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**MAN TALK/WOMAN TALK**—Dr. Alan Nagamoto conducted one of many workshops Sat., Sept. 2, at the National JACL Singles Convention.

### Next One in Denver

## Over 400 Attend JACL Singles Con

TORRANCE, Calif. — A record attendance of over 400 from 10 states attended the fourth National JACL Singles Convention held Sept. 1-3 at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

Highlights of the weekend included a golf tournament on Sept. 1, and later that evening, a mixer with the theme "Fiesta del Amigo" boasted a packed dance floor. Activities began early the next morning with roll call by convention liaison Meriko Mori. Conventioneers were also addressed by a number of speakers, including Torrance Mayor Katy Geissert, convention co-chairs Kei Ishigami and Ron Yamasaki, and National JACL President Cressley Nakagawa, who stressed current civil rights issues.

A panel discussion, "30-40-50-60 Something," moderated by Harvey Hanemoto, followed. As the morning proceeded, attendees were able to pick from a number of workshops of interest to singles. The workshops and their leaders were:

"Man Talk/Woman Talk," Dr. Alan Nagamoto; "Risktaking... Making It Happen," J.D. Hokoyama; "Who Am I?," Dr. Amy Mass; "Role-Reversal, As Parents Age," Betty Kozasa; "Pre/Post Nuptial Commitments," attorney Dennis Chang; "Men's Fashions," Paul Takata; "Leadership Workshop," B.J. Watanabe; "Ki-atsu-ho (massage therapy)," Henry Oshiro; "Practical Art of Self Defense," Rick Yasui; "Basic Portfolio Management," Emilia Kato; "Intimacy: Myth and Reality," Dr. Lillian Nakamura; "Assertive Management," William Eng; "From Duo to Solo," Mary Garbesi; "A New You," Mitzi Sujitsu; "Looking Ahead: A Loving Contract," Laura Shiozaki; and "Dynamics Involving Substance Abuse—Treatment/Relapse," Al Mizuno.

Rounding out the rest of the day was a business meeting, and then a no-host cocktail hour followed by the banquet, with m.c.s Tyra Tashiro and Suzy Tanikawa. Featured at the banquet was Sumako Azuma II, a Japanese classical dancer who performed a traditional *ko-jo-notsuki* as well as a contemporary number. Singers Mike Miyake, Kiku Goh and Richard Kishimoto also entertained the audience with both Japanese and American songs. A dance followed the banquet, with music performed by the Bob Bergara Band.

Sunday morning's program was the

Farewell Breakfast, during which Ron Yamasaki conducted the raffle. Winning the first prize of \$1,000 was Steven Wada, Gardena, Calif., with second prize (\$500) won by Aki Ohno, West Los Angeles and third prize (\$150) going to George Sato, San Gabriel, Calif. A \$300 travel certificate from Art Kudo was won by D.K. Endo, Huntington Beach, Calif., and a \$300 Arthur Murray Dance Studio certificate was won by Bill Kumagai, San Jose. Several \$25 cash prizes were also awarded.

The theme song, "That's What Friends Are For," was a final sing-along, led by Kiku Goh and Richard Kishimoto. Kiyoto Futa, leader of the Mile Hi JACL sponsored Denver Nikkei Singles, invited the audience to attend the fifth National JACL Singles Convention, set for Denver during the 1991 Labor Day weekend.

Other officers and committee chairs who helped in the success of the convention were:

Irene Kubo, secretary; Aya Otsu, treasurer; Meriko Mori, liaison; Irene Kubo, registration; Kaz Mayemura, publicity; Mari Sasaki, convention booklet; Ann Hiramatsu, advertisements; Chuckie Yoshida, fundraising/raffle; Yo Furuta, Yo Minami, June Saito, hospitality; Walt Isono, Taii Kailii, golf; Taka Takemoto, Friday mixer; Bea Fujimoto, Lilly Ikegami, banquet/dance; JoAnne Nakaya, workshops; Shiz Uragami, Sunday brunch; and Irene Kubo and Meriko Mori, historians.

Sponsoring organizations of the Southern California Nikkei Singles Coalition were Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL; Marina JACL; Megamillion; Nisei Singles; Orange County Sansei Singles and the San Gabriel Singles.

The 20 JACL chapters which had members attend were: Arizona, Contra Costa, East Los Angeles, Gardena, Greater Los Angeles Singles, Latin America, Marina, Mile Hi, Portland, San Diego, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Fernando Valley, Salt Lake City, Sequoia, Solano County, South Bay, West Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C.

Seventeen Nikkei singles organizations participating were Denver Nikkei Singles, East Bay Nikkei Singles, Fresno Singles, Megamillion, Los Angeles Nikkei Widowed Group, Nisei Singles, Nisei Ski Club, New Horizons (Chicago), Orange County Sansei Singles, San Francisco Nisei Widowed, Sacramento Nikkei Singles, San Jose Nikkei Singles, San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles, San Francisco Asian Singles, San Gabriel Valley Singles, Tomo-no-Kai and We Are One.

### Zero Monies Appropriated for FY 1990

## Senate Serves Goose Egg for Redress Appropriation

WASHINGTON — "Zero" was the magic number Sept. 12 when the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee made its recommendations for redress payments in the federal budget for fiscal year 1990.

Despite a proposal to make future redress payments an entitlement beginning in fiscal year 1991 (Oct. 1990), the disappointment of the Japanese American community was felt across the nation. "We cannot accept more broken promises," stated Jerry Enomoto, chairman of the JACL-LEC (Legislative Education Committee). "The prospect of redress becoming an entitlement program gives us hope, but our concern continues to be that next year will be too late for many people."

Under the entitlement program, proposed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), redress payments would be completed in three years beginning in 1990. By law, the maximum amount appropriated per year is \$500 million, with a completion deadline of Aug. 10, 1998.

### Next Step

On July 25, the House approved \$50 million for redress in FY 1990. Although no money was appropriated by the Senate, the budget will now go to a House-Senate conference committee. Once there, Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) have pledged to maintain at minimum the \$50 million approved by the House. The amount would be only enough to redress 1,300 of the oldest estimated 60,000 surviving eligible Americans wrongly interned during WWII.

"I welcome the decision of the sub-

committee to make the redress compensation program a high budget priority of the Congress beginning in fiscal year 1991," said Mineta. "The redress program is a matter of national honor and a bond of faith with the tens of thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry whose rights were stripped away by the U.S. government during the Second World War."

"A shadow was cast on the true spirit of our Constitution earlier this year when the president budgeted a funding level so small [\$60 million] that it would take 60 years to complete," said Matsui. "That shadow grew even darker after an emergency spending bill stripped all money for redress payments in 1989. Now the Senate wants to zero-out all funding next year in the name of the war on drugs."

### Entitlement

"This proposal would make reparations a permanent program in which all eligible individuals would receive payments to which they are entitled... it also avoids a difficult annual struggle to include redress funds in appropriations bills, in which reparations payments compete against other government programs," said Inouye.

Echoing this sentiment was Matsui, who wanted to avoid having to "go through this outrageous disappointment every year." He added, "We cannot let the shadow turn completely dark. Making this commitment an entitlement program appears our only hope. It's unfortunate that redress has had to compete with such other spending priorities as prisons and drug enforcement."

### NCR, PSW JACL in Joint Redress Effort

LOS ANGELES — The National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCR) and the Pacific Southwest District of the JACL recently announced a joint campaign to address issues involved in the appropriations process.

The groups planned a three-prong strategy. First is a joint letter-writing campaign directed at the U.S. Senate Appropriation Subcommittee and the Budget Committee. The four senators the campaign will focus on are Warren Rudman, Robert Byrd, Daniel Inouye and Ernest Hollings.

The NCR chapters in Los Angeles are committed to obtaining 20,000 letters and the PSW/JACL will try to bring in another 15,000 by the end of September. Both organizations are urging interested parties to send letters urging for full funding for the redress bill to these senators, care of the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Both organizations believe that letter-writing can have a significant influence on the policy makers in Washington. The second strategy involves organizing a combined lobbying delegation to Washington, D.C. to meet with key Senate figures in the appropriations and budget process. Through personal contact, the two groups hope to reinforce the commitment of certain representatives and elicit new help from other sources.

