

His Oft-Told Anecdotes

Spark's Sparks

There have been many occasions where Senator Spark Matsunaga was invited to address a JACL installation, convention or perhaps a small group over a cup of coffee.

Scattered throughout this issue are some of the anecdotes with which he loosened up his audience to the serious message that followed.

McCoy

Upon the arrival of the 100th Infantry all-Nisei battalion from Hawaii for training in Wisconsin in June of 1942, then Second Lt. Spark Matsunaga and the entire battalion paraded through the streets of Madison. "We were received with extreme courtesy and hospitality by all Wisconsinites, except that one elderly gentleman remarked after viewing the parade that although he did not see any feathers on our cap, he thought for a moment that the Indians had modernized and gone back on the warpath.

"We didn't blame him one bit, for it was the first time that he or most of others had seen anyone of Japanese ancestry. Their mind's image of the Japanese obtained from the comic strips was such that we had to apologize for failing to bring with us our buck teeth and horned rimmed glasses."

Spark — 1945

In 1945, Spark was assigned to MISLS at Ft. Snelling and engaged in speaking tours for the War Relocation Authority then in the midst of resettling evacuees in the Midwest and Eastern states. He addressed hundreds of audiences in number from 35 to 6,000—consisting of white Americans only. Until he arrived in Hibbing, Minnesota.

"There among my listeners, I spotted a lonely Oriental face. I asked the chairman of the program to be sure to arrange for my meeting this stranger after the program. This was done and as I approached him and stuck my hand out to shake his, I said, "Dr. Livingston, I presume." With a look of bewilderment on his face, the stranger apologetically replied, "I am sorry, I am Dr. Tanaka."

Spark—1968

Relating an incident at a reception in Tokyo with his American colleagues and Japanese parliament members, Spark recalled:

"Of course, I must admit that my outward appearance at times worked to my disadvantage, as they passed out refreshments and goodies intended for the visiting Americans only and I would be passed by."

Spark in Dayton

Ever since President Nixon took that historic trip to Peking and reversed American foreign policy, my personal life has become somewhat confused, for whenever I attend a social function in Washington some friendly stranger would invariably approach me and ask me, "Are you Chinese?" to that question I have developed a stock answer, which is "No, I'm sorry I'm not, but I had an uncle who was a Peeking Tom." When I related that anecdote in Dayton, Ohio at a gathering such as this, the Mayor of Dayton, who happened to be Black and sitting next to me at the head table, looked up and said to me, "Oh, an Uncle Tom, eh?"

Spark—1976

In the summer of 1976 when President Carter visited Japan and Korea, Matsunaga and his wife were the only legislative representatives on the entourage. The president had asked whether he spoke Japanese or not and when Matsunaga responded in the affirmative, the president jestingly suggested that he join his summit party to Japan as an interpreter. A short while later, the Matsunagas received an official invitation.

As Barry Saiki, P.C. contributor in Tokyo reported of the gathering with about 20 resident Nisei at the Sanno Hotel, Spark explained his presence in the entourage was most appropriate from the stand point of improving further the excellent U.S.-Japan relations.

His appearance in Korea also showed that U.S. democracy does provide her citizens of Asian descent with equal opportunities.

Spark—1967

With a face like mine I have become accustomed to being mistaken for an Indian, an Eskimo, a Korean, a Chinese, a Japanese diplomat. For example, in July of 1967, when I accompanied Vice President Hubert Humphrey to Korea to attend the second inauguration of President Park, I was mistaken for Mr. Humphrey's Korean interpreter. And when I finally convinced Mr. Lee, the Korean protocol officer that my name was Spark Matsunaga and not Park he profusely apologized for his mistake.

Following that incident, Mr. Lee and I developed a friendship and he made a special effort to see me off at the airport. In parting he admitted that he did not know Asians actually served in the Congress of the United States, that he at first could not believe that the United States would send one of Asian ancestry as its delegate to the inauguration. Then he asked me, "How were you designated? Who selected you?" I replied, "President Johnson." He nodded his head thoughtfully and remarked, "Your President must be a great man." To which I retorted, "My President knew that you would think so when he selected me."

Upon my return to Washington, I reported this incident to President Johnson at the White House, and he smilingly said, "Sparky, you knew exactly what I was thinking."

Spark—1970

End-of-the-day speeches are customary in the Capitol. In May, 1970, Rep. Spark Matsunaga started his 15-minute oration on the virtues of the Newspaper Preservation Act (of which he was a co-sponsor) and Rep. Hall (R-Mo.), a physician, pulled out a pair of black earmuffs and slapped them over his head. Matsunaga paid no attention to Hall.

When he had finished his remarks, Hall did detect somehow that Matsunaga was through and pulled off his muffs and stuffed them back into a pocket. The House then adjourned. Hall told the reporters he thought it was too noisy and wanted to catch up on his homework. "Anyhow they kept my ears warm," he added.

Matsunaga, who said his feelings weren't hurt, told the same press he assumed Hall was wearing an automatic translator "as he thought he might if I were speaking in Japanese."

1916 — 1990:

Matsunaga Will Not Be Forgotten

Senator Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii, a poet, distinguished statesman and tireless advocate of justice for Japanese Americans, died April 15 in Toronto General Hospital. He was 73 years old.

Matsunaga, a liberal Democrat who served 14 years in both the House and Senate, was in Toronto for treatment of cancer. In January, he had announced that he had prostate cancer that had spread to his bones. His wife, Helene, and two of his five children were with him when he died.

Sen. Matsunaga cast his final Senate votes from a wheelchair on April 5 in support of extension of the Clean Air Act. He espoused many innovative measures to replenish the environment, including planes fueled by hydrogen instead of fossil fuels and the development of wind power for commercial ships. While devoting much of his career to fostering the economy of his native Hawaii, Matsunaga also was a voice for free trade, the peaceful exploration of space and improved U.S.-Soviet relations.

Undoubtedly his greatest legislative victory was almost single-handedly gaining passage in the 100th Congress of a \$1.25-billion law that is to pay \$20,000 to each surviving Japanese American interned in a U.S. prison camp during WWII. The law redresses the injustice suffered by West Coast Japanese Americans whose patriotism had been questioned and whose civil rights were denied them when they were interned in camps during the war.

Early Years

Matsunaga was born on a sugar plantation at Kukuiula, on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai, the son of Japanese immigrants. Like most Nisei, he was born with a Japanese given name—Masayuki. When he was eight years

old, he was nicknamed Sparky by a Filipino playmate after a cartoon character of the time. This name, which subsequently became shortened to Spark, stuck to him through the years



SEN. SPARK MATSUNAGA

so that he finally had it legalized, after his WWII military service. His boyhood ambition was to serve the people of Hawaii in the U.S. Congress, although Hawaii was not then a state and despite the fact that statehood was an unpopular idea at that time.

Depression Era Graduate

Matsunaga graduated from Kauai High School in the depth of the Great Depression, and he undertook various jobs as a stevedore, warehouseman and store clerk to assist his struggling family. In 1937, he won \$1000 first prize in a subscription sales contest sponsored by the *Garden Island* newspaper. He gave \$600 to his parents and used the remaining \$400 to enter the University of Hawaii.

He graduated with honors in June 1941, having been elected to Phi Beta Phi, scholastic honor society, and Pi Gamma Mu, social sciences honor so-

ciety. He was also active in forensics and theatre arts. As an undergraduate, Matsunaga actively opposed racially restricted clubs on campus. He joined one such club, persuaded the membership to change its name, and successfully pushed for constitutional changes that caused it to become interracial

Military Service

Having earned a commission in the university's ROTC program, and aware of the growing tension between the U.S. and Japan, Matsunaga volunteered for active Army duty upon his graduation. He was assigned to Homestead Field, an Army Air Force installation on Molokai.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Matsunaga, though a second lieutenant in the American Army, was detained with other U.S. soldiers of Japanese descent in a prison camp. He helped draft a plea to President Roosevelt that resulted in the formation of the 100th Infantry Battalion, later to become one of the most highly decorated units in American military history.

With the 100th Infantry Battalion, the first Japanese American combat unit to see frontline action in WWII, Matsunaga fought in the North African and Italian campaigns. Twice wounded in Italy, he was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal among various other decorations and citations.

Assists in WRA Program

While addressing a group of community leaders in Milwaukee, Matsunaga was so eloquent that the War Relocation Authority (WRA) asked him to remain in service and help that federal organization in its efforts to resettle Japanese Americans evacuated from their West Coast homes in 1942 to communities in the midwest and east.

In this special capacity, he addressed more than 800 audiences throughout the region east of the Mississippi and helped organize community resettlement committees which were responsible for finding housing and employment for thousands of evacuated Japanese Americans then confined to so-called relocation camps.

Some 700 stores and companies in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, according to a survey, were hostilely opposed to employing Japanese Americans. After Matsunaga worked over the Twin Cities area, all of these same 700 businesses either had employed Japanese Americans or expressed their willingness to do so.

