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House Panel Votes to Widen Door to Immigration

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee passed a legal immigration reform bill on Aug. 1, following weeks of lobbying by Asian American groups including the JACL promoting family unity as the basis of American legal immigration policy.

The bill, H.R. 4300, represents a compromise between Chairman Jack Brooks and Immigration Subcommittee Chair Bruce Morrison designed to reduce immigrant numbers from its original version and from Rep. Howard Berman's H.R. 672, which Asian groups originally were supporting. The compromise represents an improvement over current law for Asian Americans and is also more generous than the bill that passed the Senate last year (S. 358).

The bill now goes to the House floor where a spirited debate is expected in September. Assuming a bill is passed there, it would then proceed to a Conference Committee where its provisions would be reconciled with the Senate's bill. If both Houses approve the Conference compromise, it would then be sent to President Bush for signature or veto. The Justice Department has threatened to recommend a veto of the Committee bill.

"The Judiciary Committee's bill is a clear improvement over current law for Asian Americans and, indeed, for most interested in fair, family-oriented immigration policies," said Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington Representative.

"But the bill faces a tough fight on the House floor and then a conference with the more restrictive Senate bill, so we have a long way to go before any change in current policy," Igasaki continued. "But the Committee turned back attempts to remove the backlog reduction numbers or to further reduce family preference immigration allotments, so I think that Asians can view the Committee's action as a victory."

The bill increases second preference visa allotments for spouses and children of U.S. permanent residents and maintains current numbers for fifth preference visas for brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens. These categories are heavily used by entrants from Asian countries. In addition, the Committee added a provision proposed by Rep. Berman (D-Calif.) to prevent the deportation

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NEWS IN BRIEF

JCCNC to Honor Five Bay Area Nikkei Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO — Five Bay Area Nikkei community leaders who have made contributions to the cultural and community life of Japanese Americans will be honored by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California at its fifth annual awards dinner Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Being honored are (1) Clem Oyama, a generous donor to Japanese Community Youth Council, Kimochi, JCCNC and other community organizations since his retirement from the family business in Tokyo; (2) Eiichi Yoshida, Sunnyside Nursery board chairman and leader for over 25 years in the California Flower Market; (3) Cressey Nakagawa, National JACL president and a prominent spokesman for Japanese Americans on such matters as redress, anti-Asian violence and U.S.-Japan trade; (4) Kanji Kuramoto, an atomic bomb survivor and a pioneer advocate for the hibakusha in the U.S. since his return to California; and (5) June-ko Nakagawa, Japan-born producer of KTSF-TV's "Asian Journal" and president of Radio Mainichi, San Francisco. Carole Hayashino, associate JACL director, will be among those presenting the awards. For details, call (415) 567-5505. Tickets are \$60 per person, \$600 community table, and \$1,000 for a benefactor's table.



BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS—Consul General of Japan in San Francisco Shunji Yanai, (left) is thanked by UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor John Heilbron for Yanai's support of the university's cultural and arts programs.

UC Berkeley Honors Japanese Consul General Yanai for Cultural Encouragement and Exchanges

BERKELEY — The Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, Shunji Yanai, was honored July 6 for his continuing assistance to Cal Performances and other University of California at Berkeley programs.

Yanai was given a certificate of appreciation at a reception at the University's Alumni House following the July 6 evening performance of Japan's Grand Kabuki Theatre in Zellerbach Hall on the Berkeley campus.

The award praised Yanai, "whose generous, untiring efforts have promoted friendship and cooperation between the University and Japan."

The presentation was made by Berkeley's new Vice Chancellor, John L. Heilbron, on behalf of new Berkeley Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, who was in Taiwan on University and professional business.

Consul General Yanai has supported visiting performances by cultural groups from Japan under the auspices of Cal Performances. In addition to Grand Kabuki this year, he has helped bring about visits by: Bunraku, the National Puppet Theater of Japan in 1988; Takigi Noh/Kyogen in 1989; and participants in the Berkeley Festival and Exhibition: Music in History in June of this year.

