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## House Strips \$250 Million Set for Redress from Emergency Bill

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives on Wednesday (May 24) approved a \$3.7 billion "emergency spending" bill that was stripped of \$250 million earlier targeted for payments to Japanese Americans interned by their own government during World War II.

Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif) called the action "very disappointing" and said the White House and Congressional Republicans should be held to blame.

"The money was there and ready to go before it was stripped by a veto threat from the same team that made redress a campaign issue last year," Matsui said. "When an election was on the line, they couldn't say enough about their support for reparations."

Now that 200 survivors are dying each month without the benefit of seeing their dreams completed, they want to block the funding."

The California lawmaker said that he and other supporters will now focus on the 1990 appropriations process. "I'm disappointed but not discouraged," he said. "With some work, prospects could look good for the next fiscal year which begins in less than six months."

Also cut from the supplemental appropriations bill was \$258 million to fight forest fires, \$70.7 million for the Federal Aviation Administration, \$153 million for homeless programs, and \$43 million for various Justice Department activities.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Husband Held for Murder of Wife, Claims Self-Defense

STOCKTON, Calif.—Claiming self-defense to police after a marital fight at home May 19, Russell Stone, 28, was arrested for the death of his wife, Deborah Saiki-Stone, 33, a Stockton-born optometrist, after confessing during interrogation by detectives. An assistant manager of a McDonald's in north Stockton, Stone's account to police as noted in the *Hokubei Mainichi*:

"He answered a phone call around 3 p.m. His wife, who believed he was having an affair, thought the phone call was from the other woman and a fight ensued. His wife came at him with a kitchen knife, but he was able to take it from her and began stabbing her . . . He (then) left the couple's home on Admiral Drive and dumped his bloody clothes in Bear Creek near Interstate 5. From there he went to work at the McDonald's on Benjamin Holt Drive. He returned home around 2 a.m. and called police to report that someone had killed his wife."

The *Stockton Record* reported Saiki-Stone was valedictorian of her graduating class at Edison High in 1974, graduated from UC Berkeley in 1978 in physical education and received her doctor of optometry degree in 1982. The couple had met in Lake Tahoe where Stone was living at the time. He moved to Stockton and the two were married three years ago.

### Cross Burned at Tennessee Meiji Gakuin High

SWEETWATER, Tenn. — Community leaders apologized May 25 for the cross-burning the night of May 23 at the entrance to Meiji Gakuin High School, which opened for 24 students on May 13. Police commissioner Jim Burris and police chief Mike Jenkins went to the school to apologize on behalf of the city of 5,310 in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. "Most of the community is tickled to death that they're there. It's something to be proud of if you've got the only Japanese high school in the nation. They thought enough of the city of Sweetwater to move in with us," the United Press International was told.



Pacific Citizen Photo By George Johnston

**JACL RECOGNIZED**—JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa and JACL National Director Bill Yoshino display the Ernest Pon Award for Outstanding Community Service, plaque presented to the JACL from the National Association for Ethnic Studies. The award, presented for JACL's role in redress, was delivered to the May 27-28 JACL National Board meeting by Vice President for Public Affairs Cherry Kinoshita. Board motions and a report of the proceedings of the meeting will be in the June 9 issue of Pacific Citizen.

### Three-Year Battle Won

## UCLA Grants Don Nakanishi Tenure

By George Johnston

LOS ANGELES — A three-year struggle ended in victory May 25 when UCLA Chancellor Charles E. Young granted tenure to Professor Don Nakanishi.

Young's prepared statement read, "I have carefully reviewed the file and recommendations of the various review agencies involved in the tenure process. I have concluded that his record meets the criteria for advancement and have approved his promotion to associate professor."

"Clearly this case has attracted an extraordinary amount of public and media interest. It is my hope that now that the decision is made, Professor Nakanishi will be able to pursue his work here at UCLA without the added burden of the public spotlight."

### 'Irregularities'

Nakanishi's case began at a departmental meeting on Dec. 4, 1986. Indications at the time were that Nakanishi would receive a positive review. One of the irregularities which resulted in a negative outcome, however, was the surprise reading of a letter written by Burton Clark, who was the chair of the departmental ad hoc review committee. The letter, which recommended against Nakanishi getting tenure, resulted in a split vote. Clark did not attend the meeting, but had the letter read by the chair of the department, Norma Feshbach.

Not having Nakanishi and the committee members see the letter prior to the meeting was in violation of the rules, according to Dale Minami, Nakanishi's attorney. Furthermore, the absence of the committee chair at the meeting was also "highly irregular," said Minami, since the chair is usually the person who makes the presentation of the candidate's record.

After learning of this, Nakanishi

### Deukmejian Signs Bill to Ban Guns

SACRAMENTO—Gov. George Deukmejian signed legislation this past week (May 24) to ban the sale of semi-automatic assault weapons—the type Patrick Purdy had used to kill five children on a Stockton school yard on Jan. 17.

Assemblyman Mike Roos and Senate pro-tem leader David Roberti, both Los Angeles Democrats, co-sponsored the bill which had top-level law enforcement backing.

The statute, to take effect Jan. 1, will make it illegal to import, manufacture, distribute, sell, lend or give away about 60 types of military-style semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and pistols. Registration system will be established until 1991 for current owners.

### Councilman Apologizes to Vietnamese Community

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Westminster City Councilman Frank Fry Jr. apologized a week after his statement made April 11 over a parade permit request from Organizing Committee for South Vietnam Armed Forces Day, the *Orange County Register* reported.

After the request was denied 4 to 1, Fry told the veterans, "If you want to be South Vietnamese, go back to South Vietnam." Angered by the comment, parade organizer Arthur Suhesk had vowed a recall drive and was planning to demonstrate against Fry in the Vietnamese community.

The apology was issued in a statement through the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

asked for an appeal in February of 1987, without results. He then went to UCLA Professor Ann Spence, chair of the Committee on Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures, whose formal opinion was that Nakanishi should receive another review. Another faculty review ensued, which resulted in a very positive review. It was recommended by the campus-wide review committee, however, to deny Nakanishi tenure; the chancellor agreed with that recommendation in June of 1987.

Following Nakanishi's receipt of a summary of the campus-wide review, more procedural irregularities were discovered. For example, Feshbach and Graduate School of Education Dean Lewis Solmon chose reviewers who were not in Nakanishi's field of study and who were apparently hostile to research on Asian Americans.

### Grievances

It was also discovered that the reviewers failed to evaluate Nakanishi's most significant research work. As a result, he filed his first grievance in October of 1987. A preliminary conclusion was reached in January of 1988 by a campus grievance committee that Nakanishi received an unfair review. It was recommended that a completely new campus ad hoc committee should be formed, the Graduate School of Education representative should be from Nakanishi's area of specialization, the final ad hoc promotion committee report in the last vote of the faculty members of the Graduate School of Education should be considered the definitive evaluation, and that previous departmental votes and reports should be deleted from the file.

UCLA agreed with the recommendations, but disagreed with the role of Dean Solmon, whom Minami and Nakanishi felt was biased. This resulted in another grievance, filed April 28, 1988, to disqualify Solmon's influence in the review process. On June 1, 1988, the Committee on Privilege and Tenure made a *prima facie* finding that Dean Solmon exhibited bias prior to and during the formal review of Nakanishi's tenure.

At this point, the university and Nakanishi negotiated from June until October over the terms of the re-review, resulting in getting rid of Solmon's materials and in limiting his role in the re-review. Although the department was strongly in Nakanishi's favor, the other reviewing agencies were split. Chancellor Young, on Feb. 12, 1989, was faced with a choice of making a decision or sending it back to the department for another vote. He sent it back to the department. The department voted overwhelmingly for tenure, after which it went to the review committees.

### A Meeting with Young

Chancellor Young received the review committee's results on May 15 and met with Nakanishi and Minami for 90 minutes on May 18. Minami described Young as "very upset" in the meeting. "In truth, Young has a good record in many ways with regard to minority studies. So, he was offended that the community was attacking him. He felt that . . . he'd done a lot for minorities on campus, which he has. A lot of people will concede that. On the other hand, we don't feel he understands the significance of what Don means to our community. I don't think he understood why the support was so broad and so deep."

According to Minami, the two explained to Young how the Japanese American community was very sensi-

tive to due process and procedural irregularities in the aftermath of redress. "When we see someone like Don Nakanishi, one of our best and our brightest, go up for a tenure fight at one of the universities that we all respect and care for and not get tenure . . . it makes us so much more determined to keep fighting. But, we had a good talk with the chancellor. That was real helpful."

One week later, Young made his announcement that Nakanishi was granted tenure at UCLA. According to Minami, the tenure process normally takes less than a year; Nakanishi's bid took three years. "There were so many irregularities in the process that the university had to keep doing things over and try to remove the taint," Minami said. "We had negotiations about changing the usual procedure because so many unusual and extraordinary things happened in the review process that we had to tailor the rules to try to do the best we could to get him a fair hearing."

### Changes

With his new associate professor status, Nakanishi said he expects a few changes in his life. "It just means that I have, in a sense, been guaranteed permanent status there. There is also a big change between being a tenured professor and a non-tenured one with respect to one's standing in the academic community," he said. "As a tenured professor, you also have the opportunity to be involved in certain types of activities which perhaps untenured faculty do not have with respect to serving on different types of committees."

Regarding the widespread support he received in his quest for tenure, Nakanishi said, "I'm deeply appreciative of all the support I've received. I'm greatly appreciative of all that JACL did, from passing a resolution to the involvement of various members of the organization on my behalf. It made it easier to have done this for three years. Clearly the support made me believe that . . . standing up for what I believed was right was shared by a lot of other people. It made it that much easier for me to keep going on. I think it made a difference."

### Widespread Support

Cressey Nakagawa, national president of the JACL, in praise of the decision, said, "The national JACL is very happy that tenureship has been granted to Don Nakanishi. Don has managed to break a glass ceiling. It was unfortunate that it took such a strenuous and long effort to get his tenureship, but obviously perseverance has paid off. We congratulate the university." Earlier this year, the national JACL sent Chancellor Young a letter urging tenure for Nakanishi.

According to Glenn Omatsu, associate editor of UCLA's *Amerasia Journal*, "The case not only has been significant for Asian Pacifics on campus, but also for Blacks, Latinos and Native Americans. The fact that Don Nakanishi was able to achieve tenure victory has also been a victory for all other minority peoples on this particular campus."

