

An Address from JACL-LEC Legislative Strategy Chair

Editor's note: The following is the text of a speech given by Grant Ujifusa in Spokane, Wash., last month. JACL-LEC legislative strategy chair since 1985, Ujifusa received a B.A. with honors from Harvard College in 1965, and has worked as an editor at Random House and Macmillan publishing companies in New York. Co-author of the *Almanac of American Politics*, he is now senior editor of *Reader's Digest* magazine.

I am very happy to be in Spokane tonight. To be your guest is to become part of your community, its warmth and its graciousness. Once a farm boy, I find myself uplifted by you here who live by the old values, values that made redress possible, values that I know sustain a person like Denny Yasuhara, who can then provide leadership to Japanese Americans all over the country. The old values can be summed up in one word: Service. Down-to-earth, face-to-face service.

What else can you say about Denny's leadership? I say, thoughtful and bold. He reminds me of what Benjamin Franklin said about John Adams: Sometimes wrong, but never in doubt. That spirit is what a long-odds project like redress absolutely had to have, a strong bias toward action: Think things through, but when in doubt, attack.

Denny's contributions were behind the scenes and rarely publicized. His most important was to fight doubt and doubters. Day after day, he brought to our common effort an ethical imperative: We go all out, with no thought to winning or losing. Short of that we break faith with our Issei and Nisei forebearers.

Without him, I will confidently assert

that there would have been no redress. I respect and love Denny Yasuhara. He is like a brother to me. You should be proud of him. I am one who is.

I would like to talk about three things tonight and, along the way, pay tribute to some people whose dogged work has not as yet been widely appreciated.

First, how was the political miracle of entitlement achieved? Second, what led Ronald Reagan to sign the redress bill?

Third, what was the basic shape of the strategy used by the LEC? How we tried to make redress a motherhood issue.

Entitlement, What Happened?

The truth here is very simple. Entitlement was Senator Dan Inouye's idea in the first and last place, and it was he using A Big Chit who got it done.

Getting money out of Congress had to be done inside, because that's what the appropriations process is. What goes on is often described with a lot of Washington mumbo-jumbo, but in essence it's pretty straightforward. Understand first that Congress for the most part controls the purse strings of the federal government. Understand second that in the Senate the Appropriations Committee, on which Dan Inouye is the second-ranking Democrat, oversees those purse strings.

In short, the community had a powerful player on the inside of an insider's game who went to bat for us and slugged it out of the park.

What Inouye did was really a political miracle. Why? Because otherwise Gramm-Rudman would have kept a heavy lid on any money coming to us. Dan got Congress to set aside the severe restrictions that are

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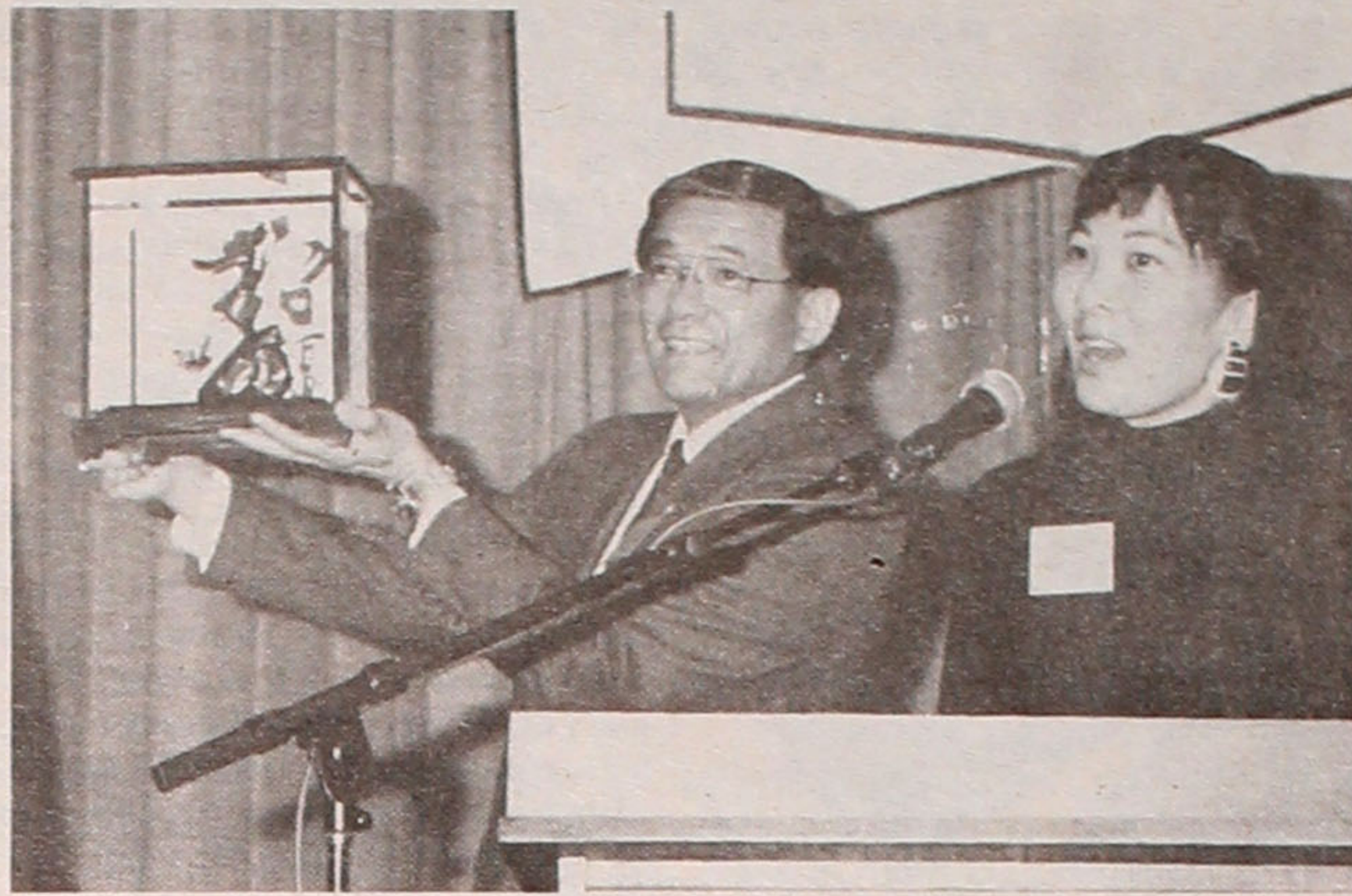


Photo by Daniel Inouye

APPLAUDING HIS CONTRIBUTION—Donna Komure-Toyama, Florin JACL Chapter president, presents a gift to Rep. Norman Mineta for his role in the redress campaign at the chapter's Day of Remembrance.

