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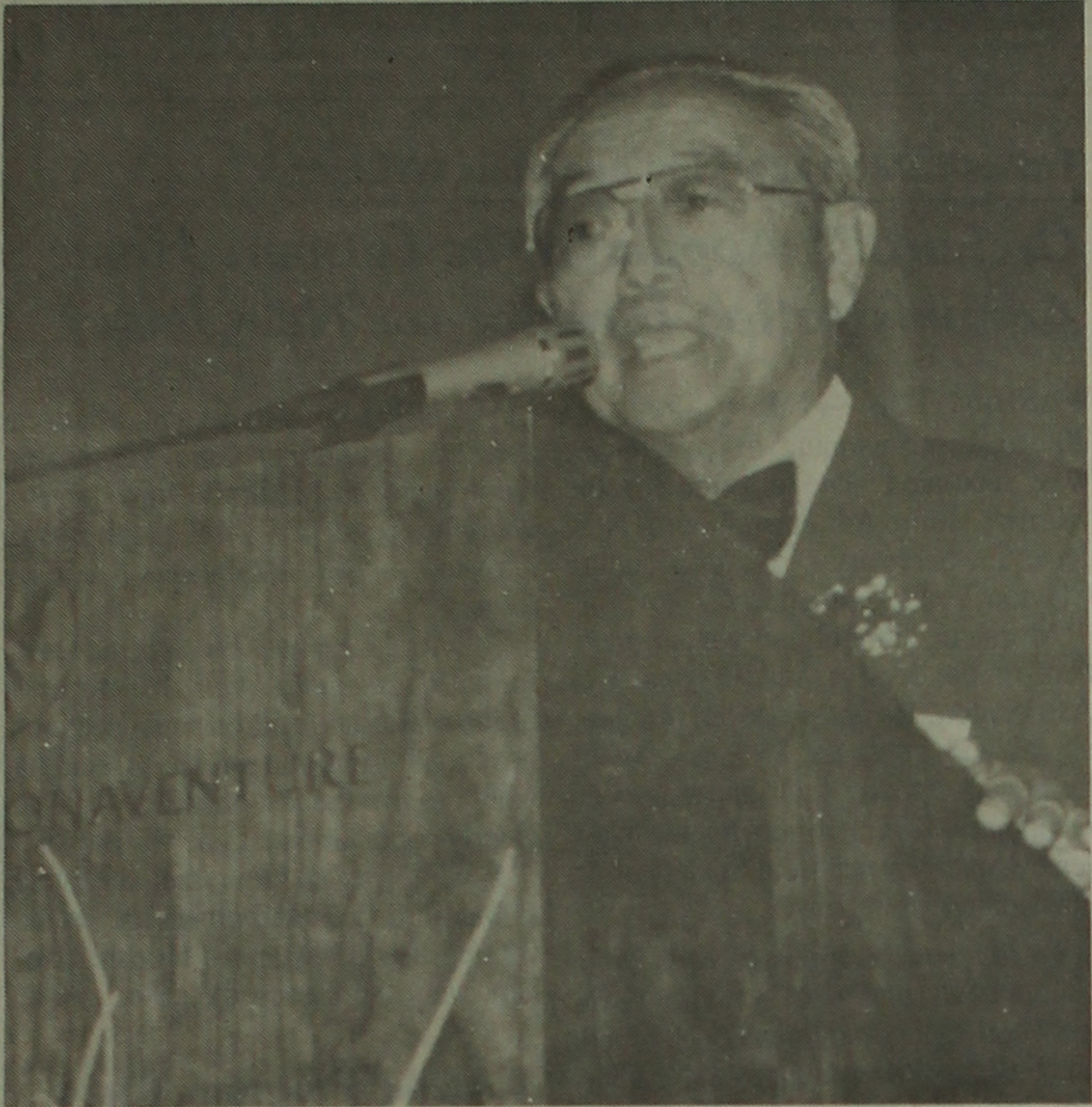


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THANK YOU BERRY MUCH—Fred Hirasuna, Fresno, Calif., was one of the honorees Sat., Nov. 4 at the annual banquet for the Japanese American National Museum, held in Los Angeles. This year's theme was "America's Strawberry: Fruit of Our Labor," which recognized the contributions of Japanese Americans to the strawberry industry.

'Florentine Gardens'

Asian American Students Claim Disco Discrimination

LOS ANGELES — Various Asian American university students have claimed that they were denied entry to Florentine Gardens, a Hollywood dance nightclub, on the basis of race.

According to a report that appeared in the *LA Weekly*, a group of students from Occidental College's Asian Alliance were not allowed into the club on Thursday, Sept. 28, the club's University Night. Doormen apparently stopped the group because the male students' "baggy pants" didn't meet the club's dress code. According to Soah Kim, president of the student group, however, a group of Caucasian men, also wearing baggy pants—one with ripped-up jeans—were allowed in following the Asian students.

In a related incident, a group of Korean students from the University of

Southern California were also reportedly denied entry to the disco. According to Kathy Imahara of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, its legal for a business establishment to deny service because of customers clothing; "Illegality comes in when race is a determining factor."

As a result of the allegations, the APALC sent the establishment an inquiry late last week and is awaiting a reply. Florentine Gardens' attorney has, however, publicly denied any racial discrimination or exclusionary policy.

In the meantime, a coalition of Asian American students is gathering signatures for a petition to present to the nightclub. The students are also considering picketing and boycotting Florentine Gardens.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Community Forum Set for Caltech Prof Denied Tenure

ALTADENA, Calif. — An informational forum in support of Caltech Professor Mark Tanouye will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, from 7:30 p.m. at the Social Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Altadena 2775 Lincoln Ave. The Stanford and Yale educated Tanouye asserts that he was unfairly denied tenure at the California Institute of Technology in June. The forum is co-sponsored by the Tenure for Tanouye Committee and the Greater Pasadena Area Chapter of JACL. UCLA Professor Don Nakanishi will be among the speakers for the evening. For information, contact (both 818) Glenn Yoshida at 792-2866 or Craig Higa at 797-7728.