"Consul General Yanai was one of the first supporters of the Berkeley Festival," said Robert Cole, director of Cal

Performances. Cole said that Yanai hosted a major reception for the visiting Japanese troupes at Berkeley's Hearst Greek Theatre in 1989, and has been helpful in encouraging Japanese corporations to contribute to the University's cultural scene.

"Consul General Yanai has been extremely helpful in support of scholarly exchanges between the University and Japan and other academic programs,"

Peru's President Fujimori Pledges to Rebuild Inflation-Hit Nation

By Harry K. Honda

LIMA, Peru—A political newcomer with a compassionate heart for the masses of Peru, Alberto Fujimori Fujimori (the formal manner in which his name is rendered in Latin American society), the son of an Issei immigrant from Kumamoto, was sworn in Saturday, July 28, as the 107th president of Peru since the republic was founded in 1824.

Fujimori assumed office at noon as he was invested with the red and white presidential sash and then began his hour-long inaugural address before a packed House of Deputies at the National Congress.

Fujimori pledged to rebuild an eco-

nomy ravaged by 2.2-million percent "hyperinflation" over the past five years of prior administration led by outgoing president Alan Garcia.

The president attacked corruption in government, invoked his party's slogan, "Honesty, Technology and Work," as the cornerstone for turning the debt-ridden nation around, vowing to promote native handicraft as export, encouraging foreign investments and return to the international financial community. (Under Garcia, Peru had stopped paying the interest it owed its creditors.)

Dr. Luis Baba, professor of economics at Pacific University, Lima, was appointed by President Fujimori to be his chief of assessors, thus completing his major ministerial selections. Baba had addressed a special PANA conference July 14 in Mexico City on the economic situation facing Peruvians.

Chiefs of State Attend

Five presidents attending the inaugural were Carlos Menem from Argentina, Virgilio Barco from Colombia, Patricio Aylwin from Chile, Carlos Perez from Venezuela, and Jaime Paz Zamora from Bolivia. Earlier, the newspapers had expected Fidel Castro to come from Cuba.

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INSIDE THE 'LA CROSSE TRIBUNE':

Its Role in Racially Motivated Attack Recounted

Editor's Note: Japanese Americans first became aware of La Crosse, Wisconsin, last May, when the local newspaper reported that two students from Japan had been beaten in a racially motivated attack by a gang of white men.

The La Crosse Tribune, with a circulation of 36,000, has been named one of the country's ten best small papers by the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Its coverage and extensive editorial commentary about the beating prompted several inquiries to the Pacific Citizen. Readers asked, isn't it strange that a small-town paper should have such a conscience? Is there something special about La Crosse? Who are those editors and how did they become so enlightened?

To satisfy a little of our readers' curiosity, we spoke recently with the Tribune's editorial-page editor.

By Karen Seriguchi

A ridge of bluffs pushes the town of La Crosse, Wisconsin, against the Mississippi River. Its population of about 50,000—all but a handful of whom are white—has remained stable since the 1950s.

Lately, however, Hmong refugees from the war in Southeast Asia have begun to settle in this southern Wisconsin city, with predictable dislocations. "At first the city welcomed them with open arms," said Ted Vollmer, opinion-page editor of the La Crosse Tribune. "They were well behaved, quiet, everything good neighbors should be. Gradually, a resentment crept up with some people."

The public schools had to expand, for one thing. In addition, the Hmong sometimes lived "two to three families to an apartment, which people hadn't experienced," Vollmer said. Some families were on AFDC or other welfare programs. Residents didn't always realize that the Hmong pooled their resources, enabling them to purchase a new car.

"There's a redneck element here,"

Vollmer said, "just like you'll find everywhere else."

On the night of April 22, some rednecks spotted Taro Imamura and Yasushi Kikuchi in downtown La

prominence: It ran as the lead article in the Sunday edition of May 13.

Vollmer, the opinion-page editor, ran two editorials on May 15—one deploring the acts of "goons," the other praising the women who tried to stop the attack. A month later, after he read the Pacific Citizen editorial, Vollmer interviewed the P.C.'s editor and followed a commentary.

