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Youth Convicted for Terrorizing Black Students at Bus Stop

LOS ANGELES — A Westchester man was ordered to do 200 hours of community service and take a college course entitled "The Psychology of Prejudice" after being convicted of menacing a group of Black school children at a bus stop last fall, Los Angeles City Attorney Jim Hahn announced recently.

Craig Leck, 19, also was ordered to spend 10 days in jail and to write letters of apology to his victims after he pled no contest to two counts of interfering with civil rights (Penal Code Section 422.6) and also was found in violation of his probation from a previous conviction on Nov. 16, 1988, of providing alcohol to a minor.

In sentencing Leck, West Los Angeles Municipal Court Commissioner Norman Tarle also placed him on two years formal probation, according to Deputy City Attorney Frank Horowitz, who handled the case.

The course on the psychology of prejudice that Leck must complete as a condition of his probation is taught at Santa Monica City College, said Hahn, who expressed hope that "he will learn something that will move his attitudes toward other people into the 20th Century."

At the time he filed the criminal case against Leck last Nov. 9, Hahn commented that "bigotry is always ugly, but terrorizing children on their way home from school is particularly grotesque and twisted."

The case grew out of an incident that occurred on the afternoon of Sept. 28 as five Black children—three girls and two boys aged 9 to 12—were waiting at a street corner near Wright Junior High School at Emerson Avenue and 80th Street in Westchester when a white Volkswagen cruised by at 4 p.m.

The children told police that a passenger—whom they later identified as Leck—and the driver, both Anglos, shouted obscene racial epithets at them before the car accelerated and sped away eastbound on 80th Street, according to Hahn.

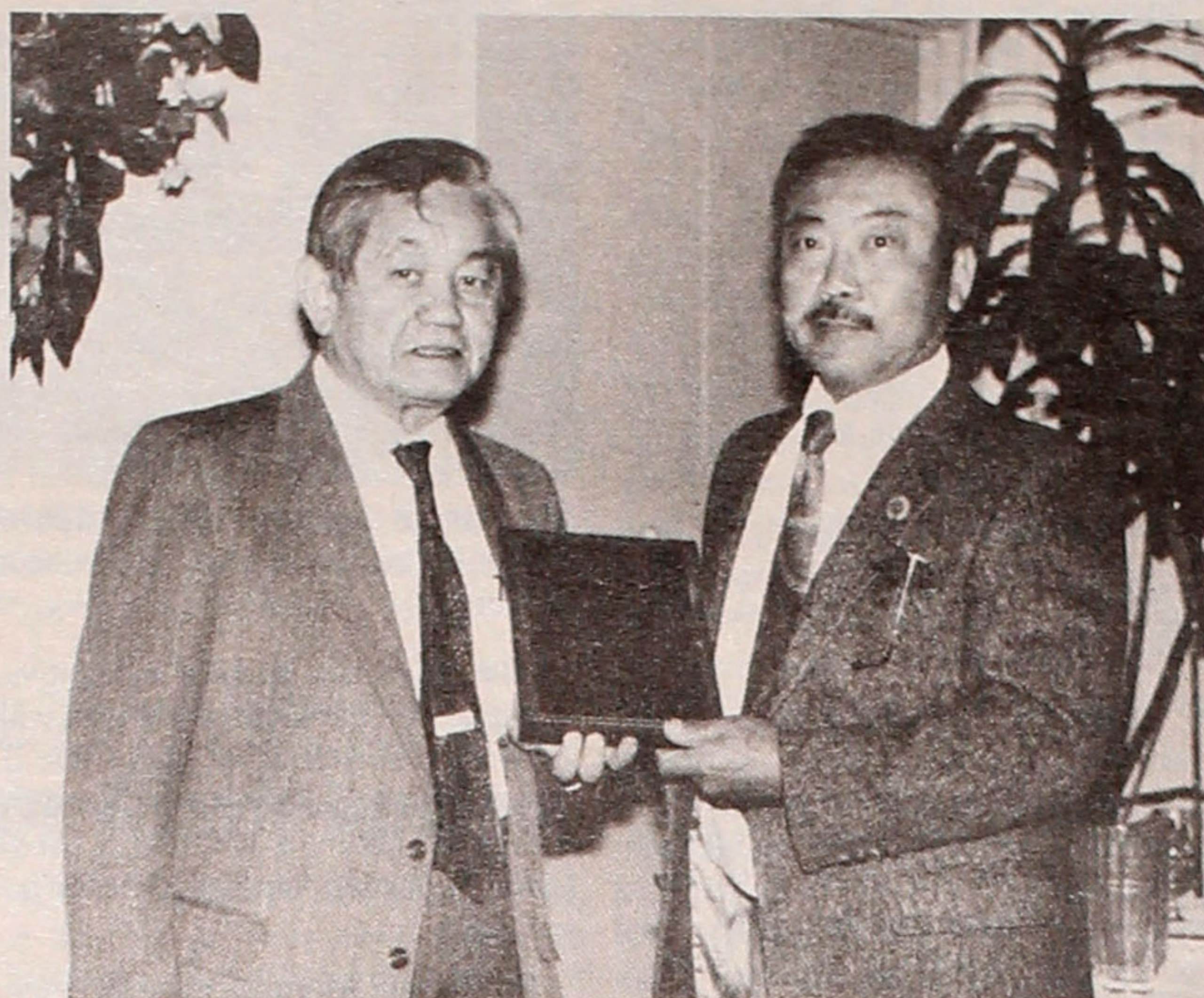
The car made three to four more passes by the children during the next half hour, with the passenger taunting them with racial epithets and hurling soft-drink cans and pieces of stale pizza at them from the car window, Hahn added.

Finally, two of the children went to a nearby public telephone and called their parents, one of whom came to pick them up and subsequently reported the incident to Wright Junior High School officials. At the same time, the other three children went into the school and sought out the vice-principal, who telephoned the LAPD and also notified school district police.

As part of their investigation, LAPD Pacific Division officers searched the neighborhood around Wright Junior High School on Sept. 29 until they found a parked Volkswagen matching the description given by the children. In questioning a woman at the residence where the car was parked, they learned that it belonged to her 17-year-old son.

"The juvenile later admitted to police that he had driven the car during the incident involving the five children and that his passenger had been Leck," said Hahn.

The 17-year-old, who was not identified due to his age, was referred by the LAPD investigators to Los Angeles juvenile authorities, according to Horowitz.



WORTHY RECIPIENT—Loyola alumnus John Saito (right) presents journalist and editor Harry K. Honda (left) with "Distinguished Alumnus" honors at a recent banquet sponsored by the Association of Asian Pacific Alumni at Loyola Marymount University. Saito, JACL regional director of the PSWDC office, was similarly honored in 1988.

Longtime P.C. Editor Honored

LOS ANGELES — The Association of Asian Pacific Alumni (AAPA) of Loyola Marymount University named Pacific Citizen's own Harry K. Honda as "Distinguished Alumnus" at its Eighth Annual Senior Service Awards luncheon on Sunday, April 1, 1990.

Honda, a 1950 graduate of the University, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his many years dedicated and outstanding service to the American Pacific Community.

Honda served as editor of the Pacific

Citizen from 1952-80. Now senior editor, he continues his role as the paper's touchstone and informing spirit. A respected and longtime newspaper editor, Honda is a founding member of the Asian American Journalists Association. His work on behalf of his community has also been recognized by the JACL, City of Los Angeles and the California State Legislature.

AAPA was formed in 1982, in order to promote an awareness of Asian Pacific cultures on campus and to serve as a liaison between graduates and Asian Pacific Islander students.

Discount Airfares to Convention Still Available

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

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Seats are limited!

100th Battalion Memorial to Be Dedicated at Cassino

HONOLULU — A granite monument honoring the men of the 100th Battalion of WWII is to be dedicated at Cassino, Italy, May 19-20, according to a report in *The Hawaii Hochi*.

A delegation of French citizens from the Vosges Mountain region, where the 100th also saw action, will attend the dedication.

Memorial Service for Matsunaga

Thousands Pay Final Respects at State Capitol, Church in Hawaii

By Allan Beekman
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

HONOLULU—Supporters paid their respects to U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga at a memorial service beginning at 3 p.m., April 18 at Central Union Church, with an Episcopal service, tributes by national dignitaries and local people and songs of the islands.

Because of the limited seating capacity of the historic church, the family of the departed had asked the public to pay its respects at the State Capitol where the body of the deceased, attended by a guard of honor (men of Co. D, 100th Infantry, where he was its executive officer), had been on view from 1:15 p.m. the preceding day. Nevertheless an overflow crowd, about a thousand, attended the memorial.

Nature providing suitable weather for the Matsunaga's valedictory to the land he had loved and served so well. Balmy trade winds blew. The air was cool, the scene sunny.

On the stroke of 3 p.m. the family entered—the widow, Mrs. Helene Matsunaga, with the Matsunaga children—Keene, Matthew, Karen, Diane, and Merle, their spouses and the senator's three grandchildren.

At 3:05 a uniformed honor guard, followed by the bishop, wheeled the flag-draped coffin into the church.

There were 12 Congressional delegate members in attendance. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell said of Matsunaga's fight for repara-

tions for the Nikkei internees that "he loved his country enough to make it right when it was wrong."

Senators Mark O. Hatfield, Daniel K. Inouye and Robert C. Byrd spoke in thanksgiving for the life of Senator Matsunaga. Hawaii State Governor John D. Waihee gave a valedictory and the services concluded with the congregation joining in the singing of "Aloha Oe."