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Spark to Stay on Job Despite Grave Illness

WASHINGTON — Hawaii Sen. Spark Matsunaga's cancer of the prostate has spread to his bones. In a written statement, Matsunaga, 73, said he continues to work on his legislative agenda, despite the fact the disease has confined him to a wheelchair. A staff person for the senator told the *PACIFIC CITIZEN* that Matsunaga works out of his Kensington, Md., home and is wheeled into the Senate chamber to cast floor votes by waving either up or down.

The spread of prostate cancer to the bones, particularly the pelvic bone and lower spine is fairly common, medical authorities said. Matsunaga's office said he has received hundreds of cards, letters, and telephone calls since he announced his prostate cancer in January.

"I am overwhelmed by the amount of concern and well wishes, some in the form of remedies in addition to letters and phone calls, received from constituents, colleagues and people in all walks of life at home and abroad," said Hawaii's junior senator.



SEN. SPARK MATSUNAGA

Gov. John Waihee and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi issued a joint statement in the nation's capital earlier this month, saying the news of the spread of the disease is "saddening, and we join the people of Hawaii in continuing to wish him well."

Matsunaga spearheaded the successful movement for redress, and is the author of several bills coming up for action in Congress, including those affecting retired veterans' disability, and hydrogen fuel research and development.

Individuals wishing to send cards and expressions of support to the senator should write to him at 109 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

San Diego Princess Resort Site of 1990 National Convention

By Robert Ito

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P.C. Board Appoints New Editor-in-Chief

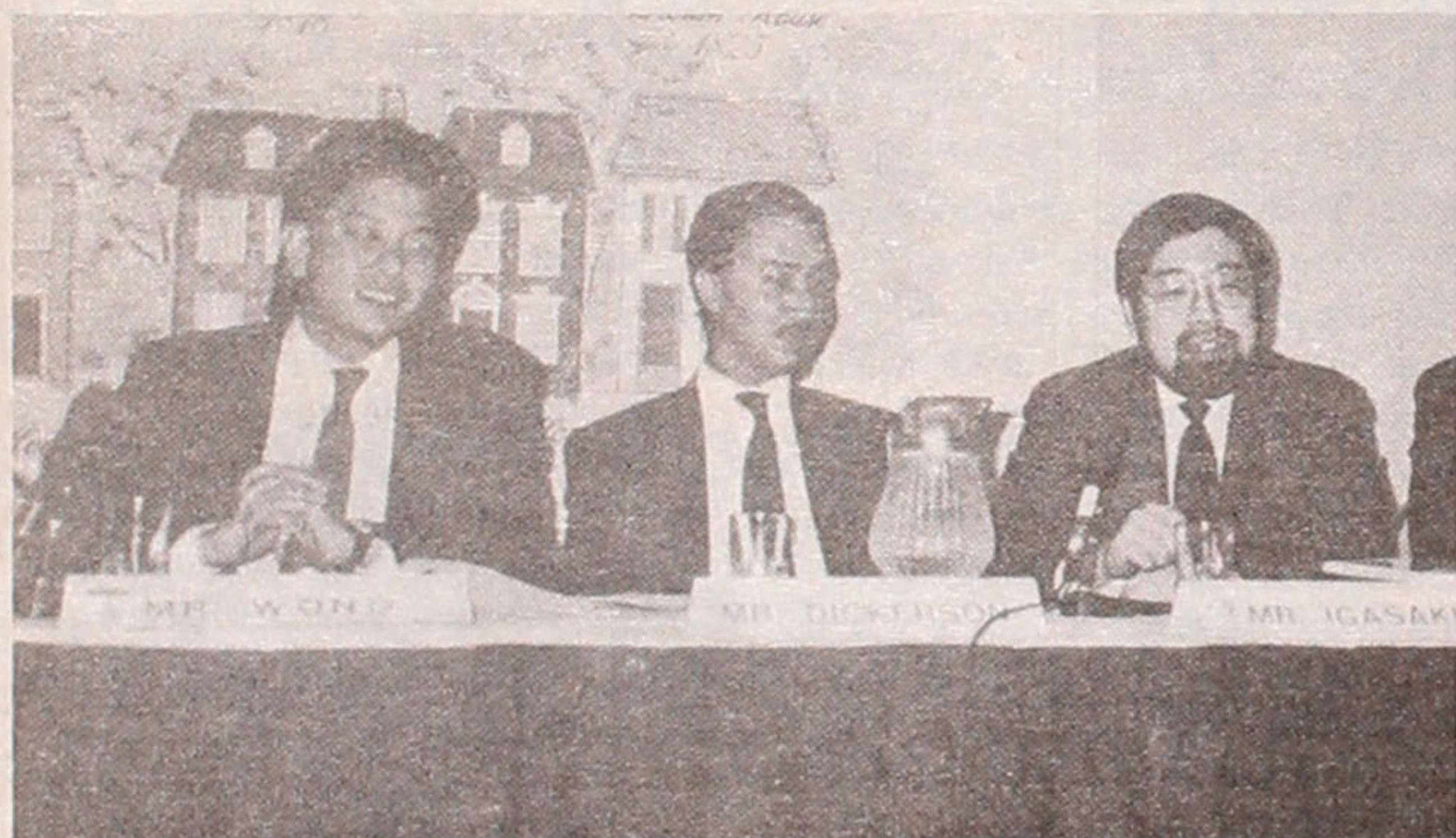
LOS ANGELES — Lillian Kimura, P.C. board chair, has announced the appointment of Mark Osaki as editor-in-chief of the *PACIFIC CITIZEN*.

Formerly principal editor at the University of California, Osaki has also served as editor of *The Berkeley Monthly* and *The Boston Monthly*, and has received more than 20 national and regional awards from advertising, design, magazine publishers and educational organizations. His background also includes award-winning multimedia productions and development communications.

Osaki's writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Georgia Review*, *South Carolina Review*, *New York Quarterly*, *Breaking Silence: An Anthology of Contemporary Asian American Poets* (recipient of an American Book Award), and *Carrying the Darkness: The Poetry of the Vietnam War*. He has received awards for his work from the National Endowment for the Arts, Academy of American Poets, San Francisco Arts Council, Seattle Arts Commission, and the University of California.

While excited over the challenges and opportunities of his new position, Osaki sees his tenure as a necessary but transitory one. "I'm here to work with the P.C. staff to implement crucial structural changes that will help realize the potential of this historically significant and important publication.

"Given the support I've already received from the P.C. board and National JACL leadership, I'm both determined and convinced that I can achieve these primary goals. That done, a different kind of editor will be required, and my task will have been accomplished."



FORMING PARTNERSHIPS—Among the panelists joining Paul Igasaki (right) to discuss relations between Asian Americans and African Americans were (l to r) Marshall Wong and Ralph Dickerson.

National League of Cities:

Asian Pacific Municipal Officials Caucus Holds Workshop on Black/Asian Relations

WASHINGTON — Paul Igasaki, JACL's Washington Representative, participated March 5 in a program of the National League of Cities Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials Caucus. The program consisted of a workshop on Asian and African American relations as well as a luncheon and reception.