The statement by JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa was published a few days later.



TED VOLLMER

Crosse. Hurling anti-Hmong epithets, the attackers beat the two university students, one severely enough to require hospitalization. Two women bystanders attempted unsuccessfully to intervene in the attack.

Tribune reporter Terry Rindfleisch, who had a Japanese roommate in college, conducted a revealing interview with Imamura, one of the victims. From Imamura's account, police reports and talks with witnesses, Rindfleisch wove a vivid story of an ugly attack and its emotional impact on the lives of the students.

Heavy Coverage

The incident also reverberated through the local refugee community, Rindfleisch's editors gave his story



TERRY RINDFLEISCH

The beating was not the Tribune's first major story about the Hmong community. When Vollmer moved from Los Angeles to La Crosse last year, "one of the things I noticed," he said, "was that there was not a lot of coverage of the refugees except for stories about where they settled or how they came

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Actors Pan 'Yellowface' Casting on Broadway

NEW YORK — "Miss Saigon," the eagerly anticipated musical, has come under attack from the Asian American acting community because a Caucasian has been cast in the lead role, the *New York Daily News* reports.

Written by the team that created "Les Miserables," the musical retells the Madame Butterfly story in a Vietnam War setting. It was a hit in London and has sold \$10.5 million in advance tickets in the U.S.

British actor Jonathan Pryce, who won an Olivier Award in England for his portrayal of a Eurasian engineer/pimp, will reprise his role on Broadway. Asian American actors have sharply criticized the casting.

For 18 months, producer Cameron Mackintosh and casting directors have held auditions in San Francisco, Manila and New York. They said they haven't been able to find an Asian actor who can act and sing the lead.

Quayle Plans Trip to Tokyo

TOKYO - Vice President Dan Quayle will attend the enthronement ceremonies on November 12 for Emperor Akihito, the Japanese Foreign Ministry announced.

Akihito became emperor in January 1989, upon the death of his father, Emperor Hirohito.

Nippon Airways Chairman Selected as Nisei Week Honorary Grand Marshal

LOS ANGELES — Tokuji Wakasa, chairman of All Nippon Airways, will be the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 1990 50th Anniversary Festival.

He will officiate that office for the Golden Anniversary Nisei Week, Aug. 18th through the 26th, in Little Tokyo Downtown.

Wakasa is expected to participate in the famous Nisei Week Parade, beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19th, and to be a part of other festivities, for as long as he is able to take time from his exceptionally busy business schedule as chairman of the eighth largest passenger carrier in the world. ANA is reported to hold more than half of the Japanese domestic market.

A recipient of the prestigious "Medici Award" of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Wakasa was chosen for the 1989 honor because of his company's commitment to the endowment of the arts and involvement in the community activities.

The ANA Chairman graduated in 1938 from the University of Tokyo, with a Bachelor of Laws degree, after which he entered the Ministry of Transport. Among his offices were the Director-General/Seafarers Bureau, Direc-

tor-General Shipping Bureau, and—appointed in 1965—Vice Minister.

Following 29 years of service, he was appointed Deputy President of ANA in 1969, President in 1970, and Chairman of the Board in 1976.

Sister Chapter Friendship Program Initiated

EL CERRITO, Calif. — Recently, the Contra Costa JACL adopted a Sister Chapter Friendship Program. It is expected to have widespread benefits. A committee was formed to develop details, outline procedure, and to implement the program. Volunteering to serve are Yoshiro Tokiwa (chairperson), Joanne Mukai and Tom Arima.

Aimed primarily at fostering friendship, understanding and common interest between and among chapters, the committee believes it has other inherent benefits as well. Among them, a sense of affinity and exchange of ideas.

Some of the program parameters discussed were similarities in geographical environment, activeness and dedication to the JACL. An inclination towards out-of-state and/or out-of-district chapter was also expressed. No legal or financial bindings are to be imposed without mutual agreement. Not discussed was the possibility of having more than one sister chapter.