Gunman in Toshima Killing Convicted

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Gang member Durrell Dewitt Collins, 23, was found guilty on Nov. 1 of first degree murder in the shooting death of Karen Toshima, 27. A graphic artist from Long Beach, Toshima was shot in Westwood Village on Jan. 30, 1988 and died the next day while under medical supervision. Collins was also found guilty by the Santa Monica Superior Court jury of attempted murder of rival gang member Tyrone Swain. Testimony revealed that the two groups, rival factions of the same gang, had fought earlier that evening. Encamped in parking lots separated by a street, the two groups were arguing when Swain, carrying a milk crate, approached Collins' group. Collins pulled a gun, fired twice at Swain and missed, but hit Toshima in the head. Although physical evidence was minimal, the jury relied on testimony of several eyewitnesses who saw Collins shoot the gun. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, he will be sentenced Dec. 1 and will face 27 years for the murder, a life sentence for the attempted murder, and will have to wait at least 17 years before he will be eligible for parole.

Conference Report Shunted Back to House

Senate Delays Money Bill for Redress

WASHINGTON — While the Senate accepted the conference report for the Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations last Tuesday (Oct. 31), the Senate added an amendment which the House has not approved, thus delaying final action on the report it was noted by JoAnne H. Kagiwada, JACL-LEC director.

In approving the conference report, the Senate concurred with the House's action making redress an entitlement program. Since this provision, which would go into effect beginning with fiscal 1991, was originally put forward

by the Senate, this action was expected.

But while discussing other aspects of the bill, the Senate adopted an amendment proposed by Sen. Pell related to funding the State Department and the United States Information Agency. This amendment involves a jurisdictional dispute between the Appropriations and Foreign Relations committees, and will have to be sent back to the House for their consideration. Final approval of the entire conference report will be held up until all disagreements between the House and the Senate are worked out.

In effect, the Senate delayed final congressional action on legislation guaranteeing \$20,000 reparations payments to the estimated 60,000 surviving Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

Our Apologies for a Premature Headline

The front page banner last week was not entirely correct and for that we apologize. The money bill for redress is a part of the conference report which the Senate has returned to the House because of another amendment.

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Concerns Discussed at D.C. Anti-Asian Violence Confab

WASHINGTON — Asian American community organizations and coalitions from around the nation convened on Capitol Hill on Nov. 1, to discuss the growing problem of anti-Asian violence.

The conference was co-sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council and hosted by Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), sponsor of the Hate Crimes Statistics bill.

Conferees were first welcomed by JACL Eastern District Gov. Grayce Uyehara, who thanked the many Asian groups that assisted in the campaign for redress and urged them to work together to stop anti-Asian violence. OCA President Frank Liu also greeted participants, including both community representatives and legislative staff people. In addition to Sen. Simon, a number of senators and congressmen stopped by to express their support. Among them were:

Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), Kent Conrad (R-N.D.), and Slade Gorton (R-Wash.), and Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), Mel Levine (D-Calif.), Constance Morella (D-Md.), Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), and Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.)

Unity

The participants received briefings on recent incidents, such as the murder of Jim Loo (Ming Hai Loo) in North Carolina and the schoolyard killings in Stockton, Calif., on related problems, such as discriminatory laws that serve to ignite rather than reduce racial tension; and on relevant state and federal legislation.

A recurring theme of the conference was the need for unity, both among Asian groups and with other minority communities in addressing the increase in hate crimes. "The Japanese American community," said Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington representative, "in our fight for redress learned something very important. And that is that only with the help of our friends in other communities can we effectively overcome discrimination . . . in a free and equal society, racism against one group is truly something that hurts us all."

Igasaki noted the success of local coalitions in bringing together different Asian groups in response to rising violence and urged a united Asian community as well as cooperation with other minority groups fighting the increase

For the Record

In the Los Angeles High School diploma story (Nov. 3 P.C.), the name of one deceased graduate was incorrectly listed. Hideo Tanaka is very much alive. Yoneko Okuda Nakazawa is deceased. Our apologies to all concerned for this error.

in hate crimes and racial intimidation.

Sen. Simon urged the passage of the Hate Crime Statistics Act because, "We need to know to what extent we have this poison, racism, infecting our society. We need to know more than just about isolated incidents."

Panel Presentations

There were three panel presentations. The first, moderated by Melinda Yee, executive director of the OCA, reviewed the history of anti-Asian violence and related civil rights issues. This included an update on the Jim Loo case in North Carolina. The second, moderated by Igasaki, focused on community activism in the face of increased violence, public awareness and media coverage, and the broader context of increasing racism and intergroup relations. The final panel, moderated by Stanley Mark of the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (N.Y.) and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, covered legislation and the need for a national response.

Discriminatory laws that exacerbate racial tensions were addressed by Dennis Hayashi of the Asian Law Caucus. Hayashi is counsel to a group of Vietnamese American fisherman facing a 200-year-old ban on non-citizens owning fishing boats.

The government has relied on claims of national security recalling, according to Hayashi, beliefs underlying the internment of Japanese Americans. "The role of the legal system in furthering, rather than eliminating, racial violence must be scrutinized and vigorously opposed," said Hayashi.

Michael Lieberman, of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, suggested that Asian groups develop, as Jewish groups have done, a central clearinghouse for information on anti-Asian acts.

Participants

Other groups participating in the panel presentations included:

Chinese for Affirmative Action, the American Citizens for Justice (Detroit), Asian Pacific American Legal Center (L.A.), the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, the Asian Indian community, the D.C. Office of Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Ecumenical Working Group of Asian Pacific Americans, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Department of Justice, the House and the Senate Subcommittees on constitutional rights, and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

All seemed to agree that the conference was an important step in developing a national network to respond to increasing violence. "It is imperative for these organizations to develop a national response network against anti-Asian violence," said Mike Wong of the Break the Silence Coalition, "Strong national presence is built from a joining of our collective experience and accomplishments. And only from such a national presence will we bring the broadest base of power from the

Asian community to bear on the critical questions of the day."

Support for the conference was provided by the Anheuser-Busch Corp., represented at the conference by Andrew Sun, who presented a check to the sponsors.

37 Asians Seated in Chicago School Council Elections

CHICAGO — Thirty-seven Asian American parents and community representatives won local school council seats in the recent local school council election.

Rudyard E. Urian, executive director of the Chicago Commission on Asian Affairs said, "This is a milestone in our community because these 37 Asian Americans are a select group of people—the first Asians ever to be elected to any position in the City of Chicago, and I congratulate each and every one of them. . . . If the over 200 Asian Americans had not run for the LSC, we would not have these 37 members of the LSC, and it shows that we are ready, willing, and able to participate in the political process."