A reception followed where the mourners paid their respects to the assembled family members.

Personal Recollections

My recollection of Matsunaga go far beyond this time of pomp and panoply to when he was an obscure deputy prosecutor working in the City-County Rent Control office, City Hall, Honolulu, where I was an investigator.

He had been admitted to the bar in 1952.

When we first met, in 1954, Hawaii was a Territory represented in Congress by a non-voting Republican delegate. Many predicted that statehood could never be achieved and some, in positions they felt might be threatened if the residents were given greater control of their destinies, actively worked against it. Matsunaga, who had never been elected to anything, worked for it.

I had been writing for the Pacific Citizen for some time when he was assigned to the office where I made his acquaintance. My interest in the Nikkei and the similarity of our views concerning statehood and some other matters made it easy to become friendly with him.

I remember him organizing a group in the office to sign the Honor Roll for those advocating statehood. And I recall him talking about his ambition to run for the Territorial legislature. He had served with distinction in WWII, achieving the rank of captain, and he expected to find support among the veterans who were interested in dissipating the status quo that had tended to keep the Nikkei from positions of influence.

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Cleveland JACL Installation Dinner a Resounding Success

By Tom Nakao, Jr.

CLEVELAND, Ohio — On Saturday, March 3, the Cleveland chapter of the JACL had their annual installation dinner. It was a fitting climax to a very busy weekend.

JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa came into Cleveland early Friday morning for a meeting with the city's new mayor, Michael R. White. Also in attendance were MDC governor Hank Tanaka and three members of the Mayor's Asian Advisory Council (MAAC), chair Tom Nakao, Jr., Harry Taketa and chapter president and MDC vice-governor Gary Yano.

Nakagawa and Mayor White had a very productive dialogue on a variety of issues, ranging from U.S.-Japan trade relations to anti-Asian violence. Nakagawa offered to give the mayor an outline on what steps could be taken by the city in fostering better relations with, not only, those Japanese companies wishing to invest in Cleveland but with the Asian American community in general.

Nakagawa then went to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* for a two-hour interview session. The topics ranged from Redress to U.S.-Japan trade relations and their implications on Japanese Americans, especially those in the "Rust Belt" areas.

Later in the evening, the CARP (Cleveland's retiree group) hosted a reception for Nakagawa. The obvious concern of the retirees was on the issue of the Redress payments. There were many good questions and he was able to provide a lot of background on the long struggle for reparations.

The installation dinner was a success in every sense of the word. It was a sellout, due to the cooperation of the various Asian communities:

CARP, A/PAF (Asian/Pacific American Federation), MAAC, the Nationalities Services Center and the JACL.

Those in attendance were treated to a special program.

August Pust, the ethnic liaison from the mayor's office, presented Cressey with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Cleveland. Nakagawa then gave a stirring speech on the changes

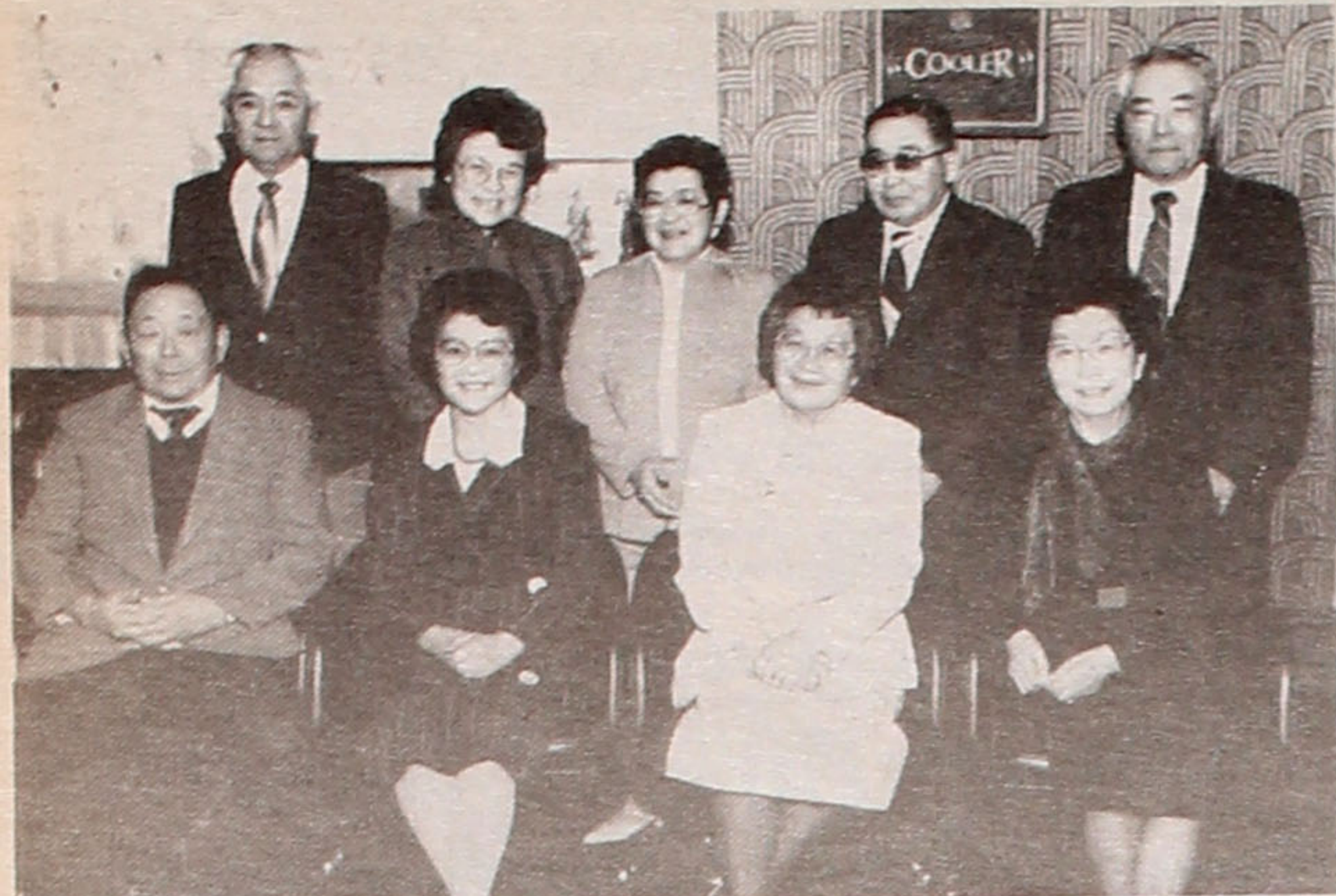
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Spark Buried on Hillside at 'Punchbowl' Cemetery

HONOLULU—Sen. Spark Matsunaga was buried April 19 on a hillside spot at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl away from the more public area in the lower region where war correspondent Ernie Pyle and the Challenger astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka are laid to rest.



CRESSEY CAPTIVATES CLEVELAND—(L-R) August Pust, project manager, Ethnic Affairs; Harry Taketa, president, Cleveland Assoc. of Retired Persons; Tom Nakao Jr., chair, Mayor's Asian Advisory Council; Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president; City of Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White; Hank Tanaka, Midwest District Council governor; Gary Yano, president, Cleveland JACL.



FT. LUPTON OFFICERS—(L-R) Standing—Frank Yokooji, dist. rep.; Mayrene Kiyota, dist. rep.; Martha Inouye, dist. rep.; Shigeo Hayashi, dist. rep.; Jim Tochihiro, dist. rep.; Seated—Alfred Watada, v.p.; Fuzzy Hisamoto, pres.; Daisy Kiyota, cor. sec.; Misaye Uno, rec. sec.; Not shown—Sam Funakoshi, treas.; Jack Tshura, dist. rep.

Ft. Lupton JACL Elects Its First Woman President

FORT LUPTON, Colo. — Fusaye "Fuzzy" Hisamoto, long time resident of Ft. Lupton, who moved to the farm community from Orange County, Calif. in 1942 during the "voluntary" evacuation period, will become the chapter's first woman president in its 48-year history.

Hisamoto, says that like many other chapters in rural communities the main problem is to keep interest alive for the membership and to recruit younger people to join JACL. The problem is made more acute in that most of the young leave the farms to seek their fortunes in the cities.

Hisamoto has been an active representative for her chapter in many Denver area community programs including, the Community Graduation Committee, *Kansha no Hi* (a program honoring community volunteers), and is currently with the Minoru Yasui Memorial project.

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UC Irvine Celebrates Asian Heritage Week

IRVINE, Calif. — A "Celebration of Cultural Diversity" was the focus of this year's Asian Heritage Week, April 23-27, near UC Irvine's Administration Building.

The activities were sponsored by Asian Pacific Student and Staff Association. The program included:

Speakers — Executive Vice Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, UC Student Regent Jenny Doh; traditional foods, fashions, dance, music, story-telling, martial arts and skits.

Participating student organizations were:

The Indian Club, Phi Zeta Tau, UCI's Filipino Student Club, Cambodian Student Association, the Persian Club, Tomo No Kai (UCI's Japanese student organization), APSSA, Republic of China Students, and Korean-American Student associations.

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Amerasia Journal's Special Issue:

On Asians in Canada, the Caribbean

LOS ANGELES — A special *Amerasia Journal* issue on Asians in Canada and the Caribbean was announced in late February by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center.

Co-editors Shirley Hune of Hunter College and Russell Leong of UCLA believe the understanding of the Asian experience in the United States can be broadened by comparing it with the experiences of Asian migration and settlement in North, Central, and South America.