Pursues Law Career

Following his honorable discharge from the service in 1945, Matsunaga became a veterans counselor for the Department of the Interior in Honolulu. During this time he married Helene Tokunaga, a local girl.

In 1948, he decided that the study of law would best equip him for public service. He entered Harvard Law School and graduated with honors in 1951. While still at Harvard, Matsunaga became a lobbyist for Hawaiian statehood at the request of then delegate Joseph P. Farrington. He pleaded the cause of statehood so effectively that his testimony before a U.S. Senate committee was described by the *Honolulu Advertiser* as "high among human docu-

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SPARK'S GREATEST VICTORY—Sen. Matsunaga is congratulated by President Ronald Reagan during the signing of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, Aug. 10, 1988. Matsunaga was the main Senate leader for passage of the so-called Redress Bill.

San Mateo JACL, Tomodachi Club Scholarships Given

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The San Mateo JACL Scholarship Committee has announced the recipients of the 1990 High School Senior scholarships.

The two top Tomodachi Club awards are being given to Satoko Furuta of Hillsdale High School and Paul Kohara from Carlmont High School.

Sakoto, who is the daughter of Koichi and Hisako Furuta of San Mateo, leads her class with a 3.98 GPA and is planning to enter UCLA to pursue her interest in art by majoring in graphic design. Her many activities included representative to Girls State, positions in student government, the tennis team and volunteering for the Special Olympics and Outdoor Education Camp.

Paul, the son of Takao and Miyoko Kohara of Belmont, holds a GPA of 3.96 and intends to go to UC Berkeley to major in civil engineering. In addition to his math honors, Paul was on the tennis team, involved in YBA, the boy scouts and JYO sports.

Three students who received JACL awards are: Kevin Maeda, son of Melvyn and Mitsuye Maeda of Daly City, will be attending UC Berkeley to major in mechanical engineering. Michelle Suwabe, daughter of Akira and Kay Suwabe of San Mateo, plans to go to UCLA to study gerontology. Robert Nomoto, son of Ryoji and Yoshiko Nomoto, wants to pursue a career in engineering at either Berkeley or Stanford.

The Tomodachi Club is a volunteer Japanese American woman's group at the JACL Community Center and serves the San Mateo area. Funds for their two annual scholarships are raised at their annual Holiday Boutique held every fall.

In Tribute to Matsunaga

Cressey Nakagawa, JACL National President—The Japanese American community is deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, Senator Spark Matsunaga. Spark Matsunaga's life and work spoke well of the Japanese American journey in the United States. As a soldier, as a lawyer, as a Congressman, as a United States Senator, but most of all as an American; Spark Matsunaga's represented the best that our community can offer. Even though he represented the people of Hawaii, Spark Matsunaga was a leader for all Japanese Americans. We will never forget his determined leadership in gaining passage of redress legislation for without his commitment and work, there is little doubt that we would have prevailed in that effort.

William Yoshino, JACL National Director—In Spark Matsunaga, our community had the good fortune to have a highly respected voice in Congress for nearly thirty years. In guiding passage of the redress legislation through the Senate, Senator Matsunaga made an enormous contribution to the history of Japanese Americans and in so doing he restored a measure of honor to his country.

Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington Representative—Japanese Americans have lost a tremendous voice in Washington with the passing of Senator Spark Matsunaga. His life, which represents our best traditions of service and honor, gave special meaning to his determined advocacy on our behalf. He will be sorely missed.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye—Senator Spark M. Matsunaga will long be remembered as a war hero dedicated to the pursuit of peace, and as one who rose to success from humble beginnings but who never forgot the plight of the poor and homeless. I will always remember Spark with much fondness as a dear friend and as a champion of those in need. Hawaii and our nation has lost a great leader.

Jerry Enomoto, JACL Legislative Education Committee Chair—Although a native of Hawaii and never interned, Senator Matsunaga worked tirelessly on behalf of redress legislation from the beginning because he believed from the "gut" that what happened to us was wrong. His per-

sonal popularity was responsible for a single-handed effort that resulted in an unprecedented 71 co-sponsors of the redress bill in the U.S. Senate.

His distinguished career in the House of Representatives and the Senate was always marked by compassion and an abiding commitment to human rights and world peace. The same courage and leadership was reflected in his military service with the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, where he served with bravery and distinction.

In reflecting upon his death, it seems to me that the affection and respect in which he was held by so many mainland Japanese Americans is one measure of a life that was so valued by all Americans who will always cherish his memory.

Mas Fukai, Chief Deputy to Supervisor Hahn—I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend, Senator Spark Matsunaga. Just yesterday, I received a letter from him and I was hopeful that his health was improving.

Spark was a courageous American who loved his country. He was a man of deep integrity and great spirit. He was one of the most down to earth leaders and inspirational role models that the Japanese American community has ever had. He will be sorely missed.

Arthur T. Morimitsu, JACL Veterans Affairs Committee Liaison—The *Chicago Shimpō* and all Americans deeply regret the passing of Hawaii Senator Spark M. Matsunaga. Rest in peace, comrade and friend.

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JACL Convention Golf Tourney To Be Held at Rancho San Diego Course June 20 - 21

SAN DIEGO—The National JACL Golf Tournament will be held in San Diego concurrently with the National Convention at the Rancho San Diego

There is a limited number of openings, so they will be filled on a first come basis. Deadline to enter is May 20.

The tournament will be played with your current handicap as of May 20. If you have no handicap, one will be assigned to you, or you will be placed in a Peoria/Calloway type category.

Registration for the golf tournament can be done by completing the form contained in the convention registration form or contact: Glenn Tsuida, golf chair (619) 425-6560 (work) or (619) 475-7802 for separate entry forms.

CONVENTION UPDATE

Golf Course. Starting times are: June 20 at 7 a.m. and June 21 at 6:30 a.m.

All golfers are asked to report to the course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee times. There will be a shotgun start for all golfers. Cost for the entire two-day tournament, including green fees and cart, awards luncheon, snacks and prizes is \$125 for JACL members and \$150 for non-members.

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ments." Then U.S. Senator Glen Taylor, acting chairman of the Senate Interior Subcommittee on Statehood, described Matsunaga's remarks as "the most moving and ably presented testimony I have ever heard in all my years in the Senate."

He returned to Honolulu and, after passing his bar examination, was appointed assistant public prosecutor for the city and county. He soon gained prominence for his successful defense of rent control laws, the constitutionality of which was then being tested by attorneys representing property owners.

First Taste of Politics

Matsunaga made his initial bid for elective office by running for the House of Representatives in the territorial Legislature from the then strongly Republican 4th district in 1954. Despite strong opposition from within his own party, he remained in the race and won one of the six seats from that District. Also a winner in that same race was now U.S. Senator Inouye.

He was a member of the territorial House of Representatives from 1954-1959, serving as majority leader in 1959. His legislative successes there include vocational counseling programs in the high schools, free adult classes in citizenship and English, and amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Law, Unemployment Compensation

Law, and the Wages and Hours Law. These latter statutes are acclaimed as among the finest in the nation.

Statehood in 1959

When Hawaii was granted statehood in 1959, Matsunaga became a candidate for lieutenant governor. He lost in a close primary fight to another Nisei Democrat. In 1962, he filed for nomination to one of the two at-large seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Again, he faced opposition within his own party, including a number of Japanese Americans who feared that his candidacy would contribute to having too many Nisei on the party slate for the voters to accept. Because the objections were based on his ancestry rather than his personal qualifications, Matsunaga vowed to remain in the race. He led the six-way battle for the nomination in the primary, and went on to score a significant victory in the general election. He served in the House for seven consecutive terms.

Constancy of Values

After 14 years in the U.S. House, he ran for the Senate in 1976, to succeed Republican Hiram Fong, who was retiring. In the primary, he defeated Rep. Patsy Mink (D) with surprising ease. He then resoundingly defeated former governor William F. Quinn, a Republican, in the general election.

Immensely popular with both the voters of Hawaii and his fellow legislators, Matsunaga won his last two Se-

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JACL Singles Offering \$1000 Scholarships to L.A. Area Freshmen

LOS ANGELES—The Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (GLA Singles JACL) is seeking eligible candidates for their annual \$1000 scholarship awards.

The scholarship may be applied to any university, college, vocational or fine arts school. An applicant must be a freshman student in the coming fall term, and live within the greater Los Angeles or Orange Counties.

Because the GLA Singles Chapter was chartered for Nikkei singles, the criteria is for the responsible parent of the student applicant to be currently single (widowed, divorced, not married), and to be of Japanese ancestry. "There are many young students from single-parent homes in need of financial assistance who may not be aware of our scholarship," stated Emy Sakamoto, chair of the Scholarship Committee. This year more consideration will be given to financial need and extra curricular activities than to academic excellence.

Application forms are available from respective high school counselors, Nikkei churches, or by contacting committee members:

Emy Sakamoto (213) 3242669, Norma Tazoi (714) 532-2635, or Jerry Hinaga (213) 269-2219. All applications must be received by the deadline date of May 15, 1990.