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**ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE WEEK**—California Gov. George Deukmejian met May 10 with representatives of the Mandarin Drum & Bugle Corps, the Korean Cultural Center and the Filipiana Foundation, all of which are based in Sacramento, Calif. Above (l-r) are Thanom Bodhiprasart, John Ito, Kevin Htain, Michelle Tong, Stanley Kamimura, and Gregory Yue (Mandarin Bugle Corps); Gov. Deukmejian; Trisha Garcia and Andrea Diaz (Filipiana Foundation); Esther Kong and Jennie Sun (Korean Cultural Center).

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Omatsu also felt that Nakanishi's case was significant because of the widespread support it received. "The fact that so many different kinds of people from essentially from all different sectors of society understood the significance and united behind it is a testament to the importance of the case itself," he said.

"We're ecstatic," said Mary Katayama, president of UCLA's Nikkei Student Union. "I think deep inside all of us knew we were right and so we believed that someday it would happen. We weren't sure when, but Thursday was a great day for us," she

added.

As for a message to other professors in the UC system could get from his experiences, Nakanishi said, "I'm hopeful that others don't have to go through it." Minami, expressed regret that it took so long, but now that the case is resolved, said, "I just feel really elated for him."

A community victory celebration is now being planned for June 9 in honor of Nakanishi's tenure. Scheduled to speak are Nakanishi and Minami. For information on the time and location, call John Saito of the Pacific Southwest District Office of the JAACL at (213) 626-4471.


**Celebration**

**Hawaii Urges Moving U.S. Bases in Okinawa**

HONOLULU — Both houses of the Hawaii State Legislature on April 24 adopted resolutions urging the U.S. Department of Defense to consider the relocation of some military bases in the island of Okinawa.

HR 101, introduced by Rep. Roland Kotani, Dennis Arakaki, Dwight Takamine, Paul Oshiro, David Ige and Marshall Ige, was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 24. SR 200, introduced by Sens. Dennis Nakasato, Mike McCartney and Stan Koki, was adopted by the Senate on April 14. All of the co-introducers of both measures are of Okinawan ancestry.

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**Sacramentans to Rededicate Tule Lake's Japanese Cemetery in Klamath Falls**

SACRAMENTO — The date of Sept. 10 was announced for rededication of the area in Linkville Cemetery, Klamath Falls, Ore., where Japanese Americans from the nearby Tule Lake WRA Center are buried.

Charter buses from Sacramento are being planned for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, to visit Tule Lake and the cemetery. Records indicate that there are 11 ex-Tuleans still in their care. Plans are to spruce up the area and dedicate a bronze plaque in memory of the eleven. The JAACL District Council recently released a portion of the 1969 Wakamatsu Centennial Fund to help defray most of the cleanup cost of this project.

Present at the Apr. 24 committee meeting were:

Mark Miyoshi, Mt. Shasta; Ellen Kubo, Hike Yego, Placer; Frank/Midori Hiyama, Henry/Sally Takeda, Tom/Amie Fujimoto, Toko Fujii, Sacramento; Irene Itamura Marysville. Others on the committee are: Roy Hatamiya, Marysville; Jack Tsuchida, Sacramento; Misa Joo, Eugene, Oregon.

The 1989 project welcomes donations through contributions to:

Tulelake Linkville Cemetery Committee, c/o Sacramento JAACL, 2124 - 10th St., Sacramento, CA 95818.

**Entire Hawaii State House Legislators Urge Pres. Bush for Full Redress Payment**

HONOLULU — All 51 members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives signed a letter initiated by Rep. Roland Kotani (D) requesting that the Bush Administration provide full funding of federal reparations for Japanese Americans who were relocated and interned during World War II.

The House had adopted on April 10 a resolution urging President George Bush to increase the reparations funding to the full authorization of \$500 million per year.

"The question now is whether the

federal government will make good on its pledge to rightfully compensate the victims of wartime hysteria and racism, Kotani, a former ethnic studies instructor and author of *The Japanese in Hawaii: A Century of Struggle*, said.

HR 61, the resolution urging full funding of reparations for the wartime detainees, was co-introduced by Rep. Kotani, Ken Hiraki (D) and Michael Liu (R). A similar resolution introduced by Sen. Norman Mizuguchi (D) has been adopted by the Hawaii State Senate.

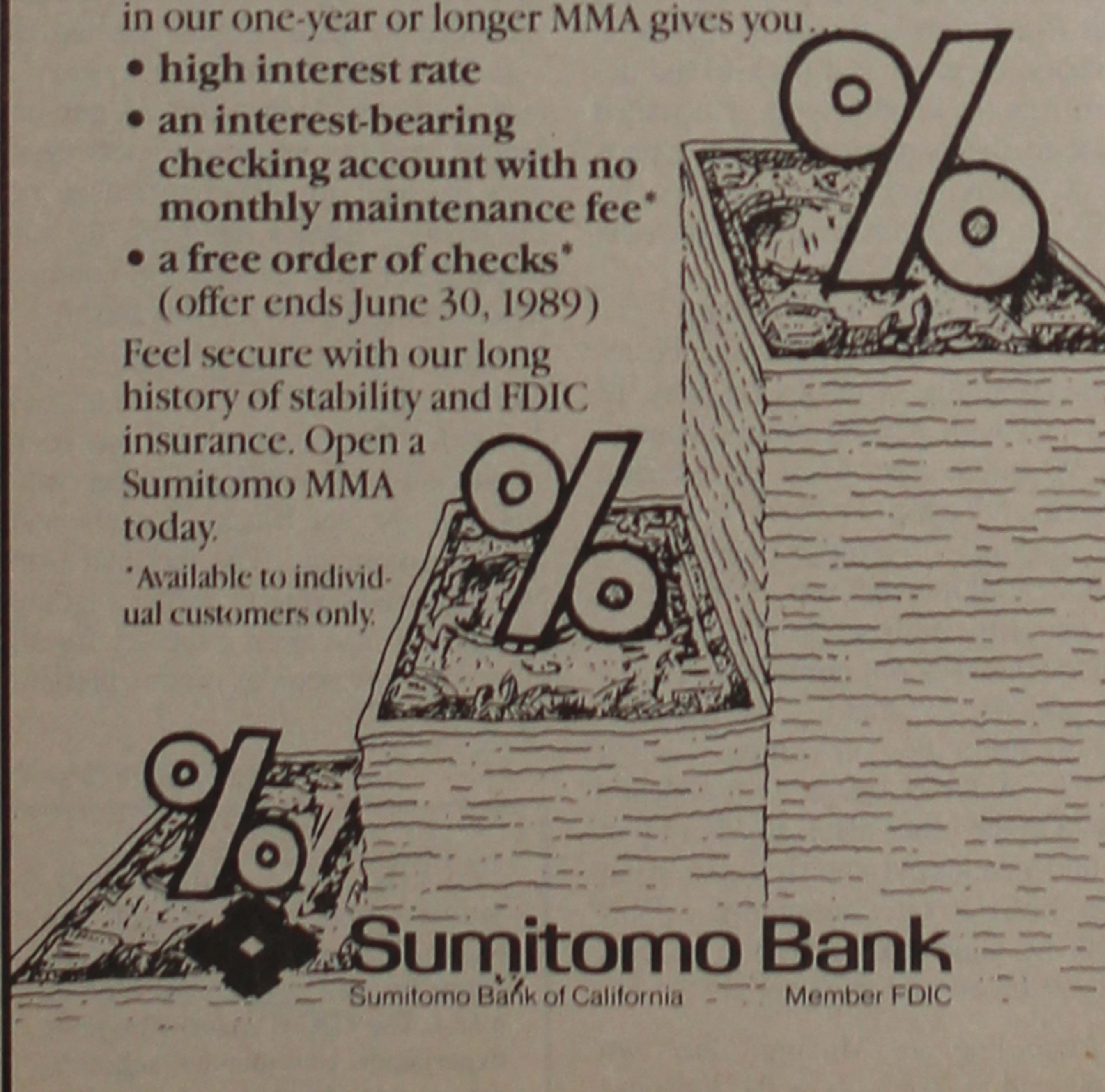
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### Nisei VFW Post 9938 Celebrates 40th Ann'y, Charter Members Cited

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Veterans of Foreign Wars Nisei Memorial Post 9938 celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a dinner-dance at Pacifica Hotel, Culver City, April 29.

The post was instituted on April 2, 1949 by 70 Nisei veterans of World War II who then became the post's charter members. Eleven charter members were present to receive the 40th anniversary awards. They were:

Shiyo Doiwchi, Takao Eno, William Fujimori, Dr. Harold Harada, Tadashi Imada, George Kumagai, Cmdr. Jack Nagano, Takao Tanabe, Hideo Watanabe, Henry Yamada and Harvard Yuki.

Serving as Master of Ceremony was Bob Hayamizu and leading the Pledge of Allegiance was George Kumagai. Takao Eno, post chaplain, gave the invocation and the welcome address was by Jack Nagano, who was the first post commander and also the present commander.

Slide pictures were shown of members and events in which they participated. The projects of the post were many with main interests in community service, youth activities, education, legislation, social welfare and patriotism. It was a warm reminiscing period covering 40 years with commentary by William Fujimori, Louise Nagano and Tosh Nakayama.

The Los Angeles Post 9938 was the second VFW Nisei Memorial Post instituted in California. Sacramento VFW Nisei Memorial Post 8985 being the first all-Nisei post, had celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. There are now 14 Japanese American VFW Memorial Posts in California.

### DEATHS

**Tom M. Tajiri, 63**, of Chicago died May 24 after a long illness of cancer. He volunteered for the MIS in early 1945, graduated from Roosevelt College (1950), and was commander of Chicago Nisei Post 1183 (1956-57). Surviving are w Maile, s Gordon, James, Lawrence, br Vincent, Yoshiko, James (all in California) and George Shinkichi (Holland). His parents Ryukichi/Fuyo and br Larry predeceased him. Larry was wartime editor of the Pacific Citizen. Interment was held May 29 at Graceland Cemetery with Nisei Post 1183 members participating.