Elected to local school councils were:

Donna Mohammed; Allan Yamakawa; Dan Choi; Katie Fong; Asima Mohaddin; Suk-ho Lee; Suman Patel; Syed Imam; Raymond Lau; Carol Ann Murai; Jane Kurakazu; Susan Fujiwara Ansa; Therese Yee Milsk; Iqbal Ali; Angela Chuy; Betty Morita; Nasim Kaba; Harry Muhammad; Kenneth Kobukoto; Hu Xiong; Nelson Kitsuse; A I Matsumoto; Rashid A. Shaikh; Michael D. Ansani; Sharon Pok; Walter Moy; Maged Hamafi; Perry Lau, Ka Soen Tie; Katie Wong; Chui-wan Tse; Yuk Ling Lai; Yung Mau Cheng; Rose Moy; Margaret Lau; Shaff-deen Amuwo; Susan Moy; Nick Yu; Kai C. Hong; Tin Shen; David Lai; Ghais Askia; Rashad Um'Rani; Aisha Rahman; Faisal Rahman; and Kareem Abdul-Musawwir.

High School Councils:—Amundsen, Young Jak Bang; Foreman, Denise Seng; Lane Tech, Kerry Shintani, Catalino Pagkatipunan; Mather, Ho Yeon Kwon, Tae Seob Kwon; Senn, Alice Esaki, Mohammed Noorani; Von Steuben, M. Raja Guraishi; Lincoln Park, Connie Kim, Tao Tanaka.

Judge Convicts Protestors for Homeless of Trespass

SEATTLE—Judge Ron Mamiya ordered three members of "Operation Homestead" who were among 10 arrested last summer during a downtown demonstration on behalf of homeless of criminal trespass to perform 50 hours of community service and deferred their one-year jail sentences.

Before the sentencing Oct. 19, the judge said he respected their commitment to better housing for the poor and the homeless, "but when individuals violate city laws for their cause, I must act."

'Taste of Asia' Benefit Theme for Morikami Museum Announced

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Planning is underway for the Jan. 14, 1990 "Taste of Asia" benefit to be held at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach.

China has chosen as its theme a traditional tea house, according to Mrs. Larry (Cathy) Ross of Savings of America, event chairperson. The Chinese participants also will offer demonstrations of classical Tang Dynasty dancing, children's performances, food preparation, and a wonderful Lion Dance.

Entertainment Coordinator Mrs. Peter (Neera) Goosens has been busy working with the representatives of ten Asian countries: Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam to plan a wonderful afternoon exploring the essence of Asian culture.

"Taste of Asia" will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 on the grounds of the Morikami. Admission is \$50 per person and will be limited to 700 people. So that children can be introduced to Asian culture, a special price of \$10 (food not included) has been set.

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens is located off Carter Rd., between Linton and Clint Moore Rds., in Delray Beach. For further information, call Helene Buntman at (407) 495-0233.

Asian School Children in Montebello Survey Found Physically Unfit Due to High Cholesterol

POMONA, Calif. — A just completed study by researchers at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) has found that school children are generally weak, overweight, have little aerobic endurance, and have cholesterol levels that would put adults at risk of cardiovascular disease.

The milestone, 3 1/2-year study by Drs. Stan Bassin and Don Morris, professors of health, physical education and recreation at the university, assisted by researchers at the University of California, Irvine College of Medicine, looked at 3,100 fifth to eighth graders and the findings were compared to national norms provided by the National Child Youth Fitness Study and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The results are a "recipe for a health disaster," said the researchers.

One of the more significant findings pertained to Asian and Latino children, the two fastest growing population groups in California.

"Asian youngsters had the highest levels of cholesterol (of the study group), which was a real surprise," said Dr. Bassin.

"The second surprising finding is the extent of obesity among Hispanics. The magnitude of obesity in the Hispanic population is critical and needs immediate attention."

The study was conducted at the La Merced Intermediate School in Montebello.

In addition to Drs. Bassin and Morris, Dr. Dennis Davidson and Nathan Wong of the UCI College of Medicine, and Drs. Ronald Deitrich and Anahid Crecelius of Cal Poly Pomona assisted in the project.

'Friends of Amanda' Asian Pacific Women's Network Opens Search to Aid 9-Month-Old Leukemia Patient

LOS ANGELES—A marrow donor drive for nine-month-old leukemia patient Amanda Chiang will take place on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at Grand Promenade Apartments, 2nd floor lounge, 255 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles (across from MOCA). This drive is being held by "Friends of Amanda," sponsored by the Asian/Pacific Women's Network, L.A., in conjunction with Life-Savers Foundation of America.

Amanda was diagnosed, at the age of three-months, with acute leukemia, which is cancer of the blood-making cells in the bone marrow. Since then, she has gone through many sessions of chemotherapy. But just last August, she suffered a relapse and it has been determined that she desperately needs a marrow transplant to survive.

Ordinarily, the best chance for a match would be within Amanda's own family, but since no match has been found a search is underway particularly

among the Asian population for potential donors for Amanda as well as for other Asian leukemia victims.

Potential donors should be between the ages of 18-55. They must be in good health, with no history of hepatitis, cancer (other than cured skin cancer), heart disease, AIDS, or other chronic illnesses. Donors must not be on chronic medication, alcohol or drugs, and must not have been pregnant within the past six months. They must not have received blood transfusions in the past six months, or have had malaria or malaria vaccine during the past three years.

The first step is a blood test to find a compatible donor for Amanda. The entire process takes no more than 15 minutes: to answer any questions; to obtain medical information (which is held confidential); and the blood sampling itself which takes a few minutes.

The donor is not charged for any expenses of the initial blood sampling or the transplant procedure. Normally, blood test can run up to \$400 per sampling, but the cost for the marrow drive will be \$75 per sampling. "Friends of Amanda" are actively soliciting funds to help defray these lab costs. Tax-deductible contributions can be made out and sent to:

The Amanda Chiang Leukemia Fund, c/o Asian/Pacific Women's Network, L.A., P.O. Box 86974, Los Angeles, CA 90086-0974 or call Life-Savers at (800) 999-8822.

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Takashi Moriuchi, Philadelphia JACler: Orchardist Appointed as Farmers Home Administration Director for New Jersey

WASHINGTON—Takashi Moriuchi, 70, an award-winning fruit producer, was appointed state director for the Farmers Home Administration in New Jersey, Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter announced.

