

Yoshitomi Appointed JACL Pacific Northwest Director

SAN FRANCISCO — Karen Yoshitomi of Seattle, Wash., became the JACL Pacific Northwest District regional director on Feb. 1.

"We look forward to having Karen as a contributing member of the National staff," stated Bill Yoshino, JACL national director. "Karen is bright and enthusiastic and I believe the national organization and the Pacific Northwest District will benefit greatly through her presence as the regional director."

Yoshitomi received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Washington in 1986. Her major coursework also included sociology and Asian American Studies. Prior to her appointment with the JACL, she was an instructor and recruitment counselor with the Center for Career Alternatives.

Upon accepting the PNW regional director position, Yoshitomi stated, "I feel that the Nikkei community has accomplished many of its goals and objectives in the area of human and civil rights; however, there is much more that needs to be done."



KAREN YOSHITOMI

"JACL is an integral part of the Pacific Northwest community and can be instrumental in the achievements and preservation of the interests of Americans of Japanese ancestry. My hope is that by working together with others, we can continue the advancements towards positive change," she added.

NEWS BRIEFS

Nisei Candidate for Presidency of Peru

LIMA, Peru — One Nikkei, Dr. Alberto Fujimori, is presenting himself as a candidate for the presidency of Peru in this year's election. A former rector of the Agrarian University and former president of the National Assembly of University Rectors, Fujimori leads as many as 10 Japanese Peruvians from different parties seeking seats in the National Legislature—the Senate and Chamber of Representatives, it was reported by Luis Martinez, S.J., a P.C. subscriber.

Sansei Off to Moscow's McDonald

HAMILTON, Ont. — Geoffrey Nakamura, 28, is on a three-year contract to train managers for the MacDonald Restaurants in the USSR. He was involved in training two of the four Russians sent to Canada last year at his Milcreek restaurant in Mississauga. He and his wife, Sue, were in Moscow for the opening of the giant 700-seat MacDonald's in Moscow Jan. 31. He is a graduate in hotel and food administration from the University of Guelph and was cited as the Canada manager of the year in 1988 by MacDonald. He is the son of Tosh and Sachi Nakamura, Hamilton, Ont.

Nakanishi Recommended to Head UCLA AASC

LOS ANGELES — UCLA Professor Don Nakanishi was recently recommended by a nationwide search committee to head UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, which has lacked a permanent director for 3½ years. Dr. Harry Kitano, who is currently the acting director, told the *Daily Bruin* Feb. 26 that Nakanishi "would be very good. He's had a lot of experience in the area (Nakanishi was acting director the first year after the last permanent director Lucie Cheng departed)." The campus daily also urged his appointment in an editorial: "His familiarity with the workings of the Center and of UCLA make him the only logical choice for the position of director."

Aleuts Receive \$12,000 Individual Redress Checks

ANCHORAGE — Aleuts who were evacuated from their villages and forced to live in squalid conditions in government camps during World War II have been receiving \$12,000 payments from the government since January, according to McClatchy News Service.

In 1988, Congress authorized \$27 million in payments to the Aleuts along with over \$1 billion for Japanese Americans who were interned during the war.

In addition to the individual compensation, \$15 million will go to the Aleut Corp., \$5 million to a special trust fund, and \$1 million to rebuild churches destroyed during the war.

Redress for both Aleuts and Japanese Americans was recommended in 1983 by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The \$20,000 to be given to Japanese American internees is about equivalent to what the Aleuts will get in cash plus payments to the overall community.

Dutch Harbor Bombed

In the summer of 1942, 881 residents of the Aleutian and Pribilof islands were evacuated from their homes by the Department of the Interior after the Japanese attacked Dutch Harbor [June 7, 1942] and occupied Attu and Kiska, islands at the tip of the Aleutian chain, for about a year.

The islanders were given two hours to round up their children and pack one suitcase each.

The government set up five internment camps in abandoned canneries in southern Alaska and sent the Aleuts there to wait out the war. The camps were cold, damp, filthy and crowded.

One out of every 10 Aleuts in custody died, most from tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza, measles and mumps, according to government reports. One death certificate listed the cause of death simply as "pain."

Indescribable Conditions

After visiting one of the camps in Funtar Bay, 19 miles southwest of Juneau, the territorial attorney general wrote to then-Gov. Ernest Gruening, "I have no language to describe what I saw; if I had, I am confident you would not believe my statements."

As the war dragged on, many of the Aleut men in the camps were drafted

Congressional Hearings Underscore Justice Dept.'s Commitment to Redress

WASHINGTON — At two congressional hearings held recently, the Department of Justice reaffirmed its commitment to go forward with the redress program as expeditiously as possible.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, on March 8, recommended confirmation of former New York State Sen. John R. Dunne as assistant attorney general for civil rights. Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), who chaired the hearing on the previous day, remarked on the long delay in funding for Redress, and asked Dunne about his commitment to ensure that the Office of Redress Administration would be ready to start making payments by the beginning of fiscal year 1991. "Absolutely," Dunne stated confidently, "as soon as the money is available, ORA will be ready."

In response to a request from Sen. Simon's office, JACL-LEC prepared questions for him about the operation

of the Office of Redress Administration.

The only negative vote on the committee came from Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) who was troubled by Dunne's membership in two all-male clubs and his failure to speak out against their policies excluding women. But, Metzenbaum said, "I don't think we're going to get anybody better" nominated by the Bush Administration. Dunne resigned from both clubs when his name surfaced as a leading contender for this position.

In oversight hearings on March 8, the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce, Justice, State took written testimony from acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, James P. Turner. But, as there was no further action for them to take on this matter, they did not question him. In his prepared statement, Turner reminded the committee members that redress is "now an entitlement program. . . [and] payments to the first 25,000 will begin in Fiscal Year 1991." Turner acknowledged that the workload is formidable, but the DOJ is "absolutely committed to being ready to begin issuing checks immediately after funds for that purpose are released."

In the process of identifying potential eligibles, ORA, using historical records of the U.S. government, "has established a masterlist which specifically

identified over 119,300 Japanese Americans known to have been interned or evacuated." While the list is believed to be more than 99% complete, it could take years to identify the last remaining individuals. "These are largely those whose names are not recorded in historical records, including some voluntary evacuees and a very small member of persons held at obscure locations."

Turner continued, "Voluntary contacts to ORA . . . now exceed 78,000. . . For those former internees with years of birth through 1914, we have located 8,503 living eligibles, six percent more than predicted by our recent actuarial study."

He described how staff has been increased from eight federal employees "and a small number of contract employees" to the current level of 33 persons. "Through automated improved methods, . . . our analysts are processing upwards of 30 cases daily."

The first letters were sent in August and ORA has now sent out over 12,500 letters. JACL-LEC Executive Director JoAnne Kagiwada learned from them that more than 1,900 letters have been sent out to persons age 90 and older. ORA originally estimated there would be about 1000.

The two major problems which ORA

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Seattle Asian-Pacific Counseling Center State-Approved for Funding as One Facility

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington State's House of Representatives approved funding to remodel the Asian Counseling and Referral Service Center in Seattle the week of Feb. 25. Negotiations are now under way to finalize the plan with the state senate.

"I am elated that this money [\$100,000] has been included so that the center can be completed," said state Rep. Gary Locke. "The center's programs fill a much-needed niche in Seattle's Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Having one center, instead of locations spread all over town, is of great benefit to its clients."

The Asian Counseling and Referral Service is the only multicultural, multilingual program of its kind in the

Northwest. More than 20,000 meals are served annually to elderly Cambodians, Chinese, Koreans and Vietnamese.

The center also includes educational, language and job-placement services, as well as related services designed to prevent institutionalizing the elderly.

The counseling center is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that was founded in 1973. Nearly half of its clients have family incomes below \$5,000, Locke said.

Because the state senate has adopted a different 1990 supplemental capital budget, a joint house-senate conference committee was expected to work out a compromise prior to the legislature's scheduled adjournment on March 8.



PACEMAKER RECIPIENT DONATES \$100,000 TO HOSPITAL—Frank Mendicino, president of the White Memorial Center Foundation, Los Angeles; Roy Sakioka; Jack Sakioka and Harvey Rudisale, president of the White Memorial Medical Center highlight (left to right) a ceremony on Jan. 11, when the Sakiokas presented \$100,000 to the White Memorial Medical Center Foundation. Roy Sakioka, who is 91 years old, received a pacemaker in 1988. The surgery was performed at the White Memorial Medical Center, and the donation reflects his appreciation of the hospital and its medical staff. The funds are earmarked for the hospital's cardiac services.

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Corporate Japanese Strategies Changing, Says Economist

SAN FRANCISCO — A new wave of Japanese corporate investments is so massive that it promises to be the greatest competitive challenge yet to companies around the world, according to a report in the Feb. 12 *San Francisco Chronicle*.

In the current fiscal year, corporate surveys show Japan will spend 22.5% of its gross national product, or about \$3.15 trillion, on capital investments. That is three times total U.S. capital investments measured on a per capita basis, and about 1.5 times Canada's entire GNP.

In past decades, the Japanese goal has been to develop new products and exports. The new aim, said economist Kenneth S. Courtis of Deutsche Bank Capital Markets Asia, is to design and market new products in half the time with half the staff—at a quarter of the cost required today.

In pursuit of this global strategy, leading Japanese corporations are reinvesting their profits not only in new time and money-saving production machinery and technology, but in acquiring patents and training more of their own people overseas. The three companies that received the most U.S. patents in 1988 were all Japanese.

WWII Nikkei Internment Program Begins Its Third Year at High School

FREMONT, Calif. — Newark Memorial High School will be conducting its Third Annual Internment Program from March 12-20. The last two days will consist of former internees relating their experiences in the internment camps.