**Tom Yee, 55**, San Francisco, died April 18 after a lengthy illness at the V.A. Medical Center in San Francisco. He was a student of classical Japanese dancing, performed and directed many Bay Area theatrical productions (*Urashima Taro*, *Thank You for Waiting*, *Momotaro*, *Hanasaka Jiji*), and was honored by San Francisco Jr. JACL in 1964 for his outstanding community service. Born in Watsonville, he grew up in Santa Rosa, served in the Navy after graduating from San Francisco State. He was a stockbroker before opening his own business, About Time Clock Shop, on Geary Blvd. (from Marie Kurihara)

**Seiho Matsuoka, 92**, former chief executive of Okinawa, died recently in Okinawa, his relative Thomas Toyama, Fowler, reported May 18. His pro-U.S. stance was cultivated while a student at L.A. Polytechnic High School, USC, UCLA, Tri-State College in Indiana and Columbia prewar and was regarded as the first Issei from Okinawa to be educated in the U.S. During his administration, he was instrumental in having Northwest Airlines stop in Okinawa and built roads to promote tourism.

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### San Mateo Scholarship Winners Announced

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The San Mateo Japanese American Citizens League Scholarship Committee announced that Miles Shintaro Okino of Carlmont High School and Amy Haruko Sueyoshi of Aragon High School are the 1989 recipients of the Tomodachi/JACL scholarships.

Miles, son of Minoru and Edith Okino of Belmont, has a GPA of 4.0 and will attend UC Berkeley and major in chemical engineering. He is a National Merit Finalist, Senior Class vice-president, Calif. Scholarship Federation president, and track team captain.

Amy, daughter of Ernest and Miyako Sueyoshi of San Mateo, will enter the pre-med program at Barnard. Amy is news editor of the school paper, French club advisor, a volunteer at Mills Hospital, and very active in Girl Scouts and the San Mateo Buddhist Temple.

Two other students who also received JACL awards are:

Kevin Kato, San Mateo H.S., is the son of Richard and Martha Kato of Foster City and will attend Rensselaer to study electrical engineering.

Ellen Moriawaki, Hillsdale H.S., is the daughter of Hajime Moriawaki of San Mateo and will be going to Santa Clara University to study business.

The Tomodachi Club is a volunteer Japanese American woman's group serving the San Mateo area. Funds for the awards are raised at their annual Holiday Boutique held each fall at the JACL Community Center.

The committee consisted of Karyl Matsumoto, Lisa Suyemoto, Yoneo Yoshimura, George Ikuta and Rich Okabe.

### Japanese Medical Team to Check U.S. Hibakusha

LOS ANGELES—A Japanese medical team from Hiroshima will make its seventh visit to examine atomic bomb survivors June 24 - 27 at Washington Medical Center in Culver City, it was announced by the L.A. County Medical Association and the So. Calif. Japanese American Medical Association.

The team, headed by Katsumi Hirata, M.D., 59, of the Hiroshima Red Cross and the Hibakusha Hospital, will also visit Seattle and Honolulu. For information: Kanji Kuramoto (213) 725-6138.

### 500,000 Filipinos Estimated in Southland

LOS ANGELES—Filipinos are now believed to be largest Asian ethnic group in Southern California numbering an estimated 500,000, it was cited in the *Los Angeles Times* (May 24) feature on the community. About 155,000 live in Los Angeles County, according to a United Way survey.



**AGING & RETIREMENT**—The Florin JACL held a symposium on retirement and aging on May 4 and over 200 people attended. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Kenneth Ozawa; Jean Kushida, certified financial planner; Curtis Namba, esq.; Ralph Sugimoto, CPA; Titus Toyama, moderator; and Calvin Hara, Asian Community Nursing Home.

### Cal State-LA Japanese Study Center to Coordinate Statewide Language Project

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese Studies Center at Cal State Los Angeles (CSLA) will be the project headquarters for "Teaching Japanese for Communication," recently funded by the California Postsecondary Education Commission and the California Department of Education under Title II of the Education for Economic Security Act. Dr. Eri F. Yasuhara, associate professor of Japanese and co-director of the center, will be the project director.

The award was made to the California State University to enhance the teaching of Japanese at educational institutions throughout the state.

Funding of \$99,000 provides for a six-month period series of in-service workshops from August for Japanese teachers and to develop curriculum materials. The project hopes to increase Japanese language studies through new approaches at a time when the importance of Japan as a world power is growing.

Assisting Dr. Yasuhara are Dr. Toshiko Mishima, San Francisco State, and Professor Yoko Pusavat at CSU Long Beach as associate directors. The teachers of Japanese in Southern California and Northern California Japanese Teachers Association will also collaborate, as will other CSU campuses.

The August seminar will be followed by a series of one-day workshops in both Northern and Southern California for high school teachers of Japanese. Teachers at the college level will also be eligible to participate. The project will also compile a "Handbook of Communicative Activities" and produce a draft of a competency statement for Japanese for freshmen entering the CSU and UC systems.

### New Mexico JACL's O-Matsuri on June 25

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Several thousand people are expected to gather at Minato Square, 10721 Montgomery Blvd., N.E. (just west of Juan Tabo) for the ninth annual New Mexico JACL O-Matsuri from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 25.

The festival will have performances of music, dance and the martial arts, sales of food and arts and crafts items, and live demonstrations of various arts. It will be a day to savor seven hours of Japanese culture.

Theme will headline passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the redress bill which was signed by President Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988. It contains a government apology to the Japanese Americans who were evacuated and held without charge under armed guards during World War II. The law also requires monetary payment to eligible former internees.

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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### Frivolous Lawsuits: Delaying Justice

JAPANESE AMERICANS have been caught up by one of the less admirable aspects of the U.S. judicial system. That would be the ability of groups and individuals to block justice by filing patently frivolous lawsuits.

This is what has been done by an obscure organization that calls itself the American War Veterans Relief Society. With a hardly visible track record of public service, that group is behind a suit filed by one Arthur D. Jacobs to block Redress for Japanese Americans. Redress, more formally known as the Civil Rights Act of 1988, was passed by Congress after intense debate and close scrutiny. It was signed with obvious pleasure by President Reagan as a measure to rectify, in small measure, a long-ago injustice.

There is no reason now to ask the courts to block Redress except as a spiteful effort to create a nuisance. To protect all Japanese Americans, two groups have filed papers in federal court to establish legal status to fight the lawsuit.

Our system of justice makes the courts available to a wide spectrum of plaintiffs in an effort to guarantee the rights of all. This is as it should be. But the system is open to abuses, and Jacobs' suit is a good example of such abuse.

If the suit goes to trial, both sides face large expenses. There will be delays. Justice delayed is justice denied.

## LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

HANK TANAKA

### Regional Priorities: Differences & Similarities

Long range planning may sound to some folks like crystal ball gazing. But to the JACLers who participated in the recent workshops held in Dayton, Ohio and Reno, Nev., it was far from that. It was a down-to-earth exercise in goal setting for JACL in the 1990s.

The workshop format required active participation by every person. Many welcomed the opportunity to speak out for and against JACL's current program. Others found it difficult to be frank and critical, even with prodding and assurance that their honest opinions would be helpful and appreciated.

Differences and similarities between Midwest JACLers and their peers in California were noticeable. As workshops are held in other parts of the country, comparisons will be made between the various districts. This will be the task of the national committee which will convene in early 1990 to hammer out a strategic plan for JACL's immediate future.

Twenty Midwesterners identified 32 organizational strengths and 39 weaknesses. On the other hand, some 95 Californians attending the long range planning workshops held in connection with the tri-district conference in Reno, noted 42 strengths and 55 weaknesses of JACL. There were surprising similarities in the responses, but also striking differences in responses which can be attributed to environmental impacts.

Midwesterners recommended 21 goals for JACL. Of these, the five goals given the highest priority were to create programs which attract youth and young people, to provide educational programs for leadership training, to recruit professionally qualified staff, to provide leadership opportunities for women and to work with other Asian American organizations.

The morning workshop participants in Reno appeared to be predominately persons of middle and older age. The 45 participants recommended 26 goals for JACL. Of these, the five goals given the highest priority were to create incentives to attract younger members, to create leadership development programs for districts, to package programs nationally, to intensify educational programs for schools and textbooks and to provide ways to keep dues down.