Anthropologist Christine Ho, a Trinidadian-Chinese, in "Hold the Chow Mein, Gimme Soca," explores the integration of the Chinese in Guyana, Trinidad, and Jamaica, English-speaking Caribbean countries.

How have the Chinese fared in societies in which both Europeans and Africans have influenced the education, politics, and culture—and what has been the Asian response and contribution to the Caribbean experience? Unlike other Asian American scholars who have held that the Chinese maintain their traditional ways in a new society, Ho presents the view that the Chinese in the Caribbean have become "creolized," or a melding of two or more cultures.

In contrast to the Chinese experience in the Caribbean, Latin-Americanist Evelyn Hu-Dehart presents a historical account of coolies, shopkeepers and pioneers in Mexico and Peru.

The Chinese in Mexico became the state's first business class, developing an infrastructure which served Mexico after the 1910 Revolution and the nationalization of Mexican businesses.

In Peru, the Chinese contributed to Amazon settlement and the export economy of guano and sugar, and later, in retail businesses.

Jack Masson, at the University of Alberta, reports on current divisions in

the Asian Indian community in Canada, among the Sikhs and Hindus from the northern states of Punjab and Haryana. The divisions are placed within the context of new Asian immigration to Canada beginning in the 1960s.

Southeast Asian immigrants to Canada and the U.S. are covered in three articles: Yen Le Espiritu, a Vietnamese sociologist, looks at Chinese Vietnamese in America; David Haines compares Southeast Asian resettlement policies in Canada and the United States; and Cindy Wong looks at the Chinese Vietnamese Buddhist community in Los Angeles.

For the Korean American community, researchers Pyong Gap Min and Edna Bonacich present differing views on the "social costs" of immigrant entrepreneurship in the Korean community; while Korean American Edward Pai reintroduces Kim San's historical saga, an account of his patriotic activities in China is especially relevant for Koreans today who live outside of Korea, in their quest for political emancipation and reunification.

Associate editor Glenn Omatsu offers ideas about the "emancipatory role" of critical thinking in evaluating Asian American studies. A 70-page bibliography follows his essay, reflecting the breadth of newer-and-traditional-thinking on Asian Americans.

A limited number of this issue, "Asians in Canada and the Caribbean," is being published, \$7 plus applicable tax and \$1 handling charge, payable to: Regents, University of California, Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, 90024-1546.

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21st Pilgrimage Scheduled April 28:

Study of Manzanar Alternatives Completed

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee learned last week that the Manzanar Study of Alternatives has been completed by the National Park Service. The study has been forwarded to Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr. for his report and recommendation to Congress.

The Manzanar Study of Alternatives is one of several studies associated with the Pacific Campaign of World War II, which were mandated by Section 6 (h) of Public Law 95-348 which established the Pacific National Historic Park on Guam.

Manzanar Committee spokespersons stated that Manzanar is the only non-military site included in the study.

The Manzanar Committee urges all individuals and organizations to support the National Park Service study to make Manzanar a national historic park by writing to the following individuals, as well as their own representatives in Congress:

Hon. Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

Rep. William M. Thomas, 35th Congressional District (Inyo County) U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

"The timing is just right," Sue Kunitomi Embrey, chair of the Manzanar Committee, stated. "Our long struggle to obtain redress appropriation is in its final stage. Lobbying for a historic park at Manzanar and for appropriate

funding for site development can only enhance the general public's awareness of our internment experience."

A special invitation has been extended to the Secretary Lujan and to Congressman Thomas, whose district encompasses the site at Manzanar to the next Manzanar Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 28.

For information about the Pilgrimage, call (213) 662-5102.

'Naku Naku—7979' Telephone Service Starts

TOKYO—Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corps. and the National Environment Agency now brings callers through the new service, dubbed "Naku-Naku—7979," the sounds of birds over the telephone. "I will introduce you to the sound of birds," coos a woman's soothing voice, describing each of the birds featured on the tape.

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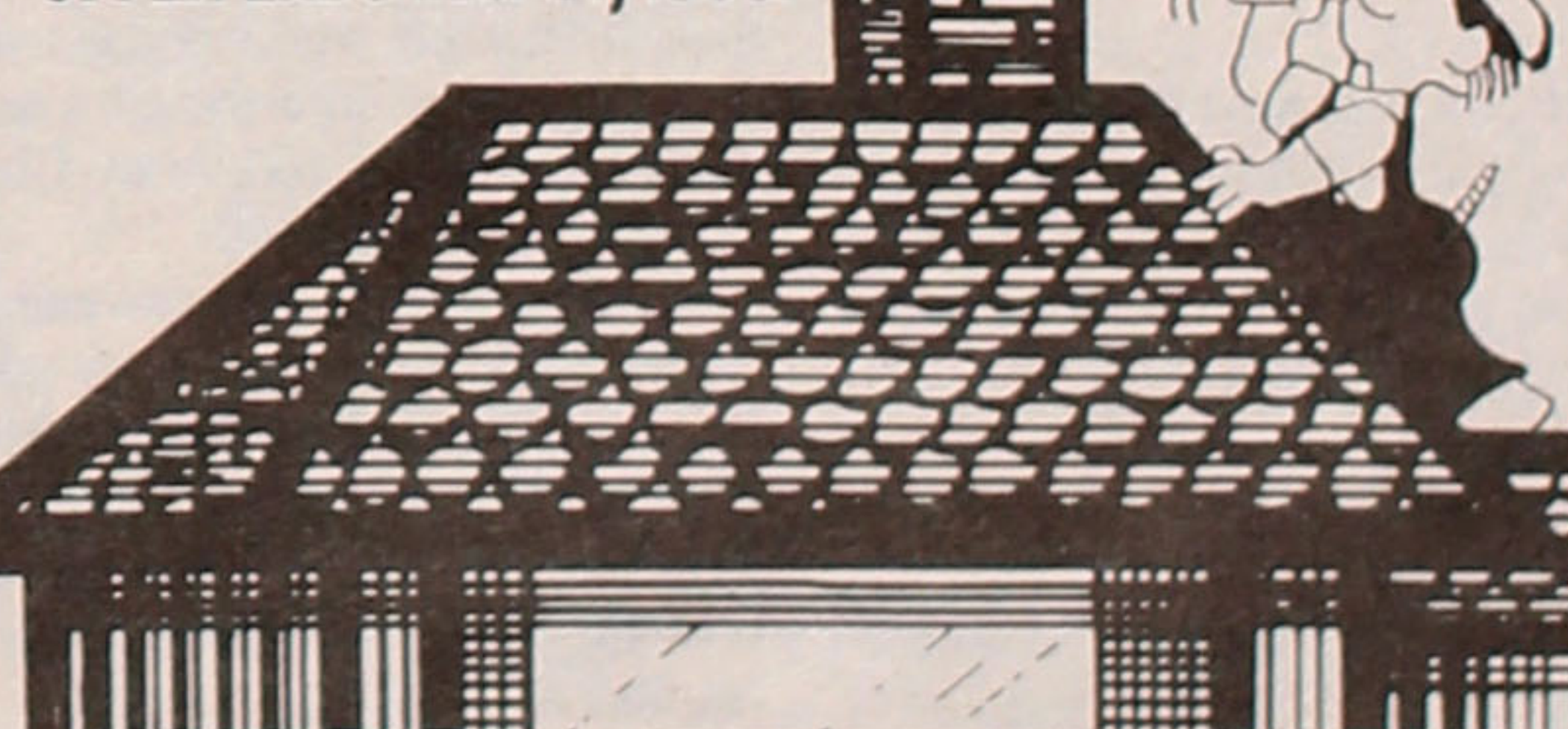
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SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD WINNER—Shigeki Ushio, a founding member of the National JACL Credit Union, is recognized for more than 40 years of service to the credit union movement.

JACL Credit Union Pioneer: 'Shake' Ushio

Cited for 40-Year Contribution

SALT LAKE CITY — At the annual Utah League of Credit Unions meeting banquet Mar. 24, a pioneer credit union member Shigeki "Shake" Ushio was honored with its Spirit of America award.

The award is presented to a person who exemplified the motto, "Not for profit, not for charity, but for service." It is presented when the state organization feels an individual has earned the distinction.

Ushio is a founding member of the National JACL Credit Union and has been an active and contributing volunteer for over 40 years. In this time he has served at both the chapter and state levels. At present he is a board member of the National JACL Credit Union and also serves as president of the Carl S. Little division of the state organization.

The award reads:

In recognition of over 40 years of service to the credit union movement, the Utah League of Credit Unions is honored to present Shigeki "Shake" Ushio the 1990 Spirit of America Award.

With Evacuees in Mind

The National JACL Credit Union

came into existence in 1943 when life in the United States was not easy for Japanese Americans in the middle of World War II. Many Japanese Americans were removed to relocation camps, including one in Central Utah.

JACL recognized their members needed financial help. Banks wouldn't touch their money, nor would they lend to Japanese Americans. The credit union was formed, loans were made for transportation to other cities for work, and for needed supplies and other staples of life.

"There is no telling the great difference this one credit union has made in thousands of peoples lives," the Utah Credit Union declared. "This one credit union that has had one chairman, most of its existence: our recipient tonight."

Quoting from Terry Nagata, president of National JACL Credit Union, "For his many years of enthusiastic volunteerism to the credit union movement and demonstrated leadership in 'keeping purpose constant', I nominate 'Shake' Ushio for the Spirit of America Award."