Moriuchi currently serves as president of the Jersey Fruit Co-operative Association. He has produced peaches, apples and grain for 35 years on his farm near Moorestown and has been recognized several times by the New Jersey State Horticultural Society as an outstanding fruit grower.

In his new position, he will be in charge of all of FmHA's family farm, rural housing, community development and business loan programs in New Jersey. He will supervise a staff of about 100 in two district offices, 19 county offices and the administrative headquarters at Mt. Holly.

Moriuchi, a graduate of UC Berkeley, has been active in agricultural, banking, and civic organizations and served six years as district director of the Farm Credit Banks of Springfield, Mass., which provided credit to New Jersey farmers.

Moriuchi was born in Livingston, Calif., where his family operated a farm. He was evacuated and interned at the Amache Relocation Center in 1942. Subsequently, he relocated to New Jersey.

He is presently living at Medford Leas, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Medford, New Jersey. He is the president of the Estaug Board (Trustees) which administers Medford Leas.

Medford Leas was recently featured in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* October 8 in the real estate and business sections headlined: "Into the sunset—Deciding where to live the last of life" . . . "The elderly population seeks new lifestyles."

Seven Nisei and one Issei are living at Medford Leas and others are on the waiting lists. Grayce and Hiroshi Uye-hara were the first to move in.

AADAP Program Topic of KSCI (18) TV Show

LOS ANGELES — Substance abuse in the Asian community will be explored on the next edition of "KSCI to Eye," on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on KSCI Channel 18.

The program will look at the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) in Los Angeles, which was established 15 years ago to provide a culturally specific drug treatment program to serve the Asian and Pacific Islander population.

At AADAP, a community-based, non-profit organization, the number of Asian clients participating in their residential program has increased 110 percent in the last two years, according to Al Mizuno, residential director at AADAP.

"KSCI to Eye" will interview residents, include a candid glimpse of an actual counseling session. AADAP Executive Director Mike Watanabe and Residential Counselor Allison Tsukimura will join host Yuko Sakamoto.


Additionally, a former AADAP resident and recovering addict will discuss his experiences, how the program helped him and where he is at today.

"KSCI to Eye," a new monthly television magazine program focusing on Southern California's growing Asian American population, is a KSCI production.

Isleton Reunion Honors 22 Issei at Its Third Affair
 SACRAMENTO — The Third Isletonian Reunion was held at the Red Lion Inn here Sept. 2, and attended by over 150 people from Chicago, Cleveland, Florida, Northern and Southern California. Twenty-two Issei were honored. The highlight was a talent show featuring Larry & Irene Hoshiko, Herbert Hoshiko, Fred Matsumoto, and Shiro Matsuura and 89-year-old Mrs. Takae Washizu who sang "God Bless America" accompanied by Norman Fujimoto on the harmonica. Betty Kashiwagi chaired the event for the third time.

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JACL WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, CLASS OF '89—The 1989 JACL Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference ended recently, but not before a group photo was snapped. Pictured from the left are Jimmy Tokeshi, Larry Ishimoto, Louann Igasaki (JACL Washington office), Paul Igasaki (JACL Washington representative), David Kawamoto, Cathy Maeda, Mark Honda, Barry Kita, Bruce Shimizu, Trisha Murakawa, Joseph Soong, Clay Harada, Lucy Kishiue and Vicki Toyohara. Participants were from across the country. Incidentally, Barry Kita's residence was incorrectly listed in last week's story; he lives in Lakewood, Colo.

For the Japanese American National Museum Collection:

Artifacts Gathered from Basement of S.K. Uyeda (Taul) Building Being Torn Down in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — A crew made up primarily of volunteers recently gathered many artifacts from the soon to be demolished S.K. Uyeda building on the southwest corner of First and San Pedro Sts. in Little Tokyo for the permanent collection of the Japanese American National Museum. Among the artifacts taken were some of the outside business signs and various items from the basement pool hall and barber-shop.

Museum curatorial assistant David Hasegawa organized the expedition, conducted with the aid of building owner Satoru Uyeda and salvage contractor C.L. Taylor, and was happy at the outcome. "It just goes to show you got to make this a high priority to preserve Little Tokyo," noted Hasegawa.

Museum Board of Trustee member Min Tonai echoed these sentiments and found that "it was a bit of a nostalgia trip for me." He added, "I think the excitement that the people felt in being able to participate was a good thing for them. Most of the kids [who helped gather the objects] didn't know the era or the time, but still, I think it'll now bring them a little closer to some of the exhibits and some of the things that are happening at the museum."

A Prewar Landmark

The building had been a Little Tokyo fixture since well before the war. According to Satoru Uyeda, the five-story structure's owner, "the family that built it were involved in the grocery business. They built this thing for warehousing—you can tell by the thickness of the floors." It later became a Chinese restaurant. During the war, it housed Black defense workers and the "Club Cobra," a jazz club.

Most Los Angeles Nisei will remember the building in its immediate postwar incarnation, the "Taul Building," named for developer Taul Watanabe. Watanabe was a key figure in Little Tokyo's postwar return, and the Taul Building was one of the first harbinger of that return. Among the artifacts collected was an old trash can with "Taul Building" engraved on the

side.

Hangout in the '50s

One of the volunteers, Mas Nakayama, remembers occasionally hanging out at the poolhall in the basement in the 1950s. "There was a group of guys who used to hang around there who used to be called the "Taul Building Gang" or the "Taul Building Boys," recalls Nakayama. "They were kind of a rough bunch." The museum collected the old neon pool hall sign, the fire alarm cover, several racks, pool cues, and triangles from the old pool hall. Volunteers also collected the plate glass window and several cabinets from the basement barbershop.

In 1964, the building was sold to S.K. Uyeda and became the "S.K. Uyeda Building." It continued to house many businesses until heavily damaged by the 1987 Whittier earthquake. Condemned as a result, Satoru Uyeda is demolishing the old building with the intention of putting up a new building

built along the same lines as the old.

The multi-generation volunteer crew consisted of:

Jim Drews, Ike T. Hatchimonji, Tom Inatomi, Sharon Kumagai, Mark Nakasone, Mas Nakayama, Lance Niimi, Gary Ono, John Tonai, Min Tonai, and Eric Yamaguchi.