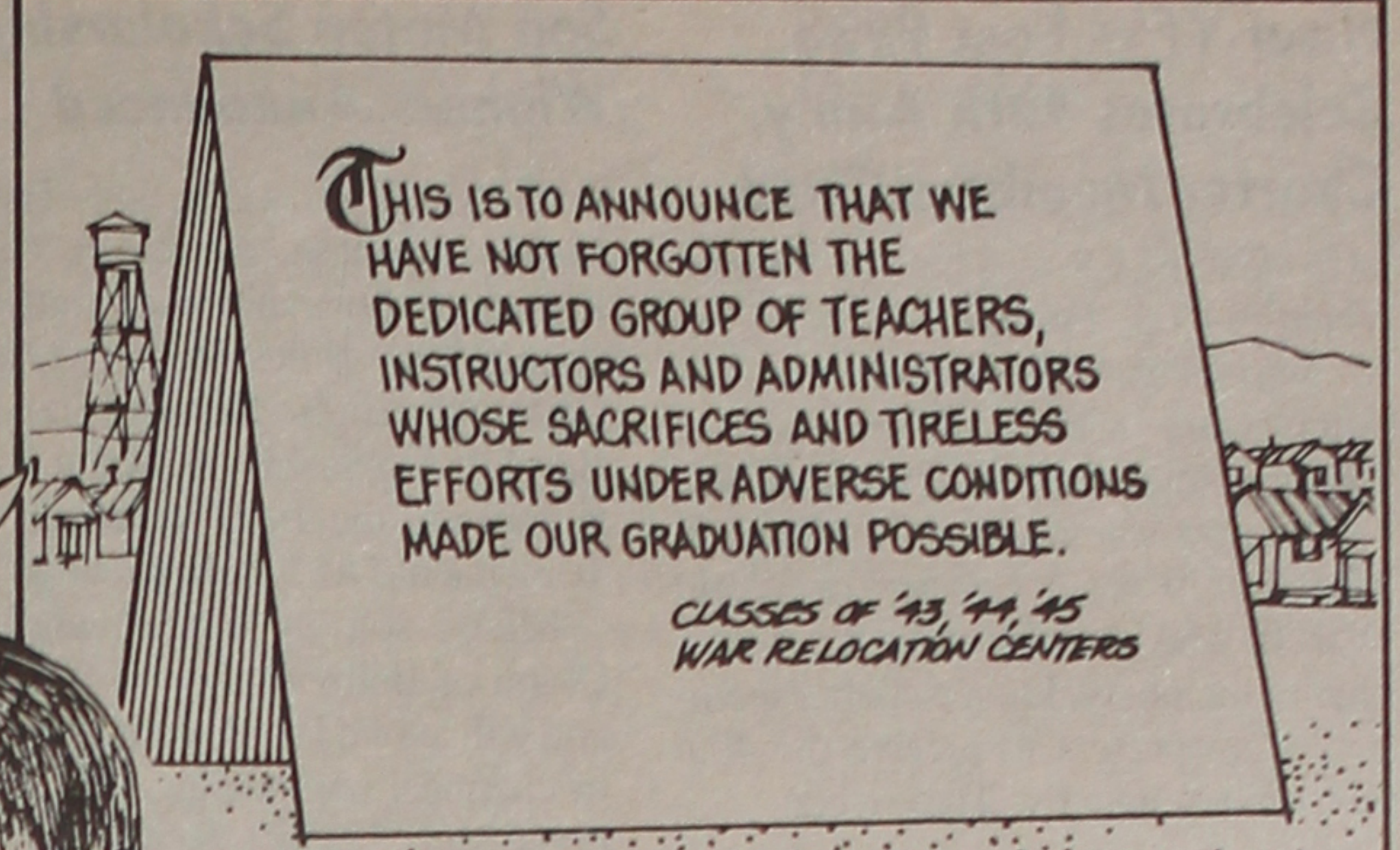
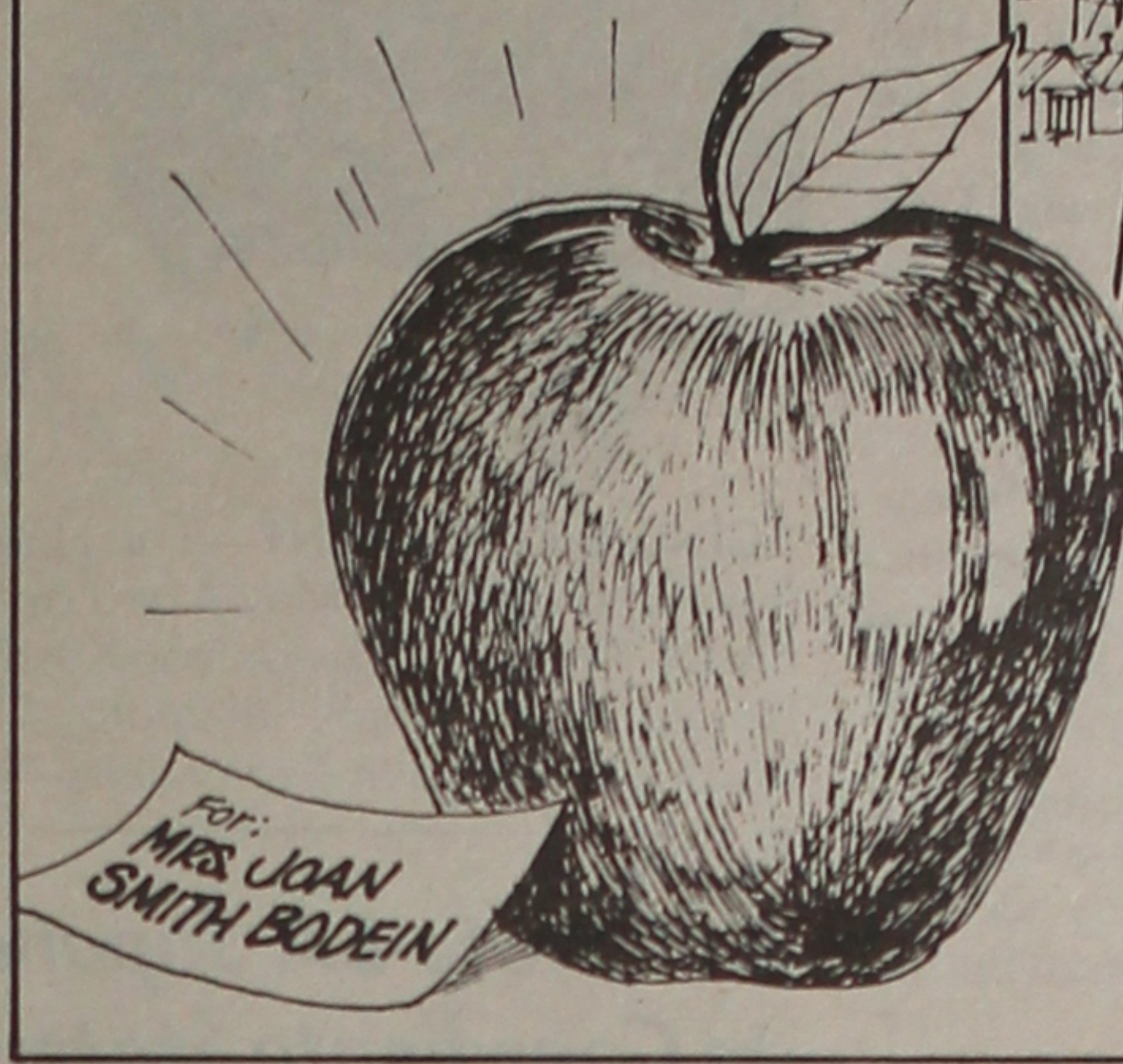
The afternoon workshop participants in Reno appeared to be equally divided among young and older adults. The 50 participants recommended 35 goals for JACL. Of these, the five goals given the highest priority were to support human/civil rights programs, to be a proactive human/civil rights organization, to establish career programs for staff, to establish coalitions and to increase Sansei/Yonsei membership.

April Goral of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bill Yoshino of the National JACL staff ably assisted with the Dayton workshop. At Reno, Ron Osajima, Cressley Nakagawa, J.D. Hokoyama, Les Hata and Bill Yoshino contributed their writing and organizational skills to the workshops.

Welcome to two new members of the national Long Range Planning Committee: Lillian Kimura, associate director, National YWCA, who also serves as the chair of the Pacific Citizen Board; and Steven Okamoto, registered investment advisor, Redwood City, Calif., who also serves as co-chair of the National Membership De-

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WE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF MRS. JOAN SMITH BODEIN'S PASSING. SHE WAS A SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL AND DYNAMIC TEACHER WHO GUIDED US THROUGH OUR FORMATIVE AND INCARCERATED SCHOOL YEARS.



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PETE HIRONAKA 6/2/89



## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Tourist Yen Helps Alleviate Backlash

The international wing of the Honolulu airport is newer and more attractive than Haneda airport in Tokyo. But these days both are jammed with the same kind of people—Japanese grandpas and grandmas and papas and mamas and hordes of kids and sloppily dressed teenagers.

They say Hawaii is overrun with Japanese tourists. I didn't realize to what extent until a recent trip that took me through Honolulu. Understandably, the residents of Hawaii look on this influx with mixed feelings. Some clippings from Honolulu newspapers sent along by Sohei Yamate after my visit explain why there isn't more resentment.

Last year, according to a survey by the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau, the average Japanese tourist stayed for six days and spent \$586 a day. On the other hand, the average American tourist from the mainland—searching for bargains, no doubt—spent only \$119 per day.

Honeymooners, making up maybe one-third of tourists from Japan, spent \$1,450 per couple per day.

Shopping is a major activity. Half the shoppers bought designer handbags

and big ticket "signature-type" merchandise is a big seller.

Japanese tourists represented 22% of arrivals in 1988, but they accounted for 43% of visitor industry receipts of \$8.3 billion. That means the Japanese were responsible for about \$4 billion spent in Hawaii for lodging, food, transportation, shopping and entertainment.

Yamate sent along another clipping reporting on a study made by the First Hawaiian Bank. The study found that direct and indirect economic activity resulting from Japanese tourism and investment last year amounted to \$9.5 billion—45% of the estimated \$21.3 billion gross state product.

These figures are somewhat tricky. The \$9.5 billion includes the ripple effect of spending by employees of the visitor industry as well as original expenditures by the Japanese. There's been much made of Japanese purchases of property in Hawaii. That, according to the survey, amounted to about \$1.4 billion out of the total of \$9.5 billion.

Hawaii has enjoyed four successive boom years and obviously Japanese

spending has contributed to it. David Ramsour, chief economist of the Bank of Hawaii, was quoted: "Almost all of the growth that we've experienced in the last year is the result of the Japanese. That has had a major effect on the economy."

The sobering side to this news is that Hawaii is so heavily dependent on the economy of a foreign nation. As one economist put it, to an increasing extent Japan's problems are Hawaii's problems. A recession in Japan, resulting from a sudden drop in exports to the United States market, would be felt quickly and sharply by Hawaii's tourist industry.

In this sense, what is going on in Hawaii is a microcosm that reflects the dependency of trading nations in a shrinking world.

While waiting for one's flight to be called at the Honolulu airport, one might wish for less crowding, less alien chatter, fewer kids running around. Tourists can be a pain for the natives of Honolulu or Tokyo or New York or Denver. But what they bring to spend is what helps to make the world go 'round.

## PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

KANA NORIMOTO

### Seeing Firsthand the Government at Work



As a 11th grader at Edison Computertech High School, Fresno, Ms. Morimoto was Fresno JACL's participant at the 1989 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington last March. She is the daughter of Keizo and Toshiko Norimoto.

There were 440 of us, all packed in one of the large hotel rooms; we were all anxiously waiting for the speaker. As I looked around the room I saw no familiar faces, so I sat there quietly, hoping to make a friend. I don't think I have ever been so scared and yet so excited in my life. There was a sense of unity in the air — even if I didn't know anyone, I knew that we were all gathered for a common goal. This was just the beginning of an intense week of civic education in our nation's capital: Presidential Classroom for Young Americans 1989.

During the week, we had seminars with speakers such as Bruce Morton, Piet Koornhof (South African ambassador to the U.S.), Bob Bergland (former secretary of Agriculture in the Carter Administration), and many other politically affiliated people. Two days were spent on Capitol Hill, where

I had the opportunity to sit in on Senate committees headed by Senators Inouye, Bentsen, and Kennedy. I heard James Baker III testify on Foreign Operations Appropriations; the very same testimony that made headlines in Time magazine the following week. I had the privilege of meeting my congressman, and talking to legal aides of California Sens. Pete Wilson, and Alan Cranston. Within divided sections, we had informal debates on foreign and domestic federal policies, and discussions about drug problems in the United States.