JA Vets Attempt to Quell Memorial Controversy

LOS ANGELES — The plan of a Los Angeles-based Japanese American veterans organization to create a Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial has created a fire storm of controversy among Nisei vets. While many applaud the concept of such a monument as a fitting and long overdue tribute to the gallant and distinguished service of Nisei soldiers in WWII, others are aghast at what they perceive as a deplorable attempt at self-aggrandizement on the part of a minority of Nisei veterans.

In a response to what it considers misinformation and public misunderstanding about its proposed memorial, the Board of Directors of the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation adopted the following position statement at its meeting on April 4, 1990.

Position Statement

In 1987, Los Angeles City made public its RFP (Request For Proposal) requiring a Japanese American World War II Veterans Memorial as part of the First Street North Project.

In 1988, the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Committee, a joint committee of the 100th/442nd Veterans Association and the Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California, undertook the mission to develop an innovative memorial concept.

The concept adopted recognizes all Japanese American veterans of World War II; however, it will focus on the outstanding contributions made by the 13,639 combat veterans who served together in three segregated units, the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. These men went into combat in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation, locations of all military combat during World War II. Their accomplishments are legendary. The 100th Battalion became known as the "Purple Heart Battalion." The 442nd RCT for the period in combat became the most highly decorated regiment in U.S. Army history; and last but not least, the MIS groups composed of Japanese American combat interrogators, translators and inter-

preters were credited with shortening the war in the Pacific Theater of Operation by two years, thereby saving over 2,000,000 lives.

These WWII Japanese American combat veterans, who served in the Nisei segregated combat units, suffering over 700 KIAs and receiving over 9,000 Purple Hearts, became as units the singularly recognized group contributors to proving Japanese American loyalty, to helping to bring about the acceptance of Japanese Americans, and to enhancing the lives of all Japanese Americans. As units, it received seven Presidential Unit Citations, in addition to the 18,143 individual awards.

The concept of immortalizing all these men as full members of the three distinguished groups will make the acknowledgment of their outstanding collective deeds so complete that not only future generations but the current generation will know of their historic, unique contributions and achievements.

This unique design concept of placing in a dramatic way the over 13,000 Japanese American surnames on the monument will also parallel the concept and efforts of Rep. Marcy Kaptur, congresswoman from Ohio, who states that "I have introduced . . . a bill H.R. 2807 to establish a national memorial to honor members of the armed forces who served in WWII, both deceased and living. . . ." Our concept is also a memorial to honor not only the KIAs but the living combat veterans who survived the war and to this date had the added duty to continue fighting prejudice, for as President Truman said, "They fought not only the enemy. They fought prejudice and won." The fact is that these men are still fighting prejudice. For although these men have won many battles against prejudice, these men also know that they have yet to win the war on prejudice.

For their continued efforts, the entire team of men who embrace the motto and the fighting spirit of "Go For Broke" will assuredly remind all that under extreme adverse conditions, these men have prevailed; and from their collective ordeals in commitment, achievement and honor, they have become a legend. They are leaving for all a very profound legacy of loyalty and bravery and of freedom and liberty.

Undoubtedly, the memorial will attract and interest many expected tourists and visitors. For as the quotable quote, "What's in a Name? Everything," which appeared in a recent article on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., it showed that because of the names on the wall, it had consistently attracted exceptionally large numbers of visitors. In a similar way, the expected visitor seeing the many

Japanese American surnames would be for the viewers the ultimate in believing and in accepting the reality of what did happen to Japanese Americans during World War II.

Furthermore, the memorial may lead many first time viewers to become sparked enough and to want to know more about the story of the Japanese American experience in the United States. They could then spend profitably many additional hours in the new Japanese American National Museum which will be located within 200 feet of the memorial.

To carry out this mission, the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit and tax-exempt corporation, was created to receive funds which will be used solely for the creation of the memorial. In this regard, we have met the requirements set by the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee: (1) that the concept complies with the City RFP, (2) that the organization supporting the concept is a legally formed fund raising organization and has the fund raising capabilities, and (3) that all these requirements are in place to meet the current construction schedule to avoid delay.

In January, 1990, the Foundation with the assistance of developer Michael Barker was able to open the design competition by contacting over 500 schools of architecture and fine arts to make it a national competition. Over 200 press releases were also sent to major communication medias across the country. They were received well, given front page coverage by *Rafu Shimpo*, *The New York Nichibei*, *Los Angeles Downtown News*, *Pacific Citizen*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, etc. The Japanese language TV Channel 56 in Los Angeles covered the story and aired it on Jan. 28 in Los Angeles and on the next day in Japan.

The Foundation has launched a major fund raising campaign. The slogan is "Join Us in Honoring Those Who Offered Their Lives for America".

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JA Optimists Holds Speech Contest

LOS ANGELES—A drug-free America, a safe healthy environment and worldwide respect for human dignity, were visions by students during an oratorical contest focusing on the theme, "The Dream is Alive," hosted by the Japanese American Optimist Club last month.

The winners, Henrietta Nofre, 15, and Chris Van, 14, and other contestants from Marshall High and King Jr. High were judged on essay content and presentation.

A similar competition for hearing-impaired students is slated for May.

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Teriyaki Chicken Dinner:

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PLACER COUNTY, Calif. — The Placer County JACL Chapter will hold their annual Scholarship Program fund-raiser dinner on Friday, May 18 at the Placer Buddhist Church Hall, 3192 Boyington Rd., Penryn. A teri-yaki chicken dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m. Tickets for this affair are a donation of \$7.50 per person. The dinner deadline is Saturday, May 12.

This event is sponsored to help provide financial assistance to deserving Nikkei high school graduates who wish to pursue higher education. Chapter scholarships are as follows: The \$500 Thomas Yego Memorial Scholarship, \$300 Masa Sakamoto Memorial Scholarship, \$200 JACL scholarship and the \$350 Jessie Covington Memorial Scholarship. In addition, the chapter administers a \$200 scholarship awarded by Union Bank of Roseville as a corporate friend of the Nikkei community.

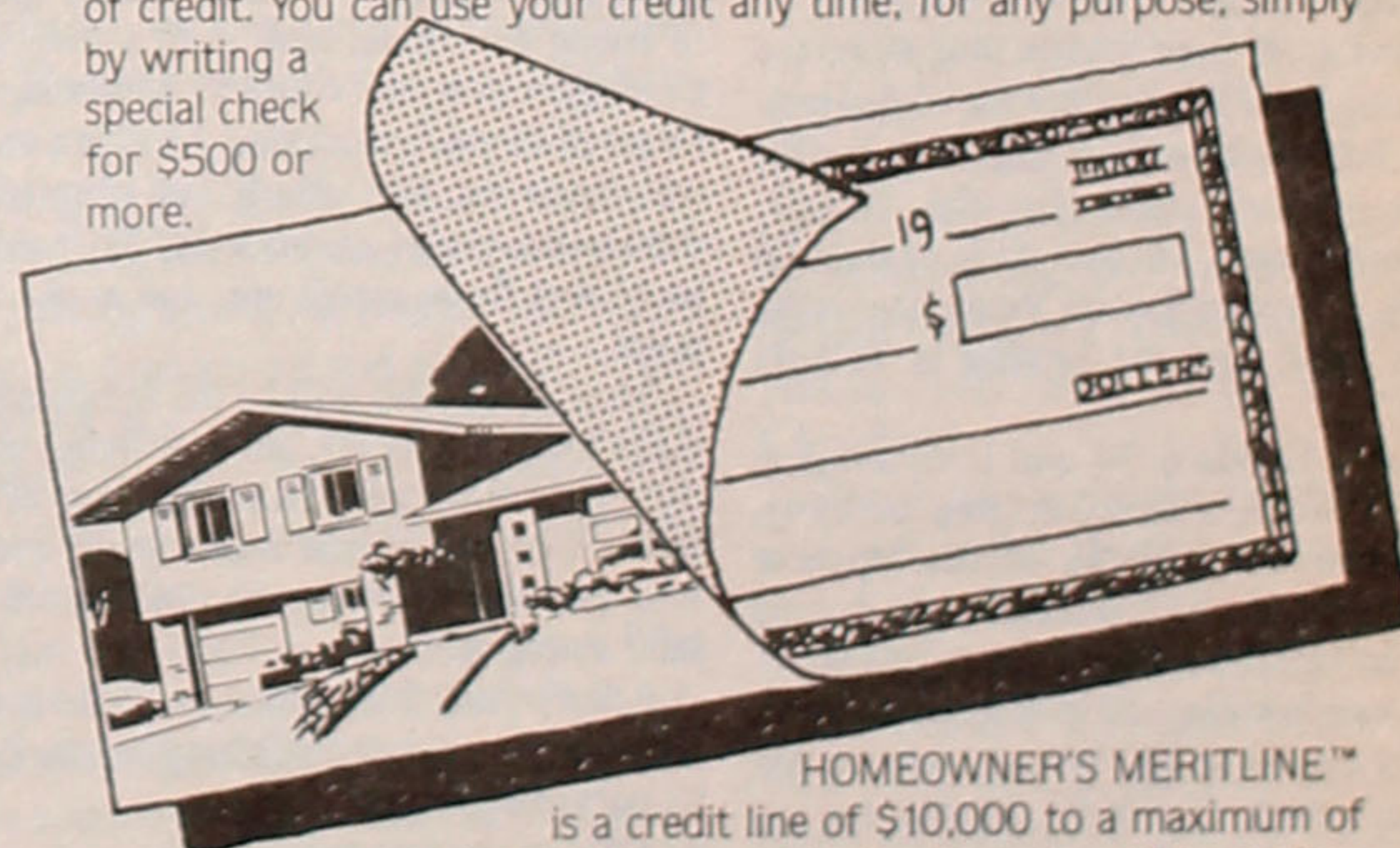
Okei Memorial Awards

The chapter also presents the Okei Memorial Achievement awards to outstanding boy and girl graduates of Gold Trail Elementary School at Gold Hill, near historic Coloma in memory of Miss Okei Ito, a member of the ill-fated Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony who died in 1871 at age 19 years. Her grave lies on a knoll overlooking the school.

