle. He received the award for his outstanding contribution and commitment in Japanese culture to the Pacific Northwest. He and his wife, **Miyoko**, were the founders of the Tacoma *Senryu Ginsha* (a Japanese poetry organization). He has been very active in the Tacoma Nikkei-Jin Kai, the JACL and the Tacoma Buddhist Church.

► **Dr. Sadao Mochidome** of Gardena, Calif., was installed Jan. 16 as president of the South Bay-Long Beach Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He is chief of pharmacy operations for the Bellflower-area of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Program in Southern California.

NOC Holding Day of Remembrance

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC) will be sponsoring a Day of Remembrance program on Feb. 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Wesley United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 566 N. 5th Street.

The event, which commemorates the February 19, 1942, signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Roosevelt, will feature information about the current legislative efforts to obtain redress and reparations.

Following the program, which will include entertainment by the San Jose Taiko Group, will be a reception to celebrate the recently organized Japanese American Resource Center.

To help offset the cost of sponsoring the program, NOC will be selling sushi prior to the program.

For more information, contact Susan Hayase at (408) 292-6938 during the evenings, or Richard Konda at (408) 287-9710 days.

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■ Present—Jan. 24—East West Players presents *Stew Rice*. 8 pm Thurs—Sat.; 7:30 pm Sundays; 2 pm matinees, Sat. and Sun. Tickets: \$12, Thurs.—Sat.; \$10 for matinees. 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present—Feb. 14—"Zen Through the Ages: Paintings from the Sanso Collection," including 39 Japanese ink paintings created by or for Zen monks from the 14th through 19th centuries. Montgomery Gallery, Pomona College campus, corner of Bonita and College Avenues in Claremont. 1-5 pm daily. Free. Info: 714 621-8146.

■ Jan. 30—The Southern California Friends for Redress reception for U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, 4-6 pm, Yamato Restaurant, 2025 Avenue of the Stars, Century City. \$25/person, \$15/person for students and persons with limited incomes.

■ Jan. 30—The Western Region Asian American Program presents a free community education program entitled "Parenting Issues: Understanding Cultural Differences." Features new skills and new ideas about raising children. Assembly of God Church, 11122 S. Avalon Blvd. 5:30 pm, at the Tongan Lady of Rosary Church, 14815 Paramount Blvd., Paramount. Info: Bounphong Phomthavong, Emily Takeuchi or Ilaiaane Fehoko, 213 478-8241.

■ Jan. 30—The San Gabriel Valley Singles annual installation, 1:30 pm, Alu-Mont Furniture Co., 5400 N. Irwindale, Irwindale. \$2 ea. Guest Speaker: Ross Hernandez; topic—"How to Take Better Pictures." Reservations: Sadako, 818 285-8895 or Toshi 714 861-9676.

■ Jan. 31—Deadline for entries for the 3rd Annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific American International Film Festival. Sponsored by Visual Communications and the UCLA Film Archives, the festival seeks features, dramatic/narratives, documentaries, experimental works and animation. Super 8mm, 16mm and 35mm entries should involve Asian Pacific culture, history and experiences. Info: Abraham Ferrer, coordinator; Los Angeles Asian Pacific American International Film Festival; c/o Visual Communications; 263 S. Los Angeles St., Suite 307; Los Angeles, CA 90012 or call 213 680-4462.

■ Jan. 31—March 27—"Contemporary Japanese Stage Design: The Art of Setsu Asakura," a retrospective exhibition of works by Japan's foremost stage and set designer at the George J. Doizaki Gallery of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues.—Fri., Noon-5 pm; Sat. and Sun., 11 am-4 pm. Free. Closed Mon. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Jan. 31—Classical kabuki dance, 2

pm, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Sponsored by the Traditional Arts Exchange Society of Japan in cooperation with the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and the Kenjinkai Kyogikai of Southern California. Tickets: \$25/reserved section; \$20/general admission. A few general admission seats are expected to be available on the performance day at the Scottish Rite box office. Info: Mikko Haggott, 213 378-3550.

■ Feb. 3—The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California presents "The Legend of Anna May Wong," 7:30 pm, Castelar School Multipurpose Rm., 840 Yale St. Info: 213 828-6911.

■ Feb. 5 & 6—The 9th Annual Journalism Opportunities Conference for Minorities. For college juniors & seniors, recent graduates and professionals, Davidson Conference Center, University of Southern California. Info: Lourdes Cordova Martinez and Connie Rivera, 213 743-7158.