On Monday, March 19, Mas Yamasaki, Chizu Iiyama, and Col. John Sadanaga of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will speak in the school theater during first and second periods.

On Tuesday, March 20, during periods three and four, Dennis Hayashi of the Asian Law Caucus and Fred Korematsu, whose case reached the Supreme Court during WWII, and Dave Tatsuno will discuss implications of the internment.

For further information contact Christine Nishihira, Fremont Japanese American Citizens' League's Redress and Ethnic Concerns Coordinator, at (415) 424-0123 or (415) 794-0912.



TOGO TANAKA'S TROOPS—No introductions were necessary, just an update since the group had worked together prewar under then English section editor Togo Tanaka at the *Rafu Shimpō*. The old staff members (from left) are Henry Mori, Naomi Kashiwabara (now of San Diego), Yasuhei Nakanishi, Vince Tajiri, Richard Honma, Togo Tanaka, and Harry Honda. Tanaka hosted the Nov. 9 luncheon at Tasuki's in Little Tokyo. Photo was snapped by Yuji Ichioka of UCLA.

So. Calif. 'Japanese as Second Language' Speechfest Offers Japan Trip to Top Adults

LOS ANGELES — The fourth annual Japanese Speech Contest in Southern California for persons who speak Japanese as a second language will be held Sunday, March 18, in the CSU-Los Angeles Student Union, 5151 State University Dr.

The contest is being co-sponsored by the Franklin D. Murphy Library of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and Teachers of Japanese in Southern California. Supporting the contest are:

Japan Business Association of Southern California, Japan Foundation, Japan Overseas Enterprises Association, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, and Consulate General of Japan.

Contest is open to anyone who has not lived more than two years continuously in Japan. There are two categories of competition: (1) adults, including college undergraduates, graduate students and *shakaijin* (those in the working world) and (2) students, 12 to 17 years of age in the junior and senior high school level.

Adults will speak on "What Japan and the United States Can Contribute Toward Each Other." Students are asked to speak on "What Is Most Fascinating about Japan to Me." Speeches are limited to five minutes.

Grand prize for two persons in the adult category will be a trip to Japan in mid-October, sponsored by the Japan

Overseas Enterprises Association, which invites similar speech contest winners from many lands. Top prize in the student category is \$325.

A recorded tape of the speech must be sent in, along with the application blank, to:

Kats Kunitsugu, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 506, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For entry forms and information, call (213) 628-2725.

Nine Awards Offered to Japan Studies Scholars

SAN FRANCISCO — Applicants are now being sought by the Japan Studies Scholarship Fund for its annual awards totalling \$3,000.

There will be four \$500 awards each to undergraduate college students, and five \$200 awards to *gakuen* (Japanese language school) students.

Gakuen students are being asked to write a short composition on the theme of "Nihon Bunka" (Japanese culture).

Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, May 4. The new address of the Japan Studies Scholarship Committee is:

c/o Japan Information Service (part of the Japanese Consulate General): No. 5 Fremont Center, 22nd Fl. 50 Fremont St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

A presentation ceremony is set for Friday, Aug. 24, 1 p.m., at the Japanese Community Cultural Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco.

The scholarship committee is composed of:

Howard M. Imazeki, chr.; Higashi Fukawa, treas.; Yukio Kumamoto, sec.; Kanji Kuramoto, Yukio Sekino, George Iseri and Iwao Namekawa, com. membs. and Kaz Maniwa, legal consultant.

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Rep. Matsui Traces Redress Movement: 6 JACL Chapters in Sacramento Valley in Rally for a Day of Remembrance

By Toko Fujii

SOUTH SACRAMENTO, Calif. — More than 350 people attended the 1990 Day of Remembrance at the Court Yard here Feb. 17. The event was co-sponsored by Rep. Robert T. Matsui, Jerry Enomoto, JACL-LEC, and the following JACL Chapters: Sacramento, Florin, Placer County, Marysville, Stockton and Lodi.

Isao Fujimoto's slide presentation, "Tulelake: Story of Evacuation," preceded the evening program. Boy Scout Troop 250 members posted the colors, followed by the national anthem sung by Leslie Miyamoto.

Mike Iwahiro, 1990 Sacramento JACL president, was the master of ceremonies. His opening remarks were followed by Tom Fujimoto's introduction of the Shasta Taiko group, led by Russell Baba. They performed a 30-minute concert, including a Japanese *fué* (bamboo flute) interlude by Baba.

Messages were delivered by: Sacramento County Supervisor Illa Collin, Sacramento City Mayor Ann Rudin, both supporters of Redress since its inception.

Introduced were: Supervisor Toby Johnson, Councilman Josh Pane and County Auditor-Controller Nancy Wolford.

Message from ORA
Priscilla Ouchida, National JACL vice president of Operations, relayed a message from ORA Director Bob Bratt to all redress applicants with requests for information to send in their verifications at once to help expedite the largest number of checks that can possibly be mailed out come October of 1990.

JACL-LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto's message was that all who helped the Redress efforts should feel good about it. Without contributions, large and small, he said the job could not have been successfully concluded.

Keynote speaker Rep. Robert T. Matsui traced the history of the Redress movement from the earliest days.

Key Legislators Noted
Invaluable and timely help from people such as Reps. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, Gov. Tom Kean of New Jersey, former House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas and House Speaker Tom Foley of Washington was recalled.

Also cited were Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga from Hawaii, and Rep. Norman Mineta from San Jose, Calif.

In attendance were: Fred Korematsu of San Leandro, Calif.; JoAnne Kagiwada, JACL-LEC executive director, Washington; Dr. Rita Takahashi, former JACL-LEC director, San Francisco; and Mae Takahashi, JACL-LEC Fundraising chair, Fresno, Calif.

On the event committee were: Toko Fujii (coordinator), Nancy Akabori, Craig Makishima, Cindy Kettman, J. Enomoto, M. Iwahiro, Mike Sawamura, Gene Itogawa, Tom Okubo, T. Fujimoto, Henry Taketa, George Matsuoka, Roy Imura, Alan Nishi, Ellen Kubo, Hike Yego, Aster Kondo, Momo Hatamiya, Curtis Namba, Randy Imai, George Baba, Frank Sasaki, I. Fujimoto, Kuni Hironaka, Eric Kato, Peter Ouchida, Wayne Maeda, and Satoshi Matsuda.

Author Ron Takaki to Address LEAP Forum

LOS ANGELES — University of California-Berkeley Professor Ronald Takaki, author of *Strangers From a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans*, will discuss the Asian immigrant experience at the LEAP Forum on Saturday, March 17, 1 - 4 p.m., at the USC Andrus Gerontology Center.

Takaki will discuss his book on the immigration, assimilation and future of Asian Americans, currently the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States. By the year 2000, Asian Americans will comprise 4% of the total U.S. population.

His earlier books cover a broad range of subjects—*Pau Hana: Plantation Life and Labor in Hawaii* and *Iron Cages*, a study of race and culture in 19th century America. His most recent book *Strangers From a Different Shore* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

The LEAP Forum is sponsored by AT&T, USC Office of Civic and Community Relations and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP). Admission is free. Professor Takaki will be autographing his book that will be available at the Forum. For information, call the LEAP Office at (213) 485-1422.

Dance Club in Sacramento Opens for Members

SACRAMENTO — Eileen Otsuji heads the newly organized Nikkei Ballroom Dance Club, which will sponsor one summer dance and one semi-formal ballroom dance during the holidays. Membership fee is \$25 per person, payable to the club, P.O. Box 60219, Sacramento, CA 95860; call Pearl Zarilla, (916) 635-2815, for membership applications.

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Latin America JACL Installation Brunch:**Beginning of International, Multilingual JACL Chapter in 1981 Recounted by Speaker**

By Harry K. Honda

LOS ANGELES — JACL's very international and multilingual membership group is the Latin America Chapter, which held its installation on Sunday morning, Feb. 25, at a brunch-by-the-beach at Casa Escobar, Marina del Rey.

The majority of its 50 members hail from Latin American countries, many of them being trilingual (Spanish, English, Japanese) and some are multi-lingual (add Portuguese, French and Italian).

Consuelo Morinaga, a Mexico-born Nisei and a founding member of the chapter organized in 1981, continues as president. Also sworn in were:

Joel Yamanaka, v.p.; Miki Yamazaki, sec.;

Keiko Masumura, Rosa Miyahira, treas.; R. Miyahira, memb./insurance; Margie Higashi, Mami Uesugui, nswlrr.; Tami Ige, Larry Tokuyama, activ.

PSW Regional Director John Saito, installing officer, commented this was his first morning installation as a JACL staff member.

The program included brief remarks by this reporter who was introduced as the guest speaker by joint emcees Augusto Miyahira and Miki Yamazaki. He noted how the chapter was organized as the JACL arm of its international relations committee and its involvement with a nucleus group of Nikkei in the hemisphere, which founded the Pan American Nikkei Association in 1983 at its first biennial convention in Mexico City.

The Latin America Chapter was thanked for "turning the eyes of the Nisei in the U.S. to the south" and meeting with the Nikkei of Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, and Colombia.

Sprightly improvisations staged by a five-member Cold Tofu troupe highlighted the entertainment.

Nihonmachi Legal Office Assisting Redress Families

SAN FRANCISCO — With many Japanese Americans now receiving letters from the Office of Redress Administration requesting further information in order to confirm eligibility for redress compensation, Nihonmachi Legal Outreach has received many questions regarding cases where necessary documents are lost or missing.