'Wives of Japanese' Marks 20th Anniversary

TOKYO—The Association of Wives of Japanese celebrated its 20th anniversary on Oct. 22 at the Tokyo American Club, where it was founded in the fall of 1969 by a handful of women of various nationalities.

The meeting was in response to a letter in the English-language papers here written by an American woman then living in Niigata who wanted to meet other foreign wives of Japanese.

The club boasts some 450 members from nearly 40 different countries and with local groups scattered from Hokkaido to Kyushu.



Photo by Tom Masamori

MILE-HI 'KANSHA NO HI'—A community-wide recognitions program in Denver honors "unsung Nikkei volunteers" for their role to "make the community a better society." They are (from left): seated—Joseph Akiyama, retired school teacher, designated lay speaker of Rocky Mountain Methodist Conference; Emi Chikuma, president, Brighton Nisei Women's Club (has held various offices since 1957); Kinosuke Goto, 88, Japanese Association of Colorado; Robert Horiuchi, redress work at state level, Mile Hi JACL; Kai Kawahara, volunteer caretaker, Japanese gardens at Denver Botanic Gardens; standing—Takashi "Tick" Matsushima, the handyman-plus, Ft. Lupton Buddhist Temple; Frank Shigeo Tagawa, wholesale flower grower, community-at-large benefactor (accepted by his son, David Tagawa); and Yutaka Terasaki, pharmacist, JACL fundraiser, civic activities, Mile-Hi JACL.

\$5,000 Contribution from Anheuser-Busch Announced

ST. LOUIS, — The Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., contributed \$5,000 to the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. in support of the group's National Congressional Conference on Anti-Asian Violence. Held Nov. 1 in Washington, announcement was made by Andrew I. Sun, Anheuser-Busch companies corporate relations manager.

Asian American Scholars, Community Professionals Honored at USC Dinner

LOS ANGELES — The Asian Pacific American Support Group (APASG) of the University of Southern California celebrated its Fifth Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles recently.

Honored for their community and professional achievements were:

Jae Min Chang, publisher and president of *Korea Times Los Angeles*; Yoshi Honkawa, vice president of Government and Industrial Relations for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; the Hon. Delbert Wong, the first Chinese American judge (retired) to serve in the continental United States; and Joselyn Geaga Yap, executive director of the Sunrise Community Center in Los Angeles.

Following the Honoree Awards presentation, Dr. James Dennis from the University and Ms. Mitzi Tsujimoto, chairperson of the scholarship committee, presented the 1989-90 Asian Pacific American Support Group Scholarships to some 15 undergraduate recipients.

The scholarship, established in 1984, is awarded to outstanding undergraduate and graduate Asian Pacific American students based upon merit and financial need. The Scholarship Endowment Fund, to which the pro-

ceeds from the Awards Dinner will be added, has been established on a 2-1 match by the University; for every \$1 raised in interest, the University matches it with \$2. The Support Group's goal is to reach a one million dollar endowment fund.

This year, the undergraduate recipients are:

Stefan Bean (freshman, business administration); Gordon Chan (junior, accounting); Edward Chen (senior, mechanical engineering); Ming-Jie Dong (junior, accounting); Hannah Kang (freshman, biological science, psychobiology); Vicki Nakahara (freshman, business communications); Daphne Chi Yin Ng (junior, accounting); Thuc Trinh Nguyen (sophomore, pre-pharmacy); Sharie Lynn Sato (junior, communications); Nathan Shimizu (junior, business administration); Nalinee Thongchua (freshman, international relations); Charlton Wong (freshman, chemistry); and Su Jin Yon (junior, political science international relations).

"Opening New Doors—Five Years of Service and Beyond," a retrospective slide show on the Asian Pacific American Support Group and the Asian Pacific American Student Services Department was also presented to give an in-depth look at the efforts of the Support Group.

The evening's banquet came to an end with closing remarks from both Kenneth Kasamatsu, APASG president, and Frank Kwan, master of ceremonies, who thanked all in attendance for their continued support.

U.S. Civil Rights Chairman Allen Tenders Resignation

WASHINGTON—The White House has revealed that President Bush has accepted the resignation of William B. Allen as chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Murray Friedman, the vice chairman, will be acting chairman. Allen remains on the commission, which expires on Nov. 30 unless Bush and Congress provide more money to keep it going.

Silver Bells Festival in San Francisco Dec. 2

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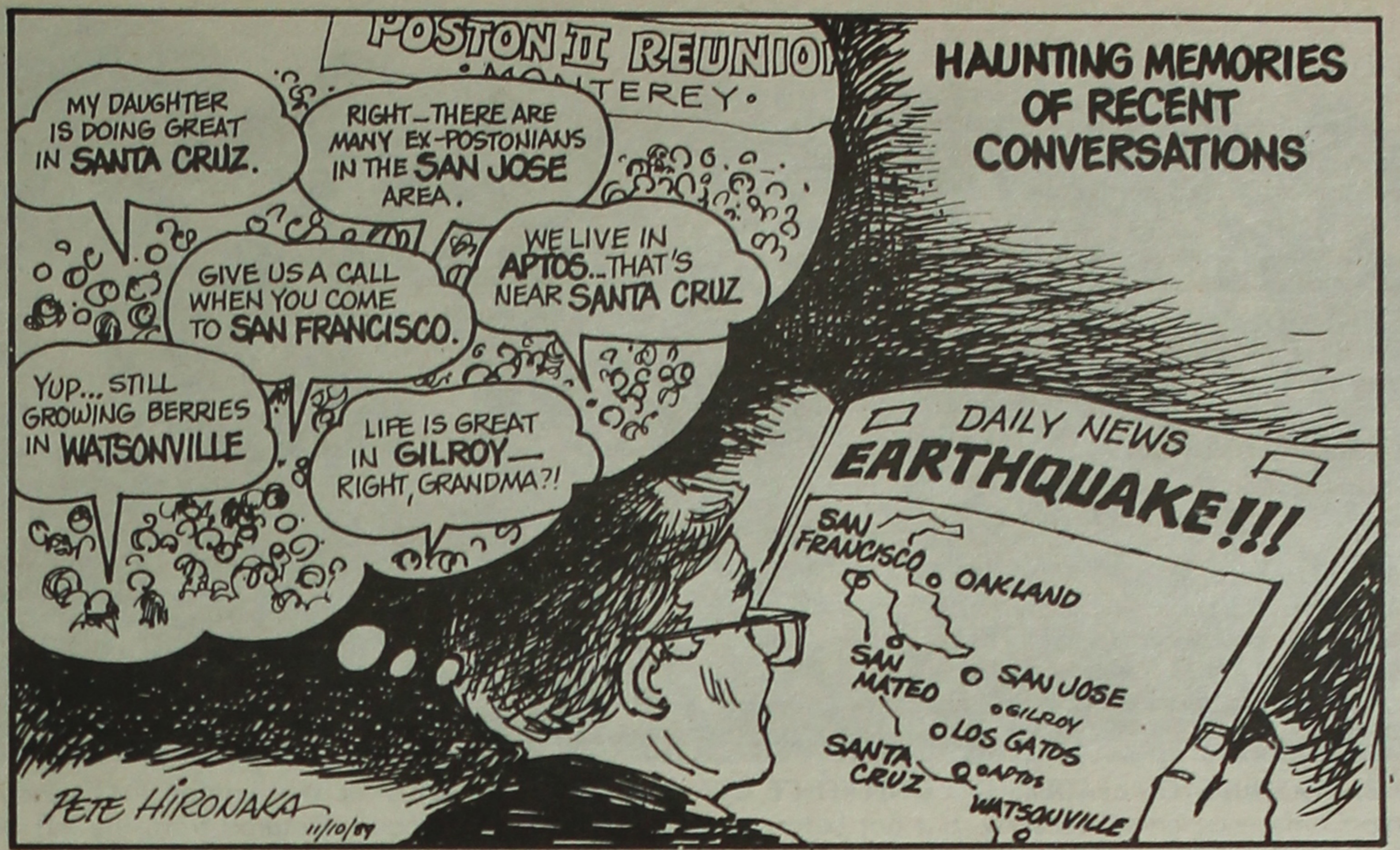
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Reagan's Trip to Japan