The third strategy will employ meetings with the two California senators, Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson. The meetings will be to elicit their support in obtaining full redress funding.

Both the NCR and PSW/JACL believe that past successes in the redress movement were because of the Japanese American community's ability to rally around a common cause, which was the reason for the two groups uniting their efforts.

"As an entitlement, those who were wronged could rest assured that their faith in our government was well-placed and that the restitution payment program would become one of the highest priorities of the federal government," Mineta said. "The great disappointment I do have is that no monies were included for fiscal year 1990 in the subcommittee's action, which means that the first payments would be delayed for another year."

Meanwhile, the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has already sent eligibility notices to more than 1,300 individuals, most of whom are over 90 years old.

### JACL-LEC Board

The JACL-LEC Board met last weekend in San Francisco to develop a three-year plan for its future work. The dismal outlook for funding in the current round of appropriations caused the board to take a hard look at assessing what needs to be done by the committee.

Major emphasis will be given to revitalizing the grassroots community education and lobbying network for more effective communication with legislators in key districts and states across the country. New board committees were named to begin development of future strategies in public education, lobbying and fundraising.

JoAnne H. Kagiwada, JACL-LEC executive director, called for constituents to urge the House and Senate conference committees to maintain the House level of redress funding for FY 1990.

## WRA Camp Papers Assessed by Oregon Journalism Professor

By Raymond Okamura

BERKELEY, Calif. — A recently published study of the newspapers printed in the internment camps for Japanese Americans concludes that "the journalistic product that emerged reflected the fettered freedoms of the internees, not the realities of internment."

Lauren Kessler, associate professor of journalism at the University of Oregon, found that the camp administrators did not have to engage in overt censorship since they already exercised indirect control: from the selection of ideologically compatible editors to the instant removal of errant staffers.

Inmate newspapers focused on the innocuous aspects of camp life—sports and social activities—avoiding the important issues and controversies, and trivializing the real problem of living in an internment camp, according to Kessler.

It would be a mistake to believe that freedom of the press existed in the

camp, argues Kessler, because the newspapers were created, funded, and strictly controlled by the War Relocation Authority (WRA) as a communication tool.

"Ironically, the camp newspapers did more than the WRA could have hoped for... the papers became powerful propagandists in the hands of accommodationist editors... painting a picture of camp life that was devoid of both conflict and diversity... (where) all inmates were happy, or at least well adjusted, super patriots," wrote Kessler.

Kessler's article appeared in *Journalism History*, Volume 15, number 2-3, Summer/Autumn 1988, pages 70-79. (Initial announcement for Kessler's research project was printed in the P.C., Feb. 13, 1987.)

Single issues are available from the Journalism Department, California State University, Northridge, CA 91330, for \$2.50.

## Sept. 19 Set for Hatamiya Fundraiser

SACRAMENTO — Rep. Robert T. Matsui and the Asian Pacific community of Sacramento will sponsor a fundraising reception honoring Lon Hatamiya, candidate for the 3rd Assembly seat in the State Legislature. The date is Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fuji Restaurant, 13th and Broadway.

Hatamiya was born and raised in Marysville, Calif., in the heart of the district. He is son of George and Kashiwa Aizawa Hatamiya; has two sisters, Kim and Jill; and is engaged to Nancy Takahashi. He is a third generation native of Yuba County, where his

family owns and operates 1,200 acres of peach, prune, almond and walnut orchards.

Lon was also an attorney with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Sacramento and has handled governmental affairs in that capacity. He has had varied work experience in business, in law and in state government.

Tickets, priced at \$50 each, are available from:

Curtis Namba (all-916) 443-8570, Toko Fujii 421-0328 or 441-7890, Chewy Ito 451-8655, Kuni Hironaka 395-8026, Tom Okubo 422-8749, George Matsuoka 424-5950, Dick Lew 422-3394 and Elaine Chou 421-2602.

Asian hors d'oeuvres by Bob and Julie Fujita and no-host bar will be available.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Japanese Cherry Trees Added to Capitol Park

Three Japanese cherry trees were planted in August at Capitol Park as a symbol of goodwill between Japan and the state of California. Present for the ceremonies were Japanese Consul Generals Hiromoto Seki of Los Angeles and Shunji Yanai of San Francisco, State Sen. David Roberti of Los Angeles, and Masayuki Kohama of the So. Calif. Japan Business Association. The park around the State Capitol features trees from around the world.



### Minority Gains in Congress Seen After 1990 Census

WASHINGTON — Minorities, under-represented in the House, can expect to gain seats after congressional district lines are redrawn based on the 1990 Census, according to a report by the privately funded Population Reference Bureau.

"We think that the redistricting in the 1990s offers a lot of opportunities," William O'Hare, the bureau's director of policy studies, said at a recent news conference.

In the 1991-92 redistricting, O'Hare said, "the states that are likely to gain the most congressional seats—for example, California, Texas, Florida—all have large minority populations".

O'Hare said that an overall gain of "half a dozen to 10, (seats) is not unreasonable." The 435-seat House today has 36 minority members—22 Blacks, nine Hispanics, four Asian Americans and one American Indian.

### AAJA Receives \$5,000 for Fellowship Program

SAN FRANCISCO — The Pacific Telesis Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the national Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) to help establish a fellowship program for AAJA members.

The grant represents the first fund contributed to the fellowship program which is designed to upgrade journalism skills of professional broadcast and print journalism. Those skills may also include management training.

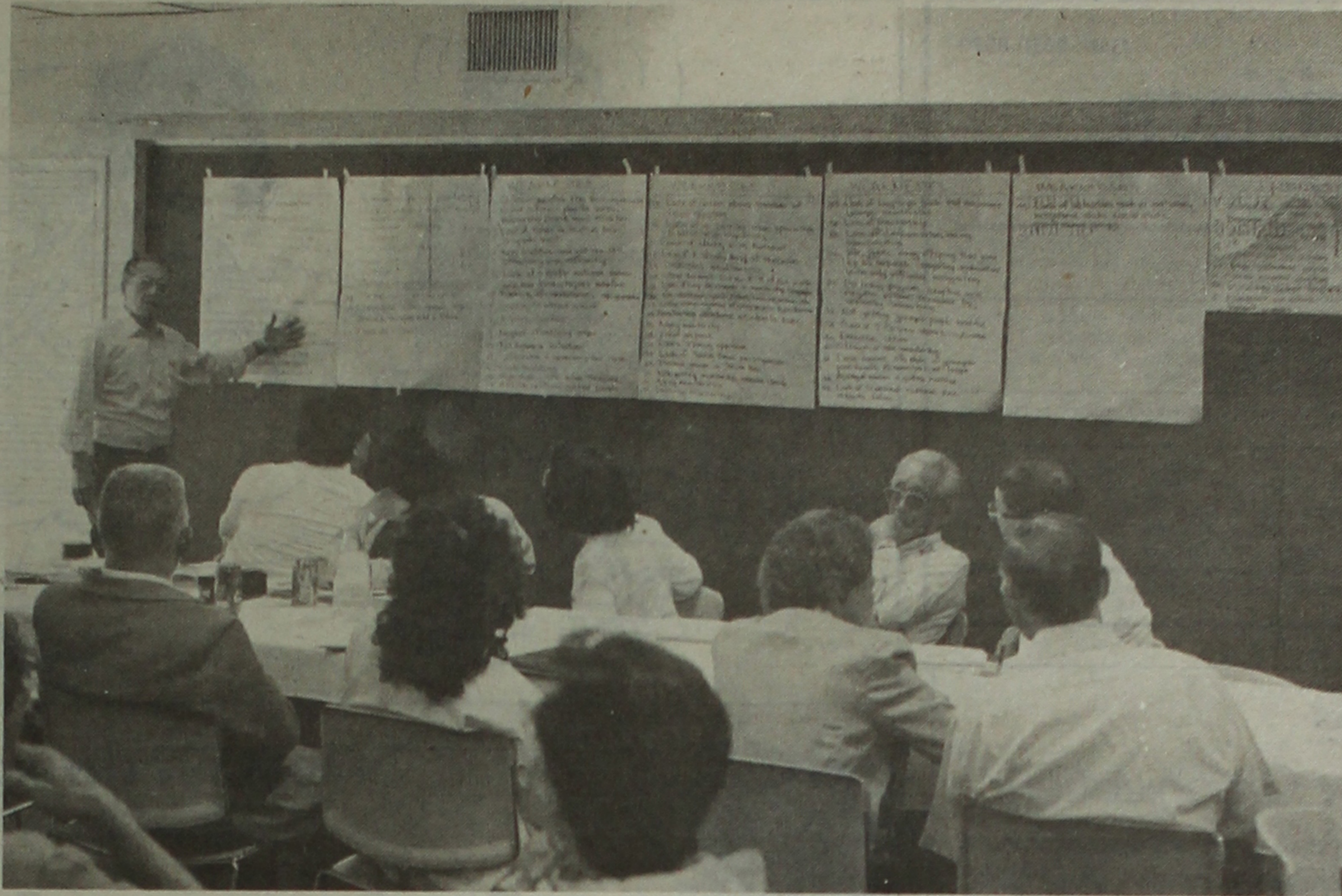
"We are very grateful for the generous contributions made by the Pacific Telesis Foundation," said national AAJA President Lloyd LaCuesta, who is a reporter for KTVU-TV (Oakland, Calif.).