When we were not at seminars and debates, we went to the Smithsonian Institution and toured the historical monuments. The white marble structures with the grand Roman pillars that housed the Supreme Court, the Lincoln Memorial, and others were an awesome sight. More than any other monument, the Vietnam War Memorial left the greatest impact on me. It was just a wall with names written on it, stretching endlessly, yet just walking past it created a somber, grave atmosphere. It made me respect the men who fought for our country. We also

toured the National Archives, Ford's Theater, the National Zoo and Arlington Cemetery. Washington is such a mecca of historical and cultural sights, that it was impossible to see it all in such a short amount of time.

The week came to a conclusion with the opportunity to have Dan Quayle as a special speaker. Despite the fact that his speech was only a few minutes long, it was exciting to see our vice president in reality! The numerous Secret Service agents patrolling the area only emphasized his importance, and I felt privileged to know that he was taking his time out to speak to us.

My stay in Washington D.C. was an unsurpassed experience that offered me a unique perspective on our nation's capital. Spending two days on Capitol Hill exposed me to the realities of what goes on in our legislative body; for the first time I realized that all these political powers were ordinary humans, trying to make our nation a better place. Through the class, I was encouraged to be a leader, to take risks in order to change my life and my



# JACL Resolution on Civil and Human Rights in Japan Seen Filled with Misunderstanding

By William Wetherall  
Japan JACL Member

THERE is no need to justify JACL's interest in Japan. It is, after all, an organization mainly for American citizens of "Japanese ancestry" whatever this means. But interest alone does not result in knowledge (which can be gained without interest); and even interest with knowledge does not guarantee understanding.

But how would JACL try to relate with Japan if it had a clear vision of the country in which it naturally has an interest? All the understanding in the world does not add up to a policy—a rationale and a strategy—for political or other kinds of engagement.

And so I was to sigh, shake my head, even swear many times when I read, on page 12 of the 22-29 July 1988 issue of *Pacific Citizen*, the resolution on Civil and Human Rights in Japan which the Nikkei Leadership Association had presented to JACL National Headquarters for vote at the 1988 National JACL Council held in Seattle last August.

Had the resolution passed—and been presented as planned to the Minister of Justice of Japan, to the Ambassador of Japan to the United States, and to all Consuls General of Japan in the United States—it would have betrayed not only JACL'S ignorance of Japan, but also its diplomatic naïveté. Its failure to pass gives JACL an opportunity to more seriously reflect upon its "Japan policy"—whether to have one, what it should be, and how to pursue it.

## Civil and Human Rights in Japan

Six of the resolution's 11 "Whereas" statements (here numbered 1-6 for convenience) were factually or interpretively incorrect.

(1) . . . the nation of Japan has no history of allowing immigrants to embrace the Japanese culture without relinquishing their own cultural identity.

In fact, during much of Japan's history of immigration, immigrants were apparently free to be as "ethnic" as they wished. Up to the ninth century, when nearly 30% of the aristocratic clans listed in a contemporary peerage

can be identified as of Chinese or Korean origin, the Yamato majority was as heavily influenced by immigrant culture as immigrants were influenced by Yamato culture.

Korean potters who freely came or were forcibly brought to Japan around the turn of the 16th-17th centuries also seem to have been accepted as Koreans. Today, in Kyushu, a 13th gen-

## JACL position on plight of Japan company bias in U.S. on minorities might need prior check.

eration descendant of one such potter continues to use his Korean name and remains in touch with his relatives on the peninsula.

After Formosa (from 1894) and Korea (from 1910) became parts of the Japanese empire, their colonial subjects became Japanese citizens. Chinese and Koreans in Japan were allowed to vote and hold public office. And before the late 1930's, when all colonial subjects were ordered to Yamato-ize their family registers, Chinese and Koreans in Japan, including entertainers, were able to use their ethnic names.

(2) . . . logistics and design are put to the service of control over the immigrant population limiting their freedom and equality.

This statement is anything but clear. Suffice it to say that no country in the world grants unlimited freedom. And all countries control their non-citizen residents more than they control their citizens. Japan may differ from the U.S. in its treatment of non-citizens living in Japan, but on the whole its immigration policies are as liberal and humane as those in the U.S.

(3) . . . immigrant peoples in Japan can only be granted Japanese citizenship by relinquishing all evidence of their ancestral ethnic identity.

This statement is patently false. Naturalization requirements in Japan differ from those in the United States. But on the whole it is easier to be naturalized in Japan than in the U.S. And as in the U.S., naturalized citizens have the same status as natural citizens.

Japanese laws have never required assimilation as a requisite for becoming Japanese. Until recently, administrative guidelines were used to pressure Koreans and other foreigners to adopt Yamato names as a condition for accepting their naturalization applications. Cases of discrimination may still occur when local officials are ignorant of the law or allow their personal feelings to influence the way they interpret the law. But even in the past, a naturalizer was legally free to use any name as a Japanese citizen, including a non-Yamato name, so long as the name was written in two parts, family

## LONG RANGE

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development Committee. Other Long Range Planning Committee members are Dave Okimoto, Ron Osajima and Grayce Uyehara.

The next district Long Range Planning workshop will be held in Seabrook, N.J., on Saturday, June 17. The Mountain Plains District workshop will be held in connection with the Tri-District Conference (MDC, EDC, MP) in Chicago during Aug. 4-6, 1989.

A Long Range Planning workshop is scheduled for Aug. 25-27 in (Wendover) Utah at the joint meeting of the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain Districts. Separate district workshops are being scheduled for the Pacific Southwest and Pacific Northwest meetings in the fall.

name and personal name, and was written in standard Japanese script.

No foreigner, as a precondition for becoming Japanese, has to undergo plastic surgery or dye their skin or hair to look Yamato. Japanese citizenship has never been based on race or ethnicity.

(4) . . . immigrant people in Japan are openly discriminated against in the school systems and when seeking employment for preserving their ethnic identity.

Immigrants in Japan are likely to experience discrimination more in employment than in schools. But just as in the United States, most such discrimination is the result of personal or organizational bias rather than government policy. And as in the U.S., most immigrants in Japan find ways to cope with such discrimination, privately or through support groups. Japanese laws give little leverage against bias of any kind, and the courts are a last resort even for Japanese.

(5) . . . immigrant people in Japan do not have equal access to public housing, loans and social security.

Citizen immigrants have all rights granted non-immigrants citizens. All immigrant and non-immigrant aliens with permanent resident visas have equal access to public housing and bank loans.

Most immigrant and non-immigrant aliens with non-permanent visas have equal access to health and pension insurance and other social security benefits.

(6) . . . the Japanese Constitution guarantees the fundamental human rights of the people, alien or citizen, and forbids discrimination in political, economic or social relations because of race.

The Japanese Constitution makes no mention of aliens. The phrase "the people" (*kokumin*) generally means "the Japanese people" (*Nihon kokumin*). Some courts have ruled that, while the political rights of aliens are in principle guaranteed, the Japanese government has the right to deport an alien whose political activities it decides are against the interests of Japan. Japanese laws, like U.S. laws, limit the economic activities of aliens, and to some extent even citizens.



For over 40 years, many history and social science textbooks have presented a damaging and racist perspective that the World War II Japanese American internment experience was justified by "military necessity."

In a recent statement before the Assembly Education Committee hearing, Mary Tsukamoto, a schoolteacher and former internee at Jerome, Ark. illustrated how questions from fourth generation Japanese American children highlight this damaging perspective:

"How come my great grandpa spent more than three years behind a barbed wire camp? What did he do? Was he a spy? How come my dad was born in Tule Lake with soldiers guarding the gate?"

These questions were being asked not only by the grandchildren and great grandchildren. They were being asked by all their classmates, friends, and people all across our land! The truth has to be given a respectful place in our approved school books.

Absent from a majority of current textbooks are recent developments

Article 14 of the Constitution reads: "All of the people [*kokumin*] are equal under the law and there shall be no discrimination because of race, creed, sex, social status or family origin."

Article 44 reads:

"The qualification of members of both Houses and their electors shall be fixed by law. However, there shall be no discrimination because of race, creed, sex, social status, family origin, education, property or income."

Article 97 begins:

"The fundamental human rights by this Constitution guaranteed to the people of Japan [*Nihon kokumin*] are fruits of the age-old struggle of man to be free . . ."

Five of the JACL resolution's eight "Resolved" statements (here lettered "a-e") were also wrong or misleading.

(a) . . . the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) [should] register its support for the abolition of the Japanese government policy of forced assimilation and control.

There is no such policy.

(b) . . . [JACL should] promote the efforts against the Alien Registration Law by the Korean Delegation and Ronald Susumu Fujiyoshi, a Japanese American lay missionary.

Why not support the efforts of the numerous other groups in Japan which are trying to improve the legal and social status of Japan's many different kinds of ethnic and quasi-ethnic minorities?

(c) . . . [JACL should] urge the Japanese government to recognize that cultural and racial homogeneity promotes discrimination and prejudice against non-Japanese.

In fact, the government's idealization of homogeneity (which does not, however, amount to a policy of forced assimilation and control) works against minority Japanese (non-Yamato Japanese of black, white, Ainu, Okinawan, Korean, Chinese, and many other minority ancestries) as much as it does against non-Japanese (including the Yamato ancestry non-Japanese which constitute the bulk of JACL's membership).

(d) . . . [JACL should] urge the Japanese government to allow naturalized citizens of Japan to maintain their own distinct traditions and ethnic identities.

The Japanese government does not deny naturalized citizens the freedom to maintain their ethnic identities, notwithstanding the use of names as dis-

cussed in (3) above.

(e) . . . [JACL should] urge the Japanese government to recognize the children born in the nation of Japan from alien parents, as Japanese citizens.

Some foreigners in Japan, including some *nisei* and *sansei* Koreans, do not want their children to be Japanese.

## Understanding and Policy

The flaws in the above resolution's understanding of Japan are commonplace; they testify to both the strength of misinformation and the readiness of well-intentioned people to take the most available information about Japan at face value instead of doing their homework.