Igasaki discussed relations between the African American and Asian American communities in Chicago, where he served as executive director of the Chicago Commission on Asian American Affairs and as the mayor's liaison to the Asian American community. Igasaki was also JACL chapter president in Chicago for three terms. As echoed by most of the panelists, Igasaki asserted that Asian and African Americans have little to gain from fighting each other and much to gain from mutual support and cooperation.

"The problem of conflicts between African American residents and Asian

American merchants in the inner cities is at its root an economic one," commented Igasaki. "By increasing communications and understanding between our communities, however, we can try to avoid lasting racial divisiveness. All people of color have experienced the pain of American racism. Perhaps that provides a basis for unity."

The panel, entitled "Asian Americans and African Americans: From Antagonism to Partnership," was moderated by Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo and Inglewood Councilman Daniel Tabor, who represented the National Black Caucus/Local Elected Officials, a workshop cosponsor.

Along with Igasaki, other panelists were Marshall Wong, of the mayor's office in Washington; Ralph Dickerson, assistant to D.C. Councilman Harry Thomas; Bill Stalworth, city councilman from Biloxi, Miss.; and Doris Ward, San Francisco city supervisor.

NEWS BRIEFS

Campaign to Protect State Benefits Under Way

NEW YORK — A petition effort will soon be under way to persuade the New York State Legislature to exempt redress payments from affecting income ceilings on social-service programs, such as Medicaid or public-assistance payments, the *New York Nichibei* reported. Unless redress payments are exempted by law, recipients may find their benefits reduced or eliminated. JACL-LEC Executive Director JoAnne Kagiwada said that local supporters are seeking a Republican cosponsor for the legislation in the state senate as a way of enhancing chances of passage.

The state income-tax department has already issued an advisory opinion that redress funds would be exempt from state and local income taxes.

Vandals Damage Japanese Garden

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Vandals caused an estimated \$15,000 to \$25,000 in damage to the Japanese Tea Garden in Central Park on the night of March 2 or the morning of March 3, according to San Mateo police. Lt. Ed Smith said the vandals ripped up bonsai trees and knocked over a pagoda. Statues in the garden were damaged the week before, he added. There are no suspects in either case. Although the garden is enclosed by a fence, Smith said it can be easily climbed and anyone entering at night would be "virtually unseen." Asked if the acts might have been motivated by anti-Japanese sentiment, Smith told the *Hokubei Mainichi*, "There's no indication of that." He believed the vandals were "just creeps wanting to destroy something that's nice."

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to this minute imposed on anything or anybody who wants a dime out of Washington. Imagine the Appropriations Committee as a group of powerful senior executives at Boeing. The question before them is whether to build a new \$1.25 billion plant in Kentucky when last year the company's expenditures ran way over its revenues—a big deficit, in other words. In our case, the committee decided to go ahead, laying aside the cap on outlays—Gramm-Rudman—and giving the Kentucky plant, our plant, top priority in the corporate budget, priority over money for the homeless, crop subsidies, and pet political projects everywhere.

That was the miracle in these deficit-ridden times, and we are greatly indebted to Dan because no assembly line worker like me could have conceivably influenced what happened behind closed doors.

The deal was cut between Inouye, who just happened to sit as the second-ranking Democrat on the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the budget for the State, Commerce and Justice departments; and the chairman of that subcommittee, Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, a redress opponent who vehemently opposed appropriating any money; and Warren Rudman, the ranking Republican member of the subcommittee and a Jew from New Hampshire who defended Dan against racist attacks during the Oliver North hearings. Rudman, by the way, is a co-author of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.

How Dan was able to swing Hollings is a mystery to me. But Inouye is chairman of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee that passes on about a quarter of the federal budget that goes to the military. That makes other senators want to be nice to him.

You may not know that Dan, now with great seniority, is one of the most respected and potent members of the small club that is the United States Senate. But as you do know, he is not one to thump his chest or issue a press release every time he thinks he can claim a shred of credit for something. Why not? Because like a good Nisei, he knows that if he does that, he can't do the work that has to be done.

You get the idea. Dan had the power and Dan used it in our behalf. And he did it alone because no one in the rest of the community was in a position to help. Not Spark, not Norm, not Bob. We owe Senator Dan Inouye. Had he not wanted to help, we were sunk.

We also owe Spark Matsunaga: Earlier also as a senior member of the Senate, he too put himself on the line, even while the

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risks of political embarrassment ran high. Spark was our high-powered, unpaid lobbyist in the Senate who obtained 73 cosponsors for our bill. Now usually you can't get 73 senators to agree that tonight is Saturday night. The same gratitude is owed Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui in the House. Both were so intent and committed that they would lobby fellow members in the men's room. *Isshokenmei* is the word that describes everybody involved.

These four men and Patricia Saiki are evidence of Japanese American political maturity, without which there would have been no redress. We are not left to marching around with posters. We can work the inner sanctums of power where the decisions are made. One such sanctum, you recall, produced Executive Order 9066.

But the Nikkei members are part of our community, and also part of our collective political maturity that has been a long time growing. That maturity should be protected

and advanced. Because in the end, redress was the collective work of thousands of Nikkei in hundreds of communities, led, in my judgment, by the much-maligned JACL, our only national organization. And it took a national organization to lead a national effort in our nation's capital.

But why after the mumbo-jumbo and the closed doors were individual Japanese Americans important? Because, as Bob Matsui put it, "Grant, I can close a sale, but I can't open one. Constituents who vote for or against somebody have to do that." Still, there aren't very many of us, and most



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of us live in California, where we already had support.

This is where someone like Spokane's own Tom Foley, one of the nation's most gifted politicians, came into play. The same for Jim Wright, Dick Cheney, Bob Byrd, Alan Cranston, Bob Dole and Alan Simpson. Except for Bob Michel, that's almost all of the congressional leadership on both sides of the aisle, and that gave us institutional leverage, and that gave us national leverage.

Nevertheless, in the end it was our spiritual unity that gave us an intensity and force—a *chikara*—to overcome our lack of numbers. *We all remember what camp was like.* Hence our capacity for a near soundless communication. This was the foundation upon which all else was built.

Community Contributions

Especially important was the community's willingness to give money, \$1.5 million altogether, and to give money when the odds once seemed very, very long. Without that money, largely contributed by Nisei, no redress. Washington State, along with New Jersey, not only delivered the greatest percentage of members of Congress voting for redress, but PNW contributed a disproportionate share of cold, hard, non-tax-deductible cash. For the LEC, I thank you.

Before talking about Ronald Reagan, I would like to pay tribute to someone more important to our community. Another Washington stater, Cherry Kinoshita. Cherry, as you may know, is an intellectually brilliant woman, and for almost 20 years totally committed to our lost cause. She is one of those Nisei women who will look at something 99 ways to next September, and then fret and worry about the same thing 44 ways to next February. Thank God she is that way because she was the only person who caught the so-called vesting issue.