According to AAJA national Executive Director Diane Yen-Mei Wong, the fellowship program's proposed selection criteria and process are being developed this summer. "I anticipate that the program will be ready for implementation by this winter and spring. The first fellows may be selected as early as spring 1990."

The exact amount of each fellowship and the total number of awards available depends on the level of other donations. "We are already in contact with several other potential funders who seem as enthusiastic about fellowships as AAJA is," said Wong.

"The fellowship program is something that many of our members have requested. We're excited that this is becoming a reality. This seed money reflects what we hope will be a continued working relationship with the Pacific Telesis Foundation," LaCuesta said.

The \$5,000 grant was made in conjunction with a \$10,000 donation from the foundation to the scholarship program of the local San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of AAJA.



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**ONE STEP AT A TIME**—Hank Tanaka, governor of the Midwest District Council of the JACL and National Long Range Planning Committee chair, conducted one of his many Long Range Planning meetings Aug. 26 at the Bi-District Convention of the Intermountain & Pacific Northwest District Councils of the JACL, held in Park City, Utah. The meetings will help determine the priorities of the JACL membership regarding the future direction of the organization. A questionnaire prepared by Tanaka appears on the facing page.

### OSAKA FAMILY 'ECSTATIC'

## Newspaper Story Results in Recovery of Missing Baggage

LOS ANGELES — A Japanese family who had been traveling through the United States as part of a campaign to combat racism in their homeland owes the return of their lost luggage to a wary security guard who thought the bags might contain illegal drugs.

The bags, instead, contained irreplaceable videotaped interviews with Coretta Scott King and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, as well as crucial diaries, letters and address books that the Arita family planned to use in a documentary about derogatory depictions of Blacks in Japanese society. (See Sept. 1 P.C.)

When told about the discovery Aug. 31, Kimiko and Toshiji Arita "were overjoyed and ecstatic when I was finally able to make clear we had found the bags," said Albert Nellum, president of the Black Business Council of America, which sponsored the family's trip. "It was like Christmas morning."

The bags were lost Aug. 23, just after the Aritas, along with their 10-year-old son, Hajime, flew into Los

Angeles for the final leg of a two-week cross-country tour that began in Washington, D.C.

The Aritas said they had placed the bags on the shuttle taking them from the airport to the hotel. When they arrived at the hotel, the bags were missing.

Two nights later, Hughes Aircraft security guard Michael Howlett while off duty was sifting through an El Segundo parking lot dumpster in search of scrap metal and cardboard when he came across two canvas tote bags.

"With the cocaine problems this city is having, when I saw the bags I didn't know what was inside them," Howlett, 30, said. "I said, well, I'll take them, but I'm not going to look inside."

After reading a local newspaper story describing the significance of the Arita family's loss, Howlett immediately reported his find.

The family had already returned to their home in Osaka. But the Washington, D.C.-based Black Busi-

ness Council, which represents African-American entrepreneurs, arranged to return the family's bags and promised to pay Howlett a \$1,000 reward.

Howlett, who is Black, said he was glad he could contribute to the Aritas' mission to combat racism.

### Asian Foundation Awards Grants to Community Groups

SAN FRANCISCO — The Asian Foundation for Community Development, the nation's first community foundation serving the Asian community, will be awarding \$38,000 in grants in its employment and training cycle for 1989. Awardees, located in San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Union City, and Berkeley, provide services to low-income, limited English speaking Asian immigrants and refugees.

Grantees include:

Asian Neighborhood Design, Asians for Job Opportunities in Berkeley, Cambodian New Generation, Caregivers, Chinatown Youth Center, Filipinos for Affirmative Action, Indochinese Resettlement and Cultural Center, Lao Family Community, Laotian Handcraft Center, Nobiru-Kai Japanese Newcomer Services, Wu Yee Resource/Referral Center, and Youth for Service.

The amount of \$38,000 is a 90% increase over last year's \$20,000. Funding assistance for the grants come from the S.H. Cowell Foundation, the city of Oakland, and individual donors. Most are matching grants, and when they are matched, a total of \$72,000 will be available for community organizations.

Among the areas of service which grantees will be providing are training and placement of childcare providers, unemployed youth, immigration assistance workers, auto mechanics and production workers; and providing mentors for young people.

Targetted groups include Cambodian, Laotian and Chinese youth, Filipino junior high and high school students, Chinese, Laotian, and Japanese immigrant women, and Vietnamese and other Southeast Asians preparing for community service work.

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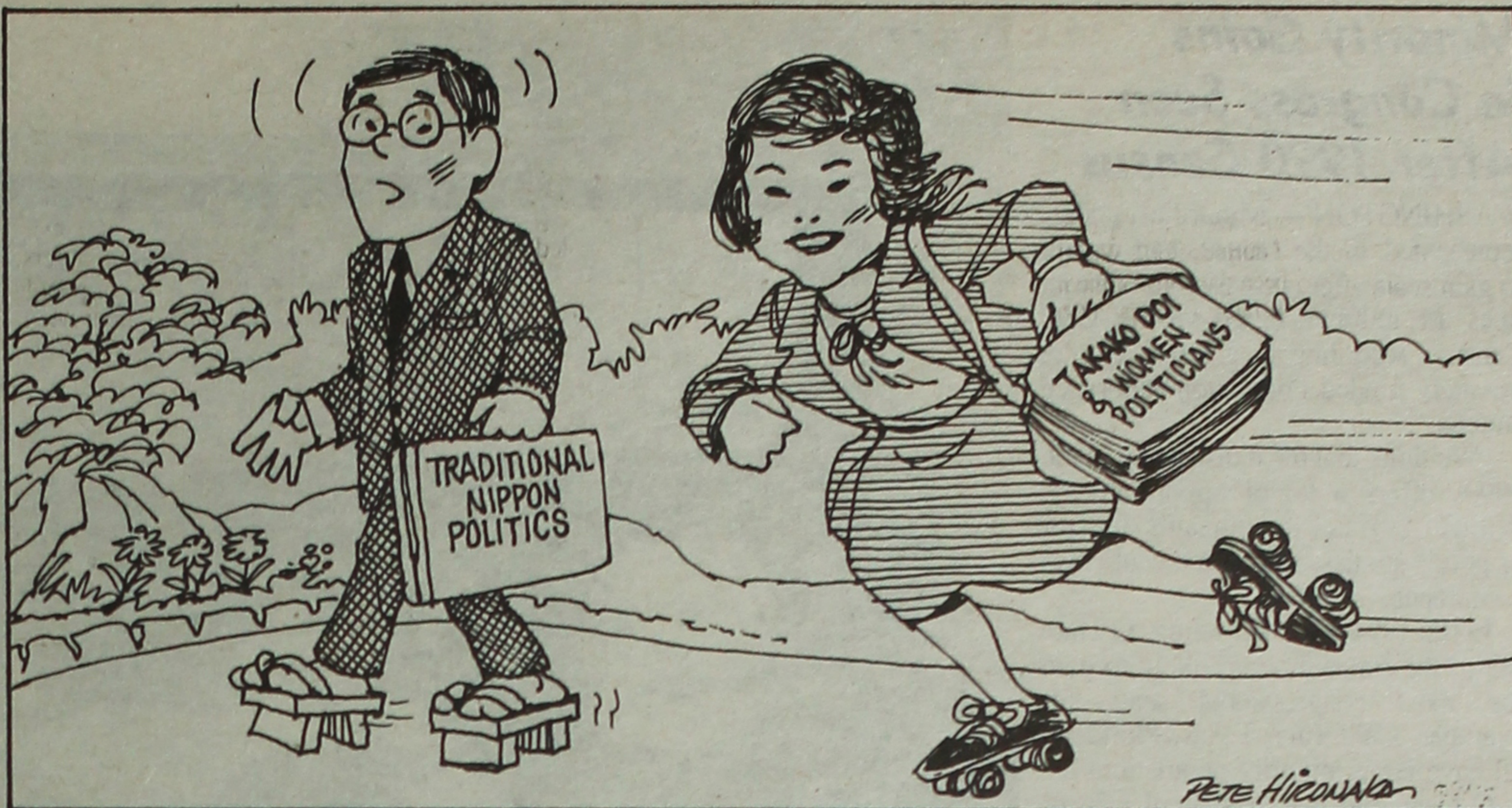
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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