FORMER PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan has been a paid—as distinguished from paying—guest in Japan recently. Various Japanese interests invited him to come and make a few speeches and to see and be seen. As befits a former American president he has been given red carpet treatment. And, according to various published accounts, his honorarium also has been royal. Two million U.S. dollars has been mentioned.

Although some dark mutterings have been reported in congressional cloakrooms, it is hard to fault an unemployed politician for seizing any opportunity to pick up some spare change. Still, there is something disquieting that Mr. Reagan's Japanese hosts would think that anyone—outside of a basketball player, a football quarterback, pop singer or a current movie star—would be worthy of such compensation.

Perhaps rich Japanese may justify such an honorarium in the name of international goodwill and understanding, certainly badly needed today. Despite the nobility of intentions, however, the gesture appears to many hard-pressed American taxpayers as an offensive flaunting of wealth. The Japanese, notoriously inept at public relations, have much to learn. The generous contribution of Japanese firms in California to earthquake victims was a far more intelligent and commendable gesture.

Yet there may be a hopeful side to all this. Since even former presidents must pay taxes, the levy on Ronald Reagan's income will be a not insignificant contribution to the seemingly futile effort to balance the federal budget.



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Noodle Time in Nippon

Magnificent Heian Shrine is a major attraction in Kyoto, the ancient Japanese capital city replete with tourist attractions. I write today not of the shrine, but of a modest noodle shop a few blocks from Heian's front gate.

The shop is called Kyona-ya, and among a people noted for their love of noodles Kyona-ya is famed for the flavor of its fare.

Let me tell you how modest the place is. There is seating for nine at the counter behind which are gas burners for heating the noodles and the delectable soup and the oil for tempura, in addition to a sink for dish-washing. Two youngish men who might be brothers cook and serve behind the counter.

In addition there is space for three tiny tables and eight tiny chairs. A woman who might be the wife of one of the men attends these tables and ducks behind the counter to wash the dishes when there is time. Patrons waiting for a seat can take their ease on a hard bench in the shade just outside the front entrance and watch the multi-

colored taxis—all spotlessly clean—speed by. The woman summons you, with gracious apologies for the delay, when a place opens up.

Recently we slurped up noodles at the Kyona-ya's counter, savoring the aromas and flavor of the soup, enjoying the ambience, and listening to a Rachmaninoff concerto playing softly on the shop's obviously expensive hi-fi system.

If the juxtaposition of an ancient Kyoto Shinto shrine, hot noodle soup in an elbow-to-elbow shop and a Rachmaninoff tape on hi-fi seemed incongruous, it was the incongruity that marks contemporary Japan.

Here the super-modern world of smart silicon chips and bits and bytes and billion-dollar deals rises out of centuries—old traditions and a culture alien to the Western world.

Japan stubbornly has kept much of the old and embraced the new with astonishing fervor, and made the combination work. The result is not at all unpleasant as many Americans are dis-

covering when they think about it.

On a visit to Kyoto several trips back, we noticed a sign that said "Colorado Coffee Shop." Then we saw several more, all over neat little establishments. Hmmm. What was the connection? Had some student who studied in Colorado gone home and opened a chain of shops and named them as an expression of nostalgia?

There had been no opportunity to investigate further until this last visit. This particular Colorado Coffee Shop not only served a pleasantly aromatic beverage, but sold bags of fresh-ground Colorado Blend and Colorado Iced Coffee Blend. But what was the connection to our state which, unfortunately, grows no coffee?

The manager burst the bubble gently. There is, he said, a Colorado in Brazil, and the Colorado Coffee Shops are a franchised chain which have nothing to do with Norte Americanos.

That was one more reminder that the United States of America is not necessarily the center of the universe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rep. Rohrabacher's Stance

The admission of Asian Americans to colleges and universities all across the nation has come under heavy scrutiny lately. But here in Washington, the issue has spawned a misguided and inappropriate attempt to exploit the problem and perhaps chip away at a program that benefits all minorities.

The focal point of the controversy is a resolution introduced by California Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-Lomita) to express Congressional opposition to alleged discrimination against Asian Americans in institutions of higher learning. The legislative impact of the resolution is minimal—it requires no further action by Congress and allocates no funds—but its symbolic impact should not be underestimated.

It's hard to argue with the wording of the resolution, but much skepticism has revolved around its source and his intentions, stated or otherwise. Rep. Rohrabacher's apparent sudden conversion to civil rights advocate is both disturbing and puzzling. Prior to being elected to Congress, he worked as a speechwriter and special assistant under President Reagan, whose administration worked long and hard toward unraveling civil rights gains, including affirmative action.