Nobody in Washington, nobody anywhere, read the language of H.R. 442 closely enough to notice that the bill, already passed by the Senate and about to be agreed to in conference, said that if you died after the President signed the bill but before Congress appropriated money for your age group, you and your heirs were completely out of luck.

The bill as written asked our Issei and older Nisei to get into an arm-wrestling contest with Death itself, and win. Some wouldn't. On Cherry's notice, the bill became unacceptable, and had to be changed. Word was gotten to Spark, and he, after pressuring John Glenn, got it changed. Here a mumbo rather than a jumbo would have devastated our community. Ironing this out caused the long delay between Senate passage and final presidential signature.

Cherry Kinoshita is one reason we must give at least some credence to an ancient adage in our community: If you want something done, ask five Nisei women. If you

don't want something done, ask five Nisei men.

And Min Yasui, the founding chairman of the LEC, can be remembered this way. Let's say that nobody, *not one from among us*, did what Min did. How much poorer in spirit would our community be today? Like the vets of the 442, let's say they never fought. Where would we be now and how would we feel about ourselves without their sacrifice? We stand tall this evening because Min did exactly that when it was very, very scary. By comparison, fighting for redress was a piece of cake. Talk is one thing, life and death quite another.

And what about Mike Masaoka, whom for reasons I don't understand, some people continue to scapegoat. I will say this about him: He knows how Washington works inside and out, and without him there would have been no redress.

I must also mention others essential to our common success. LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto; Harry Kajihara, our first fund-raising chair; Hank Tanaka, personnel chair; Bacon Sakatani, who manned our small computer; and for me a special person, LEC Treasurer Shig Wakamatsu. Shig became my LEC father, gently tutoring me on the history of our community. Then there are LEC Secretary Molly Fujioka, fund-

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raiser Mae Takahashi, Legal Counsel Peggy Liggett, and the always insightful Meriko Mori. And, of course, the indomitable Grayce Ueyehara. *women warriors all.*

Lobbying One-on-One

We must also thank Tom Kometani, a Bell Labs scientist, and Charles Nagao, who got 14 of the 16 members of the New Jersey delegation to vote for redress. And thank the indefatigable Art Morimitsu, who, with his Nikkei vets, made sure that the national VFW and American Legion did not take a position against our legislation. Had either one done so, our bill was dead. And it was the vets, not the JACL, who led Dan Inouye to write his remarkable letter of support that resulted in entitlement.

And it was Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque who won over Pete Domenici of New Mexico, a power on the Budget Committee, and it was Lillian Morizono of Las Vegas who charmed and cajoled three of the four members of the Nevada delegation to support us. And it was Gene Doi of Atlanta who got Pat Swindall, an ultra conservative, born-again Christian, to back the bill and work with Barney Frank, a gay and an ardent liberal. Swindall was the ranking Republican member on Barney's subcommittee and we had to have him. And it was Clarence Nishizu of Orange County who got another ultra conservative, William Dannemeyer, to support the bill, breaking up redress opponent Dan Lungren's hold on the Republican congressional delegation from Southern California. For the future political scientist, Clarence's achievement will be seen as one of the most remarkable in the history of redress.

You probably haven't heard of these quiet Nikkei, but without them, there would have been no redress.

These were just some of the people, mostly Nisei, who did the real work of redress, giving money, licking envelopes to raise money, and lobbying our hopeless cause face to face before imposing, often ill-informed, white politicians. The Nisei made it happen.

Before that, the Nisei were sent to camp at an age when they were most vulnerable emotionally. Then they took German lead in stomach and throat. Later as they rebuilt lives and raised families, they were scolded for becoming unaccountably lax by their

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LEST WE FORGET—Dedicating the Sakura Grove in Walerga Park are (l to r) Tom Fujimoto, Henry Taketa, Gene Itogawa, Frank Hiyama, Mike Sawamura, Toko Fujii, Jack Tsuchida.

Sakura Grove Dedicated as Memorial to Walerga Assembly Center

By Toko Fujii

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a simple but impressive ceremony attended by more than a hundred people, a grove of flowering sakura trees was dedicated and presented as a memorial to the Sunrise Recreation and Park District March 10 at Walerga Park, site of the wartime

assembly center in the city's north side.

Two years ago a bronze marker and a shade structure were presented to the recreation and park district by the Japanese American community as a commemoration of the site of the Walerga Assembly Center, where nearly 5,000 persons were incarcerated prior to removal to Tulelake WRA Center.

Following remarks by Sacramento JACL vice president Mike Sawamura, the Rev. Gary Barbaree of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Participants in the symbolic turning of earth were Tom Fujimoto, JACL; Thelma Burnside, Pioneer Garden Club; Jack Tsuchida, Sacramento Nikkei Jin Kai; Bob Crisp, Camp Kohler Assn. and Sharon Scripa, Sunrise Recreation and Park District.

An engraved plaque was presented to Ken Mitchell, president of the district, by Gene Itogawa.

Plaques of recognition were given to Thelma Burnside, and to Dick Fehrt and Gene Ahner, district staff members.

Sato to Make Run for House Seat

LOS ANGELES — Among the candidates seeking congressional office and filing nomination papers for the June 5 primary election was Eunice A. Sato, longtime Long Beach city councilwoman and one-time mayor, for the 31st District seat now occupied by Mervyn Dymally (D). Sato is the lone Republican having filed.

Remembrance Rites in Florin Draws Large Crowd

FLORIN, Calif. — Florin JACL held its eighth annual Day of Remembrance at the Florin Buddhist Hall on Feb. 24. The event was considered a huge success with more than 300 in attendance.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) spoke on his perspective from Congress, and Jerry Enomoto, chairperson, National JACL-LEC, enlightened the attendees on the challenge ahead for JACLers. Jean Johnson, deputy superintendent of the Elk Grove school district, spoke on the schools' partnership with the Florin JACL.

Mary Tsukamoto made a special presentation to David Nakayama, field representative for Assemblywoman Jackie Speier in appreciation for her involvement in revising California textbooks to convey the true picture of the internment.

An important part of the Time of Remembrance program was "Remembering Family and Friends," a tribute to those internees who have died since the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed.

Mary Tsukamoto, and Jerry Enomoto lit candles at a memorial display to honor 27 local people who had passed away. A slide show on several of the internees' lives, their contributions to America, and what their loss meant to the Japanese American community followed. The observance ended with a call to never again allow something like internment.

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Veteran MIS Instructor Keynote Speaker at Salinas Kinenhi Memorial Garden Event

SALINAS, Calif. — Shig Kihara at the Feb. 19 Day of Remembrance held at Kinenhi Japanese Memorial Garden located in Salinas's California Rodeo Ground was the keynote speaker. Sponsors were the five Central California Coast JACL chapters—

Gilroy, San Benito County, Watsonville, Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley.

The Day of Remembrance marked the 48th anniversary of Executive Order 9006, which evacuated and relocated Japanese Americans from the West Coast.