Keep in mind that the same propensity to rush to judgment on the basis of rumors, unsubstantiated reports, unverified information, and just plain stereotypes, was 90 percent of the "racism" that led to the internment camps. It would be highly ironic were JACL to base its approach to Japan on the same kind of short-circuited thinking that recently led some Americans to deprive other Americans, and bona fide alien residents, of their legal and human rights.

The redress movement took years to mount, and years more of total commitment on the part of many people to bring to a successful end. Yet influencing public opinion on the familiar home turf of the United States is easy compared to having a constructive impact on the social policy of another country.

If JACL is to take a position regarding minorities in Japan—and if it wants to be taken seriously—then it seems to me that it must base this position on a stronger record than it presently has of being concerned with the plights of all kinds of minorities in the United States.

Why, for example, should JACL be interested in the welfare of minorities in Japan, before it has shown concern about discrimination toward Americans employed in Japanese companies in the United States?

Before JACL pursues a Japan policy, it must have clear goals and be committed to their pursuit over the long haul. It must know the Japanese terrain well enough to establish a base camp from which it can chase its dragons successfully.

At worst, resolutions shot from the hip cause great embarrassment. At best, they provide an opportunity to have another look at the map.

## ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER

# Finally . . . The Truth About the WWII Japanese American Internment Experience

such as the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 signed by former President Ronald Reagan which underscores the fact that the internment decision was a violation of human rights. This federal act apologizes for the evacuation, relocation, and internment of Japanese Americans, an overwhelming majority of whom were innocent American citizens whose Japanese ancestry was the sole reason for their imprisonment.

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 is premised on the overturning of two Supreme Court cases and the findings of the federal Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which found that the internment experience was not justified by military necessity. It was in fact sadly shaped by race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership.

Working closely with the National office of the Japanese American Citizens League, I introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution 37 which encourages the incorporation of these new developments. To this end, it urges the state and local districts to adopt only instructional materials that reflect, in appropriate areas, accurate versions of the internment experience as a violation of human rights rather

than as an act of military necessity.

In most cases, American citizens are not aware of these changes or they do not understand them. Their inclusion in our state textbooks would serve as a constant reminder to all citizens that constitutional guarantees should never be abridged because of a person's race. It is our shared responsibility to uphold the person's rights of all Americans at all times.

I especially want to underscore the community's valiant participation and commitment in this legislative effort. There are many more issues facing the Asian Pacific American community and this project is a sterling example of their leadership and ability to bring about positive change. I will continue to support the Asian Pacific American community and will do whatever I can to ensure that they are a continued force for progress.

ACR 37 was approved May 25 by a voice vote by the full Assembly; it will now go to the full Senate for consideration.

The successful passage of ACR 37 will be an occasion to celebrate. I look forward to sharing with the Asian Pacific American community the enthusiasm of victory.

## CLASSROOM

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surroundings. I learned that it's up to us to improve our country; to preserve our democracy.

The best part of the program is that we learned from each other. Students came from all over the United States and even Puerto Rico — each individual bringing a part of those places with him. Knowing how a Midwesterner felt about the drought, or how a conservative Southerner felt about the trade deficit gave me a better understanding of the people that make up this country. I was faced with Southern belles, New York Jews, conservatives, liberals, young political yuppies and intellectual Bostonians, all of whom I befriended in the end.

Many times people broke stereotypes that I had set on them; many times I broke their stereotypical "Californian" image. We differed on debates about the trade deficit with Japan, social welfare, and the legalization of drugs. It was then that I realized how difficult it must be to make a decision in the House of Representatives.

The Presidential Classroom gave me an incredible chance to explore not only our government, but also the people who make democracy work. I was inspired to become someone that makes things happen, not just someone who watches things happen.



## THE CALENDAR

### DELRAY BEACH, FLA.

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■ Present—June 26—East West Players presents *Vaccancy*, East West Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Fri. & Sat. showings: 8 pm. Sun. matinees: 2 pm. Info & tickets: 213 660-0366.

■ Present—July 12—Display of vintage photographs of Teikoh Shiotani, George Doizaki gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., noon-5 pm; 11 am-4 pm weekends; closed Mons. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ June 9-July 16—Great Leap presents *Talk Story: Chapter 2*, Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St. Fri.-Sun. Eves., 8 pm. Sat. & Sun. matinees, 2 pm. Admission: \$20/ea., eves; \$17/ea., matinees. Ticket info: 213 627-5599.

■ June 26—"Upward Mobility Issues for Asian/Pacifics," a speech by Dr. William Ouchi (author of *Theory Z* and *The M-Form Society*) at the meeting of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (HAPPA), Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd. Social Hour: 5:30-6:30 pm; precedes hors d'oeuvres buffet. Admission: \$5, members; \$10, guests. Reservations: Tosh Mihara, 213 647-8478. Send checks to Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association, c/o Hughes Aircraft Co., P.O. Box 45066, Building C01/B110, Los Angeles, CA 90045-0066.

### NEW YORK

■ Present—June 30—"Memory in Progress:

A Mother/Daughter Project, Silkscreen Prints of Asian American Women by Tomie Arai," New York Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Hours: Sun.-Fri., noon-5 pm. Info: 212 619-4784.

■ Present—*Yankee Dawg You Die*, Playwrights Horizons, 416 W 42nd St. Playing times: Tues.-Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 3 & 8 pm; Sun., 3 & 7 pm. Tickets, info: 212 279-4200.

### ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

■ June 10—Orange County Sansei Singles presents "Tabemasho," an evening of Vietnamese cuisine. Reservations, info: Carol, 213 715-6839 or Victor, 714 891-6606.

### RENO

■ July 14-15—Chicago All-Clubs Reunion. Events: Banquet, tennis & golf. Info: Eddie Nozawa, 10283 Moore Ct., Broomfield, CO 80020.

### SAN DIEGO

■ June 10-July 23—"Li Hwai: An Artist in Two Cultures," San Diego Museum of Art. Info: 619 232-7931.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ June 17—The 1st annual Asian American National Trivia Championship, 7 pm, JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St. Sponsored by Nihonmachi Legal Outreach. Reservations for teams of 8-10 players are now being accepted. Categories include history, sports, music, entertainment, art, literature, geography, science and Asian American related topics. Info & applications: Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, 415 567-6255.

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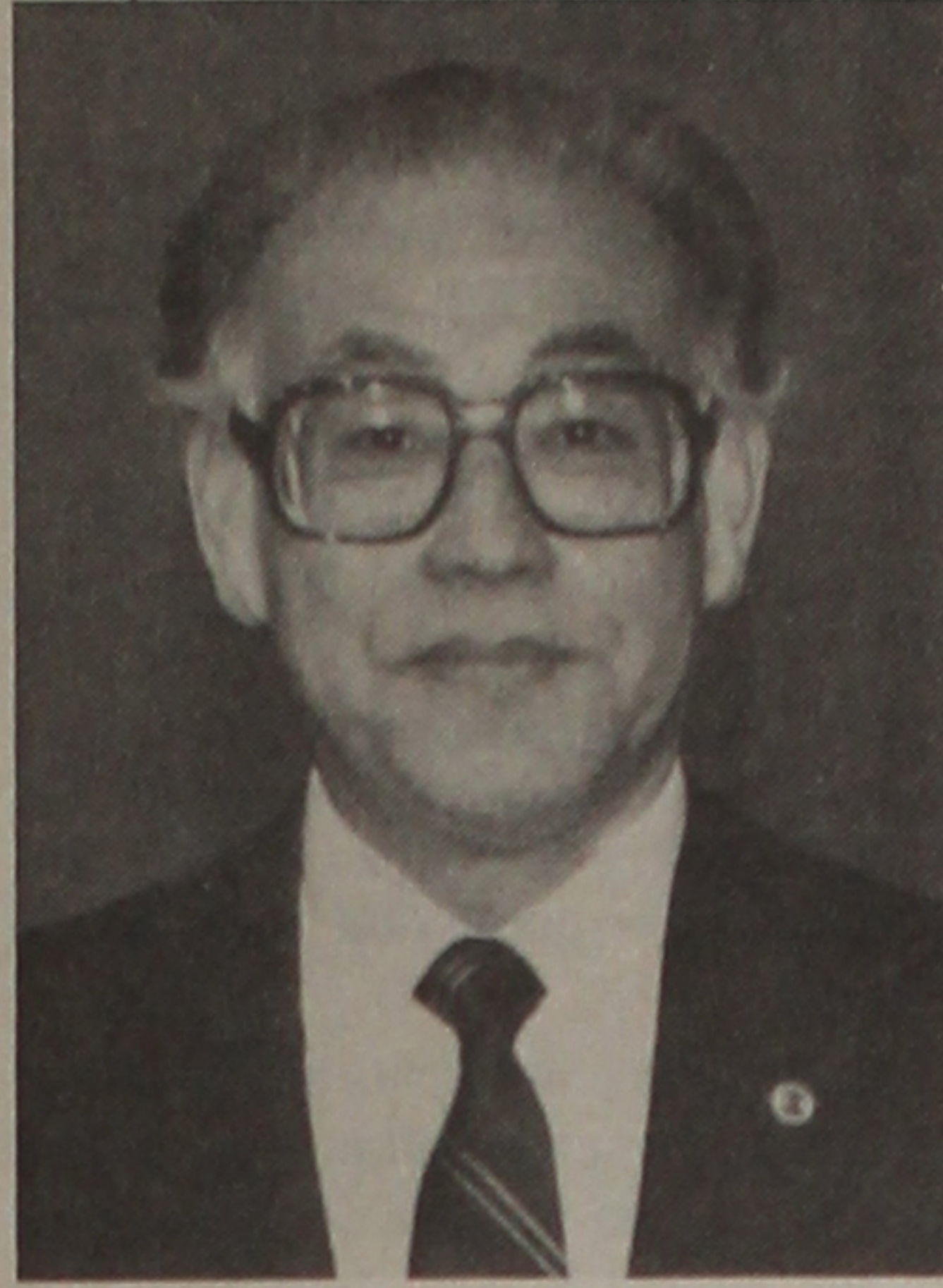
■ June 13—Yu-Ai Kai Senior Day Services benefit luncheon, noon-2 pm, Mercury Savings Cupertino Branch, 19400 Stevens Creek Blvd. Features presentation by color and image consultant Sandy Okamoto. Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$8/seniors.