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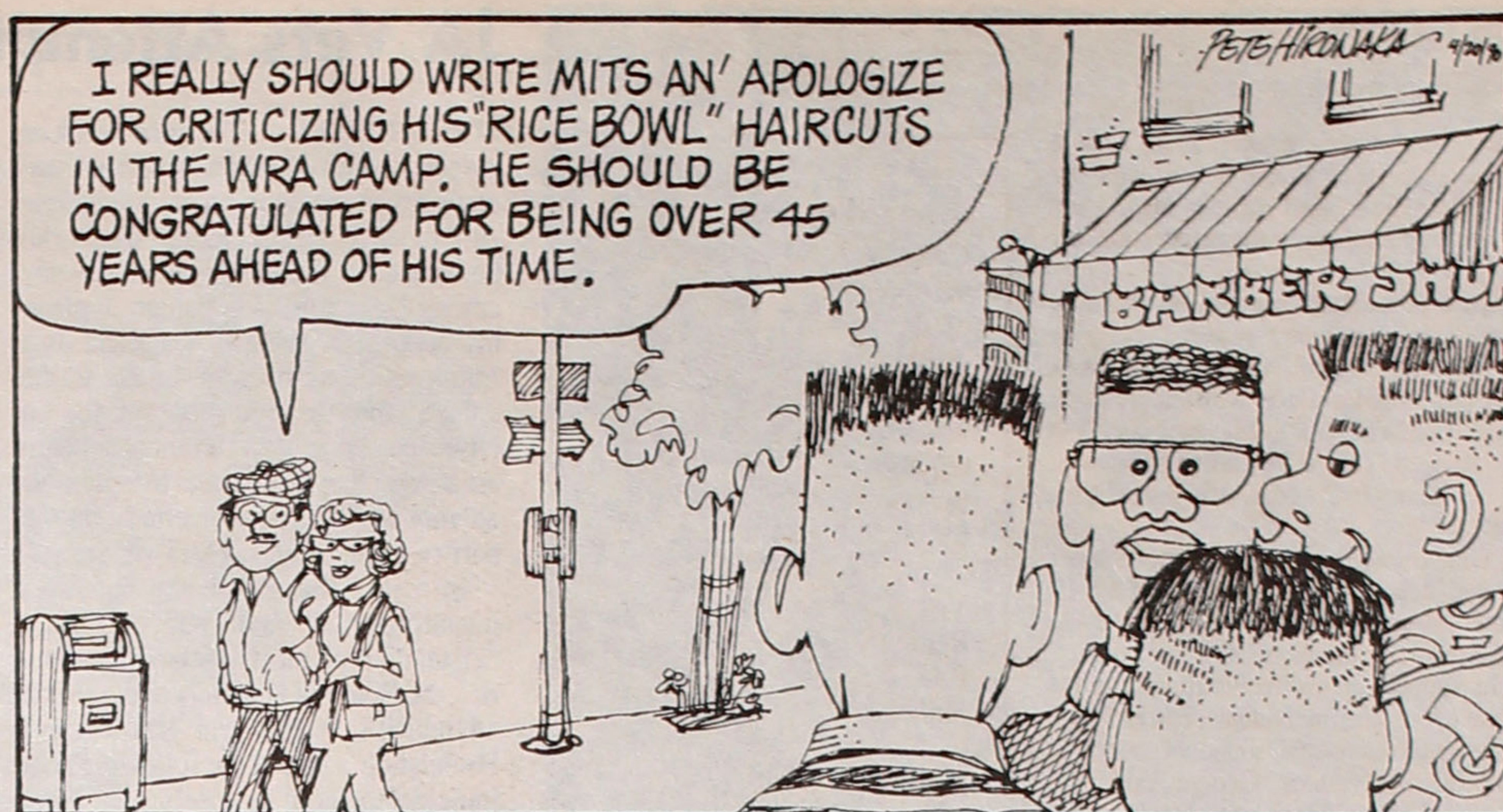
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

The Use of 'Nikkei'

American financial pages have been publishing many stories lately about the Nikkei. Nikkei plunges. Nikkei suffers record fall. Nikkei continues skid. The nervous Nikkei.

Fortunately this is not in reference to Japanese Americans who also are called Nikkei by their own press. The first Nikkei is the Nikkei Stock Average, the Tokyo Stock Exchange equivalent of Dow Jones averages.

The Nikkei Stock Average has been having its problems lately. But mention Nikkei to a Japanese and he assumes you are talking about *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the *Japan Economic Journal*, one of that country's largest daily newspapers. The shortened name comes from the first syllables of *Nihon Keizai*.

Confusing matters further, Nikkei has still another meaning. Takashi Matsui, writing in the *Nisei Veterans Newsletter* published in Seattle, explains this Nikkei means "of Japanese lineage." The *Ni* deriving from the first syllable of *Nihon*, as in *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, but the *kei* in this case is written with a different character which means lineage, link, adherent or system.

The Japanese American press, desperately seeking a simple, all-encompassing word for Japanese American, has adopted Nikkei. Some sociologists have observed that Japanese Americans are the only ethnic group to put so much emphasis on generations such as Issei, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei. This is understandable in view of the vast psychological and cultural differences between at least the first three. It is also understandable that the word Nisei, once applied to all Japanese Americans, has been rejected as inaccurate when used in reference to Sansei and Yonsei.

But Nikkei seems to be no better. Matsui tells us that when one says "We Nikkei," he is saying "We persons of Japanese descent." In order to say "We Americans of Japanese descent," which is the intent of the Japanese American press, Matsui explains that one must specify "We Nikkei Americans" or "Nikkei America-jin." In short, the simple unmodified use of "Nikkei" in the Japanese American press doesn't get the job done unless we are trying to give the word a new meaning.

Japanese press dispatches have described Alberto Fujimori, candidate for president of Peru, as "Nikkei Nisei." That would be correct since Fujimori is of Japanese descent and a Nisei. But the term would not be accurate if he were a Sansei.

We are witnessing one foreign word, Nikkei, being used to mean two totally different things in different segments of the American press. And, to put it bluntly, the financial pages use of Nikkei is the more accurate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plea for Help

Knowing of your wide circulation, we are asking for a little help: One of our residents, Tokiwo Uyeda, is searching for his brother and/or sister in the Seattle, Washington area. He lost track of them in the '40s. Chiyoko Satomi Yamamoto is the sister's name and the brother is Tadashi Uyeda.

Tokiwo Uyeda is 74 and lives alone at Heiwa Terrace, a senior citizens building, built under the auspices of the Japanese American Service Committee, and we are trying to help him locate any relatives.

Anyone knowing their whereabouts can send us a letter at 920 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640. Thanks for any information.

PAT A. AMINO
Mgr. Heiwa Terrace
Chicago, Ill.

Wants Apology

In all the talks and negotiations which have been going on for years regarding the payment for restitution, it has bothered me that one important element in the whole process has seemingly gotten lost by the wayside and forgotten completely.

I realize that money talks, but in my view, the monetary payment is not as important now, at this stage in our lives, as a formal letter of apology from the President on behalf of our country. A formal letter which can be framed and passed on to future

generations will have more lasting merits in trying to explain why such a thing had to happen in a free country. It would also be proof that in a democracy and in a country which we love dearly, in spite of its drawbacks, errors are made but the freedom to correct those errors are also at our disposal.

Most of us who will be the recipients of these token payments, are now living modestly but comfortably from the fruits of our labor. Our frugal past has become etched into our way of living and old habits are hard to change.

I don't think I am alone in thinking this way, and hope that something can be done to pursue this matter further.

MARY T. YOSHIDA
Minneapolis, Minn.

Camp Newspaper Study—RD.2

At long last, the arch-architect of the disinformation miscarried in the flim-sham research of Ms. Kessler has emerged out of the woodworks. Ray Okamura adds to the perfidy by declaring that "inmate editors are not the most reliable and unbiased resource" and "the recollections of a culpable individual, after 48 years, will tend to be imprecise and self-serving." Since when has Okamura become the almighty judge, arbiter or headshrinker to make pronouncements on culpability?

He is probably the same Ray Okamura



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Sansei Dimension in Concert With 'Taiko' Drum

The entertainment at Barry Saiki's Tokyo going-away party, the subject of last week's column, was Kenny Endo's combo, which isn't what you might think it is.

Kenny Endo is a musician, all right, but not the traditional Western type. His combo is made up of a fife-player and drummers in short pants and happi coats. They swing wooden clubs and punish, rather than simply play, drums. There is no other way to describe their fiercely athletic performance as they beat their drums and produce heart-throbbing rhythms. They are *taiko* (the Japanese word for drum) players although "player" is too mild a term for their performance.

There are *taiko* groups in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay area, and Denver and they do a pretty darned good job of working up a rhythmic din. As a teenager Los Angeles-born Kenny Endo, a Sansei, heard some of these groups, became fascinated by their music, played with them after he graduated from UCLA, then decided he had to track the sounds back to their source. He had played drums with jazz

and rock groups but nothing gripped him like the throb and boom of Japanese *taiko*.