"People should respond to these requests from the Office of Redress Administration as soon as possible," advised Dean Ito Taylor of NLO. "It is especially important for Issei and elderly applicants to gather the requested information now. Some may have to rely on statements from relatives or use alternative records where birth certificates and other documents are not available. These items may take time to gather together and our goal is to get people confirmed as eligible for compensation as soon as possible."

The attorneys at NLO will be assisting families for no charge in answering these requests from the Office of Redress Administration and in completing documentation. Please call (415) 567-6255 for appointments. Japanese translators are available for appointments.

NLO is a non-profit law office which serves the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Financial Aid Available to USC's APA Students

LOS ANGELES — The Asian Pacific American Support Group (APASG) at the University of Southern California offers scholarships to Asian Pacific American students ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500, based upon academic and personal merit and/or financial need.

The 1990-91 scholarships will be awarded through students' financial aid packages. To be eligible:

Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in a USC degree program (or will be enrolled for the 1990-91 academic year, e.g. in the case of incoming transfer or freshman students); must have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4-point scale) in academic subjects in high school or college work; and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.

Application deadline for 1990-91: April 30, 1990. For applications, contact:

Asian Pacific American Support Group Scholarship Committee, USC Student Union 408, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0890; or call APASS, (213) 743-4999.

O'Leary Terasawa Cited for Excellence

LOS ANGELES — O'Leary Terasawa Partners, AIA Architects, were honored Feb. 22 for excellence in design by the American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley chapters for the design of the library/learning center at Marymount High School and renovation of the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, both located in West Los Angeles.

Partners in the 40-year-old architectural firm include:

Toshikazu Terasawa, FAIA; Edward K. Takahashi, AIA, CCS; Rudolph V. De Chellis, AIA; Lawrence Chaffin Jr., AIA, and Takashi Shida, AIA, managing partner.

Marymount High School Library is located in a historic girls' high school and houses 20,000 volumes in addition to related library offices and classrooms. The architect's challenge was to fit the building into a tight and sloping site, and to make it compatible with the existing historic buildings.

St. Martin of Tours Church was remodeled to bring the space into conformance with Vatican II guidelines. The ceiling in the nave was replaced, new lighting, air conditioning and improved acoustics incorporated, a skylight added, the altar moved closer to the nave and the choir relocated from the loft to become part of the congregation.

The firm is now involved with the design of a 972,000 square foot mixed use development with a 500-room hotel in Little Tokyo.

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tion. Some war histories don't even mention the Aleutian campaign, in which hundreds of soldiers died, much less the Aleut evacuation.

"People have asked, 'Is \$12,000 per person, is that just? Is it justice?'" said Philemonof. "There's no dollars that would heal the scars and replace the people lost."

"But we've wanted to see people with money in hand to show there was justice."

Pacific Northwest District Honors Friends in Wash. State House for Redress Support

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The meeting at the JACL Pacific Northwest District Council was hosted by the Olympia Chapter on Feb. 3 and 4. At a special reception dinner, at the Governors' House Hotel, four-term state Reps. Gary Locke and Art Wang were recognized and thanked for their leadership in Redress-related issues and for other issues of general concern to Asian Americans in Washington State.

Dr. John Ishii former president of St. Martin's College and now a Pacific Rim trade consultant, addressed a group of about 60 on international trade issues, perception of the American public to Japanese versus European real estate investments in the U.S., and impact on Asian Americans.

Dale Watanabe, interim PNW regional director following Tim Otani's departure, was recognized for his efforts until the selection of new director, Karen Yoshitomi.

The district council met on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Red Bull Restaurant in Lacey. Participants included:

Karen Yoshitomi, regional director; Bob Sato, gov.; Don Maekawa, v.gov.; Dr. Don Arima, sec.; David Okimoto, treas.; Dr. John Watanabe, hist.; and Dr. John Kanda, national nominations.

District Council discussion covered: (a) Declining JACL membership and how to reverse the trend; (b) Adoption of changes to the PNW Constitution; (c) PNWDC budget for 1990; (d) Governor's report on National Board meeting of Jan. 19-21; (e) Preparations for at-

Five Asian Teenagers Attacked by Gang of White Youths in N.Y.

By Robert Wone

Asian Week

NEW YORK — On Dec. 26, 1989, two Koreans, ages 16 and 19, and three Chinese, 15 to 16 years old, were savagely attacked by a shadowy Queens gang, The Master Race (TMR). This attack has led to sharp Asian community pressure on public officials and the police.

The five Asian youths had been playing video games at the Peter Pan Computer Arcade, a local hangout, and became involved in an argument with some White youths over an MIT college jacket.

The dispute was taken to the streets, where the five Asians were surrounded and set upon by 30 to 40 White youths wielding broken beer bottles, sticks and crowbars. This resulted in head and back wounds to two youths and 85 stitches for the most seriously wounded Korean.

In the course of the 15-minute free-for-all, the five became separated into two groups and lost track of each other. Both groups phoned 911 and requested police assistance. One group, including the two wounded Chinese, was taken to a hospital by ambulance.

Dispute Over Cops

However controversy has arisen about the second group. The Korean youths claim that the responding officers refused to summon an ambulance and would not escort them to the hospital, despite the fact that the only youth with a driver's license had been too seriously injured to drive.

However, Capt. Richard Farrell of the 109th Precinct has contended that the youths were offered medical assistance and refused. He claims that on the recorded 911 calls, the youths refused medical assistance. However he did acknowledge that an unlicensed person should not be allowed to drive.

Classified as a non-bias incident by

the police, the investigation has gone slowly. Police point to the youths' early reluctance to cooperate and the one-week delay between the actual incident and its official reporting as hampering their investigation.

However, according to Pauline Chu, president of the Chinese Parents Association, a local group, the youths were the subject of racial slurs and derogatory remarks, including a reference to one of the youths as a "Bruce Lee."

Asian Leaders Troubled

Local Asian leaders contend that the police have been too willing to close this case and that the officers have been unresponsive to community concerns. The youths, who in the beginning were unwilling to cooperate with police, are now assisting them. This comes in the wake of a series of meetings involving the mayor's office, New York state Sen. Leonard Stavisky, police officials, the district attorney's office, and other local Asian and community leaders.

"There is no room for hooliganism or bigotry in our community. We are trying to encourage the victims of this attack to cooperate with the police in the identification process," announced Stavisky. The police are currently looking for four possible suspects, members of the TMR gang. This gang has also been linked to a number of assaults and racial incidents before.

Stavisky has also announced that he is looking into possible negligence on the part of the video arcade for failing to provide adequate security. The Korean American Association is also prepared to hire an attorney to launch a civil suit for damages from this incident.

This incident is part of a recent upsurge in attacks against Asian Americans in New York, including attacks against nine Asian Americans on subways and in the streets.

Jeff Kung of the Organization of Chinese Americans has likened the situation to the tip of an iceberg. According to Kung, "... a tooth-for-tooth vicious cycle will never end the conflict. If we don't deter these people, they will continue."

East West Theatre**Slates Benefit Dinner**

LOS ANGELES — The East West Players "L.A. Dance," on Saturday, April 14 at the Hyatt Hotel by LAX Airport will feature a full evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing.

Proceeds will benefit East West Players building fund to renovate the former Union Church in Historic Little Tokyo District as their new theatre facility.

Chairperson Glen S. Umeda said "this unique evening of good food and wonderful entertainment (is) to benefit the oldest Asian American theatre in the United States."

Entertaining will be comedian Charlie Laborte, singer Darrell Yoshihara, and dance music featuring the San Francisco band, the Game Plan, and Destiny Productions as DJ.

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is still experiencing are, first, people have been very slow to return documentation (only 5,739 of the first 9,536 have done so), and second, about half of the responses require follow-up letters because the documentation submitted is incomplete. To help prevent delay in making payments to these potential recipients, the ORA has taken several steps. A new toll-free, bilingual Help-Line (1-800-395-4672) has established, the original notification letters have been re-written, and a series of follow-up letters will go to potential eligibles who have not responded within 60 days of the original letter.

Turner closed by saying, "I believe that we have established excellent rapport within the Japanese American community, and we are gratified by their wholehearted support of our efforts. . . . We will be fully prepared to begin payments in October 1990."