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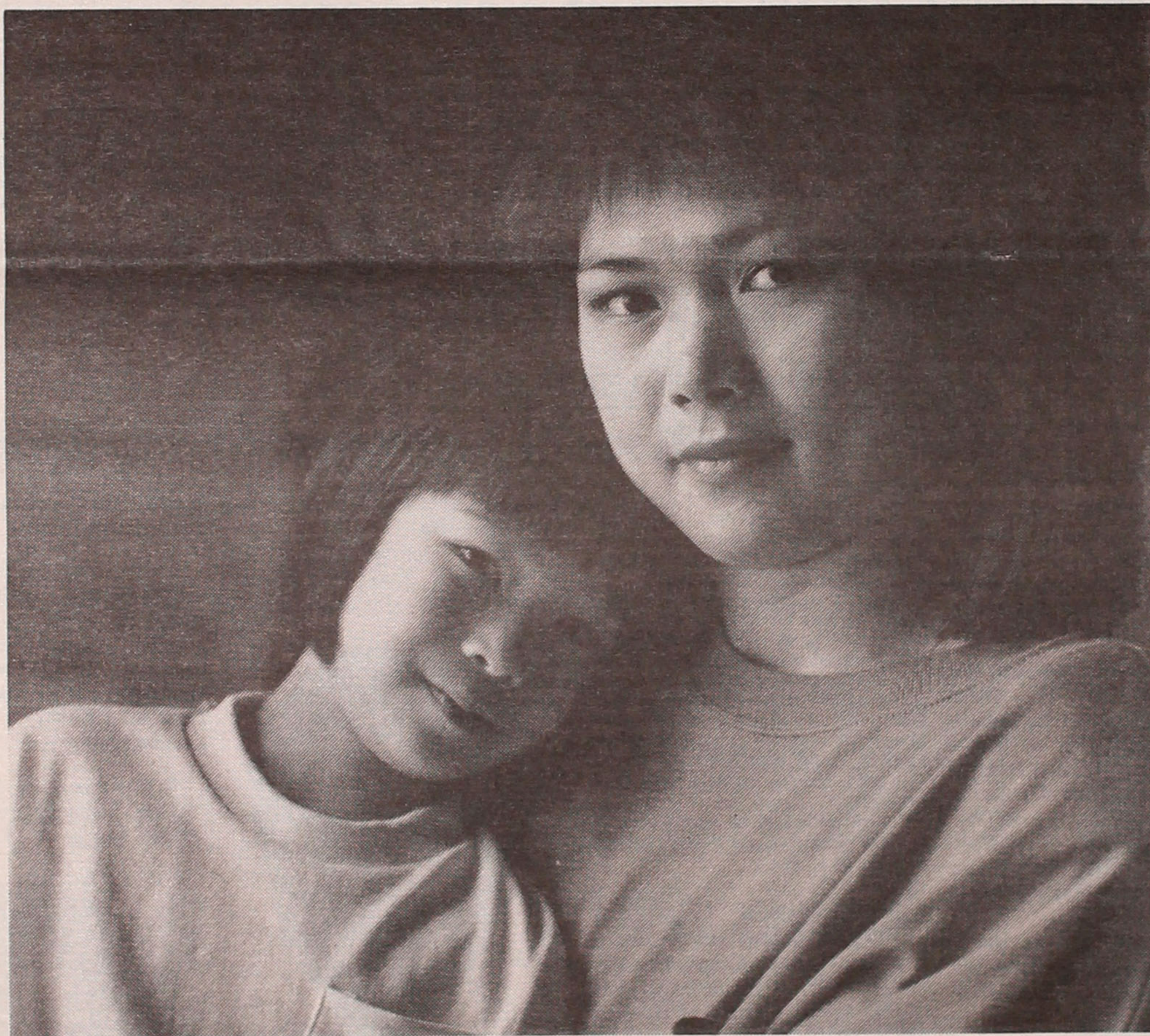
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COMRADES' SALUTE—Department of Veterans Medical Center in Martinez, Calif., paid special tribute to the late Sen. Spark Matsunaga during Asian Pacific Heritage Week May 18. Pictured (l to r) are Clarence H. Nixon, director of the center; Marie Kurihara, nursing service chief; and Rudy Tokiwa of Go For Broke National Veterans Association.