So he went to Japan a decade ago, located the masters, convinced them of his sincerity, and learned from them how to build and repair drums and make them talk their primitive rhythms.

Drumming is now Kenny Endo's profession. He teaches and he performs with his combo which includes his wife and several young Japanese whose names, to my regret, I didn't get. It seemed appropriate that a Sansei, reaching back to roots he didn't know existed, should bring his version of an ancient art form to a farewell party for Barry Saiki, a Nisei who has succeeded in bridging two cultures.

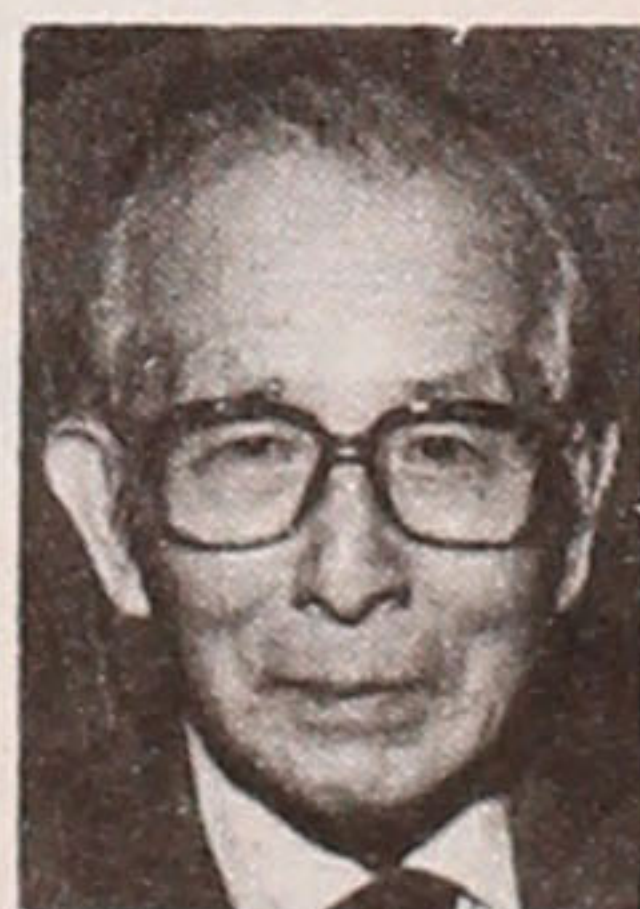
The staccato beat and rolling thunder of Endo's *taiko* group filled the New Sanno's ballroom that memorable night. How does one describe drum music? One can only report the effect it had.

The sounds of clubs striking taut horsehide were primitive, evoking visions of ancient warriors around smoking fires deep in some primeval forest, stoking fires of anger and courage and

dedication as they fortified themselves for battles of honor and loyalty. The sounds were of approaching thunder, trembling earth, rushing rivers, wind and the clatter of hooves. The sounds were of conflict and struggle, wordless and primal as life itself. The sounds were a symphony in bass, relieved only by the occasional high chatter of wood striking wood.

Perhaps it is fitting that Endo, two generations American, is bringing a new dimension to an old Japanese art. "When I play jazz with *taiko*," he wrote not long ago, "I try to achieve a real fusion—not just using the *taiko* as an ornament to the jazz, but bringing out the natural tone and rhythm of the drum to truly reflect traditional Japanese music. Japanese audiences are surprised to see *taiko* played in the new style I'm trying to develop; it's a fresh kind of thing for them."

And a refreshing kind of thing, too, for both Japanese and Americans disturbed by the shallow and indiscriminate way in which so many of Japan's over-indulged young people are mimicking the superficialities of U.S. pop culture.



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JIN KONOMI

Cultural Exchange: Japan's Astronomical Debt to America

If cultural exchange were to be conducted as business, Japan would never be able to balance the book with America. Even today as America's unfavorable trade balance with Japan is creating tension between the two countries, America's cultural exports continue apace, inundating and permeating Japan and even changing Japan's lifestyle, especially of the youths.

It's not that Japan has been sponging off America all these years—since Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's visit to Edo, 130 years ago—without giving a few things of value in return. To name a few things, tofutti for ice cream; sukiyaki for barbecue; sushi for hamburger; and Nintendo for baseball. Very modest in number and scale, but not to be sniffed at as to quality.

But, while American export has had a profound influence on Japanese life, the same thing cannot be said of Japanese export, except possibly the last mentioned: Nintendo, which I will leave to some more knowledgeable people to discuss.

So, to balance the account in my limited way, I hasten to offer two items on Japan's credit side. One is the hot

tub. Though it is an American creation it owes its inspiration to the Japanese philosophy of the *furo*, the sensual enjoyment of the total immersion bath. I hope to deal with the subject some time in P.C. Here I will confine myself to the second, the *ninja*.

Ninja is a seminal concept taken from the *ninja* movies of the '60s and '70s. It had been in dormancy several years, but like the female bear who gives birth in her winter cave, it recently spawned those outrageous, but fantastically popular Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

In the '60s Japan's movie producers were anxiously casting about for some new angles, twists, characters, or whatever, to liven up "samurai" movies which had become a bit tiresome with their heavy reliance on sword play. Searching back in the archives of Japanese cinema's infancy, they dug up the long buried and forgotten favorites of yore, the *ninjutsushi*, or *ninjutsutsukai*.

Masters of the *ninjutsu*, which simply was the art of stealth, these *ninjutsutsukai* performed some fabulous feats of wizardry. They were always materializing from thin air, dissolving into shadows, leaping to prodigious

heights, walking on water, or through raging fire, turning themselves into things or monsters, and so on. In retrospect all of this was pretty silly stuff, but the fans, mostly juveniles including yours truly, lapped it all up, hungrily.

Such foolishness could not go on forever. The generations who came after us were more sophisticated, and the *ninjutsutsukai* were forgotten and remained so many decades. In the meanwhile some scholars were making serious studies of *ninjutsu* in the extensive written traditions of the old masters. Stripped of its fanciful garb of myths and legends, *ninjutsu* still was an amazing art, testimony to the awesome potentials of the human faculties.

As described by Shiba Ryotaro, great writer of histories and historical fiction, in his collection of *ninja* stories, *The Last Iga Monogatari*, the *ninjutsutsukai*—for brevity let's call them *ninja*. I'll explain later—were spies who did their work with the aid of *ninjutsu*, or the art of stealth. They sneaked into, or under disguise, entered enemy territories or camps to ferret out enemy secrets, to spread false rumors to create unrest and discords, set fire, etc.

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who sent a number of letters to the English language press in Tokyo a few years ago and asked me to send him clippings. I sent a couple of clippings without receiving any reply.

Lacking standard courtesy, his claims of conducting assiduous research (digging graves) are doubtful. Of course, he fully supports Kessler since Kessler attributes much excellent data to him and cites him as a scholarly source. The last two sentences of his letter (P.C., Mar. 16) should have read,

"Our knowledge and sophistication are limited now. At that time, we had a lot more information from which we could have recorded the facts."

In support of my recollections, let me name a few other individuals, currently still very much alive and sound of mind, as follows: Art Editor George Akimoto, Stockton; Jun Agari, Stockton; Sports Editor Fred Oshima, Salinas; Reporter Naomi Kashiwabara, San Diego; Bus. Mgr. Bob Takahashi, Morro Bay; Dr. Jim and Mary Doi, Seattle.

Unless Okamura can come up with a similar list of "on-the-scene" individuals to support his position, rather than just his analysis unsupported by real, live people, he should crawl back into the woodworks to escape the creosoting usually prescribed for critics, rather critics, of such ilk.

And for his information, I had been planning to write a book for the past fifty years so my notes are in much better order than he has imagined.

BARRY SAIKI
Tokyo, Japan

Tribute to Spark Matsunaga

I would like to share with your readers remarks recently made by Robert Byrd, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and former Majority Leader, about Senator Spark Matsunaga. Byrd's sentiments were offered on the floor and printed in the *Congressional Record*. The West Virginian thanked Spark for what Spark always does—going the extra mile, and more, for the sake of what he believes.

In the words of the Chairman:
"May I say I am most particularly appreciative of the effort that Sparky Matsunaga made to come and cast his vote today. He could easily have avoided this vote. He has no coal in his State. He gave this vote out of dedication to a belief in what is just, and he made that same strong fight for justice when he was talking to all of us many months ago about the Japanese Americans who had been wrongly treated by this country in World War II. He carried his case to every Senator. He went individually to every Senator. Senators listened and they supported his amendment. Today, he did what he wanted to do, and at some inconvenience and cost to himself. I want to say clearly here that I never urged him to come and vote, but he knows that I do appreciate it. There is a man. When comes another?"

No two sentences in the English language say it better than the last two spoken by Robert Byrd.

GRANT UJIFUSA
JACL/LEC Strategy Chair
Chappaqua, NY

'Planted in Good Soil'

It has been a pleasant surprise to note allusions to and excerpts from my forthcoming book, *Planted in Good Soil: The History of the Issei in United States Agriculture*, appearing in your paper during the past several months.

And it was a special delight to realize that some readers have taken an interest in such a specialized subject matter. Randolph Shibata, president of the New Mexico JACL Chapter (P.C. Letters to the Editor, March 16), discerned a significant omission in the P.C. article of a giant in the agricultural history of New Mexico, namely, Dr. Roy M. Nakayama. He is, let me assure you, duly recognized in *Planted in Good Soil* as the developer of the 12-inch long NuMex Big Jim chili pepper.