Overseas Japanese Assn. to Hold 31st Convention in Tokyo May 16 - 18

TOKYO—The Overseas Japanese Association (Kaigai Nikkeijin Kyokai) will hold its 31st convention May 16, 17 and 18 at Sabo Kaikan Hall in Chiyoda-ku.

An estimated 300 to 400 participants will come from North, Central and South America, Southeast Asia and Australia.

WLA JACL Plans Health Fair

LOS ANGELES — The West Los Angeles JACL Chapter is sponsoring "Health Fair Expo '90"—a community health project—on Sunday, May 6, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Japanese Institute of Sawtelle, 2110 Corinth Ave. in West L.A.

More than 15 free health screening stations are scheduled, including prenatal information and spinal column screening. There will be demonstrations on gait analysis and fitness testing. Blood testing, tetanus and pneumonia immunization will be provided. Laboratory fee for the blood analysis is \$15. Tetanus and pneumonia shots are free.

Medical and non-medical volunteers are still needed. Please call Dr. Johnny Gushiken (213) 398-8072 or Sid Yamazaki at the University Community Adult School (213) 477-2084 for further information or to offer help.

"Our objective in holding the convention," said one of the organizers, "is to furnish an opportunity for people of Japanese descent living in many parts of the world to assemble under one roof in their ancestral country and discuss among themselves ways of further strengthening ties of brotherhood and solidarity while keeping in mind the significance of cultural and personal exchanges as the main theme."

For more information: Overseas Japanese Association, Sabo Kaikan Building, 2-7-5 Hirakawa-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102, Japan.

Indochinese Literacy Project Receives Grant

LOS ANGELES — The Assistance League of Southern California Western Region Asian Pacific Agency (WRAP Agency) recently received a \$10,000 grant from GTE California to provide language instruction and case management for Indochinese refugees.

The grant will help fund the agency's Indochinese Literacy Project, which serves refugees living in Mar Vista Gardens and surrounding communities.

WRAP Agency offers social, health and mental health services to Asian and Pacific Islander communities through counseling, case management, support groups, mental health outreach to recent immigrants and refugees, community education, literacy programs, translation services, and information and referral. These services are provided in English, Tongan, Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai and Fijian, with special sensitivity to cultural differences. The agency is located at 11646 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Additional information may be obtained by calling (213) 445-4224.

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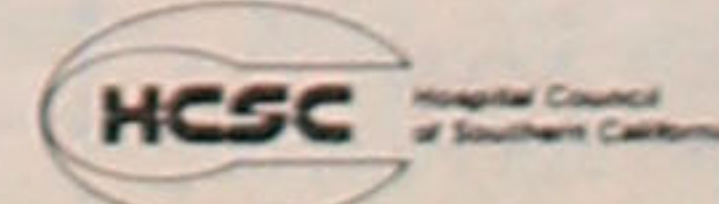
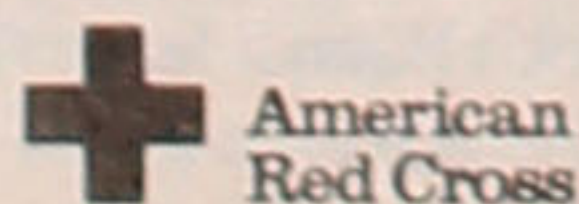
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A Warrior for Peace

United States Senator Spark Masayuki Matsunaga was a warrior dedicated to peace. As a combat officer fighting in defense of his country in World War II he was awarded a Bronze Star with Valor Clasp and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. As a member of Congress his most constant concern was a National Peace Institute Foundation where people could seek ways to live in harmony.

Stricken by cancer, he died last Sunday at age 73. He did not live to see the flowering of the Peace Institute, nor fulfillment of the nation's promise to redress the wrongs done Japanese Americans during the war, a cause for which he had worked effectively and passionately. Yet the potential for nuclear confrontation has diminished dramatically in recent months and the Redress program is on track, developments that he must have viewed with satisfaction as his health and energy dwindled.

Newspaper dispatches about his death in a Toronto hospital, where he had gone for specialized treatment, recognized Matsunaga as a champion for Redress. That he was, but he was much more.

Spark Matsunaga's life of public service began as a school teacher in his native Hawaii. After duty with the 100th Battalion, the first Nisei unit to enter combat, he worked as a Veterans Administration counselor before enrolling at Harvard for his law degree. He served as public prosecutor until he was elected to the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives. Eventually he was named majority leader. In 1962 he was elected to the first of seven terms in the U.S. House. In 1976 he moved up to the Senate. He was serving his third term when he died.

Matsunaga's career was marked not by flamboyance but quiet, intense attention to the issues so that he could cast votes intelligently for the public good. His assignments on committees, where most of the work of Congress is accomplished—Energy and Natural Resources, Finance, Labor and Human Resources, Veterans' Affairs—were important but mostly unglamorous.

To put it another way, Matsunaga was the kind of competent, thoughtful, dedicated legislator imperative to a functioning democracy. Once he began to study an issue, few in Congress could claim to know more about it. Few had a better attendance record until his illness sapped his strength.

Yet Matsunaga had another side that not many knew. While he was interested enough in the traditions of government to write a book on rulemakers of the House, he would also compose poetry in two languages.

In his illustrious career Matsunaga made countless friends and few enemies. He did Japanese Americans proud. His loss is not only Hawaii's, but of all the United States.

The Fujimori Phenomenon

It was not in Brazil nor the United States, where they are far more numerous, but in Peru where a person of Japanese ancestry has become the first serious contender for president of his country.

In the United States seven Japanese Americans have been elected to Congress and one of them, Senator Dan Inouye, has been mentioned as a vice presidential candidate. The offspring of Japanese immigrants have served in sub-cabinet positions in Canada and Brazil and in Peru's Congress. And now in Peru Alberto Fujimori, 51-year-old educator and son of a Japanese immigrant farmer and shopkeeper, is given a good chance to win the presidency in the election scheduled June 3.

In a country torn by inflation, unemployment and other serious problems, Fujimori ran in the primaries as an anti-politician. His campaign caught on and in the voting April 8 he finished second behind Mario Vargas Llosa. Fujimori's Change 90 movement, riding on a wave of public disgust with traditional politics, is expected to pick up strong support from the unsuccessful candidates.

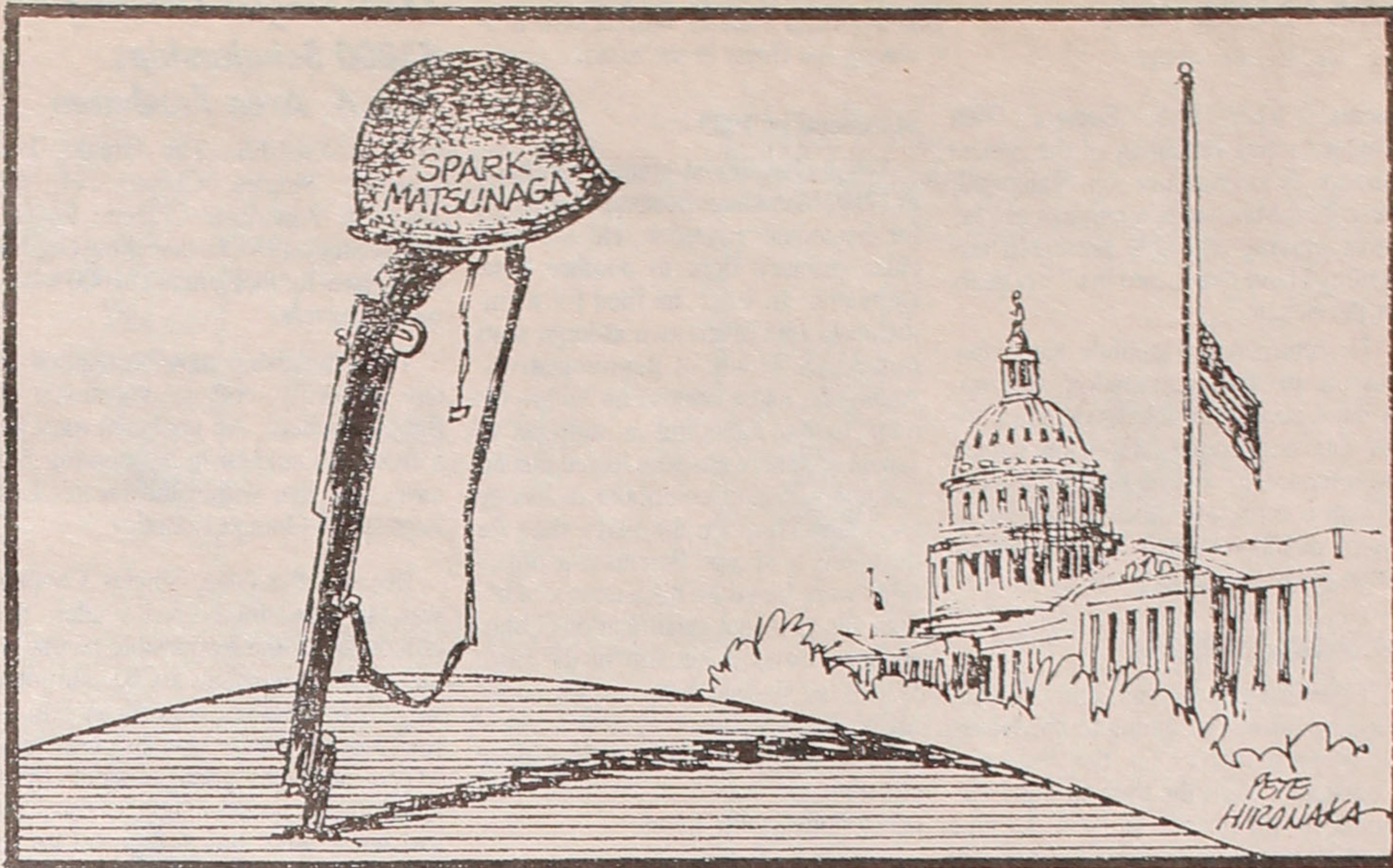
Fujimori's career is not unlike that of many U.S. Nisei. He was one of five children and he sold home-grown flowers as a boy to help support the family. He finished first in his class at the National University of Agronomy, then went on to graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. In 1984 he became president of his alma mater.