### Welcoming a New Organization

FOR SOME reason Japanese Americans seem to have a disproportionately large number of organizations. Perhaps they evolve from the circle-the-wagons mentality that developed during the period of intense discrimination.

Be that as it may, welcome a new organization to the circle. It is the fledgling Amerasian League for persons of mixed American and Asian blood. No one knows how many Amerasians there are. One estimate places the number as high as 300,000. They include the offspring of American servicemen and Asian women as well as the children of racially mixed marriages among Americans.

The latter group is increasing steadily. Some studies show that more than half of marriages among third and fourth generation Japanese Americans is outside the race.

The Amerasian League was founded on recognition of the problems faced by all Amerasians. Many of its human rights goals are parallel to those of the Japanese American Citizens League. In fact, some of its organizers are members of JACL.

However, the Amerasian League is in position to meet the special needs of a particular group in the American melange. We wish it well and, together, look to the day when our nation will be such a well-integrated democracy that organizations to protect the interests of ethnic minorities will be unnecessary.



## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### The Reunion of Ex-Enemies

Bill Eger, until several years ago a Denver Ford dealer, served with the U.S. Navy in World War II. His last assignment prior to discharge was chief of the fire department in newly pacified Saipan. His fire-fighters included some Japanese prisoners and, oddly enough, they became friends.

Before leaving for home Eger mounted a captured steam locomotive, which the Japanese had used on a sugar plantation, atop a concrete pedestal to commemorate the return of peace. In time Eger married a Japan-born woman named Kazuko and last year the two of them went to Saipan on a delayed honeymoon.

The locomotive was still there, newly painted. Eger and his wife were admiring the monument when they noticed a Japanese tourist. At Eger's urging Kazuko asked the gentleman why he had come to Saipan.

Thus unfolded a fascinating story. It turned out the gentleman's name was Tomokatsu Kawa. He was from Sapporo, on the island of Hokkaido, where he had been a coal company executive until retirement. During the war he had

been a captain in the Asashikawa Battalion, 89th Regiment, of Japan's crack Kwantung Army stationed in Manchuria.

As U.S. forces advanced, island by island, toward the Japanese homeland, Kawa's outfit was pulled out of Manchuria and sent to defend Saipan. But for some reason Capt. Kawa was assigned other duty temporarily and stayed behind in Manchuria.

Before long the Americans, including Eger, invaded Saipan. Kawa's battalion was defending an airstrip. Later, when Kawa tried to find out what happened to his comrades, he learned that of the 618 men in his battalion sent to Saipan, only 23 survived.

Meanwhile, Kawa was having problems of his own. Just days before Japan surrendered, Soviet troops invaded Manchuria. Wounded in the foot, Kawa was captured. He spent four years in a Siberian prison camp. During that period his foot was amputated. It was not until he returned to Japan that he learned his wife was dead.

To pay his respects to the memory of his men who died on Saipan, Kawa had been making annual pilgrimages to

the island. Now, with Kazuko interpreting, Eger explained he had returned to Saipan to see whether he could locate any of the Japanese who had worked for him. Kawa said he would help with the search.

But the hunt was fruitless. Nonetheless, last summer, Eger and Kazuko led a group of 17 former U.S. servicemen and a few wives back to Saipan. There they met Kawa and 46 other Japanese ex-soldiers. No one knew what to expect. Before long they were talking and drinking together like old buddies, "talking with their hearts," Capt. Kawa said, when knowledge of language proved inadequate.

The Japanese left for home a day before the Americans. When their bus pulled out for the airport, at 6 a.m., all the Americans were lined up in salute. Some of the Japanese wept.

Several weeks ago Capt. Kawa came to Denver to spend a few days with Eger and Kazuko as their houseguest. Kawa's daughter by his second marriage and her husband are stationed by a Japanese bank in New York.

It is, as they say, a small world and time heals all wounds.



## LONG RANGE PLANNING

HANK TANAKA

### Different Regions, Different Priorities

SINCE April, 1989, eight long range planning workshops were conducted, involving over 300 participants. Data from these workshops will be used by the national committee to draft a strategic plan for the future direction of JACL.

Frank and candid responses from the participants about JACL's strengths and weakness served as the basis for identifying proposed future goals of JACL. These goals are expected to be influenced by trends in the exterior community, such as "Japan bashing, anti-Asian Hate & Violence and mixed marriages."

Similarities and differences among the workshops are emerging. Workshop participants are particularly concerned about the need for JACL to be more effective in attracting the younger membership and in developing leadership training programs. Much concern was expressed for an active nationwide public relations program to make JACL more visible to the greater community.

In comparing the five top goals selected by the various workshops, it is interesting to note that certain goals were unique to each group.

- (1) National Board: Revamp the governing process.
- (2) Tri-Cal: Intensify educational programs (textbooks, college admissions)
- (3) Midwest District: Leadership opportunity for women.
- (4) Eastern District: Move national office to Washington, D.C.
- (5) Mountain Plains District (Tri-District Conference): Harmonious and productive relations with other Japanese American groups.
- (6) Intermountain District (Bi-District Conference): Build stronger local chapters.

(7) Pacific Southwest District: Search and support Japanese Americans for placement in the political system.

Pacific Citizen readers will have a chance to participate in the Long Range Planning Process. An opinion survey will be conducted in this issue of the Pacific Citizen. The questionnaire is designed to obtain additional data from the readers about JACL's current and future operations. The national committee will include the additional data in the proposed strategic plan to be presented in the JACL Biennial Convention in San Diego in June, 1990.

Workshops were recently conducted at the MP/EDC/MDC Tri-District Conference in Chicago. The IDC/PNW Bi-District Conference in Park City Utah, and the PSW District meeting in Los Angeles. Assisting in the workshops were Lillian Kimura and Grayce Ueyehara, Saige Aramaki, and Bill Yoshino, and Sharon Kumagai and Ron Osajima, respectively.

The final workshop will be held in November at the PNW meeting in Seattle.

### Holiday Issue

The P.C. is now accepting submissions for the upcoming Holiday Issue. With redress signed into law, yet still facing obstacles, the Holiday Issue theme is "Now What?", with regard to the greater Nikkei community. Submissions can be non-redress, as well as non-JACL specific. For further information, especially for submissions on floppy diskettes, please write or call P.C. [(both 213) 626-6936/626-3004.]



## EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

### Shorthand Jargon

THE OTHER DAY, while attending a joint U.S.-Japan businessmen's (no, not nary a woman) conference, one of the American businessmen — a young Caucasian fellow — threw out terms such as *ringi-sho* and *ne-mawashi*. While his *hatsu-on* (pronunciation) was not precisely on target, nevertheless it was good enough so that the listener understood what he was saying. And I was impressed.

What this young fellow was doing was using Japanese business shorthand jargon to describe the processes by which Japanese reach business decisions.

IN THE U.S. we are used to the concept of some strong chairman of the board, or a C.E.O. (chief executive officer) who makes all the decisions on the spot and his subordinates comply. And so when it comes to a negotiating session, for example, one may sit across the table only when spoken to by the C.E.O. And, of course, there's the *bengoshi*, the lawyer. And it is anticipated that then and there "a deal is hammered out," in principle at least, with the subordinates to work out the details and the lawyer to translate it all into an air-tight document.

Not so when working with the Japanese. *Ne-mawashi* and *ringi-sho* precede before striking a deal.

MANY OF YOU know what the terms mean. But there may be others of you who are in my speed, who never learned the meaning of these terms at mother's feet. Or, for that matter, neither were we exposed to these terms in *nihon-gakko*. And if they taught it at Ft. Snelling, I apparently wasn't listening. Anyway, *ne*, (not surprisingly) means "root," such as that of a tree; and *mawashi* means "around." When one replants a growing tree, it is essential that one first digs all around the roots so that the transplanting will be successful. None of this yanking a growing vegetation out of the ground. I suppose, in our society, we might refer to the process of performing some "spade work."

So whether it be *ne-mawashi* or just plain spade work, there are, after all, some similarities in the way the two societies operate.

AS FOR THE term *ringi-sho*. The "sho" is "writing," a document. As for the "ringi" part, while I had previously been familiar with the term "ringi-sho"

(a Japanese businessman had kindly given me a book on Japanese business glossary), I had not seen the *kanji* for "rin". It's a bit of an off-beat *kanji*, I must say: it starts off with a horizontal line with a "botchi" on top (called a "keisan kammuri" according to the *jiiten*) followed by a rectangle encompassing a rectangle (haven't seen many of those before) then below ending with what is often described as a "no-gi." The resulting *kanji* means "salary in rice."

As for "gi" it's the *kanji* meaning to "discuss, deliberate or consider." Put it all together and you have *ringi-sho* — the document which circulates among the hierarchy of a Japanese business operation for comments, approval of a proposed transaction.

THERE'S AN EXCELLENT compendium entitled *Japanese Business Glossary* put out by Mitsubishi Corporation, published by Toyo-Keizai-Shinposha, consisting of just over 200 pages. It's particularly helpful since it's in *nihongo* with the English version alongside. You'll find many business terms starting with "abura-o-uru", literally "selling oil." In our shorthand, we call it "gold-bricking" or "goofing off."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Editorials for Redress

"It's been a year since Congress authorized the payment of \$20,000 each to surviving Japanese Americans and non-citizens of Japanese origin who were interned during World War II. To date not a dime has been paid any of them, and they're dying at the rate of about 200 a month.

"... The House Appropriations Committee has agreed to increase the allocation to \$50 million, and there's some hope among supporters that the Senate will agree to an even higher total. That would at least come closer to keeping faith with people who have waited a lifetime for justice; it would also save administrative costs, later on, in tracking down surviving family members of those who die in the interim.

"Surely a stingy Congress can appreciate that." — July 30, 1989.

This is the second of recent *Fresno Bee* editorials supporting the prompt payment of redress to surviving internees. The *Fresno Bee*, and the other *Bee* newspapers, supported evacuation and internment in the bitter days of 1942. In sharp contrast, the *Bee* papers, under the leadership of the late C.K. McClatchy, have consistently supported the cause of Japanese American redress payments and an official apology from our government for the wrongs of evacuation and internment.

The increase from \$20 million to \$50 million is a small improvement, but still not consistent with the provisions and the intent of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Former President Ronald Reagan failed to follow through with the noble sentiments expressed when he signed the bill. President George Bush has not followed through with his campaign statements in support of the redress bill. The House is not following through in spite of the rousing majority vote in passing the redress bill. They now seem to be empty promises and political campaign rhetoric.

Our faith in the workings of a democratic government is being sorely tried.

FRED Y. HIRASUNA  
Fresno, Calif.

Here are some more editorials. The *New York Times* editorial, Aug. 9, on the same theme was titled, "Another Insult to the Internees", noting: "The national shame of putting these people behind barbed wire is now compounded by shirking on a promise to make amends."

The *Honolulu Advertiser*, in its editorial July 27, titled "Miserly Reparations", urged the President to inform Congress "he will not veto a bill to spend that amount (\$500 million-\$320 million would pay those now 70 & up). And he should issue promised apologies now to all who were wronged, not wait until the money trickles out."

The *Los Angeles Times* editorial on Aug. 15 spoke of "National Honor" in support of speedy appropriations:

"... The reason given for the inadequate funding of the reparation program is the usual one of scarce budget dollars and more pressing priorities. Funds are indeed scarce, other demands are indeed great. But there is also an issue here of national honor—the word, for a change, is apt—which in this case requires that after such long delay equitably distributed amends should at last be made for the great wrong that was done."

The *Tri-City Herald* in southeastern Washington, in its Aug. 23 editorial, asked, "Another Promise to Be Broken?":

"... Former internee Robert T. Matsui, a Democratic member of Congress from California, says only claimants 87 or older will see any money anytime soon. Just since the program was adopted, 2,400 claimants have died.

"Something will have to be done quicker than the House is calling for, or attrition will wipe out the debt completely.

"At least, in the minds of some."

## Robbing the Cradle

Total astonishment! Imagine robbing the cradle for membership (P.C., Aug. 4-11). Does that mean infants are now being solicited by the JACL? Toss out qualification guidelines; and gather in the babies! Amazing; worse than the fake "20,000" figure parlayed by wartime JACL leaders to snare leadership over Japanese America.

The *Pacific Citizen*, in not only publicizing but in lauding the practice of the Florin Chapter, is guilty of endorsing and approving such abhorrent membership methodology. The infant members were named and pictured with the following caption: "The Florin JACL may be the fastest growing JACL Chapter." Will there now be a mad scramble for other chapters to begin signing up more babies?

The Florin incident is remindful of a similarly-styled campaign that bloomed in wartime Colorado, arousing strong public protests ultimately leading to the demise of the effort, and incidentally the demise of the group. Is it possible that by some strange fashion the aborted Colorado experiment

became transplanted in Florin? Now that the cradle has been violated, would the next step for the JACL be to sign up the unborns, as well? Membership must be meeting tough sledding when babies are impounded as members.

ROBERT HIGASHI  
Denver, Colo.

*Editor's note: Robert Higashi is not listed in the Denver phone book. The return address on the letter, according to that same phone book, does correspond with a Jim Omura.*

## WWII Draft Resisters

After reading the article about war time resisters (P.C. July 21, 1989), it became apparent to me that these resisters were more courageous than most of the JA's at the time.

What most people fear was ostracism. No doubt that these resisters faced ostracism from JACL. Now, I would say to the spouses of these resisters, be proud of your husbands!!! It was easy to join the army, but it was tough to go to penitentiary for the belief that the person had.