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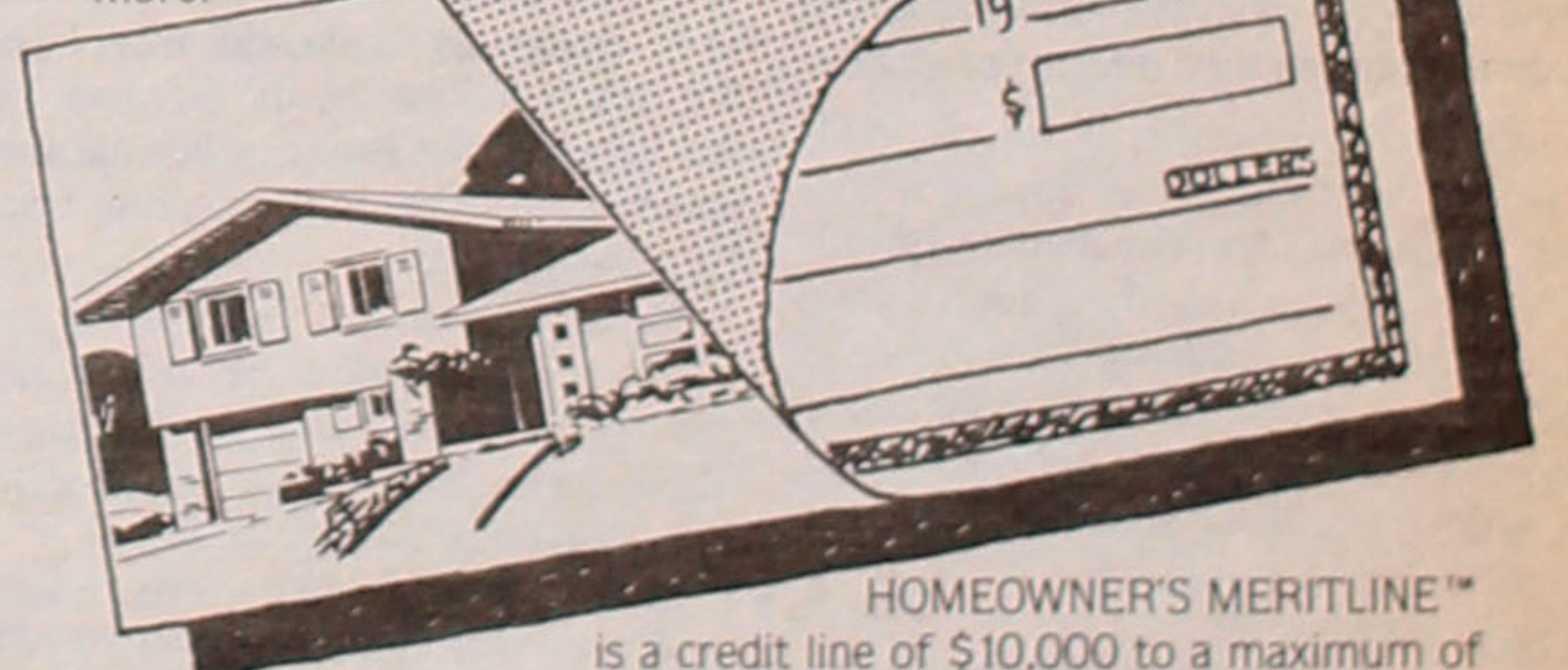
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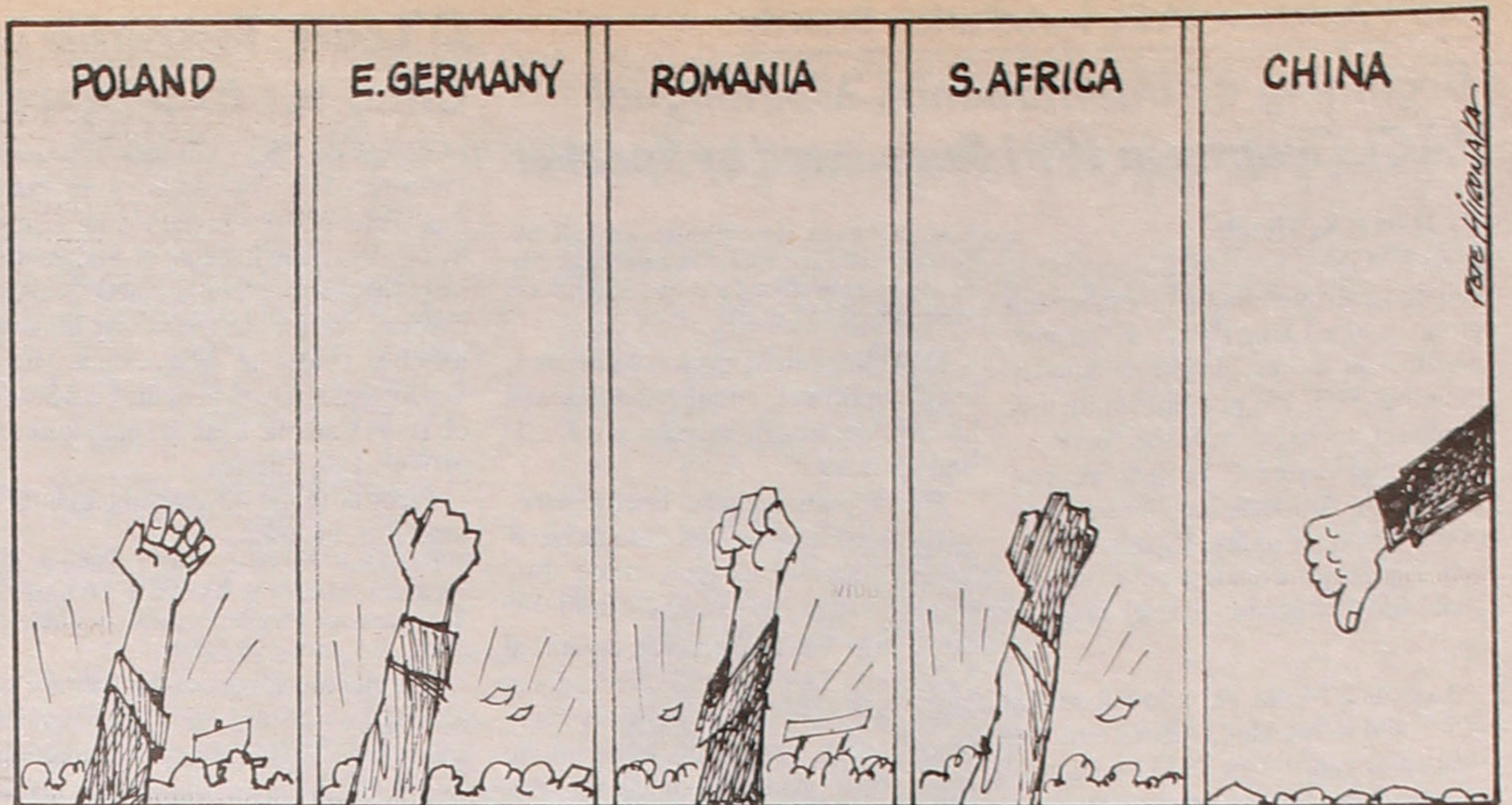
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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Nikkei Expectation of Note Snapped



Maybe you noticed an item in last week's Pacific Citizen about Lizanne Kaiser winning a Japanese-speaking oratorical contest in Santa Cruz, Calif. The story said that when she entered the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1985, she could neither read nor write a word of Japanese. Although the story didn't explain, presumably she couldn't speak much Japanese if at all.

She triumphed over 30 other contestants with a talk titled "The Motoshima Speech and Democracy." According to the story, she weighed the relative importance of freedom of speech and the protection of national symbols, making reference to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on burning the American flag.

As anyone who has tried to learn to say "Ohayo gozaimasu" and "ikaga desuka" know, you're moving into awfully deep linguistic water when you talk about democracy and national symbols in the Japanese language. In fact, it's hard enough to declaim in English about such matters.

There are various levels of Japanese, starting with kid stuff, which is about all that most Nisei learned at home. The language climbs a rapidly ascend-

ing scale of difficulty up to the terminology of politics, business, science and culture, which is laden with heavy words unintelligible to those who have had no more than introduction to Japanese 101. That an American totally unfamiliar with Japanese could move into the major leagues of the language in four years of college is, shall we say, astounding.

Yet, maybe it shouldn't be. Some of the great scholars of Japanese culture and language have been foreigners, starting with Lafcadio Hearn, and going on to people like Dr. James C. Hepburn, Edward Seidensticker, Arthur Waley who translated "The Tale of Genji," Donald Keane, Oliver Statler and many contemporary experts. And so far as I know there's nobody in Japan whose knowledge of the U.S. is comparable to Edwin Reischauer's all-around knowledge of Japan.

In a way, we've stranded ourselves so firmly on cultural and ethnic stereotypes that it becomes noteworthy when someone shatters them. In the same issue of Pacific Citizen we read that Chiyo Ishikawa recently was named the highly regarded Seattle Art Museum's first curator of its European

collection. Not its Japanese collection, or its Asian collection, but its European collection. The item said her priorities of acquisition will be northern Renaissance, southern Baroque and 18th century English works. There is no reason to doubt Chiyo Ishikawa's expertise in areas of art that have nothing to do with her ancestry.

By the same token, Kuniaki Hata, who as a boy fled his native Kobe to the Shikoku countryside to escape American bombers, has for many years been professor of European opera at the University of Colorado. He can sing Japanese folk songs as well as Italian and German and Austrian operatic parts and he imparts his love and knowledge of the opera to his admiring students.

One of these days we might get used to the idea that a Nikkei artist whose distant background was linked to Japanese lacquer or *sumi-e* watercolors can just as well be an expert in Indian pottery or Scandinavian silver. One of these days we will see nothing odd in a Nikkei writer, working in his/her native English, winning laurels for great novels that have nothing to do with the Far East or the ethnic community.

EDITORIALS OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Raising Our Ethnic Consciousness

Week in and week out, the "Newsmakers" department of this newspaper is one of its most popular features. It is a column about people—their achievements, the honors bestowed upon them by their peers, the promotions they have earned in their professions, their activities that appear noteworthy for whatever reason.

The column is compiled primarily from clippings from other newspapers and notes sent in by readers who wish to share news of the recognition. Some of the news, inevitably, is of relatively little significance except to the person directly concerned and his or her friends.

Yet there is something warm and homey about the Newsmakers column, for it tells of progress and accomplishment and honor. That is what most of life is about, and that is of interest to almost everyone. Significantly, most of the recognition is not within the ethnic community, but in the greater American community of which we are a significant part.

In his recent Harvard College thesis on the Redress movement, David H. Eun made an observant comment about Nikkei that could help explain the interest in Newsmakers. He wrote that the Japanese American community has a unique "dual culture" identity responsible for the success of Redress. "On one hand," he said, "the Japanese American community was a relatively well assimilated ethnic group that had increasingly integrated itself into American society." As such, many individuals had acquired the connections and savvy necessary for political success. At the same time, he said, the community had retained an "ethnic consciousness" that united them as Japanese Americans.