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Japanese Chefs Offer Suggestions on Hot Day

LOS ANGELES — Two Japanese chefs offered their suggestions on what to eat when it's hot outside—like it was that day here when the temperature read 112 for a new record on June 26.

Katsu (of Katsu Restaurant): "I like to eat cold buckwheat noodles on crushed ice. It's the perfect thing for a hot day."

Masayuki Ishikawa (of Sawtelle Kitchen): "I like to keep it simple. A cold salad or a cold soup or maybe a cold pasta with prosciutto and some mayonnaise."

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Japanese American Museum Presents 'Japanese in Hawaii' Exhibit for Nisei Week

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American National Museum will present an exhibit titled "Centennial Celebration: An Early Pictorial Record of Japanese Immigrants in Hawaii" during the 50th Nisei Week, Aug. 18-26. The free photo exhibit will be displayed on the 4th floor of the Charter Savings Bank, FSB, building, 324 East First St. in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles.

Originally developed by the Bishop Museum in 1985 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Japanese labor migration to Hawaii, the exhibit was largely based on the book *A Pictorial History of the Japanese in Hawaii, in 1885-1924* co-authored by Franklin Odo and Kazuko Sinoto. This showing marks its mainland United States debut after extensive touring in Hawaii and Japan.

According to Japanese American National Museum curator James Hirabayashi, the exhibit consists of some 50 photographs depicting the early Issei period. "This exhibit explores themes of cultural change and adaptations," said Hirabayashi. "These themes are very much in line with the exhibit we're currently working on which looks at the Issei experience both in Hawaii and on the mainland."

The Museum will also showcase some objects and photographs from its own collection. Many of these objects

will be used in "Issei Pioneers," an exhibit the Museum staff is preparing for the Museum's scheduled 1991 opening in the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple building.

The schedule for viewing "An Early Pictorial Record of Japanese Immigrants to Hawaii" is as follows: Sat., Aug. 18—1-8 p.m.; Sun. Aug. 19—11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Mon. Aug. 20—closed; Tues., Aug. 21 and Wed. Aug. 22—11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Thu. Aug. 23 through Sun. Aug. 26—11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Museum Office, (213) 625-0414.

National Peace Essay Contest Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Fourth Annual National Peace Essay Contest which is open to high school students, is scheduled to take place from Oct. 1, 1990 to Feb. 15, 1991. The topic this year is: Discuss one instance when the United States Government made a significant contribution to the prevention or resolution of a violent international conflict, as a party or potential party or as a peacemaker; and comment on the principal circumstances and lessons which might be learned for future peacemaking.

First, Second and Third place State Level winners will receive college scholarships.

First place State Level winners will automatically be considered for first, second and third place National Awards, also in the form of college scholarships. They will also win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC for a week long Awards Program in June 1991.

Interested students should write for a Contest Kit. The Kit includes: application forms, eligibility requirements, entry guidelines, contest timetable, and hints for writing a winning essay. Write to: National Peace Essay Contest, Department MO, P.O. Box 27720 Central Station, Washington, DC 20038-7720. Phone (202) 457-1700. Fax (202) 429-6063.

The annual contest is sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Peace. The Peace Institute was established through the untiring effort of the late Senator Spark Matsunaga.



Photo by Alvina Lew

LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER AWARDEES—Dr. Jack Fujimoto (left), Midori Kamei Watanabe, LTSC Board chair; Mable Yoshizaki and Ron Wakabayashi share spotlight of the 1990 community service honors July 12 at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles before some 400 attendees. AT&T, for its commitment to the Asian American community, was similarly honored.