### SEATTLE

■ Present—June 11—*Webster Stree Blues*, Northwest Asian American Theater, Theater Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Tickets: \$10/ea. Info, reservations: 206 340-1049.

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## THE NEWSMAKERS



EDWARD ASAWA

■ **Edward Asawa**, L.A. county employee for 23 years and currently in the acquisition program for the Los Angeles County Library, was named the Los Angeles County Employee of the Month for April, 1989.

■ **Betty Kozasa**, acting director of the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles, was appointed to the California Commission on Aging by the 23rd District's state senator David Roberti. Her three-year term began May 2-3 at a Commission conference on ethics and economics of health at Sacramento.

■ **Hubert Kimura**, with assistance of **Emi Kobayashi** and **Dennis Ihara**, is the author of *The Bi-Brainial Connection*, explaining the relationship between the left brain and the right brain, and how they flip back and forth. Ihara, now practicing law in Hawaii, used to be involved with the San Diego JAACL when he was at law school. Kimura, with a doctorate in agriculture, is state director of the Hawaii Institute for Management Analysis in Government.

■ **Eunice Sato**, immediate past president of Japanese American Republicans, was elected as assistant secretary of the Los Angeles County Central Committee and is part of its six-member executive committee. She is also president of the Long Beach/Lakewood Republican Women Federated.

■ **Hiroshi Kashiwagi**, Nisei actor-writer, staged his one-man show, *The Lost Football*, April 21 at the Christ United Presbyterian Church, San Francisco. Play is a shortened version of *I Nearly Drowned in the American River*, an autobiographical tour. He also performs with the Asian American Theater Co., which has staged his plays, including *Live Oak Store*, *Mondai wa Akira*, *Laughter and False Teeth*, *A Question of Loyalty*, *The Plums Can Wait* and *Picture Bride*.



KAREN KAKUTA

■ **Karen Kakuta** of Long Beach, Calif., engaged to be married in November to **David Kikuchi** of Los Angeles, competed in the *Southern California Bride Magazine's* Bride of the Year contest and was chosen second runner-up among 16 finalists last February. As second runner-up, she will receive a roundtrip honeymoon to Acapulco at the Hotel Las Brisas. The contest attracted over 1,000 aspirants. Semi-finalists are selected based upon poise and their personal values about marriage in a letter to the judges. The 24 semi-finalists were interviewed to narrow the field down to the 16 finalists who then appear with their groom on stage in full bridal attire. Karen, who attended Cal Poly-Pomona, is a software engineer for Hughes. David attended CSU Los Angeles and is a quality control manager in food processing and intends to open his own business.

■ **Professor Kenji Murase** of San Francisco State University will retire this year after 22 years of teaching and community service. He played a major role in seeking teaching grants for Asian social work students at SFSU from the National Institute of Mental Health. He is a board member of the Center for Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement.

■ **Tarisa Matsumoto** of Gardena H.S. and **Eric Nakano** of North Hollywood H.S. were among to 50 winners in the 1989 *Who's Who Among High School Senior Writers* contest in the Los Angeles Unified School District... Nikkei on winning teams in the 1989 academic pentathlon among the 80 plus junior high schools included **Kristen Koyama** (L.A. Center for Enriched Studies, 3rd, overall); **Nina Shinohara**, **Jena Mori**, (Regionals); **Satoshi Kondo** of Peary JHS (math, 1st); **Mark Yamaguchi** of King JHS (social science, 3rd); **Melissa Gima** of Fleming JHS (essay, 1st).



ANN KIYOMURA

■ **Ann Kiyomura**, the Sansei tennis pro, was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame May 17 with nine other Peninsula sports figures. During her 13-year pro career, she won the National Indoor doubles title, the Japan Open, several Avon and Virginia Slims tournaments, represented the U.S. in the Wightman Cup play and reached her zenith in 1975 when she teamed with Japan's Kazuko Sawamatsu to win the doubles at Wimbledon. As a teenager, she won 14 U.S. titles and captured the 1973 junior Wimbledon by defeating then-unknown Martina Navratilova. In 1984 she married San Mateo dentist David Hayashi and they have one son John Toshio.

■ **Tom "Fat Boy" Okuda**, a deputy courts administrator in Honolulu, has garnered daily attention in the local press the week of May 22 for allegedly fixing eight traffic tickets between 1982 and 1986. The jury case is being heard before Circuit Court Judge Tom Kaulukuku Jr. Witnesses have included former or current police officers, political officials and judges.

■ **Yukio Itoh**, a Milwaukee JAACLer, foreign language teacher and department coordinator at Franklin High School, was named a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow to study in Japan and prepare methods, materials and teaching units which will integrate smoothly into existing units of study in English, social studies, science and technology courses. This program marks the first time that this fellowship has been awarded to teachers at the high school level. Itoh designed the Japanese language program that has been taught at Franklin and Greenfield High schools. His program has also been the model for other schools.

■ **Richard Tanaka**, of San Jose, chairman of the Commission on the Internment of Local Japanese Americans, is the author of *America on Trial*!, relating the wartime experiences of Japanese Americans.

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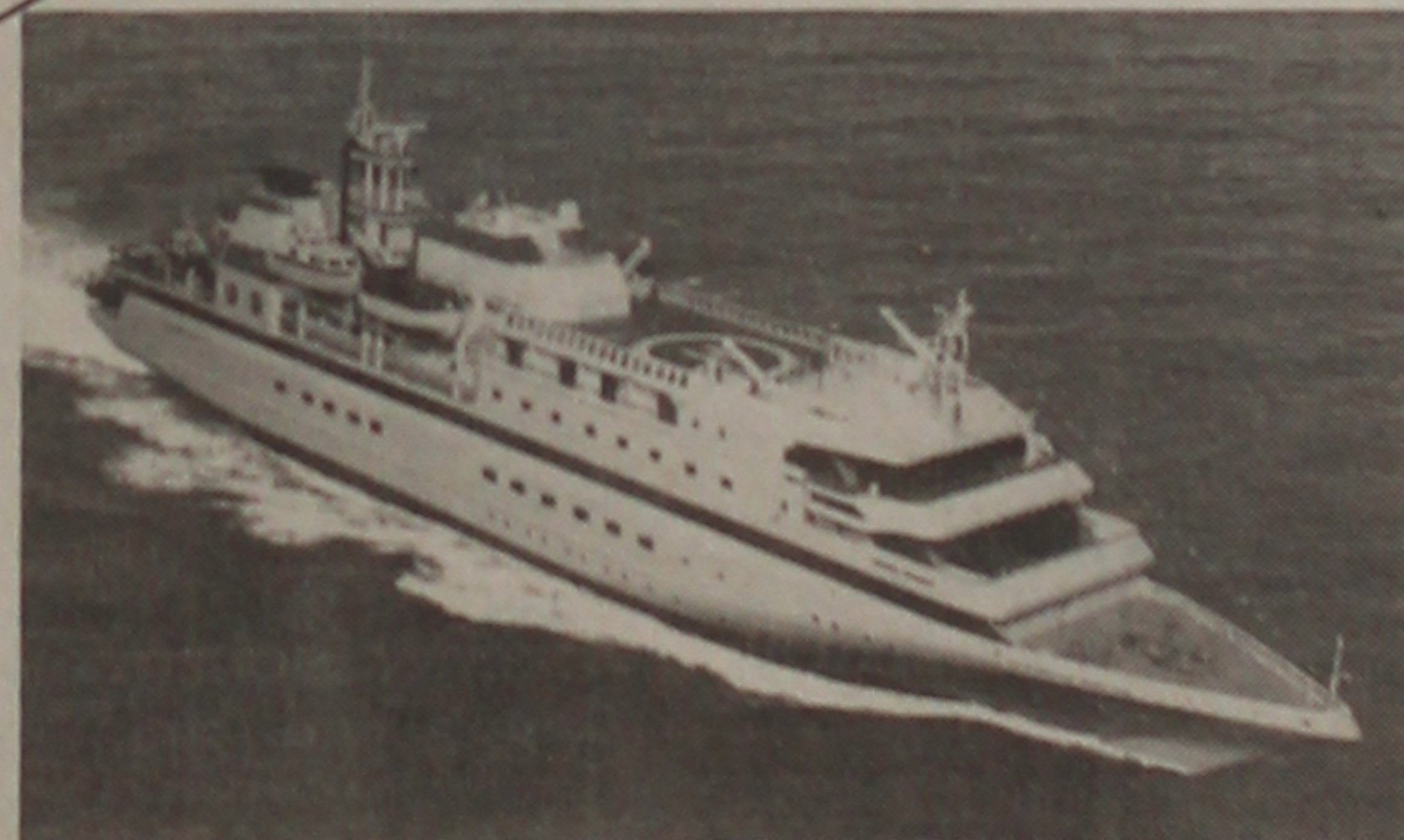
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## Over 55,000 Submit Information to Redress Office, 73% from California

WASHINGTON—More than 55,000 people from around the world have submitted information to the Department of Justice's Office of Redress Administration (ORA), according to the results of a geographic analysis announced May 19.

Robert Bratt, administrator of redress, noted that the response to the statistical study was tremendously broad ranging. "I'm very pleased with the results of our outreach campaign. My staff and I have worked hard to make it a success, and we gladly share credit with our friends in the Japanese American community. They have done an excellent job helping us get the word out, here in the United States and abroad."

According to the study, responses have been received by ORA from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories of Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The greatest number, 73.52 percent of domestic contacts, have come from California.

A breakdown of major cities within that state reveals that the majority of contacts were from Los Angeles, registering 35.33 percent of the U.S. total.

Responses from other California cities include: Sacramento at 6.29 percent, San Francisco at 6.27 percent, and San Jose at 5.78 percent, respectively, of the total number of U.S. respondents.

Other top states, in order of ranking of domestic contacts, include: Washington, 6.78 percent; Illinois, 3.94 percent; Hawaii, 2.49 percent; Oregon, 2.04 percent; Colorado, 1.89; and Utah, 1.24 percent. Responses from all other states were less than 1 percent.

**Unexpected Number from Overseas**  
Internationally, ORA found a higher number of foreign countries represented than previously thought. Potentially eligible individuals have sent information from 27 foreign countries, representing all six inhabited continents.

The Civil Liberties Act specifically excludes from eligibility those who relocated to a country at war with the United States during the period beginning on Dec. 7, 1941, and ending on Sept. 2, 1945.