To put it another way, Eun's remarks can be interpreted to mean Nikkei are active members of the broad American community but with strong ethnic and communal ties that create interest in each other.

Be that as it may, we hope readers will continue to tell us about the achievements and activities of Japanese Americans. A good feature like Newsmakers deserves your support.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College Admissions

I strongly disagree with the Pacific Citizen editorial on affirmative action "quotas" (P.C. Feb. 16).

The editorial starts from a basic misconception that affirmative action programs set "quotas." In reality, these programs set policies, goals, and timetables for promoting equal opportunity, not only in educational institutions but also in workplaces.

Your editorial also erroneously assumes that affirmative action programs are responsible for falling college admissions rates for White students.

As someone who went through California public schools before the existence of affirmative action programs, I believe that these policies, goals, and timetables are essential today for protecting the small degree of equal opportunity existing in our schools.

Further, I believe that if we are really concerned with fairness in college admissions, we should focus our attention on truly unjust policies such as IQ testing, "tracking" systems, and vastly different levels of funding provided to rich and poor school districts. These policies—and not affirmative action programs—should be the targets of our studies and analyses.

GLENN OMATSU
Associate Editor, *Amerasia Journal*
Los Angeles, Calif.

Planted in Good Soil: New Mexico's Contribution

No treatise on Nikkei contributions to agriculture can be complete without a discussion of the late Roy Nakayama of Las Cruces, N.M., who was known as Mr. Chili in the state of New Mexico. He made

tremendous contributions to the cultivation of the green and red chili pepper pods.

Today, much of the credit for the popularity of green and red chili dishes such as salsa, enchiladas etc. should be given to this man, as his hard work allowed chili to become a viable commercial crop.

Nakayama was a professor of agriculture at New Mexico State University and developed several strains of chili, among them, the Sandia Variety, a chili with great pungency, and the Big Jim chili, a pod with medium heat but tremendous size.

Roy Minoru Nakayama was born to Katchiro and Tome Nakayama in 1923. He was raised in the Las Cruces area, and learned about farming on his father's truck farm. As a resident of that area, he grew up around chili. Nakayama served with the U.S. Army during World War Two and was taken prisoner by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he earned a doctorate in horticulture from the University of Iowa.

In addition to his creation of several strains of chili, Nakayama also worked to enhance the hardiness of the chili plant and helped make chili a viable agricultural crop. Nakayama died in July of 1988.

Therefore, when anyone eats "Mexican" food, they should remember that a Nikkei, Roy Minoru Nakayama, is at least partly responsible for their meal.

RANDOLPH SHIBATA
President, New Mexico JACL

Earthquake Relief

In the Friday, Nov. 17, 1989, issue of the Pacific Citizen, page 2, is an article

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EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

The International Intermediary

EVERY SO OFTEN there will be a well-intentioned—but in this writer's view, somewhat naive—proposal that AJA's act as a "bridge" between the United States and Japan. In pursuit of this proposed role, AJA groups set up committees, periodically sponsor conferences and meetings attended by some Caucasian government official joined by his counterpart from the Japanese consular office—and the two discuss their respective views on trade friction. There might be an AJA panelist present, someone such as Glen Fukushima, a lawyer who, having served a number of years in Washington with the U.S. trade agency, is well-versed in the various (trade) issues involved.

As for the rest of us, it's another story.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I'm certainly not qualified to act as a liaison or bridge on matters involving the U.S. and Japan. Simply having parents who were both Japanese, does not begin to provide the essential qualifications; nor does having spent 14 months with the Occupation Forces in Japan; nor the smattering of disjointed *nihongo* that I claim to be able to use. While I might claim familiarity (of varying degrees

and deficiency) with U.S. cultural, political, religious and economic principles and values, I cannot begin to lay such claim in these areas as to Japan.

It's been over four years since I even set foot on the Land of the Rising Sun. It's been many months since I've even seen a Japanese movie.

SOME BASIC ATTRIBUTES essential to acting as a go-between the two nations would, in my view, include: sensitivity to awareness of Japanese etiquette, not so much as to observe them (which would be helpful) but, rather, to comprehend the nuances of the practice; the bases for Japanese mores and standards, including why and how it came to be that women are relegated to lower status; the role of religion and the impact of Shintoism the function of government agencies in the area of commerce, and the philosophy behind what they do and how they do what they do; the paternalistic approach of government (and politics) toward farmers and the mom-and-pop system of retailing; and so on. (The U.S. national chain known as "Toys 'R Us"—with the "R" backwards, of course—is having a difficult time gaining a beachhead in Japan because under Japanese law, the small

retailers have a voice in who may/may not invade their designated commercial territory.)

No doubt, this listing is unsophisticated. Which only goes to prove my point: the AJA, except in rare instances, is not qualified to assume the role of go-between.

I THEREFORE FIND it somewhat presumptuous when AJA's unilaterally present themselves as uniquely qualified to act as a promoters of tranquility—be it in the arena of economics, religion, politics, or whatever—simply because their parents were Japanese, a few Japanese artifacts adorn their abode, and they spent a few years in *Nihon-gakko* learning what has been largely forgotten with the remnants quaintly archaic. I don't see the *Nippon-jins* soliciting our intervention, and where the Caucasians urge our participation my belief is that such is prompted by ignorant cultural preconceptions that simply because we're of Japanese ancestry, we're competent to act as intermediaries. And I'm not so ignorant that I'm not offended by such cultural preconceptions.

AND SO, when I ponder these periodic U.S.-Japan conferences being arranged, I cannot help but wonder.

PLANTED IN GOOD SOIL

Excerpts — Chapter XVII:

Texas Issei Farmers Started With Satsuma Oranges in Mobile

By Masakazu Iwata

Continued from the Previous Week

Louisiana

In 1912 or 1913, five families from California intent upon avoiding the pressures of the land law came to the New Orleans area and raised beans and tomatoes. But the lack of finances and the adverse climatic conditions as well as the bites of mosquitoes combined to force all but one family to leave the state.

Alabama

The first Issei to settle in Alabama was a Japanese Texan, Kōsaku Sawada, who came to Grand Bay near Mobile in 1910 to oversee the planting of Satsuma Oranges. Sawada was associated with Saburō Arai in the Alvin Japanese Nursery venture near Houston and had in that year sold several thousand young saplings to a Grand Bay orchardist. Noting the possibilities of the area Sawada returned to Texas, severed his connections with the nursery and after a few months went back to Mobile and soon thereafter established a small nursery at Grand Bay. This was the genesis of Japanese business venture in Alabama. Sawada was later joined by Sahei Imura, also from Texas. The Issei nurserymen in the early years not only raised the saplings and sold them but contracted to care for them, once they were set out in the orchards.

Also around 1912 Seitō Saibara of Texas had purchased about 20 acres of land southwest of Mobile and opened a nursery. He sent Tsukasa Kiyono as manager, to whom Saibara sold out after several years in the business. Kiyono later moved to a 30-acre plot at Sims, north of Mobile where he established a nursery.

Other States

Although it is generally true that Issei husbandry, whether it relates to horticulture or to agriculture in its broadest connotation, was most significant in the western half of the United States, the Missouri River being designated as the limit of the eastward movement of the Japanese immigrant farmers, their ubiquity, though numerically insignificant, throughout practically the length and breadth of this land is noteworthy. South Bend, Indiana; Madison, Wisconsin; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; St. Louis, Missouri; Belle Fourche, South Dakota—these and other areas saw the footprints of the Japanese agriculturalist, heavier in some and fainter and almost imperceptible in others, in their persistent, energetic, and ever-hopeful attempt to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Minnesota

Although comparatively speaking there was a relatively large group of Issei in Minnesota even at the turn of the century, the state was never significant from the standpoint of Japanese agriculture. The population over the past half century was as follows:

| Year | 1900 | '10 | '20 | '30 | '40 | '50 | '60 |
|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Pop. | 51 | 67 | 85 | 69 | 51 | 1,049 | 1,726 |

In the period 1920 to 1930 Butsuyen with headquarters in Modale, Iowa, raised several hundred acres of onions at Hollandale.

Beyond this, the significant aspect for the Japanese is the involvement of the race in the poultry industry of the state. The International Chick Sexing Association is headquartered at Mankato, Minnesota. The association headed by George and Tarō Saiki dispatches chick sexors to poultry farms in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. The significance of the association is that its basis was laid by the Issei, in this case Rokurō Saiki, the father of the present heads of the association and a Fresno, California, poultryman, who arrived in the United States in 1896, worked as a farmer and in time purchased 22 acres of land near Fresno and began raising chickens. Eventually he had an operation with facilities to hatch 180,000 chicks every three weeks. He was perpetually confronted with the problem of sex differentiation of the newly hatched chicks. In the meantime, he noted the advances being made in chick-sexing by the poultry industry in Japan. He, therefore, sent one of his sons to Japan in 1935 to acquire the secrets of the technique. Returning to the United States he established the International Chick Sexing Association at the Saiki poultry ranch in collaboration

with Motojirō Hattori in 1936. Men trained in the technique were sent as chick sexors to the principal poultry centers of the United States. With the coming of the Second World War the Saiki brothers, whose father had died in 1940, moved their offices to Mankato, southwest of Minneapolis.