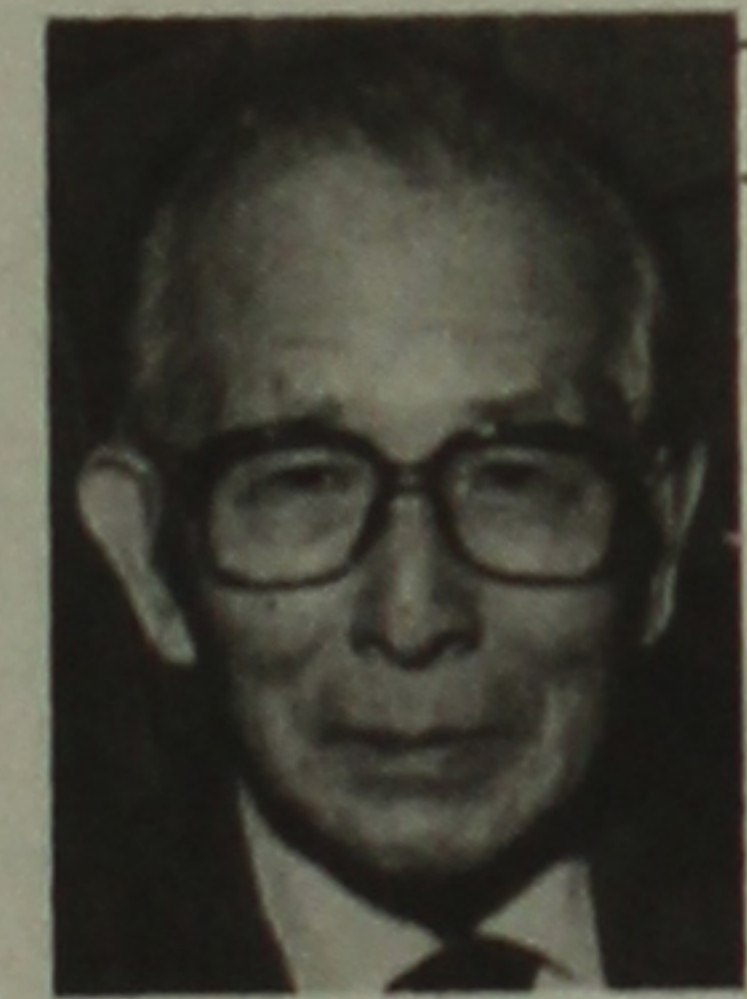
Personally, I took the easy way out and joined the army. This was in Rohwer camp during the war. Now, I take my hat off to these resisters for the courageous stand that they took when the things were pretty rough. Yes, the entire internment was completely unconstitutional. I hope that the Golden Gate JACL will sponsor the reconciliation gesture to these former resisters.

G.N ASAWA  
Anaheim, Calif.

## Candidate's Sansei Wife

Recently, a young Sansei, Lon Hatamiya, announced that he planned to move back to the Third Assembly District, California, to run against my husband, Assemblyman Chris Chandler. He has requested support from the Japanese American community in his quest for public office. Considerable contact has been made by him to my friends, to my family's friends and our relatives' friends in the Japanese American community, for contributions to his proposed campaign. All of these requests for support were made without the full story about the individual he intends to run against.

I am a Sansei. My name is Cindy Enomoto Chandler. My family includes the Nakashima's of San Leandro and the Enomoto's of San Francisco Peninsula. My father is William Enomoto of Atherton. My brother, Ron Enomoto, lives in Half Moon Bay. My parents and our family are dedicated participants in community, church, agriculture, and educational affairs. And I recall my mother, Edes Nakashima Enomoto, telling us how Dad canvassed the length of California after WWII promoting the early JACL organizational membership efforts. Through their involvements, they recognized in Chris a true



## MOSHI MOSHI

JIN KONOMI

## The 'Bimbo' &amp; the 'Kechimbō'

Down through the ages power has often been equated

with license to indulge, and of all indulgences, sex has often been the first choice of the powerful. I base this observation on Solomon with his 700 wives, King David with his many loves, the Ottoman sultans with their harems full of Circassian beauties, the Chinese emperors who sought exotic beauties from their tributaries in Central Asia, and so forth. You are familiar with the stories of medieval lords of Europe who took full advantage of their *jus primae noctis*. C. Rattray Taylor tells (*Sex in History*) that many Frankish kings died, prematurely worn out, before the age of 30.

Japan had its share of exalted sensualists. The most notorious was Iyebari, the 11th Shogun of the Tokugawa dynasty. He had 40 concubines (Not all of them at one time, however. They were spread over his 50-year reign.) and by them he sired 57 sons and daughters. To settle them respectably in the status-sensitive feudal society was no easy task, and it became the major headache of his ministers. They had to resort to all sorts of bribes, cajolery and, I suspect, even blackmail,

leader, dedicated to the betterment of society.

During Chris' 1986 and 1988 campaigns for the Third Assembly District, we walked the precincts together. We wrote letters, made telephone calls and met with people from all walks of life to listen to their needs and their desires. Chris was elected in 1986 and was again successful in 1988.

Chris and I met as students at UC Davis. After graduation, he continued his education and obtained his law degree at McGeorge School of Law. I began a career in seed hybridizing, worked as public relations director for the California Association of Nurserymen, became a tomato seed field representative, and then entered the career of vocational instruction for handicapped teenagers.

We have been married 14 years and have been blessed with three wonderful children. Our first child Carolyn (six) is of Korean descent. Jessica (three) arrived during our first campaign in 1986; she is of Philippine descent. Emily (two) was born to us on July 1, 1987, the day my husband voted on his first state budget. Although busy with his schedule as assemblyman serving six counties (Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Nevada, Colusa, and Sierra), Chris has always been an integral part of our family life. He makes it a point to be present at all of the children's birthdays, recitals, school events and has even been known to skate with the kindergartners at the PTA skate nights. I cannot say enough about him as a father, as a husband and as a dedicated public official.

Being married to a Sansei and having multi-ethnic Asian children, Chris is extremely aware of the Asian American community, its problems, its goals and its desires. He is extremely close to my parents, to my brother and other relatives.

Being the wife of an assemblyman is not easy but when I think of the extra step that Chris takes to make sure that he is serving the people of the state of California and his district, my efforts are rewarded knowing that together, Chris and I are contributing to the future of all children.

Neither one of us feel that it is wrong for a Sansei to challenge Chris but we do feel that people should also know the story of the man Hatamiya is striving to replace. We intend to wage an extremely vigorous campaign and expect to win again in 1990. We hope that you will understand our situation and will support us as you have in the past.

CINDY ENOMOTO CHANDLER  
Yuba City, Calif.

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## GRASSROOTS FORUM

EDWARD TAKASHI NAKANO

'THE GRAINS OF RICE' CINCINNATI JACL NEWSLETTER

## Heritage

Generally, a "banana" is defined as a type of fruit, but as a slang expression, it refers to an Asian who acts as if he/she were a Caucasian. This is a phenomenon which occurs often in the United States.

People immigrated to this country to start a brand new life, reformulating some of their old values and character. Because of this constant reshuffling of values, the metaphor of a "melting pot" has been applied to the United States. The whole concept assumes that the myriad different characteristics brought by these immigrants ultimately blended into what is now considered to be "American." This term "American" is very difficult to define because it is subjective. "American" culture is influenced, if not dominated, by Western culture.

Usually, second and third generation families of Asian immigrants tend to be assimilated into this "American" culture. Whether this general conformity to Western values is good is questionable. For instance, a friend of mine, a second-generation Asian American, was raised purely as an "American." Although his parents were Asian, they decided not to acquaint their children with their cultural background. The family was readily accepted into the community as "Americans," but when my friend left home and went to college, he was exposed to much bigotry and class discrimination. He was no longer completely accepted as an "American," and therefore was unable to claim his own cultural identity.

The "American" ideal has been propagated over the years on television and other mass communication media. Advertisements convey a positive image, yet when I was made aware of my friend's situation, I had to question what it truly means to be an "American" and whether this was necessarily good. I now strongly believe that total conformity to this "American" ideal is wrong, as it was in my friend's case.

Before going any further, I would like to clarify that this is not an attempt to evaluate the Occidental and Oriental cultures. Nor is it an effort to compare the two to determine which is better.

This discussion is only about the importance of cultural identity. To un-

derstand what is meant by this term, a few other essential terms must be defined. Identity is a key word since this argument is based upon the importance of knowing one's "identity." Another word, individuality, can be defined as a set or a sum of a person's characteristics, including both physical attributes and other characteristics such as social, economic, and psychological background. Another key term is heritage. Heritage is something handed down from one's ancestors as a characteristic specific to his/her cultural make-up. After analyzing the definition of these words, one may conclude that they are interrelated. Individual attributes, cultural heritage, and many other traits comprise a person's identity.