■ Feb. 7—First general meeting, Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles, 5879 Washington Blvd. (at La Cienega). Buffet Brunch: \$4. Info: (day) Patrick, 213 626-6760; (eve.) Dean, 213 662-5496.

■ Feb. 8—"Japan: A Western Perspective," presented at a luncheon by the Foreign Trade Association and the Japan External Trade Organization, Los Angeles Hilton. Speakers: Akira Kojima and Mitsuru Misawa. Reservations: 213 627-0634.

■ Feb. 13—"Back to the '50s" dance, 8 pm-1 am, Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. Tickets: \$10 before Feb. 6, \$15 at the door; send checks to Crystal Palace Enterprises, 4335 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood, CA 90304. Proceeds donated to Asian Rehabilitation Services and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. Info: Dick, 213 607-5026.

NEW YORK

■ Feb. 11—The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Dinner, Silver Palace Restaurant, 50-52 Bowery, New York City. \$50/person; \$100/sponsor; tables, \$500; sponsor tables, \$1,000. RSVP by Feb. 1 for dinner seats. Annual "Justice in Action" Awards to be presented to Aiko Her-

zig-Yoshinaga; Irene Natividad; and Anthony M. Tung. 5:30 pm, cocktails; 6:30 pm, dinner.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ Feb. 7—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 pm, at the home of Mary Matsumoto in Oakland. Info: San Francisco—Elsie Chung, 415 221-0268 or Harry Fujikawa, 415 681-1666. East Bay—Yuri Moriwaki, 415 482-3280 or Yoshiro Tokiwa, 415 223-5463.

■ Jan. 25—East Bay Nikkei Singles meeting, at the California First Bank in Oakland. Membership attendance requested for elections. Info: Cherry, 415 893-0113, Terry, 415 352-8668 or Tee, 415 523-5205.

SEATTLE

■ Present—Jan. 31—Exhibition of *sumi* and sculpture by George Tsutakawa, 10 am-5:30 pm, Mon.—Sat.; noon-5 pm, Sun. Foster-White Gallery, 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S.

■ Present—Feb. 14—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents "The Gambling Den" by Akemi Kikumura, Wed.—Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; Theatre: Off-Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Tickets: \$10, general; \$7, student-youth/seniors. Info: 206 340-1049.

■ Present—Feb. 14—The Group Theatre Co. presents *Changing Faces*, experiences of Asian American women, by Nikki Nojima Louis, Tues.—Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; matinees on Sat., Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2 pm; Ethnic Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. NE. Tickets: \$11, Tues.—Thurs. and Sun.; \$13.50, Fri. and Sat.; matinees, \$9. Info: 206 543-4327.

■ Jan. 23—"Oshogatsu," a celebration of the Japanese new year presented by the Nippon Kan Heritage Assoc., 7:30 pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Tickets: \$7, adults; \$5, seniors/students. Info: 206 624-8801.

■ July 29 & 30—The Minidoka Relocation Camp Hunt High School classes of '43 and '44 reunion. Info: Frank Muramatsu, 20005 3rd Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98166 or 206 878-4513.

STOCKTON

■ Feb. 14—The San Joaquin Widowed and Divorced Group meeting, 2 pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1239 S. Monroe St., Stockton, CA.