The Dakotas

In the Dakota, statistics indicate that the Japanese population in North Dakota was from the earliest years greater than that of South Dakota because of the entry of railroad, mine, and farm workers from the neighboring state of Montana. The figures appear as follows:

| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Year | 1900 | '10 | '20 | '30 | '40 | '50 | '60 |
| Pop. | 148 | 59 | 72 | 91 | 83 | 61 | 127 |

| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Year | 1900 | '10 | '20 | '30 | '40 | '50 | '60 |
| Pop. | 1 | 42 | 38 | 19 | 19 | 56 | 188 |

There is very little in the way of records dealing with the Issei in the Dakotas. In 1914 there were three Issei farms in North Dakota and none in South Dakota.

As for South Dakota, the first Japanese in agriculture made their imprint in the soil in 1916. These were farmers who came north from Colorado to try their hand at sugar beet production, Issei such as Kunisuke Imada, Sanichi Higashi, Shiichi Higashi, and Fujishige Kitō. These farmers raised sugar beets and at the same time engaged in dairying. Kitō had 150 acres in sugar beets, and had cattle on 350 acres of land. These farms were all located near Belle Fourche, near the Wyoming and Montana borders. Imada returned to Japan in 1930, leaving only Kitō and the Higashi brothers in the state.

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about Japanese contributions for the Northern California Earthquake Relief. I think this article is an excellent source to combat "Japan Bashing," and I think that the Pacific Citizen should contact the leading newspapers in the country to have this information published in their newspapers.

MARGARET OKUBO
Salt Lake City, Utah

Criticism Unfounded

Dr. Eji Suyama of Ellsworth, Maine (Letters, Mar. 2), seems to think my performance as editor of the *Heart Mountain Sentinel* is pertinent to Barry Saiki's personal letter-writing joust regarding Karen Seriguchi. How did I get dragged in?

But now that Dr. Suyama has made me an issue, let's get the facts straight.

Dr. Suyama lays wrongful claim to phenomenal memory when he bases his criticism on having read the *Sentinel* more than 45 years ago. I invite him to refresh his recollections by examining my bound files. He would find, among other things, that I left *Heart Mountain* early in October 1943. In January 1944, Selective Service responsibility was restored to Japanese Americans. Only in the months that followed did draft resistance become an issue. I can take neither blame nor credit for what the *Sentinel* did after my departure.

Dr. Suyama's memory fails him again when he charges the *Sentinel* "never gave any hint of the camp's seething ferment and anger" over draft resistance. The files show that the *Sentinel*, in addition to taking a strong editorial position decrying threats against members of the Community Council, published long and impassioned letters to the editor from Paul Nakadate and Frank Emi, who were leaders of the resistance movement, and from Min Yasui, who pleaded for compliance with the law. Emi's letter was so long that it was published over two issues. The *Sentinel*, rather than ignoring a critical issue, provided a forum for discussion.

Professor Lauren Kessler of the University of Oregon, author of the article referred to by Dr. Suyama, was guilty of numerous factual errors about the *Sentinel*. I have written her to protest errors of fact and what I perceived as selective use of information to support preconceptions. This, of course, she denies. Tragically, her shoddy research is being accepted as gospel by the uninformed and by those whose agendas include malice.

BILL HOSOKAWA
Denver, Colo.

BUSINESS PROFILE OF SEATTLE JACLER TOMIO MORIGUCHI:

Mom & Pop Store Shaped Into Huge Enterprise

SEATTLE

Tomio Moriguchi's name is very familiar to JACLers since the days as Seattle JACL president in 1972, national JACL treasurer in the 1974-1976 biennium and later appointed to the National JACL Endowment Fund Committee where served as its chair for a spell. The name of his business, Uwajimaya, is also well known and as a long-time P.C. advertiser.

In recent days, his name has been in the Seattle papers as the "likeable landlord" of the low-rent Publix Hotel in the International District at S. King and Sixth Avenues. As tenants of the hotel who heard rumors of a possible closure, they had their concerns publicized. The latest report is that Moriguchi is undecided about the fate of the building.

A profile of Moriguchi, as a Nisei businessman who turned the mom & pop grocery into one of the largest Japanese American family-owned and operated food emporiums in the country, appeared in the *Seattle Times* on Nov. 20, 1989. Here are excerpts from that story by business reporter Himanee Gupta on Uwajimaya.

When the late Fujimatsu Moriguchi divided the ownership of Uwajimaya among his four sons 27 years ago, few within the family expected the tiny grocery would survive.

It was 1962, and a new generation of American-born Japanese in Moriguchi's eyes, would have little inclination to eat their native foods.



TOMIO MORIGUCHI

What he didn't realize was that thousands of Japan-born women who married American soldiers during the Occupation era after WWII, were beginning to settle in Seattle and that they, homesick for familiar food, would flock to Uwajimaya.

He also underestimated the impact of extended families. As one of his sons, Tomio Moriguchi, said, the children were raised by grandparents while their parents worked. The grandparents naturally cooked the foods familiar to them, and the children, growing up with tastes for such foods, poured into Uwajimaya, clamoring for more.

Such an unexpected pool of customers helped the Moriguchi family turn Uwajimaya from a mom-and-pop grocery into what has become

one of the largest Nikkei family-owned and operated food businesses in the country.

Founded in 1928, it now employs 280 people and last year's gross estimate was \$35 million.

Besides its flagship retail store at the edge of the International District, the corporation today consists of:

Retail outlets in Bellevue and Southcenter Mall; Seasia, a wholesale division that provides Asian food products to mainstream grocery chains such as Safeway and accounts for nearly half of the company's sales; Food Service International, which sells foods wholesale to restaurants; a food-processing plant that last year brought in about \$500,000 in sales and a mail-order business serving crews of Japanese fishing companies and about 45,000 customers nationwide.

Leadership is divided among five Moriguchi siblings: with Tomio as president; Akira as managing director of wholesale and manufacturing operations; Toshi, finance; Kenzo, business relations; and a sister, Tomoko Matsuno, retail operations.

As president, Tomio Moriguchi credits the company's success to its ability to cater to customers.

"Much of what we do is market-driven," he said. "Our customers come here now expecting to find certain basic things. We try to have them."

In many ways, the International District store illustrates his point.

Virtually everything about the store was developed with customer comfort in mind. Its aisles are wide and well-lighted, and the store's 10,000 or so Asian products are stocked in clean, well-marked sections.

A wooden staircase leads customers to Uwajimaya's huge gift division, where shoppers can spend hours discovering an array of products: chopsticks, saké sets, silk kimonos, carved wooden boxes, jewelry and cosmetics.

About two-thirds of the retail customers are of Asian descent, and although the company works to draw non-Asian customers through cooking classes, Moriguchi says the company is likely to always consider its prime customer base Asian.

Just across the street is a new bus stop—the International District's Metro tunnel station.

Uwajimaya's proximity to the station provides a tremendous opportunity to draw customers who traditionally avoided downtown neighborhoods because of traffic and parking problems. A proposed office development in the nearby Union Station also could provide a future customer base.

Plus, the Asian population is growing and becoming more affluent.

"It provides an exciting opportunity," Tomio Moriguchi said, "and may mean in the next couple of years that Uwajimaya will have to do some remodeling, expanding."

As Toshi Moriguchi put it, "There's a lot of thinking to be done, and that takes time."

But there are ideas. Tomio Moriguchi dreams of bringing a children's play center, a bowling alley, a putting green, perhaps even a swimming pool to the store. The concept, he said, would expand Uwajimaya's goal of being a full-service department store, even more, into a family entertainment center of sorts.

Industrial psychologist Gary Milezarek has been working with the family to formulate a concrete plan. But whether the idea takes full shape or not is as yet unclear.

"It's difficult because we have ideas, but we have nothing concrete, no plan at this point," Moriguchi said. "It really depends on what the family wants and how well customers respond."

J.A. History Room Needed

The news of the closing of the Japanese American History Room of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California on Dec. 15, 1989, and the resignation of its director, Seizo Oka, has reached us here in Japan.

There has been great distress and concern on the part of the Japanese researchers in the history of Japanese Americans at this unexpected news. We know that the value of this unique collection will increase as time passes, and we wish to make an urgent appeal for its continued availability to researchers who seek to preserve the history of the Issei and Nisei pioneers.

I am writing this as representative of the oldest research group in Japan of Japanese immigration history. Members of this group have not only travelled within Japan in search of sources and interviews related to their studies, but have also travelled to the United States in pursuance of further research, and have utilized this collection.

A sense of urgency prompts us to appeal for continued preservation of this invaluable collection, and for means of making it available to those who will use it to write the history of the Japanese Americans in English, as well as in Japanese.

We hope that we and others concerned can thereby contribute to the further understanding of Japanese American history and its role in the relations between Japan and the United States. This we should like to do in full appreciation of the farewell words of the retiring History Room director, Seizo Oka, who wrote that "much of the pioneer history is still recorded only in the Japanese language and remains as yet untold to the non-Japanese-reading generations in this country."

TERUKO KACHI
Tokyo, Japan

Ms. Tsuda is a former professor at Tsuda College and a member of the Japanese American Research Group.

Camp Newspaper Study

An important axiom related to writing is that whatever you put in print will eventually come back to haunt you: it will remain in perpetuity for future generations to analyze and judge. No amount of latter-day rationalization will change the evidence in black and white.

There are many things I wrote in my earlier years which I now regret and find embarrassingly naive. If a researcher happens to discover one of my statements from the distant past, I either cringe in silence or frankly admit my error. I chalk it up to inexperience and youthful ignorance of worldly matters, and I drop the subject.

In this respect, I think that Barry Saiki protests too much (P.C., Oct. 13, Jan. 26, Mar. 2). Lauren Kessler was fully within her prerogative in formulating judgements about the concentration camp newspapers based on the printed word alone.

The former inmate editors are not the most reliable and unbiased resource—as the umbrage unleashed by Mr. Saiki amply demonstrates. The recollections of a culpable individual, especially after the passage of 48 years, will tend to be imprecise and self-serving.