My interview in Las Cruces with Carl Nakayama in 1965 left me with an admiration for the entire Nakayama family. Kaichiro Nakayama and his wife saw all eight of their children through college, of whom Dr. Roy Minoru Nakayama was one. MASAKAZU IWATA
Montebello, Calif.

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FOR THE RECORD:

This Ad Is a Hoax

To Our Readers Who Are WWII Vets:

Congress recently passed a bill (CSS 102) that gives all World War II veterans a dividend of \$.65 per \$1000 of their GI insurance for each month of service. A veteran who had \$10,000 in insurance is entitled to dividends of \$78 for 12 months service, \$156 for 24 months, \$234 for 36 months, etc. This refund is due regardless of whether the insurance is still carried. The dividend is requested. The Veterans Administration will apply regardless of whether any insurance is requested. The form below is for eligibility. The form below is for eligibility.

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Unfortunately, we have discovered that this ad is a clever hoax, one that has plagued the Veterans Administration nationwide for many years.

P.C. Office Follow-Up

To clarify the nature of this hoax, the Veterans Services Officer at the San Francisco office of the Department of Veterans Affairs issued the following statement to the P.C.:

"This is a false and misleading rumor sweeping the nation. It's plaguing us at the Department of Veterans Affairs and leading thousands of veterans to write us requesting dividends on GI Insurance based on service in WWII.

Congress has not passed any new law giving all WWII veterans a dividend on GI policies. This information regarding such a dividend is a hoax. The only dividends that we are currently paying are to veterans who have continued their government life insurance in force. These dividends are paid on an annual basis and are distributed automatically. Veterans need not make an application for these dividends. You can help us to eliminate this rumor by passing this information along to any of your friends or veterans groups to which you may belong. If anyone would like to inquire regarding information on insurance or other veterans benefits, please call your local Department of Veterans Affairs listed in the white pages under U.S. Government."

We at the P.C. regret any inconvenience this incorrect information may have caused, and we urge our readers to help the VA spread the word about this insidious hoax.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As a people, Canadians commit themselves to the creation of a society that ensures equality and justice for all, regardless of race or ethnic origin.

During and after World War II, Canadians of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom were citizens, suffered unprecedented actions taken by the Government of Canada against their community.

Despite perceived military necessities at the time, the forced removal and internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II and their deportation and expulsion following the war, was unjust. In retrospect, government policies of disenfranchisement, detention, confiscation and sale of private and community property, expulsion, deportation and restriction of movement, which continued after the war, were influenced by discriminatory attitudes. Japanese Canadians who were interned had their property liquidated and the proceeds of sale were used to pay for their own internment.

The acknowledgement of these injustices serves notice to all Canadians that the excesses of the past are condemned and that the principles of justice and equality in Canada are reaffirmed.

Therefore, the Government of Canada, on behalf of all Canadians, does hereby:

- 1) acknowledge that the treatment of Japanese Canadians during and after World War II was unjust and violated principles of human rights as they are understood today;
- 2) pledge to ensure, to the full extent that its powers allow, that such events will not happen again; and
- 3) recognize, with great respect, the fortitude and determination of Japanese Canadians who, despite great stress and hardship, retain their commitment and loyalty to Canada and contribute so richly to the development of the Canadian nation.

RECONNAISSANCE

En tant que nation, les Canadiens se sont engagés à édifier une société qui respecte les principes d'égalité et de justice pour tous ses membres sans égard à leurs origines culturelles ou raciales.

Pendant et après la Deuxième Guerre mondiale, des Canadiens d'origine japonaise, citoyens de notre pays pour la plupart, ont eu à souffrir de mesures sans précédent prises par le gouvernement du Canada et dirigées contre leur communauté.

En dépit des besoins militaires perçus à l'époque, le déplacement forcé et l'internement de Canadiens japonais au cours de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale, ainsi que leur déportation et leur expulsion au lendemain de celle-ci, étaient injustifiées. On se rend compte aujourd'hui que les mesures gouvernementales de privation des droits civiques, de détention, de confiscation et de vente des biens personnels et communautaires, ainsi que d'expulsion, de déportation et de restriction des déplacements, qui ont été maintenues après la guerre, découlaient d'attitudes discriminatoires. Les Canadiens japonais internés ont vu leurs biens liquidés, le produit de la vente de ceux-ci servant à payer leur propre internement.

En reconnaissant ces injustices, nous voulons signifier à tous les Canadiens que nous condamnons les abus commis dans le passé et que nous reconnaissons pour le Canada les principes de justice et d'égalité.

En conséquence, le gouvernement du Canada, au nom de tous les Canadiens :

- 1) reconnaît que les mesures prises à l'encontre des Canadiens japonais pendant et après la Deuxième Guerre mondiale étaient injustes et constituaient une violation des principes des droits de la personne, tels qu'ils sont compris aujourd'hui;
- 2) s'engage à faire tout en son pouvoir pour que de tels agissements ne se reproduisent plus jamais;
- 3) salue, avec grand respect, la force d'âme et la détermination des Canadiens japonais qui, en dépit d'épreuves et de souffrances considérables, ont conservé envers le Canada leur dévouement et leur loyauté, contribuant grandement à l'épanouissement de la nation canadienne.

Brian Mulroney

Prime Minister of Canada / Le Premier ministre du Canada

CANADA'S 'APOLOGY'—Here's a copy of the "apology" signed by the Prime Minister of Canada, Brian Mulroney, which accompanied a check for \$21,000 to Japanese Canadians who were interned during World War II, their property confiscated and liquidated with proceeds of sale used to pay for their internment.

JAPANESE PRESS TRANSLATIONS

TAIZO WATANABE

Waking Up to Our Own Racism

TOKYO
Most of the Japanese magazines I read in the mid-1980s during my tour of duty in Washington, D.C., said that Japan was just as parochial and inward-looking as ever.

But since returning to Tokyo in November 1988, I have found significant broadening of interest in the rest of the world. That many of the television sitcoms and quiz shows have been replaced by news programs, and overseas coverage—from the Tiananmen Square to the Berlin Wall—is extraordinarily good.

In the commuter trains and subways, one frequently hears Mandarin, Korean, and English spoken with a Pakistani accent. Tokyoites now are so used to foreigners that few people give them a second glance.

The scores of local government employees from all over Japan who volunteered to serve as observers in the U.N.-supervised elections in Namibia last autumn were a heartwarming sign of youthful idealism. The 21 chosen were an impressive group.

There is ample reason to be optimistic about internationalism here. But we should have a clear sense of direction and priorities.

The hallmark of a cosmopolitan country is the ability to see itself objectively, take criticism without feeling insulted, refute mistaken charges and make necessary adjustments.

Such countries and their citizens

sympathize with the pressing problems other people are trying to overcome. Most importantly, they take initiatives and make a positive contribution to the world community.

Today, one of the most important issues plaguing the global village is racial prejudice.

Despite the pervasive influence of U.S.-style democracy and the American way of life on Japan since World War II, Japanese have never gotten over losing the conflict to white America. That memory, linked to the Caucasian assumption of superiority over Orientals, has lingered in our collective consciousness.

Just as we were regaining our national confidence in the 1980s, the issue of our own racism emerged.

Japanese have considered ourselves the victims of prejudice. Ultrasensitive to slights against ourselves, we have been just onlookers in the worldwide movement to end racism. Now it's becoming clear that, both at home and throughout Asia, Japanese have been perpetrators, too. We have been insensitive to other Asians, and often contributed to the destruction of their environment.

Historically, wealthy nations have become centers of learning and the arts. The famous salons of Paris and drawing-rooms of London attracted artists, writers and thinkers from around the world. Now it's Tokyo's turn.

In such a cosmopolitan setting, Japanese will develop a global perspective. Intellectual discussions will address common problems of humankind. Exit ethnocentrism, enter internationalism.

As Japan becomes less self-centered, it must join other nations in combating the scourge of racism. Only then will this country be a truly open society.

Credits: Taizo Watanabe is director general, public information and cultural affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was the former consul general at Los Angeles. Translated from the Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* by The Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.

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that were sweeping across the country. He pointed out that with the Pacific Rim's dominance in the economic arena, Asian Americans in this country were put in the middle, whether they wanted to be or not.

Nakagawa urged Japanese Americans to take an active part in their own destinies. He suggested that JAs should not only work with their local communities in improving the dialogue between them and the Asian community, but also work with those Japanese companies who wish to do business in Cleveland.

The final highlight of the evening was when the chapter honored Harry and Sally Taketa, two longtime stalwarts of the Cleveland JACL, with the JACL Silver Pin Award. In addition to their long JACL service, the Taketas have an extensive list of community service. Sally has been the longtime director of the Sho-Jo-Ji dance troupe. She has also been involved in her local church, helping the disadvantaged in their community. Harry is the founder of CARP (Cleveland Area Retired Persons). He is also one of the first Asians on the Cleveland Community Relations Board and a member of the Mayor's Asian Advisory Council.

The 1990-91 Cleveland JACL Board installed by Nakagawa are as follows: Joyce Asamoto, Shig Kanai, Ruby Nakao, Tom Nakao Jr., Sets Nakashige, Mary Obata, Harry Taketa, Bob Takiguchi, Hank Tanaka, Peggy Tanji, Kathy Akiya Vaughn, and Gary Yano.

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.

■ FRENCH CAMP

French Camp JACL Spring Dance, May 5, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at Stockton Buddhist Social Hall; live music by Swing Tone Band and George Akimoto; refreshments and lively good cheer; tickets \$7.50 per person, public cordially invited.

■ 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." Informa-

tion, 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.

■ MILWAUKEE

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

■ 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 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 Pythias 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.