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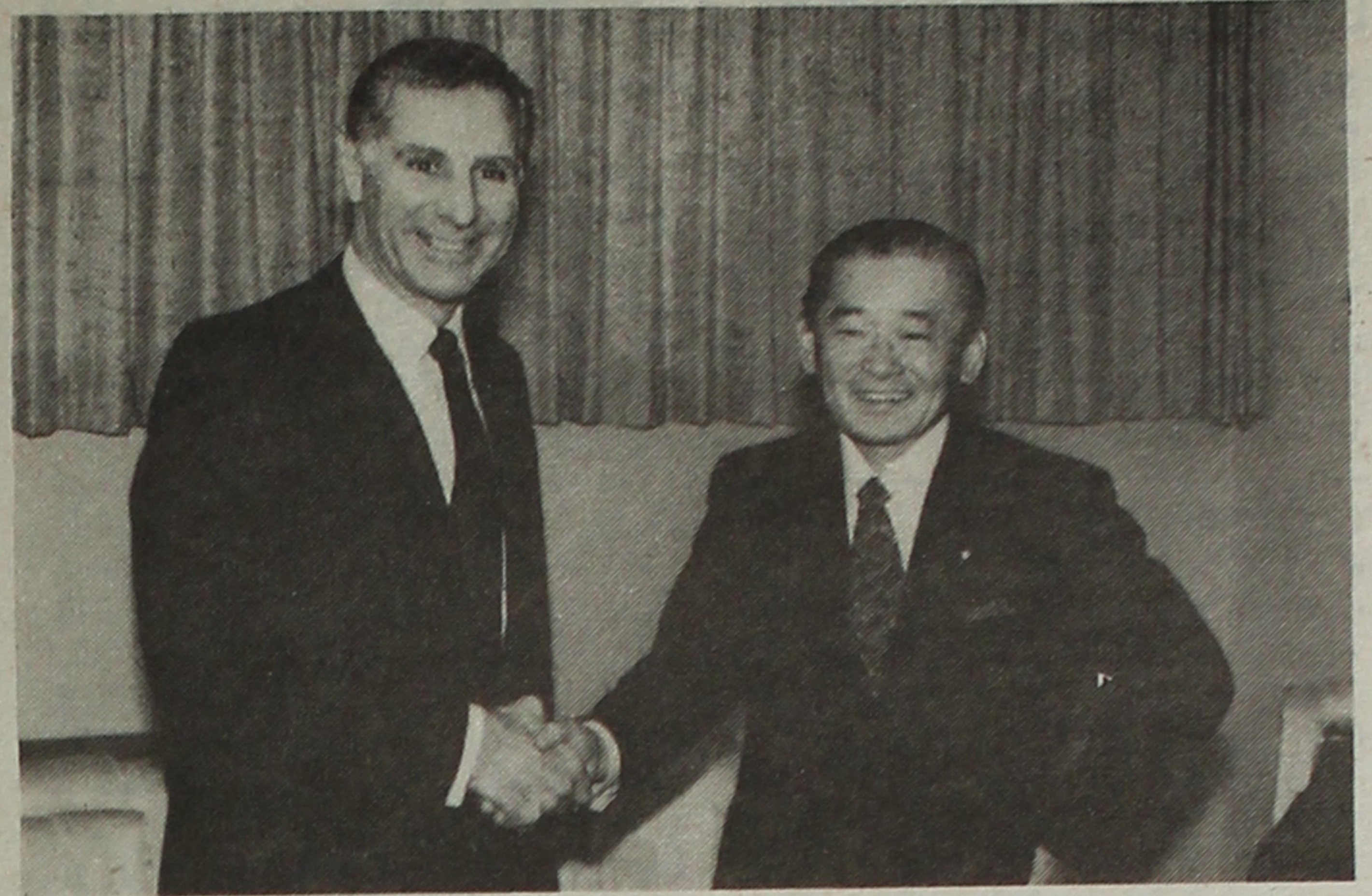
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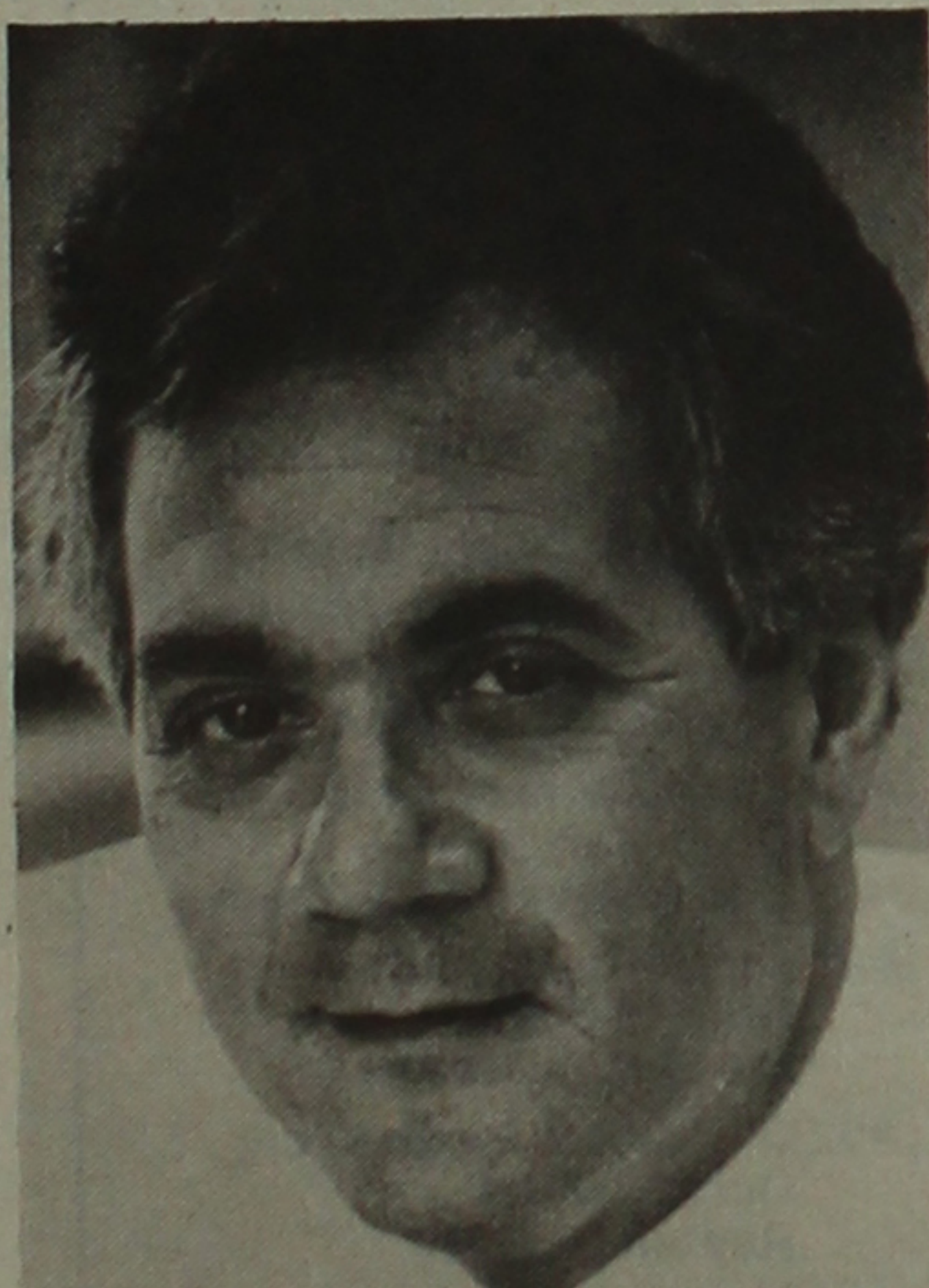
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CONTRA COSTA