"We went through a gross violation of constitutional guarantees of protection of the laws. Nevertheless, young Nisei men and women volunteered by the thousands to fight for the United States and to preserve freedom and justice throughout the world, even though they themselves were denied this to us at home," Kihara said.

"What sustained us and enabled us to overcome adversity, is our dual cultural heritage, the Yankee spirit of liberty and freedom, combined with our Yamato values of *on*, *giri*, *gimu*, *chu* and *meiyo*, backed up with *gaman*, *shimbo*, and *gambare*," Kihara stated.

"Our story in America of the 20th Century is a poignant story of faith in

democracy and constitutional government and an affirmation of the ultimate sense of fair play of the American people. It is a story of grit, hard work, loyalty and good citizenship. It is a story of the strength of human will and human dignity," Kihara concluded.

Paul Ichiuji, vice president/programs for Salinas Valley JACL, acted as master of ceremonies. A reception for Shig Kihara followed at the Buddhist Temple of Salinas.

Discount Airfares to Convention Announced

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Discount airfares with savings from 5-40% to San Diego for the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention June 17-23 are being offered by United Airlines, the official 1990 convention airline.

For example, JACLers coming from Chicago on a \$338 airfare can save \$16.90 by using the United convention discount. On an unrestricted round-trip ticket costing \$1,100 from Chicago, savings would be \$440.

How can you get this convention discount? First, select the dates you will be traveling. Call the United Meeting Plus specialists at (800) 521-4041 any day of the week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern time and refer to account Number 407KA. You have the option of picking up your ticket at your travel agent or at any United Airlines ticket counter. If you're going to charge your ticket, you can also have the ticket mailed to you.

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Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion Slated Aug. 3-5

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Greater Portland Reunion 1990 is scheduled Aug. 3-5 for present and former Oregonians, Southwest Washingtonians, and friends with a Friday mixer, Saturday banquet and Sunday picnic on tap. The sites were not mentioned.

The committee asks those interest to "spread the word." For additional information, contact: Greater Portland Reunion Committee, 1550 SE Oak Grove Blvd., Portland, OR 97267.



THE CHRIS CHANDLER FAMILY — Republican Chris Chandler (right) of Yuba City, Calif. is seeking his third term as California assemblyman, 3rd District, covering the Butte, Colusa, Nevada, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties. He met his wife Cindy (nee Enomoto of Atherton, Calif.) as an undergraduate at UC Davis. The assemblyman finished his law degree in 1973 from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Their children are Emily, 2½, Jessica, 4, and Carolyn, 6½.

Census Bureau Estimates:

70% Increase in Asian/Pacific People from 1980 to 1988 Due to Immigration

WASHINGTON — The nation's Asian or Pacific Islander resident population grew by an estimated 70%, or by 2.7 million, from 1980 to 1988, according to a March 2 report from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau. The report contains the bureau's first estimates on the Asian or Pacific Islander population.

The American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut percentage growth was 19%; Blacks, 13%; and Whites, 6%. Hispanic origin persons (who may be of any race) had a percentage growth of 34%.

Immigration has been a major factor in the growth of the Asian or Pacific Islander population, while most of the

gains for the American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut; Black, and White populations came largely through natural increase. The Hispanic population has grown about equally from natural increase and net immigration.

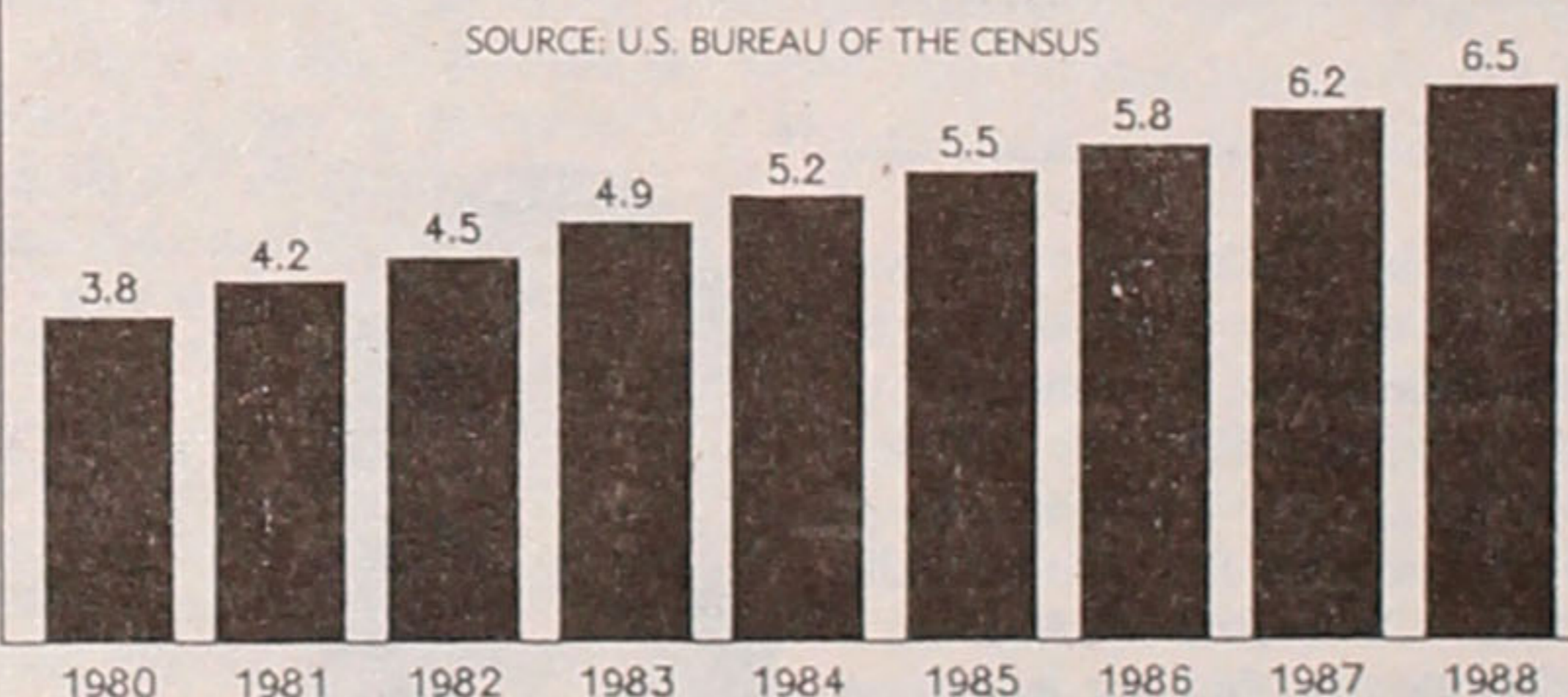
As a result of the rapid growth among Asians or Pacific Islanders, this group's proportion of the resident population rose to 2.7% as of July 1, 1988, compared with 1.7% in 1980. In 1988, Whites made up 84% of the total resident population; Blacks 12%, and American Indians, Eskimos, or Aleuts 0.7%. Hispanics comprised 8% of the population in 1988.