It is far better to peruse the written record: viz., the camp newspapers, government regulations, and other documents from the period in question. Contemporaneous papers form the basis for historical research. This documentation will remain inviolate for other scholars to corroborate (or refute) the study.

I personally have read every issue of the *Heart Mountain Sentinel* and *Rohwer Outpost*, plus all of the other concentration camp newspapers. The original newsprint is preserved here at the University of California Documents Library, and anyone with an interest can easily confirm the facts presented in Professor Kessler's article.

Based on my own independent research of the camp newspapers and government documents, I totally agree with Professor Kessler. The camp regulations made it absolutely clear that freedom of the press would not be allowed; and all of the inmate newspapers were slanted in favor of the administration. In fact, some of the editors and columnists were nauseating in their support of government policies.

Mr. Saiki undoubtedly wrote what he thought was right at the time—but it just has not stood up under the glare of historical scrutiny. Our knowledge and sophistication was limited then. Today, we have a lot more information from which we can reexamine the past.

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, Calif.

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In my letter, "DeCristoforo Slighted," (Feb. 23, P.C.), the word ("spacious") in the second paragraph should have read "specious." Thank you.

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JACL PULSE

ARIZONA

• Scholarship Awards Banquet, Sun., April 29, Fountain Suites Hotel, 2577 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix. Info: 602 861-2638.

EDC

• Meeting of the Eastern District Council of the JACL, Sat., March 31, Community Bldg., Red Room, Medford Leas, N.J. Schedule: Coffee, 10 am; meeting: 10:30 am; lunch, 1 pm, served in the Garden Dining Room, \$9/ea. (includes tip); workshop, "Stress Management in Leadership Positions, 2-3:45 pm; relax at the Uyecharas, 4-4:30 pm; Philadelphia JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner, 6 pm. Info: 609 953-7413.

FRESNO

• "The Myths and Realities of U.S.-Japan Relations," the first in a series of dinner meeting discussions, Mon., April 2, 7 pm, Daruma #2, Shaw and West. Panelists: Dr. Rufus Waters, professor of International Business, CSUF; Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, professor of economics, CSUF; and Dr. Frank Nishio; moderator, Dr. Mae Takahashi. Cost: \$10/ea. Reservation deadline: March 26. Info: (both 209) P. Liggett, 266-2204 or F. Nishio, 439-8525.

GILROY

• JACL Golf Tournament, Sat., April 21, Gilroy Golf and Country Club. Info: Mike, 408 847-3218.

MARINA

• Wine/Cheese Safari, Fri., March 30, the Aquarium, 5403 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City. View sea anemone, mini coral reef and sea gardens while sipping wine & nibbling cheese. Info: Shirley Chami, 213 390-1240.

MILWAUKEE

• An evening with Japanese peace advocate Mayumi Fukuda, co-sponsored by the International Institute, Wed., April 18.

MPDC

• Meeting of the Mountain Plains District Council, Fort Lupton, Colo. **Fri., March 23:** Mixer, 7:30 pm, Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple, 740 Main St. **Sat., March 24:** MPDC meeting, Aims College South Campus; 9:30-noon, meeting; noon, lunch (90 mins.); 1:30 pm, workshops. Potluck dinner: Mr. Z's (at the bowling alley); happy hour, 6-7 pm; banquet, 7 pm. Keynote speaker: Bill Yoshino, JACL national director. Info: (both 303) Alfred Wataida, 857-2849 or Sam Funakoshi, 857-2384.

NEW YORK

• New members party, Sat., March 24, 2:30 pm, the Japanese American United Church, 7th Ave., 2:30 pm.

PHILADELPHIA

• The 1990 Philadelphia JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner, Sat., March 31, Meiji-En Restaurant (215 592-7100), Philadelphia Marine Center, Pier 19 North, Delaware Ave. at Callowhill St. Social Hour: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Program: 8:30 pm. Keynote speaker: Judge Ida Chen. Cost: \$30/ea. Send checks payable to the Philadelphia JACL by March 31 to Mas Yamatani, 1925 Gibson Dr., Hatboro, PA 19040. Info: 609 953-7413.

SAN DIEGO

• "JACL: The Wave of the Future," the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention, June 17-23, San Diego Princess. Highlights: Business sessions,

workshops, Beach Party, National Awards Banquet, Masaoka Award Dinner, Sayonara Ball, Golf Tournament, Deep Sea Fishing, Tijuana Trip, Speech Competition, Youth Conference, 1000 Club Wing Ding. Info: 619 230-0314.

SAN JOSE

• Annual bridge tournament, Sat., April 7, Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. Categories: Major, intermediate and junior, with prizes for each section. Info: A. Nakahara, 258-7874. • Casino night fundraiser, Fri., May 18, Italian Gardens. Proceeds to go to college scholarships. Info: 408 295-1250.

TWIN CITIES

• Annual Sukiyaki dinner, Sun., April 1, Union Congregational Church, 3700 Alabama Ave. South, St. Louis Park. Dinner prices: \$8, adults; \$4, children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Advance reservations: (both 612) 934-9238 or 537-8076.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Applications for Ventura County JACL scholarships due April 1. Info: Doug Doi, 805 650-1705.

• Redress information meeting with ORA Executive Director Bob Bratt, Thurs., May 17, Casa Serena, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard. Info: Stan Mukai, (both 805) 650-1705 (H) or 989-4502 (W).

WEST L.A.

• "Japanese American Youth: Careers and Community in the 1990s," Tues., March 27, 7:30 pm, West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, corner of Corinth & La Grange. Panelists: Carol Yoneda, Karen Tanji and Susan Roe. Endorsed by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Free. Info: G. Omatsu, 213 825-3415.

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• Present-April 15—"The Cult of Tea: An Exhibit Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Death of Sen no Rikyu," the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.

DETROIT

• March 31—The 7th Annual Rededication Dinner of the American Citizens for Justice, Days Hotel 17017 Nine Mile Rd., Southfield. Cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Keynote speaker: Dr. Kyo Ryoan Jhin. Guest speaker: John Roy Castillo. Entertainment: Tae Kwon Do demo by U.S. Olympic bronze medalist Han Won Lee & Filipino folk dancing by the Tagumpay Cultural Ensemble. Info: 313 689-5518.

LOS ANGELES AREA

• Present—March 25—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei*, Whitefire Theatre, 13500 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks. Info: Gretchen Weber, 213 463-7590.

• March 21—April 29—East West Players presents Vernon Takeshita's *Performance Anxiety*, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: 213 660-0366.

• March 29—Pep rally fundraiser for California 3rd Assembly District candidate Lon Hatamiya, 6-9 pm, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Cosponsored by the Japanese American Democratic Club, the Philippine American Los Angeles Democratic Club and the West San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Democratic Club. RSVP: March 20. Guests: Rep. Robert Matsui, George Takei, Johnny Mori, Julie Inouye, Connie Jackson & Maryknoll Boy Scout Troop 145. Info: (both 213) T. Murakawa, 822-7470; M. Castro, 663-53967; or J. Soong, 818 281-2647.

• April 4—May 27—"Full Circle," an exhibition of furniture designed by George Nakashima, George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: 213 628-2725.

NEW YORK

• March 20—April 7—The Pan Asian Repertory Theatre's production of Wakako Yamauchi's *And the Soul Shall Dance*, Apple Corps Theatre, 336 W. 20th St. Showtimes: T-F, 8 pm; S, 2 & 8 pm. Tickets: Opening night, \$50/ea. (proceeds go to the Aichi Kichiyama Memorial Fund); all other performances, \$22/ea.; senior, student, theatre professional and group rates available with ID. Tickets: 212 245-2660.

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

• March 16-17—Reunion of the conferees

of the July 31, 1932 Pacific Palisades Free Methodist Camp of the Japanese Free Methodist Church, Doubletree Hotel, Orange. Info: J. Miyabe, 818 912-3337.

• July 6 & 7—The 1900 USJF Junior, Youth & Team National Judo Championships, the Buena Park Hotel & Convention Center, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Hosted by Nanka Judo Yudanshakai. Info: (both 714) Ted Okada, 821-5397 or Masaru Harada, 737-7913.

PORTLAND

• Aug. 3-5—Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion, Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. Registration deadline: June 1. Info: 503 654-9437.

SACRAMENTO

• March 31—The 4th Annual Dragon Run, Caroline Wenzel Elementary School. Info: 916 452-7836.

• April 15—Deadline for AJA Veterans reunion in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on June 29. Info: Shiro Tokuno, 916 925-0019.

• April 21—The Issei Oral History Project, Inc.'s ceremony to donate audio-tapes of over 200 interviews with Issei to the Sacramento History Center, 5:30-7:30 pm, Sacramento History Center, 101 I St., Old Sacramento. Info: 916 925-0019.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

• Present—May 13—"Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women, 1885-1990," exhibit co-sponsored by National Japanese American Historical Society; Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., Oakland, free admission. Info: (all 415) NJAHS, 431-5007; Museum, 273-3842 or 273-3401.

• March 21 & 28—Asian American International Film Showcase, AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, San Francisco. Tickets: Gen. adm. \$6.50; NAATA members, \$5.50, at box office one hour before each program. Films: **March 21, 7 pm**, "New Directors: Films of Identity," *Mail Order, Halmani, Two Lies, Peering from the Moon*; **9 pm**, "Tribute to Vietnamese Women," *Surname Viet Given Name Nam*; **March 28, 7:30 pm**, *First Date*. Info: (415) 863-0814.