• Installation and Awards Banquet, 6 pm, no-host cocktails; 7 pm, dinner, Feb. 6, Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell (SF/Oak Bay Bridge), Emeryville, Calif. Cost: \$20/person. Installing Officer: George Kondo. Guest Speaker: Mary Tsukamoto. Reservations: Yoshiro Tokiwa, 2859 Loyola Ave., Richmond, CA 94806.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Installation Dinner Dance, 6 pm, no-host cocktails; 7 pm, dinner, Jan. 30, Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation, Red Baron Room. Cost: (\$20). Music by Taka. Reservation Deadline: Jan. 25. Info: 213 327-0099 or 213 477-6997.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

• The Employment Practices Committee will meet Feb. 13, concurrently with the National Board at JACL Headquarters. The agenda will include planning an employment handbook for JACL with a condensed version for chapter use to be inserted in the "President's Handbook" and definite procedures for JACL to follow in employment issues, particularly employment discrimination. Info: District governors or Betty Waki, 8667 Hinman, Houston, TX 77061. Tel.—713 643-1338.

SOUTH BAY

• Potluck supper, 7 pm, Feb. 6, community room of the Pacific Business Bank, 510 W. Carson St. Topic: "Sex and Sansei Singles, Pt. II." Facilitator: Midori Watanabe Kamei.
• "Fun in the Snow" is the theme for the next Big Bear Weekend outing planned by the Sansei Singles Committee of the South Bay JACL, for the weekend of Feb. 19, 20 & 21. The committee has reserved a modern, completely furnished, vacation home in the Snow Summit area of Big Bear that will house 15 people. Cost: \$75; covers lodging and all meals. Deposit: \$25. Send to: Midori Watanabe Kamei, 28011 Indian Rock Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Info: 213 541-6698.

STOCKTON

• 1988 Installation Dinner, 6:30 pm, Jan. 30, Ramada Inn, Sunset Rm.