This is the first Census Bureau report in the 1980s to contain estimates for the Asian or Pacific Islander or the American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut populations. Although estimates for the Hispanic population appear in this report for the first time, reports containing Hispanic estimates from the Current Population Survey have been published by the bureau since the early 1970s.

Resident Populations

Group	1980	1988	Pctg (In Millions)
Asian/Pacific	3.8	6.5	2.7
White	195.2	207.4	84.0
Black	26.8	30.2	12.0
Hispanic	14.8	19.8	8.0
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West Los Angeles JACL to Sponsor Discussion on Career Opportunities

LOS ANGELES — "Japanese American Youth: Careers and Community in the 1990s" is the topic of a panel discussion sponsored by the West Los Angeles Chapter of the JACL on Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, corner of La Grange and Corinth.

On the panel will be three Japanese American student leaders who will discuss career opportunities and community concerns of youth in the coming decade: Karen Tanji, a member of the UCLA Asian Management Students Association; Susan Roe, a third year law student—and chair of the UCLA Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association, and Carol Yoneda, Occidental College Asian Alliance. The panel discussion is part of a monthly lecture series on contemporary community issues, sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL and endorsed by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. For information, call Glenn Omatsu at UCLA, (213) 825-3415.

Amanda, Baby Leukemia Patient Helped but Dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Leukemia patient baby Amanda Chiang died Feb. 19 at the UC-San Francisco Hospital from pneumonia and a rejection of bone marrow.

The daughter of Joseph and Heddy Chiang of Sacramento, Calif., Amanda was 14 months old. Prior to the transplant, friends and family of Amanda launched a campaign to get more Asian American donors into the National Registry, where leukemia patients search for an appropriate donor. Efforts on behalf of Amanda were instrumental in adding 2,000 Asian names to the registry and brought attention to the urgent needs of Asian leukemia patients around the country. —Asian Week

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egates to register for the National Convention.

The Ogawas are longtime JACLers and George was redress chair for the Pacific Southwest District. For being the first to register, both will receive a complimentary visor that displays the official logo of the 1990 convention.

Other early birds are Homer and Miyuki Yasui of the Portland Chapter, George and Mary Ann Fujimoto of the Sequoia Chapter, and Eiji Amemiya of San Diego.

Homer has already put in his reservation for the deep-sea fishing trip to be held Friday, June 22. Maybe he thinks that an "early bird" will catch the big one!

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

A Clarification

Some readers of Pacific Citizen may have been confused to see, in the Feb. 23 issue, a statement by JACL National Director Bill Yoshino labeled "Editorial of the Pacific Citizen." It appeared in this space, which is reserved for this newspaper's editorials.

What confused matters even further was the editorial note which preceded Yoshino's statement. It said: "The following editorial by JACL National Director Bill Yoshino, in response to last week's Pacific Citizen editorial, clarifies the JACL's position on affirmative action."

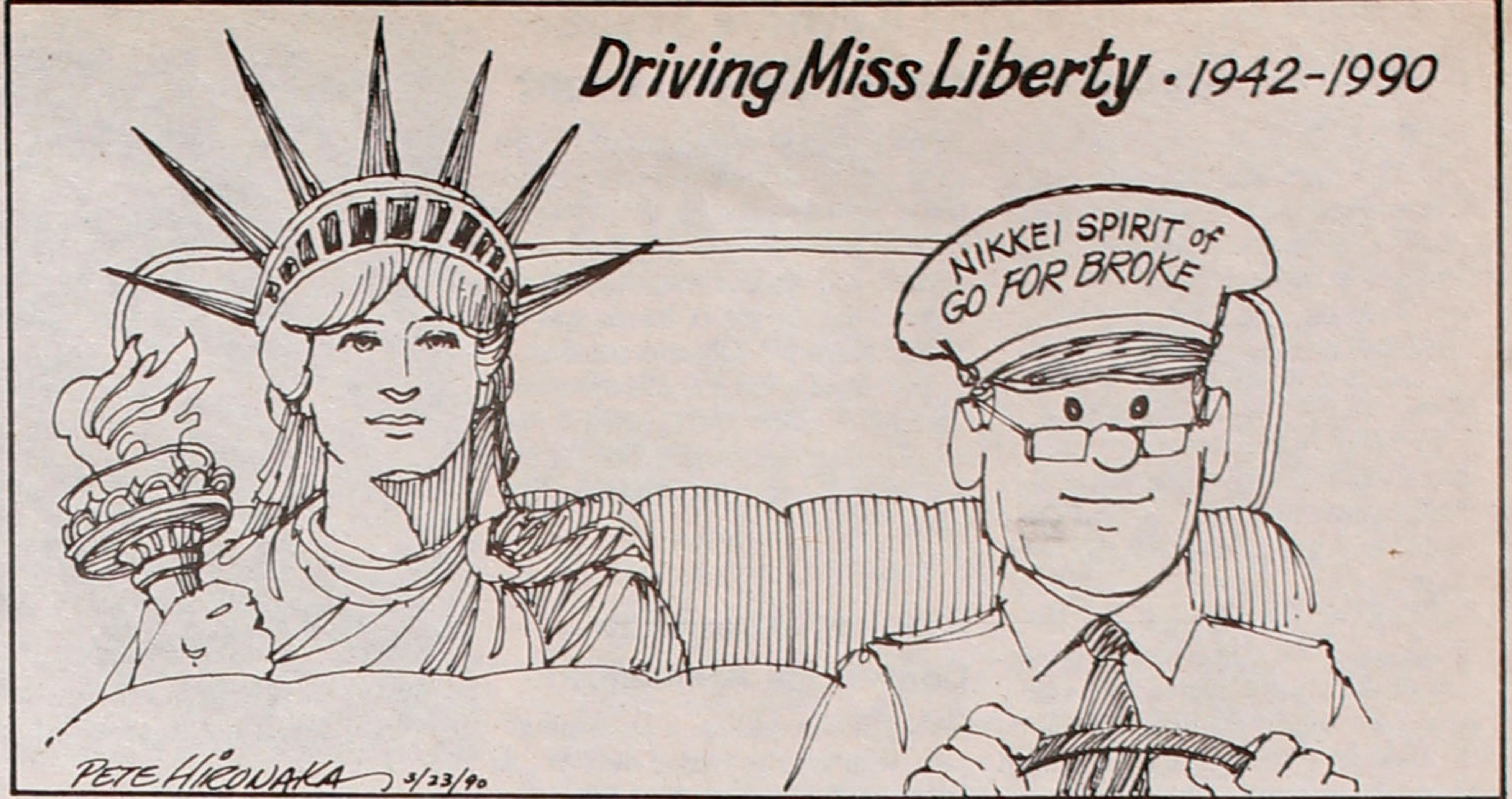
For all intents and purposes, Yoshino's statement appeared to be the editorial voice of Pacific Citizen. This, however, is incorrect. Under guidelines set up by the Pacific Citizen Board, the editor is responsible for the newspaper and its policies. To carry out this responsibility the editor is given editorial independence because Pacific Citizen, while owned by JACL, has a mandate to be a newspaper of widespread general interest to Japanese Americans. To carry out that mandate an independent editorial policy is essential.