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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.

■ SNAKE RIVER VALLEY

45th Annual Snake River Chapter JACL Graduation Banquet, May 4, Eastside Cafe, 7:30 p.m.; to award scholarships to outstanding graduates; guest speaker Diane Akiyama, the first Japanese woman to be ordained as an Episcopal minister; Tickets \$10 per person.

■ SOUTH BAY

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

■ VENTURA COUNTY

Annual Cemetery Clean-up, May 5, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, to police the only all-Japanese cemetery in the state; bring gardening tools and gloves to junction of Etting and Pleasant Valley Roads in Oxnard. Info: Stan Mukai (805) 989-4502 or Ken Nakano (818) 889-4652.

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.

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Itsu Mitani, 90, Torrance, Mar. 28, Japan-born, survived by 6s, 5d, 28 gc.

H. Toshie Mitsui, 72, Los Angeles, Feb. 25, Hawaii-born, survived by h Robert, s Robin, 1gc, br James Ikeda, Bennet Ikeda, Dr. Jack Ikeda, sis Shizue Takeda, Doris Aoyama.

Betty H. Motowaki, 59, Los Angeles, Mar. 5, survived by br Tai, sis Judy Nakane, Margie Wong.

Kinu Murakami, 92, Los Angeles, Mar. 22, Hiroshima-born naturalized citizen, survived by s Hiroshi, Yoshiaki, Yasuo (Japan), d Sachie Yoshikawa, 16gc, 15gc, br Kimiyoshi Miyaji (Japan), sis Haku and Hiroko Miyaji, Yasuko Akamatsu (all of Japan).

Ura M. Ashizawa, 75, Rosemead, Mar. 15, Shizuoka-born, survived by s Motoaki, Dr. James, d Sawako Uchimura, Michie Tsuruda, 7gc, sis Kyo Ide, Hisako Naito (both Japan), Akiko Nakamoto.

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—The San Francisco Chronicle

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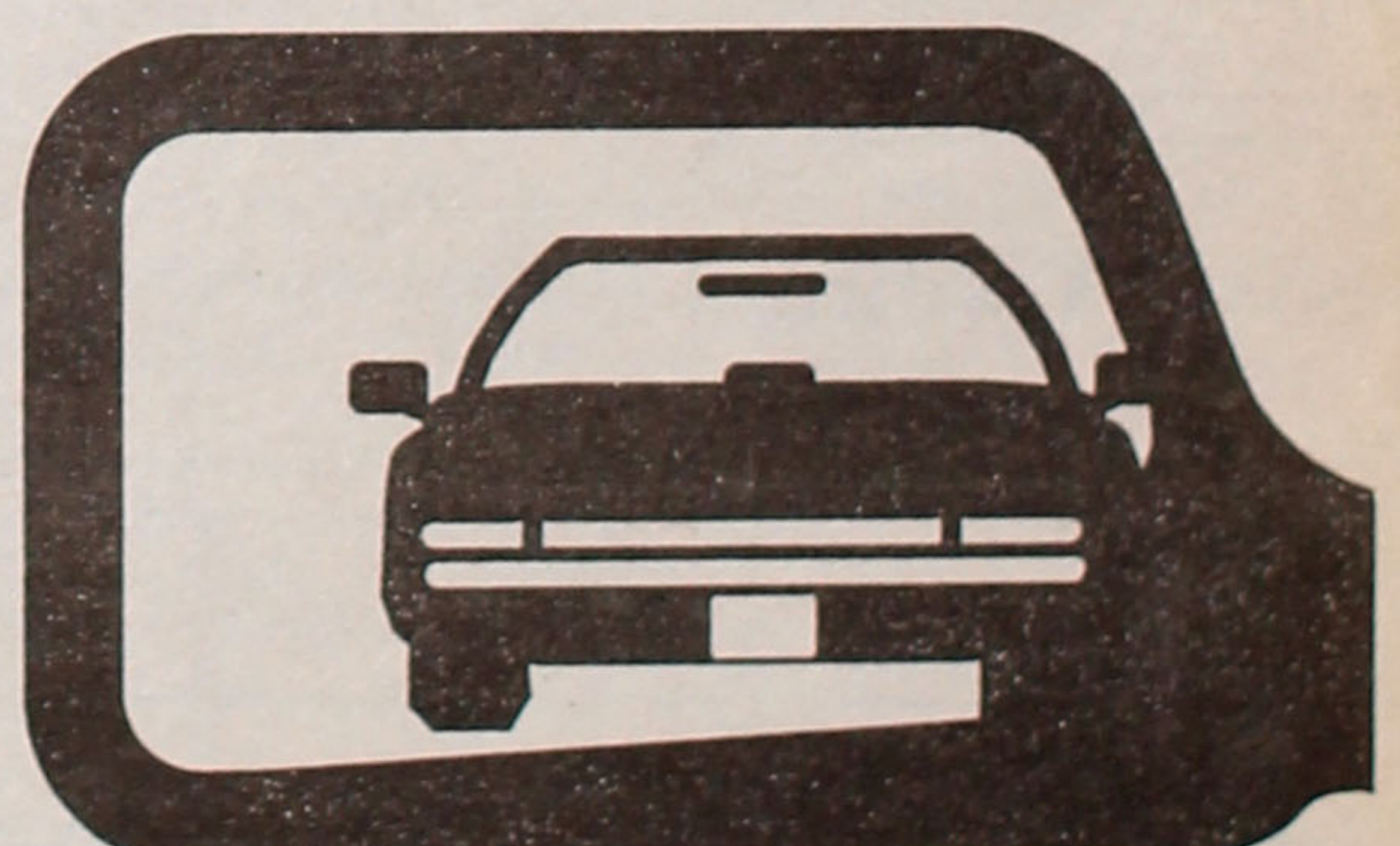
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Active (previous total)	(598)
Total this report: #14	(61)
Current total	(659)
Life, C/Life, Memorial total	()

Mar 26-30, 1990 (61)

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May 8—Second Annual Asian Pacific Heritage Week Luncheon, sponsored by Asian Business Assoc. and Asian American Architects/Engineers, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Shangri La Restaurant in Downtown L.A. Info: (213) 399-9184.
- SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**
May 3—Recognition dinner to honor Yori Wada, and the Vision 80's Campaign Cabinet, hosted by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in S.F. Reservations and info: (415) 567-5505.
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.
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MATSUNAGA

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I told him, "I think you have a good chance."

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Spark's Political Baptism

He ran as a Democrat and was elected in a campaign that drove the first wedge in the Republican monopoly on political power, though Hawaii still had a Republican governor. Matsunaga emerged from his first political experience disillusioned, but he continued to stay with it and was elected twice more.

Democratic Territorial Delegate Jack Burns managed to have the Statehood Act passed March 12, 1959. He returned to Hawaii expecting to be elected governor in recognition of this coup. Matsunaga who had risen to House Majority leader hoped to join him as lieutenant governor. In pursuit of this aim, he met the ship returning Burns to Hawaii offshore and docked saluting his friends from a position beside Burns at the ship's rail.

Matsunaga's ambition failed to materialize. He was beaten in the primary. When I phoned him my condolence, he said, "It's awfully hard to beat the ILWU."

He was referring to the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, which had been revolutionizing the position of labor in Hawaii. This was in the McCarthy era. For years the local press and the entrenched governing class had been fomenting hatred for the ILWU.

I said, "I'm glad you learned that while you are still young enough to do something about it."

He evidently did do something about it, because I recall that later, when he was running for another office and I visited his headquarters, Jack Hall, ILWU leader in Hawaii, was standing at the entrance. Matsunaga never lost another election. He was elected to the House of Representatives for seven

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HONOLULU—The charter flight of U.S. senators, Sen. Matsunaga's office staff and Rep. Norman Mineta traveled 22 hours to and from Washington to spend four hours in Hawaii to pay their final respects to their colleague. The flight had arrived at 2 p.m. They were whisked on a tour bus to the church. They consoled with the family and then left for Hickam Air Base for the 6 p.m. flight back.

consecutive terms and served in the U.S. Senate since 1976.

Actually Matsunaga's sympathies should have been with labor to begin with for it was from this class that he had sprung. He had even worked as stevedore on his native island of Kauai.

The Matsunaga Family

A child of Japanese immigrants, poverty dogged his footsteps through early youth. His father, Kingoro Matsunaga, ran away from a Japanese monastery at 19 and settled in Kauai, where he worked on a sugar plantation and married another immigrant, a widow with four children. In reminiscing about that period, when the Caucasian plantation manager surrounded by Caucasian subordinates held the top positions and the Oriental immigrant laborers the bottom ones, he even mentioned a time when "there was no food in the house."

Fortune turned in his favor when he won a subscription contest of \$1,000 of the Garden Island newspaper. This fund enabled him to come to Honolulu and attend the University of Hawaii. He majored in education and, upon graduation, accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, immediately volunteering for active duty.

When the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941 he commanded a company on the island of Molokai.

Hawaii declared martial law and Matsunaga was in command of the island of Molokai.

He neither smoked nor drank and pursued a regimen for physical fitness. I recall that the last time I saw him, where he had made an address to his supporters, I was struck by the vitality and physical fitness he showed and told him so:

"I want to congratulate you on how fit you look."

I believe these were my last spoken words to him. And it is hard to reconcile myself to the knowledge that the health he had so conscientiously cultivated was at last to desert him.

Among all I knew he was unique for having bridged the gap from the feudal Hawaii of the plantation era to become a national figure, so recognized by the dignitaries and others who came to bid him a final farewell.

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