Many Peruvians seem to feel that characteristics linked to Fujimori's background—willingness to work hard, honesty, an interest in technology, plus his intelligence and leadership—are what the nation needs in its time of trouble.

There is deep irony in this turn of events. During World War II Peru was only too glad to agree to a cockeyed proposal from Washington that more than a thousand Japanese-Peruvians be rounded up and interned in the U.S., presumably to serve as hostage in some unclear exchange scheme.

After the war the U.S. sought to deport the prisoners as illegal immigrants. Peru didn't want them back and many were reluctant to return there anyway. The late Wayne Collins, a San Francisco attorney, outraged by the callous treatment, began legal action. Eventually the displaced Peruvians were permitted to stay in the U.S. where they have become productive and valued permanent residents.

Today there are some 50,000 Peruvians of Japanese ancestry in a population of 21 million. It is an interesting turn of events that Fujimori, product of a minority that Peru scorned, may be elected to lead the nation out of its economic and political morass. We wish Fujimori well.



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Tokyo Won't Be the Same Without Barry Saiki

Barry Saiki is a Nisei who has divided his 70 years about evenly between Japan and the United States. He served with U.S. military intelligence in Japan and after he retired as a lieutenant colonel he remained there to work as a public relations consultant.

Over the past several years Saiki has been talking about retiring once more and coming home to the states. But one thing or another, usually his employers, persuaded him to stay a little longer. Finally, a few months ago, the retirement date was set and to seal the decision a going-away party was scheduled at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo.

But it wasn't the usual kind of farewell. Instead of being a party for Barry, he was the host and several hundred friends and associates were the honored guests. Reversing roles was his way of expressing his appreciation for their part in making his life and career so memorable and rewarding.

Why were there so many guests? That question is easy to answer for anyone who knows Barry Saiki. He has an uncanny way of making friends. One recent day, while I was trying to keep

up with Barry hurrying through a crowded Tokyo subway station, he stopped suddenly in front of a confused elderly American, obviously a tourist, studying a route map.

"Can I help you?" he asked. He directed her to her train. And moments later we were on another train which Barry boarded, even though it would take him to his destination on a round-about route, because he wanted to make sure I wouldn't get lost.

Barry's coat pocket is seldom without squares of heavy colored paper. Waiting for a plane, train, business appointment or even the attention of a waitress, his restless fingers fold the paper deftly into wondrously fashioned birds and animals which he gives away to anyone who's interested. Almost everyone is.

"In my 35 years in Japan," he explains, "if I didn't make and keep at least 10 new friends a year, something would be wrong with me as a human being."

These friends came to Barry's party, not to be honored as he intended, but to honor him. Clients like the president

of the vast Seiko timepiece manufacturers, and executives of the New Otani hotels. Japanese academics and scholars who would call Barry when they wanted clarification about some obscure matter involving U.S. culture. Media types who depended on Barry for unvarnished information about his clients. Nisei contemporaries who had settled in Japan, and Sansei and Yonsei students and business people who he helped to organize into JAACL's Japan chapter.

For Japanese Americans visiting Japan, Barry was a one-man Tokyo tourist bureau and chamber of commerce. Chances were that he would not only direct visitors to the best little noodle or yakitori shop, but he'd go along and insist on taking the check.

It's no wonder, then, that those asked to say a few words about their friend Barry at the party found it impossible to keep their remarks within the one-minute limit.

Tokyo won't be the same without Barry Saiki. But neither will California, where he expects to make his retirement home when he isn't hopping back and forth across the Pacific.

CALIFORNIA COMMENTARY

A Sad Time

By Dale F. Shimasaki

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Let it be known that March 1990 was a sad period for the Asian and Pacific American community. It was a sad period because the Governor of California had a golden opportunity to exercise extraordinary leadership to advance and accelerate the integration of Asian Americans in key educational public policy posts affecting the lives of millions of Californians.

Specifically, he did not reappoint two Asian American women to the State Board of Education and to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Both candidates, Agnes Chan for the State Board of Education, and Hideko Bannai to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, were originally appointees of Governor Deukmejian. Consequently, it is puzzling, to say the least, that he did not reappoint Chan and Bannai.

Both were supportive leaders working on behalf of the Asian American community. Chan, from San Francisco, pushed for the inclusion of the Asian American experience of race discrimination in the human rights curriculum framework and was willing to work to-

wards a viable solution to the bilingual education controversy. Bannai, from Los Angeles, was deeply concerned with the community college's delivery of student support services such as financial aid, counseling, and tutoring programs—services in which Asians are often excluded from because of the inaccurate perception that Asians are "model minorities". In addition, Hideko was one of the founding members of the newly formed organization, Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE). She was a keynote panelist at their first conference and currently serves on the board of directors.

Asian Enrollment Growing

The Governor's decision to not reappoint Chan and Bannai could not have come at a worse time. California's public school enrollment is 53% racial minority. There are over 500,000 Asian and Pacific Islander students in California's K-12 public schools. Asian enrollment at the community colleges is

growing rapidly and now numbers over 160,000 students, many of whom are immigrants and refugees. Asians are the fastest growing minority group in the state and the second largest racial minority.

Yet, both governing boards are dominated with white male members. Coincidentally, Bannai's departure occurs just at the same time the community college board's faculty representative Larry Toy was appointed. That raises the question as to whether the Governor's office thought that one Asian appointee was sufficient to serve on the Board of Governors. If that were the logic it is certainly inconsistent since he has appointed two Asian representatives to the Trustees of the California State University system and there are currently three Asian representatives on the Board of Regents of the University of California.

Whatever the Governor's reasons, it is clear that women, educators, the Asian American community and Californians have suffered dearly. The departure of both Agnes Chan and Hideko Bannai leaves a leadership void in the governance of our educational system that will not be easy to replace.

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MATSUNAGA

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nate races with 80% and 76% of the popular vote.

In 1977, in his first year in the Senate, he won a seat on the powerful Finance Committee, where he was immediately named chairman of the newly created subcommittee on tourism and sugar. At the time of his death, he was the second ranking member of the committee. He also served as the Senate Democrats' chief deputy whip before stepping down in 1988. In addition to Finance, Sen. Matsunaga's Senate assignments included Veterans Affairs and Labor and Human Resources.

In 1984, Congress approved another of the senator's longtime goals, the establishment of the U.S. Institute for Peace. The institute distributes grants for the study of peaceful resolution to conflict. Matsunaga had introduced bills to establish the institute since

1963, arguing that "peacemaking is as much an art to be learned as war."

In the following year, the haiku-writing senator saw his proposal for the establishment of a national poet laureate become a reality.

Matsunaga and his wife have been active JAACL members since 1962, when he was first elected to the House. He was named "Nisei of the Biennium" by the JAACL in 1972 as a result of his successful efforts to repeal the Emergency Detention Act.

No matter how diverse Sen. Matsunaga's personal and legislative interests, there was a constancy of values that informed them and gave his ideas such power—an abiding belief in justice and a compassionate faith in the human spirit.

The Senator's family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends may make contributions to the Pacific Peace Foundation: P.O. Box 1038; Honolulu, HI 96808.

In Tribute to Matsunaga

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Los Angeles Times—Senator Matsunaga [was] a one-time stevedore who fought first for his country in WWII, next for statehood for his beloved Hawaii and lastly for reparations for fellow Japanese Americans interned in American camps during the war.

The Washington Post—If Sen. Matsunaga rarely made headlines and seldom had his name on national legislation, he could show both genuine legislative ability and determination in his particular areas of interest. A sunny, immensely likable man, he used charm and friendly persuasion to influence the legislative agenda.