I firmly believe that through a long, evolutionary process of social interaction one becomes aware of his/her individuality. If one is able to identify with a particular experience, he/she will be able to acknowledge that something about the experience has some relevance to his/her life. Perhaps if a person feels that the experience holds great relevance, he/she will incorporate the event into his/her identity. This cognitive process molds a person's individuality.

The concept of identification becomes critical when discussing cultural identity. People believe that they are a product of their culture because they find a congruence of values and characteristics in the culture with which they identify. But when such elements as physical features can make a clear distinction in similarity or dissimilarity, the notion of identification through cultural traits may be challenged. An Asian American can say that he/she is completely "American" culturally, but may not be accepted as such. No matter how unbiased a society may become, differences in physical appearance make unconditional acceptance impossible.

I believe this is why my friend had a lot of difficulty adjusting at college. He was not ready to accept the fact that he was different from the other students. Although he identified himself with the same events and notions as the others, he was alienated because he looked different. And because he had never learned to appreciate his ethnic heritage, he had nothing left with which to identify.

If my friend had had pride in his ethnic heritage, he would not have been so vulnerable. The reality is that no one can be or live up to this ideal of being an "American." After all, isn't that the whole idea behind the "melting pot"—the many different cultures fusing into one culture and not the yielding of many cultures to one culture? I am not saying that Asian Americans should hate the American culture. We should instead assimilate into the existing culture while retaining our own ethnic identity. By retaining our heritage, we will be able to see that no culture is significantly better than any other. There are obviously good and bad points to any culture, but if we are too compliant and yielding to the dominant group, we will not be able to see this clearly.

Through the retention of one's heritage, the process of self-identification is made easier. And this is what I believe to be the most important process in a person's life.

*Ed. Note:—Edward Nakano will be a senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He has a double major in Japanese and Economics.*

## DEADLINES

All news and advertising deadline is the Friday before date of issue. Advertising space can be reserved with copy reaching the P.C. office not later than Tuesday noon.

**JACL PULSE**

**DOWNTOWN**

• The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter, Fri., Oct. 13, Biltmore Hotel. Keynote Speaker: Rep. Robert Matsui. Info: (both 213) Lillian, 822-3363 or Jimmy 734-4273.

**FLORIN**

• Annual Spaghetti Feed Dinner Dance, Sat., Sept. 23, Florin Buddhist Hall. Use the westside entrance, 7235 Pritchard Rd.

**GOLDEN GATE**

• Public forum on Tule Lake, 7:30 pm, Fri., Oct. 27, JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco. Public invited. Info: 415 956-3955.

**GREATER L.A. SINGLES**

• Annual Scholarship Fund Dance, 7:30 pm—midnight, Sat., Oct. 21, Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. Music by Taka. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets & info: (both 213) Annabelle Lee, 327-0099 or Emy Sakamoto, 324-2669.

**JACL HEADQUARTERS**

• "An American Promise," a fundraising dinner acknowledging the support of the American Jewish Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the *San Francisco Chronicle* in the passage of HR 442, Sat., Sept. 23, Hyatt at Union Square, Stockton & Post Sts. No host cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Info: 415 921-5225.

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**SONOMA COUNTY**

• Baseball game, Giants vs. Astros, 10 am, Sat., Sept. 23. Price: \$16, includes bus ride, continental breakfast and admission. Seats available: 50. Reservation deadline: Sept. 15. Info: Bruce Shimizu, 707 544-5672.

**STOCKTON**

• Ice Capades outing, Sun., Nov. 19. Departure time: 10 am. Departure point: Lyons Restaurant, Pacific Ave. Showtime: 12 noon. Tickets: \$16/ea.; non-members, \$21. Reservations, info: Mabel Okubo (all 209) 478-1824; after Sept. 30, George Baba, 478-8917 or Ruby Dobana, 957-1801.

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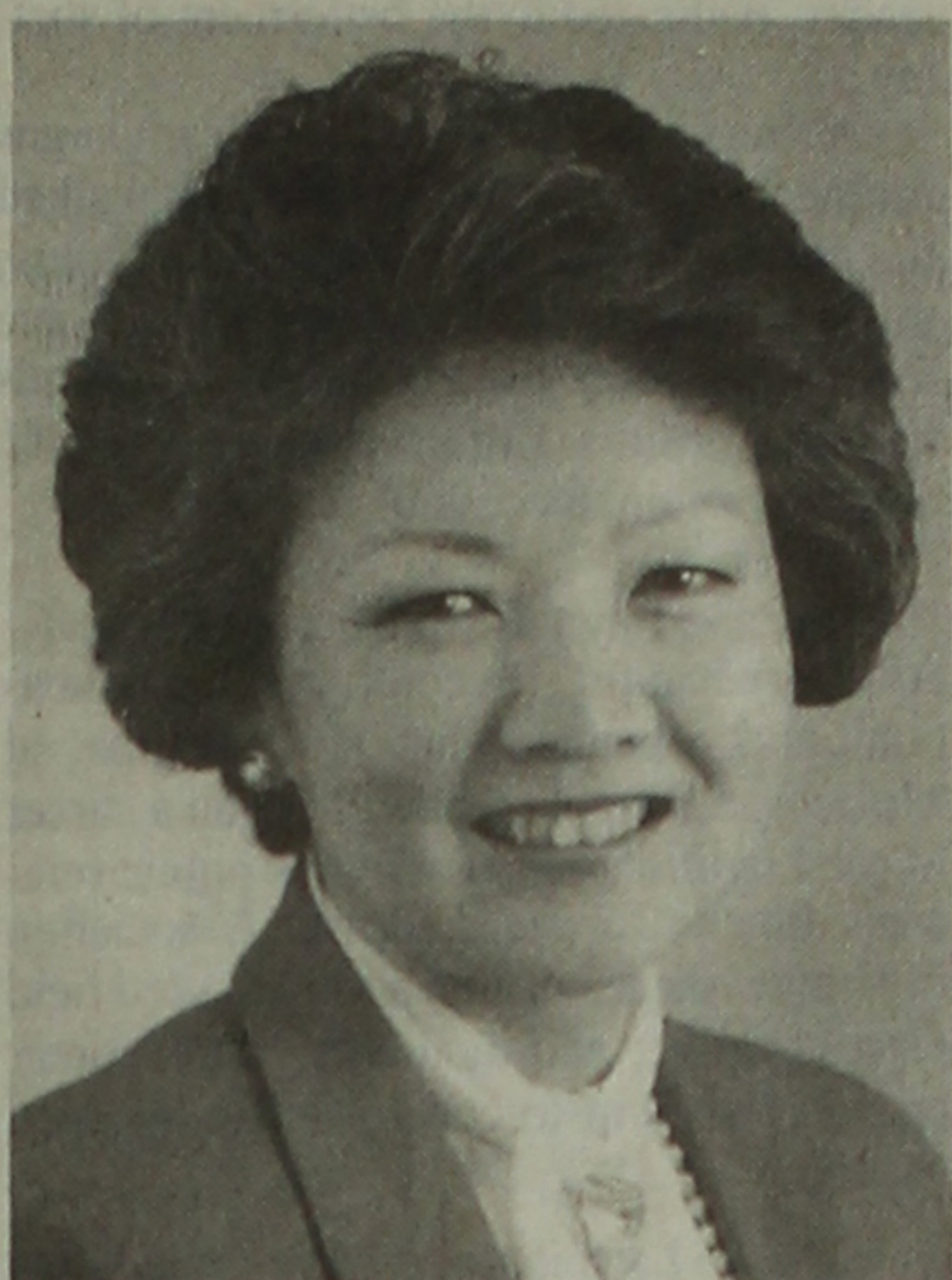
• CINCIP '89, hosted by the Torrance, Long Beach Pacifica and Downtown JACL Chapters and the CSULB AASA Alumni, 10 am, Sun., Sept. 24, De Portola Park, 25615 Lazy Meadow Dr., Torrance. Info: 818 576-0619.

**TRI-VALLEY**

• "Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament," Sat., Sept. 23, Cal State Hayward. Fee: \$20/team. Round robin format, mixed A, B, C & D. Refreshments for all, trophies for finalists. Info: (All 415) Betty & Tom Mori, 415 846-4165; George Hirota, 415 449-8831; or Howard Morioka, 415 830-0757.