Source of Opposition

Rep. Rohrabacher's ambiguity and indifference to affirmative action are evident in this resolution and are the source of mounting opposition to it. In a recent speech before the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, Rep. Rohrabacher stated: "Asian American students who have higher than average scores and grades are restricted to competing for less than 100 percent of the admissions places—due solely to a race conscious track system."

I fear Rep. Rohrabacher is using legitimate Asian American concerns to create a division between Asian Americans and other underrepresented minorities. Although the rights of Asian Americans must be protected, the challenge before us now is to work together to further academic opportunities for all minorities and women.

Civil rights groups, many of whom represent the interests of Asian Americans,

have been hesitant to endorse this legislation—something that has puzzled Rep. Rohrabacher and inspired a letter from him to several California Asian American newspapers.

A Newcomer's Perspective

It's clear Rep. Rohrabacher, a newcomer to issues of civil rights, especially those relating to Asian Americans, doesn't understand the sensitivities involved. Just last week, he voted against establishing an entitlement program for redress payments to Japanese Americans interned illegally during World War II.

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, also has recognized the shortcomings of the Rohrabacher resolution. The organization issued a statement on the Rohrabacher bill which said, "The JACL simply does not agree that the way to prevent discrimination against Asians is to oppose positive programs that serve other groups."

The problem of Asian American students has been well-documented in the media and from within by such celebrated universities as Brown, Harvard, Stanford and University of California-Berkeley. Where the Rohrabacher resolution comes up short is in its ignorance of the delicate balance between achieving racial diversity and providing college opportunity to the poor and disadvantaged at institutions like these and others.

JACL's Input Noted

Perhaps the most revealing factor about Rohrabacher's intentions is his refusal to provide a simple assurance that his resolution does not present an affront to affirmative action. Several civil rights groups, including the JACL, have urged Rohrabacher to include an amendment stating "nothing in this resolution should be interpreted to mean that affirmative action efforts to increase underrepresented minorities should be diminished or eliminated." If Rep. Rohrabacher is truly committed to recognizing and maintaining these balances for all minorities, this assurance should pose no problem.

His failure to reaffirm a commitment to



EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Hanging Tough

A FEW YEARS ago, 1986 to be specific, Japan passed an Equal Employment Opportunity Law. I haven't seen or heard about the specific provisions of the law, but I read where it has encouraged more women to enter the labor market and also to seek higher positions. According to statistics that I saw, 36% of the Japanese labor force is comprised of women. I don't know what the percentage is for the U.S., but it probably is somewhere in the same range.

PROBABLY NOT UNLIKE the U.S., in Japan the women tend to be relegated to the lower echelons as compared to management positions. One company that is seeking to reverse this pattern is NIT (Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.) Of its 59,300 women employees, almost 5%, or 2,850 are in management positions. To improve these figures, NIT is engaged in a training program in Tokyo which consists of a one-month introductory course followed by no less than 11 months of on-the-job training at headquarters. It is reported that so great is the enthusiasm that a number of out-of-Tokyo trainees are living away from their families to take the course.

THE USUAL PERCEPTION of the Japanese woman is that she is not capable of making decisions or issuing orders—requisite characteristics for one

who would be a manager. Apparently pre-course and post-course testings have demonstrated that although there were improvements in the areas of problem analysis and planning, there was little change as to decision-making and assertiveness.

Keeping in mind that for decades many of the trainees were confined to operating a switchboard with its limited challenges, some at the same job for 10 to 20 years, this should not be surprising.

UPWARD MOBILITY may be a painfully slow and tedious process. The first rung is one called *kakari-cho*, which translates into "chief clerk". Now, before we begin tut-tutting and condemning others, we would do well to see if we live in a glass house, or at least a house with a lot of exposure. I'm often amazed by the fact that one-half of the people in this land-of-equality were denied the right to vote until 1920, when the 18th Amendment finally granted women the franchise. Why "1920" is within the lifetime of some folks out there. On the basis of gender alone, women were denied the franchise for some 129 years after the U.S. Constitution came into being.

I guess when the Declaration of Independence declared that "all Men are created equal" it truly meant "Men Only."

ALTHOUGH I KNOW next to nothing about Japanese culture ("So, what else is new?" some might retort). I suspect that Japanese women face many ingrained cultural obstacles that American women either did not face, or experienced in far lesser degree. To take but one example: the Japanese word for "husband" (*shu-jin*) is comprised of two *kanji* characters, the first of which (*shu*) means, among other things, "lord, master." That's a bit of a tough competition. As for "wife" (*tsuma*), the *kanji* etymology is "woman holding hairpin," a rather domesticated scene, one might say. And that's only a bare beginning.

So, ladies, I wish you luck; and as they say, "Gam-bare." (Hang tough).

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.]

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- Present-Dec. 10—East West Players' production of Company. Times: Th-S, 8 pm; Sun. matinees, 2 pm. Info, tickets: 213 660-0366.
Present-Dec. 17—Yellow Chrysanthemum Productions' Madame Mao's Memories, starring Kim Miyori, Theatre/Theatre, 1713 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood. Showtimes: Th, F & S, 8 pm; Su, 7:30 pm. Ticket info: Theatix, 213 466-1767.
Nov. 11-Dec. 5—Display of paintings by Lee J. Wexler, Brand Library Art Galleries, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale. Hours: T & Th, 12:30-9 pm; W, F & S, 12:30-6 pm. Reception for the artist: Su, Nov. 12, 3-5 pm. Info: 818 956-2051.