• March 24—The First National Conference on Asian Americans in Politics, sponsored by the League of Asian American Voters and the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, S, 8:30 am-6:30 pm, Clark Kerr Conference Center, UC Berkeley. Advance registration: \$95. Info: 415 391-4722.

SAN JOSE AREA

• March 17—Asian American Social Club's "One Night in Morocco," El Maghreb Moroccan Restaurant, 145 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose (408) 294-2243, 7 pm. Info: R. Masuda, (415) 656-7417 or B. Oshidari, (408) 289-1067.

• March 25—Jackson-Taylor Business & Professional Associations's 1990 Annual Dinner, Su Bini's Bar & Grille, 337 E. Taylor St., 6 pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner. Info: (408) 298-4303.

• May 19-20—Watsonville YBA Reunion (circa 1940-1956) planning meetings during Chizu Iwanaga's visit in Watsonville. Info: (all 408) Mas Hashimoto, 722-6859; Ernie Ura, 724-4366; or Jackie Yamashita, 724-7860.

SAN LEANDRO

• March 31—Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society's first No. Calif. Women's Luncheon, 9:30 am-1 pm, San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd. Guest speaker: Sue Tatsui. Cost \$7. Info: Sylvia Chow, 210 Jenay Ct., Martinez CA 94553, (415) 228-9448.

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Books to P.C.

Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

Onomatopoeic: Cute Words, Cute Meanings in Nihongo

TOKYO — The *Japan Times* has published *An Illustrated Dictionary of Japanese Onomatopoeic Expressions* by Taro Gomi (¥1,550) explaining with quaint pictures such words as *za-za*, *nechi-nechi* and *biku-biku*.

The Japanese probably have three times as many sound-imitating words in English, and also to the Japanese a more logical, natural way of expression. *Za-za* describes "pouring rain," *nechi-nechi* can be something being very sticky; *biku-biku* for someone who is afraid or nervous.

CREATED IN JAPAN: From Imitators to World-Class Innovator, Sheridan Tatsuono. Harper & Row, P.O. Box 1630, Hagerstown, MD 21741, \$21.95.

To appreciate the magnitude of Japan's technological strength, Sheridan M. Tatsuono (a by-liner in the *Nikkei* press) tells his story from an inside perspective. He is also author of *The Technopolis Strategy: Japan, High-Technology, and the Control of the 21st Century*. Tatsuono is the principal of NeoConcepts, a high-tech consulting firm in Fremont, Calif.

ASIAN AMERICA: Chinese and Japanese in the United States Since 1850, Roger Daniels. Univ. of Washington Press, 402 pp., \$24.95 (1989), bibliography.

Author-historian Roger Daniels has had added another scholarly title for our bookshelf on a familiar subject. A leading scholar in Asian immigration, he shows the distinctions and similarities between the two groups as well as between Asian and European immigration experiences. The research, of course, penetrates into the JACL, its beginnings in the 1930s and its controversial roles during WWII.

His epilogue views the future from

the perspective of the 1960s—the Era of the Model Minority. The subject matter is still in great flux and with the 21st century around the corner, there will more pieces from his pen and others. He hopes so, as the book was intended to be a catalyst to cause historians and others to reconsider the Asian American experience as it applies to the present and the future.

As one who is always looking for Japanese names in the U.S. world, those who find their names misspelled here will be disappointed. A Nisei jurist is also elevated in print unexpectedly.

DEATHS

Natsuye Matsumoto, 63, San Francisco, Dec. 18. Surviving: h Yoshinobu, s Yoshio, Shigeo, d Kaoru Seino, 2gcs, sis Toshiye, Kiyoye, Yoshino Hoshino.

Shime Matsuzaki, 69, San Francisco, Dec. 8. Surviving: sis Shizuko Endo, Fijiyee Takaha, br Masakichi, Torichi.

Aichi Mukai, 88, Hiroshima resident of Redwood City, Dec. 31. Surviving: w Yoshiko, s Mark, d Sachiko Morikawa (Japan), Sumiye Hayashi, gcs, gcs.

Hisako Muto, 93, Kanagawa resident of Suisun, Calif., Dec. 20. Surviving: Kazuo, Teruo, gcs.

Konami Sasaki, 94, Hiroshima resident of San Francisco, Dec. 15. Surviving: Shigeru, in-law Haruko and Toshiko Sasaki, 4gc, 5gcs.

Mitsuna Sasaki, 76, Fresno, Dec. 27. Surviving: w Hatsue, d Jane Sasaki, Alice Gunderson, Elaine Knipe, 1 gc.

Fudeyo Sekikawa, 96, Yamaguchi resident of Sacramento, Jan. 4. Surviving: s Ted, Howard, George, Bill, Sam, d Betty Yamamura, Rose Yamamoto, Eleanor Ikezaki.

Arata Shibayama, 87, Hawaiian-born Los Angeles resident, Jan. 6. Surviving: w Dorothy, s Yosh, d Ellen Yamada, Eileen Shitanishi, 5gc, 5gcs, br Goro (Hawaii), Juro, Minoru (both Japan), sis Itsumi Morikawa (Hawaii), in-laws Teruko Shibayama, Mary Shibayama.

Anna Suzuki, 99, San Francisco Nisei, Dec. 22. Surviving: Shigeo, in-law Kewa, 1gc.

Kei Tanaka, 93, Hiroshima resident at Santa Ana, Dec. 10. Surviving: s Robert (Mill Valley), Richard, 7gcs, 2gcs.

Yuriko Tsuda, 60, Yuba City, Dec. 22. Surviving: h Gus, s Douglas, d Shirley, Sharon Koga, gc, m Harue Inouye, brs William, Hiroshi, Yukio Inouye, sis Chizuko Yasuda.

Steve Akutagawa, 71, Tustin, Jan. 12. Surviving: s Ted, Ken (both of Escondido), Jon, d Elaine Kiss (Irvine), br John (Garden Grove).

Chiyoko Iino, 61, Alameda-born resident of Houston, Tex., Dec. 1; survived by h David, d Cynthia, Laura, br Daniel, Kazuo Date, sis Kiyoko Abe, Yuri Torigoe.

James Z. Ige, 65, Gardena, Nov. 18, Korean War veteran; survived by w Christine, s Akira, Ken, Satoshi, br Edmund, Ronald, Alfred (all of Hawaii), Roy (Guam), sis Haruko, Ginoza, Evelyn, Scholes (Phila.), Shirley Nambu, Sueko Oka.

Tatsuo Paul Yata, 73

Tatsuo "Tut" Yata, an Eagle Rock-born Nisei who was a veteran of WWII with the Military Intelligence Service passed away on March 6 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. He was chapter president of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL (1950-1951) and the Wilshire JACL (intermittently between 1962 and 1989). He was a PSWDC district governor (1951-53). Funeral service was held March 12 at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church under direction of Fukui Mortuary. He is survived by his brother Charles Masao (Tomboko), sisters Toshiko (M. Sam) Seno and Hiroko (James K. Motoike), many nephews and nieces.

► Nobumichi Hara, VSI Aerospace Products Co.'s personnel manager in Culver City, Calif., has been appointed director of human resources for Seattle's Community Colleges, a system with three campuses and a district office. He begins April 2. He has a B.A. in speech/communication and an MBA from Cal State Long Beach. He has been in the human resources field for four years.

► Washington Gov. Booth Gardner named Dennis Okamoto, 46, a 20-year telephone company executive, as his new state revenue director and is expected to be the chief advocate for tax reform next year. He is the ranking male Asian American in state government and a key member on the governor's cabinet. A UW graduate in business in '70, he began his career in 1968 at Pacific Northwest Bell (later restructured as US West Communications in 1988) and was vice-president/treasurer. He assumed his new post March 1 at Olympia. He is president of the Japan America Society, treasurer of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and on the board of Asian Counseling and Referral Service.

► A certificate of appreciation was presented to Joanne Nitta, art instructor, Upper Perkiomen (Pa.) School District, by Jerome N. Merkel, director of traffic safety, for the outstanding achievement of having her students win 36 of the East Penn Motor Club's 45 award winning posters in the annual AAA School Traffic Safety Poster Program.

► Joyce Muraoka, a 20-year Forest Service employee, was named deputy regional forester at the agency's regional office in San Francisco. A UC Berkeley graduate with a master's degree in English literature, her areas of responsibility include recreation, wilderness, cultural resources, minerals, engineering, administrative services, lands, real estate, fiscal control and law enforcement. She was regional planning and budget director at the agency in early 1988.

► Allen Kato, member of the San Francisco law firm of Schachter, Kristoff, Ross, Sprague & Curiale, was named the January volunteer of the month by the San Francisco Bar Association. Originally from Stockton, he is the son of the late Tetsuya Kato, a Stockton JACL president, and Eiko Kato. He co-chairs the Asian American Bar Association's community services committee, which is engaged in volunteer legal services and representing indigents in the area of family law.

► Linda Nakamura, newly-inducted president of the Whittier (Calif.) Bar Association, is vice-chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's immigration section. The daughter of SELANOCO JACLers Yoshio/Grace Nakamura; she started her career as a newspaper reporter after graduating Redlands University, discovered her aptitude for law and studied at Western State University College of Law while working for an immigration attorney.

► Gloria Hom was appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian last October to the California State University System board of trustees, a 24-member panel that is concerned with faculty recruitment and retire-

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ment, enrollment growth and retaining students who have been traditionally under-represented in the system and to prepare students to the demands of a multicultural, global economy. She previously served on the Calif. State Board of Education, which

oversees the state's K-12 public schools. An educator of some 20 years, she is married to Peter Hom, Palo Alto attorney, and is completing studies for a doctorate in education this May at the University of San Francisco.

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