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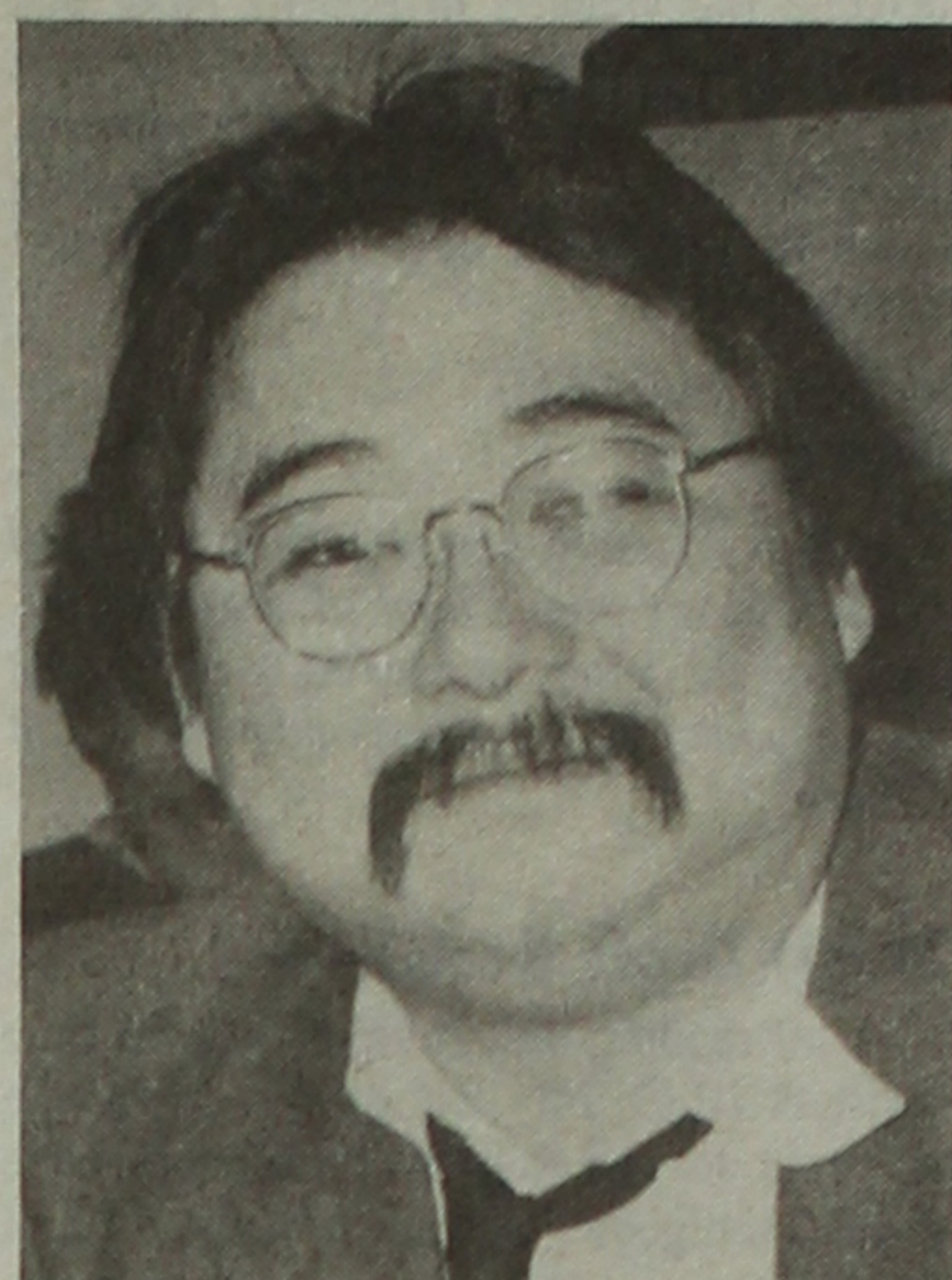


**GLORIA UCHIDA**

► **Gloria Uchida**, serving as acting manager of the CRA Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project since March, 1988, was appointed manager in August. She has been on the CRA staff in Little Tokyo for 16 years, starting as secretary. Raised in Japan and a graduate of Seishin Jōshi Daigaku (Sacred Heart University) in Tokyo, she and her husband, Randy, and son live in Santa Monica.

► **Jennifer Ikuta** of Richmond, Calif., won first place in the Violence Prevention Month's journalism contest. This was sponsored by the Richmond United School District and the Contra Costa County Health Services Prevention Program. Her award-winning story was titled "How Can We Stop the Violence," a portrait of Kennedy High, searching for the answer.

► **UCLA professor Don T. Nakanishi**, 39, of Los Angeles was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Association of Yale Alumni. He is the first Japanese American elected to the 21-member national board. An honors graduate of Yale University's Class of 1971, he subsequently went to Harvard where he received his doctorate in political science. At Yale, Nakanishi had a major impact on developing minority admissions, counseling, and curriculum programs in the late 1960s. He founded the Yale Asian American Students Association, which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in Fall 1989, and established the first Asian American Studies courses at the campus. As a Yale junior, he also co-founded *Amerasia Journal*, which has become the leading scholarly publication on Asian American research.



**GARRETT HONGO**

► **Garrett K. Hongo**, a Sansei poet who grew up in Gardena, has been interviewed by Bill Moyers for his new six-part PBS-TV series on poetry, "The Power of the Word," to begin Friday, Sept. 15. A graduate of Pomona College and UC Irvine, Hongo is now associate professor of English and director of creative writing at the University of Oregon. (Please check local TV listings for time. Hongo is scheduled for the third segment, titled "Ancestral Voices," to air Sept. 29.) Hongo's poems include "Issei: First Generation Japanese American," "Kubota," "Obon: Dance for the Dead," and "The Legend." Incidentally, Hongo's poem, "River of Heaven," extolling the Asian American experience, was considered for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry last spring and was among the jury's nominee, "a rare distinction," he was informed.

► **Gary Kitahata**, vice president of Kelling, Northcross & Nobriega Inc., was sworn in by San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos as a new commissioner of the Redevelopment Agency. Along with his professional credentials, which include experience as an investment banker for E.F. Hutton and project director of the Investor Responsibility Research Center in Washington, D.C., Kitahata said that his main concerns are economic development and housing. A native Californian, Kitahata grew up in Fullerton and moved to Northern California to attend UC Santa Cruz. He also received master's degrees in urban administration from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and in public and private management from Yale University.

► Stanford University has hired its first full-time assistant dean of student affairs for Asian American students, **Rick Yuen**. He will oversee activities in the Asian American student community, act as advisor to the 29 Asian American student organizations on campus, and serve on campus affairs.



**HARUKO MURANAKA**

► **Haruko Muranaka**, a 20-year veteran of the Pleasantville (N.Y.) school district, was named the 1989 teacher of the year by the school board recently. A prewar San Jose Nisei, she is the district's first special education teacher at the Bedford Road School. Asked why she was named, her principal Marilyn Glotzer said, "She always finds what works best for the child, not what the book says. She finds what the child loves, and through his interests, she is able to teach the child." Muranaka also works with classroom teachers to develop teaching strategies for special-ed students and works with students in the school's resource room. She has helped the district develop a self-contained class for special-ed students, grades 3—5, needing those services could be kept in the school rather than being sent out of the district. She also screens all incoming kindergarten students who may be candidates for special-ed.

► **Camie Hoshino**, 17, of Hilo, Hawaii was defeated 1-up in the finals of the U.S. Girls Junior golf championship July 30 at Pine Needles Resort in North Carolina by Brandie Burton of Rialto, Calif., also 17. . . . **Lance Suzuki**, **David Ishii** and **Casey Nakama** finished one-two-three in the 54-hole Japan Air Lines Rainbow Open at the Mililani course in Honolulu the last weekend of July. Scores: 207 (9-under), 208 and 209, respectively. Suzuki is entered in the KBC Augusta tournament Aug. 24-27.

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