George Yoshinaga, Kashu Mainichi—The death of Spark will leave a void, not only for the people of Hawaii, but for all Japanese Americans.

Miye Iwataki, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations—We want to pay tribute to [Sen. Matsunaga's] love and commitment to justice and the Japanese community which was manifested through his heroic work towards the passage of redress/reparations. The victorious struggle to win redress was the political education of the Japanese American community.

USA Today—A stalwart Democrat, Matsunaga rarely sought a leading Senate

role—except on two issues: creating a peace institute, and paying reparations to interned Japanese Americans. After almost 20 years of bulldog persistence, he won both.

Hawaii Governor John D. Waihee—He will be remembered most for his vision of peace and his faith in the human spirit. In his memory we will carry on his quest. In his spirit we will strive for the highest of principles and the brightest of worlds.

The New York Times—Senator Spark Matsunaga [was] a longtime proponent of peaceful resolution of disputes and Soviet-American cooperation in space exploration.

Congressman Robert Matsui—We in Congress and the people of Hawaii and of the nation have lost one of our most respected and dedicated leaders. Spark's tireless work over his many years of public service are a testament to the commitment he felt to the people of his home state and his fellow countrymen. His friendship and leadership in Congress will be sorely missed.

For his fellow Japanese Americans, Spark will forever be remembered for his unyielding efforts that helped Congress to pass redress legislation in 1988. He took it upon himself to personally lobby his colleagues so that a law restoring dignity for those who were interned could be passed. The passage of that law is a fitting tribute to the resilience and ingenuity of Spark Matsunaga.

The Lore of the Laureate

Sen. Spark Matsunaga, widely respected as a great leader for all Japanese Americans, was himself an acolyte of a compelling and inspiring influence—the muse.

The senator first began to write poetry when he was a teenager, and his love of the craft remained with him throughout his life. His seemingly quixotic—and ultimately successful—20-year campaign to establish a national poet laureate underscored a deeply serious belief in the arts as a medium by which to engender peace and to celebrate the human spirit.

In a diary entry written during WWII just before he was wounded, Matsunaga wrote:

"I have had the unforgettable experience of watching many of my men die at the front. . . . So many of them in their last few words on earth told me, 'Well, lieutenant, I hope as a result of my dying you and my wife and kids and all those at home will have a better life'"

"Most of us are hopeful that peace will bring recognition for us from our fellow Americans."

While he was lying in a tent at the front waiting for surgery, Matsunaga wrote poetry. From a poem he called "War Nurse":

*Untouched by worldly human greed,
With sacrifice of self her creed,
Her light for mercy warmly shines
Throughout a world of battle lines.*

And from a poem titled "On Being Wounded":

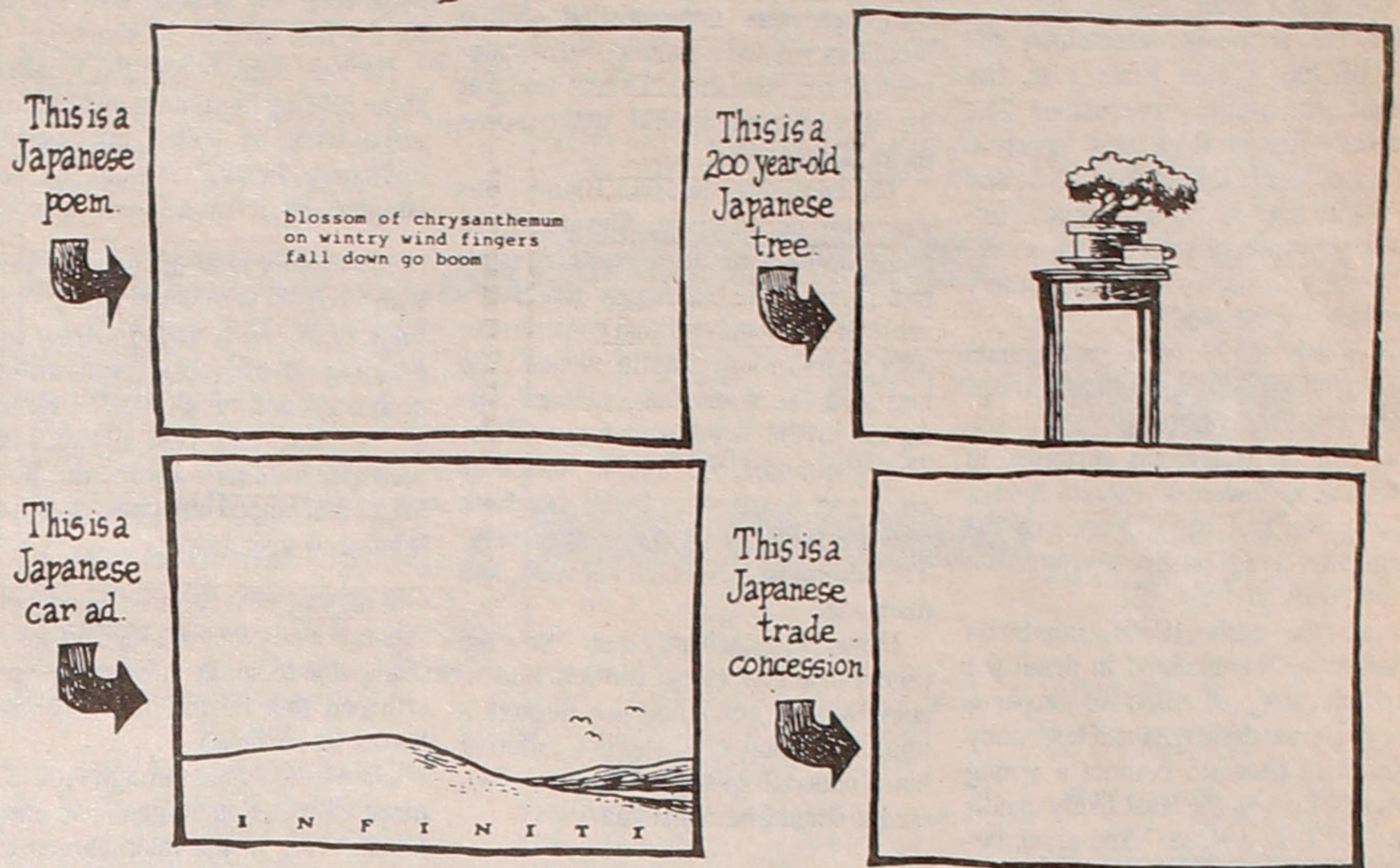
*'Tis then my pride in vainness cries,
My ego ebbs to naught from high,
And sadly do I realize
The plight of many a soul as I.
Be born to live, to suffer, die,
Unseen, unheard, unknown, unknelted;
Like chips upon a checkerboard,
No choice, no will, resigned, compelled.*

When Japan's former prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone visited Washington and praised the city's cherry blossoms—a gift from Japan—Matsunaga delighted his guest by composing a haiku on the spur of the moment:

*Cherry blossoms bloom.
Washington is beautiful.
East and West do meet.*

MONITOR

Japanese Minimalism:



BY JEFF MACNELLY FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"Have you seen those commercials on TV for Nuprin aspirin? They describe them as 'Little, yellow, different. . . .' I thought they were talking about the Japanese!"

—comedian on David Letterman show

WNTR radio talk show host Cliff Kincaid recently referred twice on-air to CBS television anchor Connie Chung as "Connie Chink."

"I referred to her jokingly as Connie Chink because I thought she was making fun of President Reagan It's a play on words on her last name. It is not a vulgar term," Kincaid explained, adding that it was "perfectly acceptable language" and that he did not consider the word racist.

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JAPAN - BASHING

ED MITOMA

Fear and Loathing of Japan

This article is a summary of an article titled "Fear and Loathing of Japan" by Lee Smith appearing in the Feb. 26 issue of *Fortune*. The author begins by observing that,

"For too many Americans, the Japanese have become the people it's okay to hate. That attitude fosters self-delusion about U.S. flaws. If unchecked, it would hurt everybody." This is followed by—"They've got our beaches and our buildings. Now they're going after our brains. They are taking us over. What is it the Japanese have scratched in the confident Yankee psyche that makes the sound come out so intolerant, so frightened, so, well, un-American?"

Japan-bashing has been going on for a decade or so, but lately the intensity has reached stunning proportions.

Clearly, Japan is not an enemy. The extraordinarily complex military, political, financial and trade relationship between the two countries has stabilized the North Pacific and elevated living standard on both side of it. Moreover the U.S. has contributed to the problem with bad habits of its own, such as saving too little and allowing a large portion of American business to grow uncompetitive. The danger is that the spiral of rising passions on both side will lead to restrictions on investment, tariffs and embargoes—the real economic war that people only hallucinate about now.