- Nov. 12—Nikkei Widowed Group's annual fundraising potluck luncheon, Su, 1:30-4:30 pm, Pioneer Social Hall, Rm. 4-B, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Includes bake sale and white elephant sale. Potluck assignment and info: Nancy, 213 329-2861.
Nov. 12—The 3rd annual koi auction, Su, Cal State Long Beach's Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden. Preview: 12:30 pm. Auction: 1 pm. Info: (both 213) 985-1727 or 985-8201.
Nov. 12—One-day ikebana workshop for children 7-12 yrs, Su, 1:30-3 pm, North Gallery Rm, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Limited to 30 students. Fee: \$5, members; \$10, non-members. Info: 213 628-2725.
Nov. 14—"California's Asian American Writers," a forum on Asian American literature, Th, 7:30-9 pm, Pasadena City College Forum, corner of Bonnie Ave. & Francisca St., Pasadena. Speaker: Dr. Elaine Kim. Free. Info: 818 578-7221.
Nov. 16-Dec. 8—"Communities: Recent Works by L.A. Artists," a mixed-media, multi-cultural exhibition of new and recent works by 15 artists, sponsored by the Korean Cultural Service, 5505 Wilshire Blvd. Opening reception: Th, Nov. 16 6-8 pm. Info: 213 936-7141.
Nov. 17—"A Festive Occasion," a networking, getting-to-know-you social, presented by Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (HughesAPPA), F, 5:30 pm-7, Red Baron Room, Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., near LAX. Hors d'oeuvres & no host bar. Info: (both 213) Mary Kwong, 606-2214 or Otto Nakano, 648-1563.
Nov. 30—"Know the Right Thing: Representation of Asian Americans," an evening with Pulitzer Prize nominated author Ronald Takaki, presented by the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists, Th, 7 pm, Transamerica Center Auditorium, 1150 S. Olive St. Admission: \$15, at the door; \$11, pre-paid non-members; members, \$8; students & senior citizens, \$3. RSVP: Nov. 28. Info, group reservations: 213 874-0786.
Nov. 18—"Bingo Fun Night," the annual So. District Adult Buddhist Assn. fundraiser, S, 7-10 pm, WLA Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave. Tickets: \$5 donation. Door prizes. Homemade pastries and sandwiches will be on sale. Info: (both 213) Bob, 479-8220, or Shiz, 473-3310.
Nov. 18—West Covina Buddhist Temple Bingo Night, S, 7-10 pm, Social Hall, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center. Info: 818 960-1166.

- Nov. 19—"KSCI to Eye," Su, 6-6:30 pm, KSCI-TV Channel 18. Topic: Drug Abuse in the Asian American Community & the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). Info: 213 478-1818.
Nov. 25—Roosevelt High School Class of '79 reunion. Info: 213 773-5963 or 818 898-1648.

NEW YORK

- Present-Dec. 2—Jude Narita's Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei, People's Playhouse, 65 E. 4th St., Manhattan. Performances: Each Th, F & S. at 8 pm; Thanksgiving weekend, F, S & Su. Tickets: \$15. Info & reservations: Ticketron, 212 246-0102.
Present-Feb. 3—"Both Sides of the Cloth: Chinese American Women in the New York City Garment Industry," New York Chinatown History Project Gallery, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Info: 212 619-4785.
Present-Dec. 2—The Pan Asian Repertory Theatre presentation of A Song for Shim, 47 Great Jones St. Info: 212 505-5655.

ORANGE COUNTY

- Nov. 12—The Orange County Japanese American Association's 3rd annual Senior Citizen's Day Luncheon, Su, Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim. Info: 714 893-1472.
Dec. 2—Orange County Sansei Singles annual Christmas party, Sequoia Athletic Club, Buena Park. Info: 714 496-7779.

SACRAMENTO

- Feb. 25-27—"Windows of Opportunity—The Time Is Now!" the 3rd annual Asian-Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference, the new Radisson Hotel. Pre-registration: \$115; late fee, \$150; student rate, \$60, \$75 late. Accommodations: \$58 single, \$68 double, \$78 triple & \$88 quadruple, plus 10% occupancy tax. Info: (both 916) Hoyt Fong, 686-7420 or James K. Mar, 484-8471.

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SEATTLE

- Present-Nov. 19—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents Gary Iwamoto's Who Killed the Dragon Lady?, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Thurs-Sat.: 8 pm. Sun: 7 pm. Tickets: \$10, general; \$7, seniors/students. Reservations: 206 340-1049.

- Present-Nov. 25—Lithographs and paintings by Toko Shinoda, Azuma Gallery, 313 E. Pine St., T-S, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 206 622-5599.
Nov. 18—Ayame Kai's Holiday Crafts Sale for the benefit of Keiro Nursing Home, Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., 10 am-4 pm. Info: 206 323-7100.

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Rita Takahashi Honored by Chinese Americans

WASHINGTON — The recipients of the annual Asian Pacific American Achievement Awards have been announced by the Organization of Chinese Americans.

They include Rita Takahashi of Washington, D.C., former executive director of the JACL Legislative Education Committee, and Mary Grant Jackson, a Japanese American who is active in civic affairs in Richmond, Va.

Among the other winners were: San Francisco Supervisor Tom Hsieh; TV personality Yue-Sai Kan of New York; Irene Natividad, chair of the National Women's Political Caucus; scientist/astronaut Dr. Taylor Wang of Nashville; California Supreme Court Justice Joyce Kennard; playwright David Hwang; tennis star Michael Chang of Placentia, Calif.; Nobel Prize-winning chemist Dr. Yuan Lee of UC Berkeley; actor John Lone; and Wendy Lee Gramm, chair, Federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Gardena Valley JACL Slates Nov. 17 Fund-raiser

GARDENA, Calif. — The Gardena Valley JACL will host its second annual Bingo Night on Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Nisei VFW Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St., corner of Gramercy Pl. Last year, over 200 people turned out for an evening of fun and entertainment. Proceeds will go to the chapter's general fund and the Miss Gardena JACL pageant fund. For information, call Jon Kaji (213) 327-7790.

N.Y. Chinatown History Exhibit on Women Opens

NEW YORK — A multi-media exhibit telling the story of Chinese American women workers in the New York garment industry opened Oct. 29 at the Chinatown History Project Gallery, 70 Mulberry St., and will run through Feb. 3, 1990.

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BAY AREA CHOREOGRAPHER — Modern dance choreographer June Watanabe and her dance company will open Nov. 16 at San Francisco Theater Artaud with their epic "Trilogy" on the theme of Japanese American interment.

Skipper Drowns Pet Monkeys, Feared Seizure

HONOLULU—A Japanese fishing boat captain drowned three pet spider monkeys in Honolulu harbor Oct. 17 for fear he would be charged with a U.S. Customs violation if they were found.

He didn't have to drown them, a customs official explained, as they could have been kept in state quarantine while the vessel was in port and then returned when the ship left. However, he was fined and paid a \$1,000 fine for technical violation of an "unlawful unloading of unmanifested cargo" as the Fukusei Maru No. 28 bound for Japan was cleared to leave port.

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