For others, the eligibility determination is based on their status during that period, rather than their current circumstances. Thus, residents and citizens of other countries may also receive redress payment.

The largest number of foreign responses, as expected, were from Japan. Second to Japan was Canada, where a similar program is underway to benefit Japanese Canadians interned by that government. Selected other countries represented include Mexico, Great Britain, Belgium, Spain, France, Norway, Nepal, Kenya, Tonga and Australia.

**Toll-Free Line Closed**  
The office also announced the May 19 closing of its toll-free telephone lines. "The initial influx of calls resulting from the outreach program has now decreased to an average of less than 12 a day," Bratt said. "Because of that reduction and the need to reduce spending, ORA has chosen to discontinue the toll-free lines."

However, the office will maintain use of its Post Office Box address. Anyone wishing to contact ORA may continue to do so by writing to P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C. 20035-6260.

"ORA will continue trying to reach people," Bratt said, "but we are now focusing our attention on finalizing procedures to verify the eligibility of those for whom we already have information."

**1989 PSW Nisei Relays to Run July 23 as Tie-in with 5th PANA Convention**

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The 38th annual Pacific Southwest JAACL Nisei Relays will be held on Sunday, July 23, at Rancho Santiago (formerly Santa Ana) College to welcome the youth coming from Latin America to attend the 5th Pan American Nikkei Association convention the same weekend in Little Tokyo, it was announced by Nisei Relays co-chair Carrie Okamura, Russell Hiroto and Dr. Howard Nakashioya.

Okamura and Hiroto, who led the U.S. contingent to Mexico City in 1986 for the PANA Sports Festival drawing Nikkei athletes from Brazil, Argentina, Peru and the U.S., said the 1989 Nisei Relays date was changed for this one time to "give the teenagers from Mexico and South America the

best opportunity to meet the youth of Southern California." Entry deadline will be Saturday, July 3, with registration form and the \$7 per participant fee sent to Jim Mita, 1451 W. 171st St., Gardena, CA 90247, or to the JAACL Chapter track team representative. (Orange County, Pasadena, Gardena Valley, Venice-Culver, West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, Las Vegas and San Diego JACL chapters have entered teams in recent years.) For entry forms and information, call the PSW JAACL Office, (213) 626-4471. Many have inquired already, knowing the Nisei Relays were traditionally held the first or second Sunday, and were assured forms would be mailed to them, the JAACL Office said.

**Heart Mountain Reunion Event Deadlines Stressed**

LOS ANGELES—Deadline for the Heart Mountain Reunion III golf tournament at the Wild Creek course in Sparks, Nev., Sept. 8 is Aug. 1, reminded Al Keimi, 3627 West Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016, (213) 293-3376. The \$60 fee covers cart, green fee and prizes.

Reunion events starting with the Friday buffet and "Block" dance will be held at Bally's Reno, which is holding a limited number of rooms until Aug. 8. Room reservations after that date will be not available.

Reunion registration, \$85 until July 1, \$100 from July 2-Aug. 4, is to be sent to 2281 College View Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754. "This may be the last Heart Mountain reunion," according to the committee organizers.

**For The Record**  
Missing from the list of National Merit scholars in the May 19 P.C. was Karen Nishida (Pasadena Polytechnic H.S.) among the California awardees.

**AIDS Information to Asians Initiated**  
OAKLAND, Calif. — Cognizant of the need for basic AIDS information among non-English speakers, AAPCHO has initiated articles for readers in the Asian-Pacific Islanders community press.

AAPCHO is a national network of community health organizations that serve Asian Pacific populations.

Among AAPCHO patients, 75% speak a primary language other than English, according to Dahlia Aspillera, Ed. D., project coordinator. AAPCHO centers are located in Oakland, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, Honolulu, San Francisco, and Boston.

**Yu-Ai Kai Sr. Citizens Still Running at 86 and 78**  
SAN JOSE — The Yu-Ai-Kai fielded the oldest runners in Banner Run IV, held on May 7 prior to local Nikkei Matsuri. Soto Yoshida, 86, and Isamu Okano, 78, were among 850 participants.

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• Annual barbecue and picnic, June 25. Info: Contact a chapter member.

### CHICAGO

• Annual Scholarship Luncheon, 12 pm, June 25, Furama Restaurant, 4936 N. Broadway (312 271-1161). Tickets: \$12/ea.; chapter members are encouraged to "sponsor-a-graduate" at \$12/student. Reservation deadline: June 12. Info: 312 728-7171.

### CONTRA COSTA/DIABLO

• Annual summer picnic, 10 am-7 pm, June 25, Pleasant Hill Community Park. Steak Dinners: adults, \$7.50; children, \$4. RSVP by June 10 for steak orders to Jim Oshima, 6920 Snowden Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Info: Kumi Boutz (Diablo Valley), 415 531-7514 or Joanne Mukai, 415 771-9531.

### FRESNO

• Annual picnic, 11 am-8 pm, June 11, Woodward Park, Sunset Shelter. Fee: \$6 for steak; hot dogs are free. Surnames A-M, bring a salad dish; N-Z, bring a side dish (anything). RSVP (June 4), info: Randy Sasaki, 209 436-1096.

### GILROY

• Community picnic, June 25, Christmas Hill Park. Info: June Hanada, 408 842-6900.

### GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Pre-registration for the 4th National JACL Singles Convention in Torrance, Calif. is in progress. Events: Golf, tennis, bowling, sightseeing, shopping and seminars. Dates: Sept. 1-3, 1989, Marriott Hotel. Info: B.K. Yanase, 1525 Eagle Park Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

### NEW MEXICO

• The 9th annual Omatsuri, 10 am-5 pm, June 25, Minato Square, 10721 Montgomery Blvd. N.E. (just west of Juan Tabo), Albuquerque. Features music, dance, martial arts, food, arts & crafts, etc. Info: Harry Watson, 515 892-6434.

### SAN JOSE

• Tennis Tournament, men's and

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### STOCKTON

• General meeting, 7:30 pm, June 13, Union Bank meeting room. Speaker: Stockton Police Chief Jack Calkins on "Minority Hiring."

### WEST VALLEY

• Annual family picnic, 10 am-5 pm, June 18, Vasona Lake Park, Los Gatos (Lakeview Group area). Lunch: 12:30 pm. Bring own service; menu includes teriyaki/meat, chicken, hot dogs, salad, rice, chips & cookies. Punch, ice tea & cold pop will be supplied; BYOB. Cost: Adults, \$3; children under 12, \$1. Info: Chaote Lin, 408 225-8902 or cal 408 253-6191.

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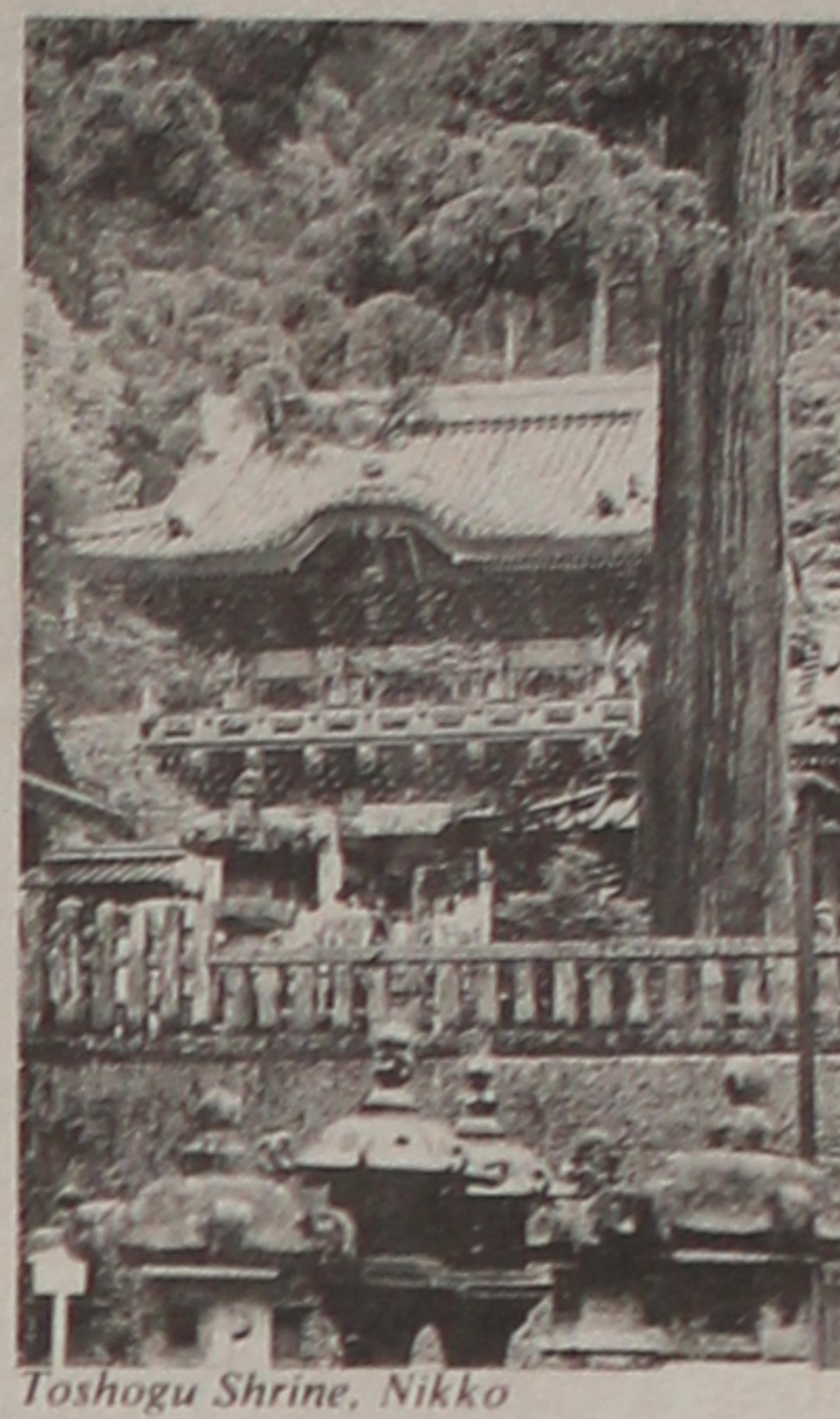
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