What do Americans fear in the Japanese? Among other things, some seem worried that Japan has a grand design, perhaps to dominate the world economy, perhaps to humiliate the West. Big powers have great purposes. The U.S. has one: to spread democracy and free markets. The Soviet Union used to have a meddlesome mission, to turn the world Marxist. Now, seemingly, it has a healthy one: to become more like the U.S. and slip into the jet stream of the global economy. Surely Japan has some grand design too. But it is fall-

acious to think there is a Japan, Inc. Japanese companies are bent on expanding market share and will crush their brethren as quickly as foreigners if they can. In the Eurocentric American mind, Canadians, British and French may be foreigners but they are distinguished as individuals. Campeau goes but, not the Canadians. Maxwell strikes again, not the Brits. But the Japanese have strange names as—Mazda, Matsushita, Mitsui, Mitsubishi—and people generalize: "The Japanese have bought the factory." That reinforces the illusion that they work in concert to a single end.

A cloud of half-truths dim America's vision of the Japanese. Among the most common are:

Japanese can buy Rockefeller Center, but Westerners can't own property in Tokyo. Coca-Cola, IBM, Eastman Kodak, SmithKline, and insurance giant AIG, among others, all own major office buildings, laboratories, or factories in Japan. AIG's 15-floor headquarters, overlooking the Imperial Palace grounds, is worth \$1.5 billion. Many American citizens own homes.

Sony takes over CBS Records and Columbia Pictures, but foreigners can't acquire Japanese companies. It's true that a lot more investment is flowing west. Companies don't change hands often in Japan, even among the locals, and hostile takeovers are rare. But there are no major hurdles. Merck acquired Banyu and turned it into one of Japan's fastest growing drug-makers. Ford owns 24% of Mazda, and Chrysler has a 11% stake in Mitsubishi. Foreign investors own 14% of Sony's shares.

While the Japanese gobble our markets, they keep foreigners out of theirs. Many Japanese tariffs and quotas have been eliminated, as have tedious inspection and modification procedures that kept goods sitting on the dock. Imports, including a lot of

BMW's, were up 35% last year. Among the remaining complaints: 17 Japanese companies have bought U.S. supercomputers, but the government has yet to buy more than one.

They hire former U.S. officials to lobby in Washington, but Japanese won't work for Americans in Tokyo. Salomon Brothers has a former MITI vice minister and a former senior official at the Ministry of Finance on its payroll. Hideo Yoshizaki, chairman of Texas Instruments, Japan, was a deputy director at MITI.

The money Japan has saved on defense has built its industry. Some economists agree those savings have helped a bit. But if Japan had developed a big defense industry, it probably would have cut deeply into U.S. arms exports worldwide. Anyway, a major mission of F16 fighters at Misawa, Japan, during the 1980s has been to keep an eye on bases around Vladivostok, home of Soviet submarines capable of firing nuclear missiles at the U.S. West Coast.

Japanese auto plants in the U.S. merely assemble parts made in Japan. The Japanese are increasing their local content. It is expected to reach 67% this year. At the same time, U.S. automakers are importing more parts from Mexico and other foreign plants.

Thinking of Japan as a trade rival is not damaging. What's corrosive is thinking of it as an enemy—and of the contest as economic warfare.

These articles are meant to keep you thinking about the complex U.S.-Japan relationship. These articles are not position papers. In order for your JAACL U.S.-Japan Educational Committee to be effective, we must dig into all phases of the relationship and try to understand the facts. Please plan to attend and participate in our U.S.-Japan Workshop at the San Diego National JAACL Convention on Tuesday, June 19.

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Iva Toguri Fulfilled U.S. Gov't Need to Prosecute the GI Fantasy of 'Tokyo Rose'

THE HUNT FOR 'TOKYO ROSE'. By Russell Warren Howe. Madison Books, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706; 254 pp., \$19.95 cloth (1990).

By Clifford Uyeda

Anyone seriously researching the files of the Tokyo Rose case has reached the same conclusion: The legendary Tokyo Rose was largely a fantasy of lonely GIs in the Pacific and Iva Toguri became the scapegoat to fulfill the government's need to prosecute this fantasy to satisfy the public outcry generated by the media.

Obviously there were propaganda broadcasts aimed at American troops from Japanese-controlled radio stations. But the statements attributed to "Tokyo Rose" were not made by Iva Toguri. She had been cleared of the charge after an exhaustive investigation by the Army and the FBI.

Since the early 1970s, numerous writers have documented in detail the incredible story of selective prosecution, evidence destroyed and testimony perjured in order to convict a young woman who was the least likely candidate for "Tokyo Rose." She alone became the scapegoat and suffered abuses and humiliations for more than 45 years.

The Hunt for "Tokyo Rose" by Russell Warren Howe is the latest in the series of books on "Tokyo Rose." He also came to the same inevitable conclusion: She was framed by the Justice Department.

Columnist Jack Anderson (Dec. 22, 1989) attributed to Howe the uncovering of the truth behind the myth which convicted Iva Toguri d'Aquino as "Tokyo Rose." All the evidence put forth in the book had been published in detail previously by the Japanese American Citizens League Committee for Iva Toguri (*Iva Toguri d'Aquino: Victim of a Legend*, Sept. 1975 and *May 1976*), and by Masayo Duus in her *Tokyo Rose, Orphan of the Pacific* (1979).

The admission of perjured testimony at the trial which convicted Iva Toguri in 1949 was obtained by Ronald Yates of the *Chicago Tribune* early in 1976. A follow-up interview with the same pair was done by Howe a decade later.

President Ford later pardoned Toguri because of the shabby evidence used for her original conviction. During the two-year campaign to restore American citizenship to Toguri, the American media were nearly unanimous in favor of a presidential pardon, the quickest

way to restore her American citizenship. Despite the presidential pardon, the committee which launched the pardon campaign was not satisfied. Some members wanted a more positive statement of her innocence. Others held that the government should make some form of restitution.

The committee felt that Toguri's desire must be foremost. She had lived through three decades of unremitting harassment. She had finally achieved a sense of relief and spiritual contentment after years of suffering in silence. She had said she wanted to bask uninterrupted in the warm sun for a while. The committee felt that it would be cruel and heartless to thrust her back into the midst of another controversy. The committee respected her wish, and disbanded.

Howe believes firmly that, "Now the time has come to go further, and to acknowledge her innocence through a joint resolution of Congress, offering her a national apology." Toguri, obviously, should be consulted.

There are several chronological errors in the book. The spelling of names, especially Japanese, could have received more attention. There is a misreading of the name "Ogura," a lone vote for conviction in a straw vote conducted among the San Francisco press corps, as a Japanese name. She was a reporter for the afternoon Hearst press.

Clifford Uyeda was the chair of the Committee for Iva Toguri, 1975-77.

Books to P.C.
Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

MASTERWORKS OF THE NŌ THEATER, Kenneth Yasuda. Indiana University Press, Bloomington, \$75.00.

Here is a brief description of an expensive but stately book by Kenneth Yasuda, professor emeritus of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Indiana. He includes translations of 17 dramas now popular with foreign viewers since the end of WWII, a Romaji version of the Japanese text, a detailed analysis, style of chant, stage direction and critical remarks from reviewers and scholars. There is also an original Noh play in English on Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Placer County-born Nisei professor has also published *The Japanese Haiku* and *A Pepper Pod*, a collection of original haiku and translations in English.

English Novelist Ishiguro Revisits Japan for the First Time in 30 Years

TOKYO—It wasn't easy for Nagasaki-born Kazuo Ishiguro, today a brilliant British novelist, to overcome his fears about returning to Japan last November for the first time in 30 years.

He was frank before the local press about relating his emotional need to preserve what he called his "personal, imaginary Japan." It was the world Ishiguro, 36, left as a 5-year-old child.

It was only after his first two novels with a post-WWII-Japan setting, *A Pale View of the Hills* and *An Artist of the Floating World*, had been critically acclaimed and his third, *The Remains of the Day*, had won Britain's most prestigious literary award, the Booker Prize, that helped him gain enough confidence to visit Japan.

Ishiguro, who came as a guest of the Japan Foundation, apologized for only being able to speak in English. He also affirmed that he has finished writing books set in Japan.

He was in Japan through Nov. 27 to meet with the intelligentsia to discuss Japan's role in the international community. "I have been forced by accident (of birth) to be an international writer," he commented.

U.S. Human Rights Center Includes Ichioka's Book on 'Issei' to Its 1988 List

LOS ANGELES—The Gustavus Myers Center of Fayetteville, Ark., which is devoted to the study of human rights in the United States, announced the selection of Yuji Ichioka's book, *The Issei: The World of the First-Generation Japanese Immigrants, 1885-1924*, as an outstanding book on the subject of intolerance in the United States published in 1988.

The center annually identifies, rewards and publicizes outstanding books about past and present intolerance affecting all groups in this country, the UCLA Asian American Studies Center noted.

Ichioka's book was also nominated for the 1988 Los Angeles Times Book Prize in History and was awarded the 1989 Best Book Award of the National Association for Asian American Studies.