On occasion Pacific Citizen has been in the position of reporting dissent and controversy within JACL. It performed this function well a few years ago when the Pacific Southwest District Council began impeachment proceedings against the national president and sought the ouster of the national director.

This action was highly embarrassing to the organization and the administration. Many would have been more comfortable if Pacific Citizen had reported nothing, or printed a carefully sanitized version of the story. True to its responsibility, however, Pacific Citizen printed the news fully and objectively, retained public confidence and demonstrated the wisdom of an independent policy.

No such crisis exists today, of course, and no demand was made that Yoshino's statement be presented as a Pacific Citizen editorial. Labeling it as such was simply an unfortunate error.

Yoshino's statement was rightfully published in Pacific Citizen. It made important distinctions between JACL's position and an editorial published by Pacific Citizen. It was not, however, an "Editorial of the Pacific Citizen."



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

A Treasure Trove of Nisei Memorabilia



Once or twice a year the mailman delivers a plump envelope from a Chicago suburb called Mt. Prospect, Ill. Invariably it is packed with newspaper and magazine clippings, copies of photographs and letters, notes and other memorabilia.

There is a common thread that runs through this material. It has to do with the early days of the Nisei, Nisei who were in military service, and the war between the United States and Japan.

This may be just junk to some people, but it is treasure to Mas Shiozaki, a friendly, outgoing former Northwesterner who must be the Nisei world's most diligent collector of memorabilia and trivia. I am pleased that he thinks enough of me to send along copies from his collection from time to time.

Let me give you a sampling of some of the documents that came in the last envelope:

A copy of a group photo of Northwest Nisei who went on a tour of Japan sponsored by the Taiyo Athletic Club in 1936. An autographed copy of the menu at the farewell banquet of the group at Motomachi Daimaru. (The

Daimaru lunch was 30 sen, pork cutlet 30 sen, coffee 8 sen, and a complete lunch 1 yen.)

A copy of a letter, dated Dec. 1, 1944, written by T/5 Mike Masaoka to the Red Cross girls of the 36th Division Clubmobile, thanking them for the kindness shown the 442nd after it came off the line following a bloody battle. It was addressed to Jane Cook, Dorothy Boschen, Meredythe Gardiner and Ginny Spetz.

A letter from Rex Barber of Terrebonne, Ore., and extensive documentation indicating it was Barber and not the late Thomas Lanphier who downed the plane carrying Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto.

A letter from Yoshimasa Yamamoto, older son of Admiral Yamamoto, in which he writes of being helped during the war by Yokichi Shiozaki, Mas Shiozaki's uncle. "My sisters and brother," Yoshimasa Yamamoto writes, "had the privilege of knowing your cousin Mr. Shiozaki Minoru and elder sister Mrs. Maeo." She was the wife of Shigesaburo Maeo, former speaker of the Lower House of the Ja-

panese Diet. Of the admiral, who is credited with drawing up the plans for attacking Pearl Harbor, his son writes: "My father liked United America."

A letter to Shiozaki from Charlton Heston in which Heston mentions a friend who was attached to the 442nd before being sent to the Pacific as an interpreter.

A letter from Konosuke Matsushita, founder of the giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., thanking Shiozaki for a paperweight with "Chicago" engraved on it. "I will surely treasure it as a token of your kindness and consideration," Matsushita wrote.

A photo of 24 young Issei in their Sunday best, taken at the Treadwell Alaska gold mine where they worked in 1908. Among those in the picture is Shikazo Shiozaki, Mas's father.

I have no idea how Mas Shiozaki files or preserves his collection, but I hope he treats it with respect and love. It is a priceless if somewhat disorganized record of a people and their times and, when Shiozaki no longer needs it, deserves the attention of a skilled archivist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trade Policies Supported

U.S.—Japan trade negotiations are approaching a crisis. In April 1988, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Omnibus Trade Act authorizing President Bush to execute its retaliatory provisions by mid-1990, if necessary.

But President Bush has painstakingly offered an alternative by urging Japan to open up her tightly closed market: the collusive, monopolistic economic system which catapults a \$10,000 imported Ford to \$40,000 by the time it appears in the Japanese dealer's showroom.

On the other hand, this same structure creates a situation whereby Japan-made cameras, watches and radios, etc., are sold here in America at 40% discounted prices and Japanese tourists buy up these articles to take home as souvenirs.

President Bush's policies are viewed as beneficial to people in Japan, because they can spend their accumulated savings to avail themselves of American goods at bargain prices.

Japanese Americans must now come out positively in support of U.S. trade policies. Only then will our criticism of deviant forms of Japan-bashing become acceptable; otherwise we would be jeopardizing our own political base. We must by all means first criticize Japan's unfair economic structure.

JAMES ODA
Northridge, Calif.

Trust Fund for JACL

I know that in any volunteer nonprofit organization, it takes a while to make some major decisions. Although the need for a larger funded support mechanism has been perceived and discussed over a period of time for JACL, somehow its progress has lagged this biennium.

My main concern is that the 1990 National Council meeting will too soon be with us and there will be a last-minute proposal with an urgency label on it. The delegates will be possibly pressured into an eleventh-hour decision that no one really likes but that will be done so JACL has a trust fund in place so that "we won't lose out on the redress payments to be made starting in October 1990."

Any JACL national fundraising program during the first year must be done with great sensitivity so that recipients of the redress funds won't give from a sense of guilt or obligation. There can be a major emotional effect that we won't see or hear about.

The major thrust of solicitation should be done on those who truly can donate and are eager and willing to do so. There should be more than one option for a potential donor to give to satisfy their personal program or goals in their individual lives.

It would be to JACL's benefit and enhance the fundraising if there were several considerations or proposals to be discussed at the leadership and grass-root level before final implementation. Hurried decisions and proposals will only lead to a less than desired end. JACL must learn from past mistakes or the result will be that we will constantly be looking for funds to sustain this organization.

We need concrete proposals, not rhetoric and promises of funding which evaporate soon after each biennial election.

YOSH NAKASHIMA
San Francisco

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EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

From Southfield, Michigan

EVERY SO OFTEN an unsolicited piece of mail will catch my eye and I'll rummage through it. This one was from Southfield, Michigan—the name alone being enough to pique my curiosity. Entitled "Justice Update," it is the publication of American Citizens for Justice, ACJ. The president is Dr. Bhagwan Dashairya, with at least two JACLers on his board: Mary Kamidoi, the immediate past president, and Dr. Kaz Mayeda, a longtime JACL member. Reading closely, I finally uncovered Kaz's full name: "Kazutoshi." (Mine's "Masaharu," which appears first on my birth certificate.)