Keynote Speaker: Ron Wakabayashi.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

• The 42nd Annual Installation Dinner Dance, 7-7:30 pm, cocktails; 7:45 pm, dinner; 10-midnight, dancing. Jan. 30, Fort Myers Officers' Club, Arlington, Va. Speaker: Rep. Patricia Saiki. Theme: Hawaiian Night. Cost: JACL members, \$22; students, \$19; non-members, \$24. Reservations: Katherine Matsuki, 301 946-6995. Deadline: Jan. 27. Mail checks to: Lily A. Okura, chairman, 6303 Friendship Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation Dinner, 6 pm, Feb. 20, the Lobster Trap Restaurant, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Channel Islands Harbor. Guest Speaker: Bill Watababe, director of the Little Tokyo Service Center. Cost: \$16. RSVP by Feb. 5. Info: Gladys Kohatsu, 805 488-3986 or Gene Matsusuyu, 805 983-8035.
• Ventura County JACL Singles meeting, 9 am, Feb. 7, Denny's, 1659 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo, Calif. Info: Stan Mukai, 805 388-2974.

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TANIGUCHI

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membership, officers and the National and District Staff. My goal is to make the National Office more accessible to the general membership through improved communications.

2) Clarify the roles of the National and district staff, and their relationship with the National, district and chapter offices.

3) Improve staff analysis and support for the National Executive Board and membership. As a policy making body, the National Board requires accurate and sufficient information with which to make informed policy decisions that affect the direction of the JACL. The role of the National Staff is to provide this information and execute the policy decisions made by the National Board. I would like to see our staff expand the amount of analysis given to issue presented to the Board at National Board meetings. This would result in better information with which the Board can make

New York Chapter Hosts EDC Dinner

By Sumi Koide

NEW YORK — Highlighting the installation dinner of the New York JACL Board for 1988-89, held Nov. 14 in the Sussex Room of the Warwick Hotel, was a speech given by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.). Matsui's presentation was the end of a long day of activities for the Eastern District Council (EDC).

Matsui related his experiences in Washington and around the country on his lobbying efforts for the legislation to redress the surviving internees of the U.S. camps during WW2. He was positive about the measure's success, urging his audience to continue its own grassroots efforts. Looking into the future, Matsui expressed his hope that JACL would move into the arena of mature civil rights organizations and encompass the broader goals of human rights for any oppressed or mistreated group.

In appreciation for his presence, the New York chapter presented him with an original woodcut print depicting the internment of Japanese Americans. The print was presented by its creator Henry Sugimoto, a well known New York artist.

Earlier in the day, the East Coast JACL representatives assembled for their regular quarterly meeting,

presided over by Governor Tom Kometani. The 25 representatives came from New York, Seabrook, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New England to discuss national and local issues.

Grace Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive director, was also present to give a firsthand update on the future of the redress legislation still pending a vote in the U.S. Senate. Uyehara told listeners that the EDC redress efforts were very effective and crucial to the successful passage of the legislation. She also answered questions from district representatives on various aspects of the legislation.

A workshop on anti-Asian violence was one of two making up the afternoon's activities. Led by New York board members Marc Iyeki and Stanley Markfrom of Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, this workshop explored the factors contributing to the increase of Asian violence, such as immigration laws, and the possible action to be taken to alleviate the problems.

Another workshop dealt with the intergenerational dialogue among Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei, and their roles in contemporary America. This session, led by Rich Tsukada, broke up into small units which encouraged audience interaction with less inhibition.

At the installation dinner, attendants were given a welcome address by Lillian Kimura, New York chapter president. Present notables, besides Congressman Matsui, included Judge William Marutani and his wife Vicky, Grace and Hiroshi Uyehara, Vice President Mary Nishimoto and representatives from other community organizations.

Kimura commended retiring New York board members Lily and John Kiyasu, Sandra Funatake, Sumi Koide, Fae Minabe, Dawn Narita, Cyril Nishimoto, Nancy Okada, Peter Raith and Roy Nishimoto for their hard work and loyalty to the JACL and its goals.

Installed as the new board members for 1988-89 were Lillian Kimura, Tom and Janet Kometani, Toshi Miyazaki, Michi Nakagama, Mary Nishimoto, Chester Onuma and Marc Iyeki.

Koide is a member of the New York JACL Chapter.

decisions.

4) Work toward improving our budgeting system to make it more understandable and credible.

In the future, I plan to periodically submit articles to the Pacific Citizen to inform the membership of what has been happening at the National Office, as well as to discuss administrative issues I feel are important to the JACL. However, I would also like to hear from the membership. If you have any issues you would like to discuss, please call, write or stop in to visit. I am usually quite accessible. For those of you who are familiar with the National Headquarters building in San Francisco, my office is located on the third floor, the room with the distinctive round window overlooking Sutter Street. I am generally in the office daily between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and sometimes into the evening. I look forward to working for the JACL.

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