'Miss Takuan' a Storybook Illustrated for Children

HONOLULU—A story for children, *Miss Takuan* by Aiko Masuda, illustrated by Steve Brost and Melissa Reed, has a gracious plot:

- 1. She was neither beautiful nor exceptionally bright (her favorite subjects were P.E. and orchestra);
- 2. She loved watching rainbows, smelling the pikakes and ginger in her grandfather's garden. (After all, she was off-grade pickled turnip.)
- 3. Nevertheless she made the cover of VEJI, the Power Magazine for Vegetables, pronounced "veggie".

The author, who grew up in Kalihi Valley before the freeways, has a degree in religion and philosophy from Lawrence (Kan.) University and master of fine arts from the University of Hawaii. (*Miss Takuan*, \$6.95, is available at Nakeu Awai's Shop, 1613 Houghtailing St., Honolulu, HI 96817.)

JACL PULSE

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

BERKELEY
Annual installation dinner, May 1, 7:30 p.m. at Spenger's in Berkeley; choice of meat and fish under \$20; RSVP appreciated. Info: (both 415) Grace Tsujimoto at 843-9784 or Neal Taniguchi at 554-7642.

DELANO
Delano Nisei Reunion, Sat., May 19, Delano Bowl at 1645 Ellington; Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; registration, no host social hour and dinner 5-6 p.m.; \$35 per person for both luncheon and dinner. Info: Mrs. Toshi Katano, 722 Randolph St., Delano, CA 93215. Replies including remittance (payable to Delano JACL) is requested by May 1. Motel reservations should be made directly with the motel. All former Delano Issei will be guests of the Japanese community and are especially urged to attend.

EAST LOS ANGELES
Annual Emerald Ball and Cherry Blossom Ball, cosponsored by ELA JACL and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9902, Sun., April 29, Sheraton Rosemead Hotel. Info: (both 213) 263-2051 or 283-8610.

FLORIN
Florin JACL will sponsor fall talent show; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

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

INTERMOUNTAIN DC
A dedication program commemorating the Minidoka Relocation Camp as a National Historical Site, a part of the Idaho Centennial Celebration, Sat., May 26, 11 a.m. at the "camp gate." Information, reservations, or to make a contribution to the Minidoka Memorial Fund, contact Bob Endo (206) 742-7824, Hid Hasegawa (208) 529-1529, or Hero Shiosaki (208) 785-2157.

LOS ANGELES AREA
Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter and Nanka Nikkei Fujin-kai sponsors 1990 Mother of the Year Luncheon, Sun., May 6, 12 noon-3 p.m. at New Otani Hotel's Golden Ballroom, 120 South Los Angeles St. in Little Tokyo; \$25 per person; Please call in reservations by April 30 to Amy Tambara (818) 308-2243, (213) 722-3897 evening; or Lillian Inatomi (both 213) 636-8456 day, 822-3363 evening.

MARINA
"Risk-taking"; career and personal development will be discussed by J.D. Hokoyama, executive director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), at the next Marina JACL meeting, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, MDR. Info: (213) 826-8951.

Sunday brunch; dim sum at Seafood House, Artesia; May 6, 10:30 a.m. Must RSVP (213) 860-0661 by May 2.

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PLACER
Annual pilgrimage to the grave of Miss Okei Ito, Sun., April 29, 9 a.m. near Coloma. Ito was a member of the ill-fated Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm colony, the first agricultural settlement of pioneer Japanese immigrants. She was the first Japanese immigrant to die in the U.S. Members of

THE CALENDAR

EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
April 28—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center will stage its 9th Annual Queer Contest at its Center in West Covina; Social hour 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m.; \$15 per person; reservations only. Info: (818) 960-2566.

LOS ANGELES AREA
April 21—Earth Day Community Gardening Fair commemorating 20th anniversary of Earth Day and highlighting environmental awareness, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat., at the Crenshaw Community Garden; gardening demos, insect zoo and other activities for young and old; sponsored by Common Ground and Peace Corps. Info: (both 213) Common Ground, 744-4349; Peace Corps, 209-7444.

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

Present-April 30—"Eleven Emeritus Watercolorists" featuring the work of Henry Fukuhara and Jesse Elayo; Santa Monica Library, 1343 6th St., Santa Monica.

Present-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.

April 12, 19, 26—Cold Tofu, multi-ethnic comedy group will appear at Encino's L.A. Cabaret, 8:30 p.m. Info: (213) 739-4142.

April 20-21—The Statewide Asian-Pacific Islander Student Union's 12th annual conference, "Determining Our Future: Empowerment in the 1990s" on the UCLA campus; workshops, cultural programs, entertainment. Info: (213) 825-1006.

April 20-21—Hawaii's hottest show group, The Society of Seven, will perform at the Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo. Tickets: \$20. Info: (714) 639-1007.

the Sacramento and Florin chapters will also participate. Public is invited to join with picnic lunches.

RENO
Breakfast honoring mothers, Sun., May 20, 8-10 a.m., Knights of Phythias Hall, 980 Nevada St., Reno. Info: (702) 827-4216.

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, Masaka Award dinner, Sayonara Ball, golf tournament, deep sea fishing, Tijuana trip, speech competition, Youth Conference, 1000 Club Wing Ding. Info: (619) 230-0314.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
Variety show fundraiser, Sat., April 21, 7-9 p.m., Japanese American Community Center. Program: Mexican American band, choral and dance groups, magician and talent show. Tickets \$10 or \$7.50 seniors and students. Info: (both 818) 363-5198 or 899-4237.

SAN FRANCISCO
S.F. JACL will host "An Afternoon with Ron Takaki", reading and book signing; April 29, 3 p.m. at the JACL Natl. Hq. at 1765 Sutter Street. Takaki's book, *Strangers from a Different Shore*, has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Info. and mail orders for signed books: Lucy Kishiue (415) 222-0980.

SAN JOSE
Casino night fundraiser, Fri., May 18, Italian Gardens. Sponsors for gaming tables sought. Proceeds go to college scholarships. Info: K. Ono, (408) 295-1250.

San Jose JACL Doubles Tennis Tournament, Sat., June 16, at West Valley College. Some 52 teams consisting of 104 players are expected to participate. Entry deadline June 8; \$18 per team with round robin format. Info: Sayeko Nakamura (408) 267-9032 or JACL office (408) 295-1250.

White Elephant Sale, Sat., July 14, at Issei Memorial Building parking lot from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Donated items are needed and most welcomed. Info: (408) 295-1250.

SAN MATEO
Peninsula Widowed Group meeting with Lillian Tanabe, clinical dietician at Stanford University Hospital, on health concerns; Sun., April 22, 2 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Open meeting. (PWG is a support organization for those who have lost their spouses, sponsored by the San Mateo JACL Community Center. Meets regularly on the second Sundays, except for holidays. Info: Roz Enomoto, (415) 343-2793.)

SOUTH BAY
U.S.-Japan Relations Cmte. of South Bay JACL meeting, Mon., May 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Ogawas, 22947 Felber Ave., Torrance, to discuss crucial issues in the bilateral relations between both nations.

VENTURA COUNTY
Redress filing procedures, latest information, etc., meeting with ORA Executive Director Bob Bratt, Wed., May 16, 7-10 p.m., Casa Serena, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard. Info: Camarillo—Mori Abe (805) 484-1570; Oxnard—Janet Kajihara (805) 983-2612; Ventura—Stan Mukai, (both 805) 650-1705 (h), 989-4502 (w); Conejo Valley—Ken Nakano (both 818) 889-4952 (w), 991-0876 (h).

WEST VALLEY
Bridge/bowling night, Sat., April 21, 6 p.m., at the Chapter Clubhouse. Dinner \$3 adults, \$2 children, table service not included. Info: Henry Ogimachi or Doris Kasahara (both 408) 973-0361 or 374-6855.

Items publicizing JACL events should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and mailed at least THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE to the P.C. office. Please include contact phone numbers, addresses, etc.

April 20-May 24—Painter Carol Miura-McCormack exhibition "There and Beyond" in the Art Rental Gallery at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Info: (714) 633-8657.

April 26—Asian Business League of Southern California presents its annual Pacific Rim Trade Forum, Emerald Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles; cocktail reception and dinner followed by panel discussion of distinguished speakers who will speak on the political, trade and legal issues between U.S. and Republic of China. Info: (213) 580-1248.

April 27—Nutrition program for the elderly sponsored by Japanese Community Pioneer Center, Quiet Cannon Restaurant, Montebello. Cocktails, banquet and entertainment, 6-7 p.m. Info: (213) 680-9173.

April 28—Singer-songwriter Nobuko Miyamoto premieres a one-woman show, "Joanne is my Middle Name"; 8 p.m. at Japan America Theatre. Info: (213) 680-3700.

May 7-14—Asian Pacific Heritage Week special programming by KCET; "Asian Moment" spots and local production of "By the Year 2000: Beyond the Model Minority." Check local listing for times.

OAKLAND, CALIF.
April 9 - May 18—Ceramic sculpture by studio artists and Judy Hiramoto, Creative Growth Art Center. Info: (415) 836-2340.