THE ACJ apparently is in its seventh year of operation, with emphasis on "operation." No paper organization, this: among other things, it has an "Attorney Committee" that meets on the third Thursday of every month to review discrimination cases. Indeed, a report appears in its publication of a police shooting of two Hmong teenagers in neighboring Minnesota, where an Asian Pacific coalition is pressing for a new investigation and/or placement of Asian Pacific Americans on the attorney general's staff. The attorney general, by the way, bears a famil-

iar name: Hubert H. Humphrey, III. Thus far, Mr. Humphrey has declined these suggestions, countering with a proposal for some kind of a task force to address racism in the state.

READING FURTHER, there was an update report on the Vincent Chin case—the Chinese American who was battered by a baseball bat, for which his killer received an outrageous disposition. However, on the civil side, a \$1.5 million award had been obtained against Ronald Ebens, one of the two perpetrators. Ebens is in arrears on his obligation to pay because of claimed inability to come up with (a paltry) \$200 a month.

"JUSTICE UPDATE" also contained a solicitation for funds for investigation and court expenses surrounding the killing of Jim Loo in South Carolina. A fellow by name of Robert Piche has been charged with second-degree murder and trial was scheduled for this month. A national network of concerned APA organizations has been formed to monitor the case. In addition to the ACJ, other members are: Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund, Asian Law Caucus, APA Legal

Center of Southern California, and Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence.

It's good to see this ecumenical solidarity being forged within and among Asian American groups, setting aside ethnic chauvinism.

A "REDEDICATION DINNER" of the ACJ is scheduled for the end of this month, at which the keynote speaker will be Dr. Kyo Ryoan Jhin, who, in addition to being assistant superintendent in the District of Columbia schools, is secretary for the Maryland Republican Party. Entertainment will include a tae kwan do demonstration by a U.S. Olympic bronze medalist as well as performance by Pilipino dancers from a cultural group. All this followed by dancing.

THERE WAS ALSO an item that reported that JACL chapter officers were installed at "Charley's" in Southfield, with MDC Governor Hank Tanaka officiating. Also noted another name that I recognized from a past visit to the Motor City: City Council President Maryann Mahaffey—a personality that anyone would love—who was the evening's speaker.

So remember: Southfield, Michigan.

THE NEWSMAKERS

Mike Watanabe, executive director of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), was among 19 recipients of the Los Angeles County Self Esteem Award given recently at a downtown ceremony.

Renie Yoshida Grohl, senior vice president and group executive of the Regulatory Affairs Group of the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, Wash., is overseeing the League's regulatory monitoring and analysis functions and maintaining liaison with regulatory agencies.

Gov. George Deukmejian has reappointed Harold M. Sumida, 79, to the 19th District Agricultural Association (Santa Barbara Expo & Fair).

Ken Nishimura, 46, a Dallas marketing consultant, was hired as the director of the Texas Dept. of Commerce's new branch office in Tokyo.

Frank Iwama has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition working to support programs

and policies that benefit both the environment and the economy. Iwama was one of the few Japanese Americans to pursue a legal career in the 1960s and was also a leader in the Japanese American Citizens League.

Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley was among those who honored Betty Kozasa on the occasion of her retirement from the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles, where she has spent almost 25 years as a board member and staffperson.

Surgeon Taro Yokoyama was honored at a "Heart to Heart" dinner party at the Biltmore Hotel, organized by the Los Angeles Evergreen Lions Club.

James A. Michener, whose panoramic novels reflect a lifetime of globetrotting, is thinking of settling down each winter in Florida, his editor says.

Miami while writing Caribbean, his latest best-seller. The Micheners have been Philadelphia JACL 1000 Club life members since the 1960s.

Mike Shima, L.Ac., O.M.D. of Corte Madera, Calif., has been elected to a second term as president of the California Acupuncture Association.

Daniel M. Furuya, Sensei born in Pasadena, Calif., graduate from USC and Harvard, was recently ordained as a Zen monk under direction of Bishop Kenko Yamashita of the Zenshuji Soto Temple in Little Tokyo.

George Nakano, Torrance city council member, was appointed to the League of California Cities' Policy Committee on Environmental Quality, which determines policy in the areas of air, water, energy, solid waste, noise pollution, shoreline land use and tidelands' use and development.

Rhonda Hirata, 36, was promoted to vice president at McCann-Erickson San Francisco where she is a management supervisor. She began her career in the media department at McCann, then moved on to other San Francisco advertising firms before returning to McCann last July.

Cynthia Yuko Ikeda, recent UCLA graduate in political science with honors, won the 1990 scholarship from the American Association of Japanese University Women, a Los Angeles-based group devoted to promoting greater understanding between the U.S. and Japan.

JACL PULSE

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

CONTRA COSTA: Senior Appreciation Dinner for Japanese American community, Sun., April 1, 5:00 pm, Maple Hall on San Pablo; entertainment: Children's "Bell Choir" and "Minyo."

EASTERN DC: EDC Meeting, Sat., March 31, Community Bldg., Red Room, Medford Leas, N.J. Schedule: coffee, 10 am; meeting: 10:30 am; lunch, 1 pm, in the Garden Dining Room, \$9/ea. (includes tip); workshop, "Stress Management in Leadership Positions," 2-3:45 pm; relax at the Ueyeharas, 4-4:50 pm; Philadelphia JACL Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner, 6 pm. Info: (609) 953-7413.

FRESNO: "The Myths and Realities of U.S.-Japan Relations," opening 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.

GREATER PASADENA: Joint information forum with Tenure for Tanouye Committee: "Racism at Cal-Tech?," Fri., Mar. 30, 7:30-9:30 pm; Attorney Dale Minami, spkr.; Forum Building, Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. Info: Glenn, (213) 777-2225.

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. 1990 Recognition Dinner for high school and college graduates, Sun., April 29, Royal Fountain Restaurant, N112 W17100 Mequon Rd.

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 Calowhill St. Social Hour: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Program: 8:30 pm; Judge Ida Chen, keynote speaker. 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.

SACRAMENTO: An investment and estate planning seminar, Sat., Mar. 24, 10 am - 2 pm, Hoi Sing Chinese restaurant, 7005 S. Land Park Dr.; Agenda: estate planning, tax changes, charitable deductions, wills, living trusts, investments and insurance. Info: (916) 447-0231.

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, (408) 258-7874.

SAN MATEO: Community family potluck dinner, Sat., Mar. 31, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., San Mateo Buddhist social hall; door prizes, Japanese-English songfest.

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 VALLEY: Potluck welcoming new members, Sat., March 24, 6 pm, chapter clubhouse. Established members are asked to bring a main dish to share and own table service; salad, dessert & beverages will be furnished. Info: D. Muraoka, (408) 996-1976.

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