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.
April 28—Orange County Sensei Singles 4th Anniversary Hawaiian Luau, Sat., 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; pot luck dinner, entertainment and dancing. Info: (714) 528-7837 or (818) 359-7865.

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Closing date for applications: June 14, 1990, 5:00 pm.

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THE NEWSMAKERS



CURTIS R. NAMBA

► **Curtis R. Namba** was appointed General Counsel for the Sacramento Chinese of Indochina Friendship Association. The Association was formed in 1982 for the purpose of assisting refugees in the Indochinese community. Namba, an attorney in private practice emphasizing personal injury work, business litigation, and business related matters, is active in the Asian Pacific community and serves on numerous city boards.

► **Sansei Peggy Higuchi** was recently honored at Tarbell Realtor's annual awards ceremony. Prior to beginning her real estate career, Higuchi was an executive fashion designer and merchandiser in the Los Angeles garment district. Higuchi quickly achieved recognition in real estate sales and was presented with the prestigious Shooting Star award, given to top producers in their first year of sales, and became a member of Tarbell's Professional's 100 Club within two years.

► **May Ishimoto** of Chevy Chase, Md. has retired from the American Ballet Theatre after 17 years. Ishimoto began her career with the National Ballet of Washington, where she worked for nine years as a costumer. She then spent two years with the New York City Ballet, headed by George Balanchine. In 1973 she was asked to join the American Ballet Theatre. As wardrobe mistress, Ishimoto had several assistants plus from five to 12 extra local people hired for each performance. Former colleagues, family and friends celebrated Ishimoto's retirement at a gala dinner. Among the 92 guests were Jean Riddell, founder of the National Ballet and Ralph Hoffman, former stage manager

of the National Ballet, now at Wolf Trap. Among her many testimonials, was one from Mikhail Baryshnikov, former artistic director of ABT.

► **Michael Allen Omi**, Asian American Studies faculty member at UC Berkeley, is one of five recipients of the University of California Academic Senate to receive its distinguished teaching award. The coveted award is given to those instructors who exemplify the very best in teaching.

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istration deadline: June 1; Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. Info: (503) 654-9437.

● **SACRAMENTO**

April 21—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, 1011 St. Info: (916) 925-0019.

● **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

May 6—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, Sun., 2-4 p.m., at the home of George Toriumi; new members welcome. Info: (both 415) 221-0268 or 482-3280.

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

● **SAN JOSE, CALIF.**

April 25—Yu-Ai Kai, Japanese American Community Senior Center, will conduct a guided tour of Filoli House and Gardens, 8 a.m. \$27.50 per person for tour and no host lunch. Info: (408) 294-2505.

April 29—Yu-Ai Kai Senior Day Services Rummage Sale, Sun., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 565 N. 5th St.; proceeds will benefit the isolated and functionally disabled seniors in the program. Info: (408) 294-2505.

● **SEATTLE**

Present to April—"Kappa-Ban" kabuki silkscreen prints, Peter Kirk Gallery, 620 Market St., Kirkland. Info: (206) 822-7161.

April 28—(Rescheduled) Asian Management Business Assn. charity auction; Lori Matsukawa, mc; comedian Arnold Mukai entertaining; proceeds to Keiro and Kin On Nursing Homes, AMBA scholarship fund, Sea-Tac Marriott Hotel, Evergreen Ballroom, 3201 S. 176th, 6-11 pm. Tickets/reservations: E. Kitamura (206) 285-2295, T. Lee (206) 575-6711.

April 28—Japanese Baptist Church's Sukiyaki dinner, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., 160 Broadway. Also baked goods sale, arts and crafts, cultural program. Info: (206) 622-7351.

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OBITUARIES

Mae T. Kitaguchi, 53, Rosemead, Calif., Feb. 12, Wapato-born Nisei, survived by h Raymond, s Roger, d Linda, br Gichi Nakamura (Hawaii), sis Hisa Iwamoto (Fowler), Ginger Hirakawa.

William Mitsuda, 62, San Francisco, KGO-TV technician of 20 years, survived by brs Robert, George Mitsuda.

Take Mori, 90, Montebello, Feb. 21, Tochigi-ken born naturalized citizen, survived by s Giichiro, Taketoshi (Delaware), Tatsuo, 8gc.

Kimiye Nakatani, 62, Yuba City, Jan. 25, survived by h Charles, s Chris, Tom, d Charlene Otsuji, Marlene Saltonstall, brs Minoru, Mitsuo Koide, Kenny Mori, inlaws m Mitsue, sis Haruko Nakatani, br Yutaka Nakatani.

Shizuko Y. Hiraoka, 78, Los Angeles, Mar. 28, New York-born wife of the late xylophone virtuoso Yoichi Hiraoka, survived by s Shoji, d Yoiko Nishiyama, Yoshiko Shimizu, 7gc, br Dr. Mitsuya Yamaguchi, sis Aiko Takaoka (Japan), Dr. Megumi Shinoda, Etsuko Konishi.

Georgia Hirayama, 74, Monterey Park, Feb. 24, Long Beach-born, survived by s Jimmie Sakamoto, d Margie Oshiro, 3gc, 1ggc.

Susie Horiguchi, 68, Monterey Park, Mar. 25, survived by br Thomas, Jack, Ben, Tad, sis Nobuko Mayemura, Ayako.

Noboru Igaue, 76, Los Angeles, Mar. 27, San Marino-born, survived by w June, s Noel.

Fukuko Ikeda, 85, Santa Monica, Mar. 9, Kagoshima-born naturalized citizen, survived by s Ben, d Kimiko Sakaniwa, Yoshiko Yanagisako, Yemiko Yamamoto, 6gc, 3ggc.

Shito Teramoto Ikeda, 89, Hilo, Hawaii, Feb. 23, Kumamoto-born Garden Grove, Calif., ex-resident, survived by d Yaeko Chilton, Sumiko Kanda (both Huntington Beach), Kikuno Kusano (Hilo) m-in-law Helen Teramoto (Honolulu), Violet Teramoto (Los Angeles), 14gc, 11ggc.

Kazuko Kawabata, 59, Torrance, Feb. 20, survived by s Gary Sakata, d Keiko Woiwod, 3gc, br Yutaka Shirashi, sis Shizuko Hayashi.

Sadao (Sid) Kinoshita, 73, Bakersfield, Mar. 31, Bakersfield-born, survived by w Mitsuko, s Stanley, Larry, d Barbara Okada, Frances Scott, Kathryn Neitzel, 4gc, br Kaneto, Jim, sis Yoshi Murotani, Phyllis.

Hiroshi Kiriu, 66, Monterey Park, Feb. 20, Hawaii-born WWII veteran, survived by w Setsuko, s Ervin, br Robert, Hisao, Frank, sis Beverly Furiya (all of Hawaii).

George N. Saiki, 88, Laguna Hills, Feb. 13, Ehime-born naturalized citizen, survived by w Elsie, s Donald, d Gloria Farwell, br Frank, 7gc, neice June Kaneoka.

Steven H. Sakai, 64, Temple City, Mar. 12, Stockton-born 442nd Co. L veteran, survived by w Setsuko, s Rodney, David, 1gc, br Richard, Yukio, sis Betty Yamamoto, Jane Price.

Yoshiko Sasao, 86, San Jose, Mar. 28, Hiroshima-born, survived by s Albert, d Kuniko Yamanaka, Alice, Emily Ando, 6gc.

Mike M. Sasaki, 75, Watsonville, Mar. 15, San Juan Bautista-born, survived by sis Ineko Miyaha (Japan), Haruko Oka, gc, ggc, nephew Bob Oka.

Sadao Gene Sasaki, 91, Los Angeles, Mar. 16, Tottori-born naturalized citizen, survived by w Teruko, s Robert, d Sumiko Sakamoto, 4gc, 3ggc.

Hikoji J. Tachiki, 71, Los Angeles, Mar. 13, Pescadero-born, survived by w Miyoko, s Randall, Dennis (Yokohama), Martin, d Setsuko, 8gc, br Roy (Las Vegas), Kenshi, George (both Chula Vista).

Edward M. Takata, 81, Gardena, Mar. 20, Hawaii-born, survived by w Mabel, s Dr. Cecil (Hawaii), 2gc, sis Sakiyo Murakami (Honolulu).

Kentaro Takata, 69, Long Beach, Mar. 25, Los Angeles-born, survived by w Aiko, d Patty Ann Yoshida, Pauline Strietzel.

Masaru Tanaka, 72, Santa Ana, Mar. 31, WWII veteran, survived by s Robert, Rick, d Sharon, 3gc.

Kaoru Tashima, 85, Los Angeles, Mar. 19, Hawaii-born, survived by w Yasuko, d Betty Tsuchiyama, Janet Tanaka, 4gc, br Katsumi.

Tsuyuko Tsurutome, 72, Gardena, Mar. 25, Gardena-born, survived by s George, d Aiko Ozaki, Reiko Castellanos, 4gc, br Hatsuo Tomimitsu, sis Fujiko Koriyama (Japan).

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