Little Tokyo Community Service Leaders, and AT&T Recognized at Gala Award Fete

LOS ANGELES—The Little Tokyo Service Center honored three Nikkei community leaders, Mable Yoshizaki, Dr. Jack Fujimoto, Ron Wakabayashi and the corporate "angel," AT&T, at its 11th annual awards dinner July 12 at the Hyatt Regency.

With some 400 attending and newscaster Joanne Ishimine of KABC-TV as emcee, highlights included:

LASC board president Midori Watanabe Kamei announced the establishing of the LTSC Foundation at \$1,000 annual memberships to support such programs as low-cost housing in Little Tokyo at the old San Pedro Firm Bldg. and sustain a \$400,000 operating budget; a slide presentation produced by Visual Communication on LTSC's first decade; and presentation of awards

to the three Nikkei and AT&T.

While unintended, various governmental representatives expressed personal envy that the size of their colorful resolutions didn't match the elegance nor the larger size award from the Los Angeles County board of supervisors, which Jim Miyano of Supervisor Ed Edelman's office had handed at the start of the awards program.

Introducing the honorees were Warren Furutani, Emi Yamaki, John J. Saito (who will soon be retiring from the JACL regional office as director) and Stewart Kwoh. A Sansei LTSC board member, Sandy Abe was dinner chair.

—Harry K. Honda

Minority Publishers to Hold First National Conference

MADISON, Wis. — A wide array of critical issues such as marketing and distribution that affect publishers of color will be addressed during the first annual national conference on "Networking for Success," to be held Oct. 19-21 at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

The conference, which is the leading national forum for independent African, Asian, Hispanic and Native American book publishers is sponsored by the Minority Publishers Exchange. Workshops will cover marketing, distribution, publishing and special areas.

The publishing industry will be increasingly affected by the growth of minority populations nationally, says Charles Taylor, publisher of Praxis Publications.

According to Taylor, the conference will serve as a showcase for some of the most outstanding books, journals, and greeting cards produced by minority publishers. The conference also provides people a forum to learn from each other. "We have some excellent writers who need exposure, who need to be published," says Taylor.

For more information on the conference or to register, call the Minority Publisher Exchange at (608) 244-5633, or write MPE, PO Box 9869, Madison WI 53715.

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New Helvetia Cemetery Dedication for Aug. 18

SACRAMENTO — Dedication of a bronze memorial marker, commemorating the 700 unidentified remains of persons of Japanese ancestry, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. at East Lawn Memorial Lawn, 4300 Folsom Blvd. in Sacramento.

The remains were reinterred in the Helvetia plot, generously donated by East Lawn in 1956 when the City of Sacramento excavated the New Helvetia Cemetery to make room for what is now Sutter Middle School.

The JACL Helvetia Memorial Fund has grown to over \$3000, approaching the goal of \$3500. Individuals who wish to contribute can send their checks to: JACL Helvetia Memorial Fund, c/o Union Bank 700 L St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

Co-sponsors of this project are the Sacramento Chapter of the JACL and the Sacramento Nikkei Jin Kai.

Salvador Dali Works Donated to Centenary

LOS ANGELES — Three paintings by Salvador Dali were donated by Ray and Dahlia Inouye to the Centenary United Methodist Church recently. The church also gratefully acknowledged the family's gift of \$50,000.

The three works are "Christ of St. John of the Cross," a limited-edition etching; "The Last Supper," also a limited-edition etching with hand-coloring; and "Christ of Gala," a limited-edition hyperstereoscope lithograph. All are hand-signed by Dali.

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Too Much a Lady?

During Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's recent visit to San Francisco a Secret Service agent tried to muscle a young woman out of a receiving line. Apparently the agent, whose duty was to protect Gorbachev, thought the woman did not belong with the VIPs waiting to shake his hand.

The woman's name, it turned out, was Condoleezza Rice. It also turned out that Rice is senior director for Soviet affairs on the National Security Council. Her job is to brief the nation's top leaders regularly on what is going on in the Soviet Union. She was among the key officials involved with Gorbachev's visit.

All this was not obvious to the Secret Service Agent. What was obvious to him was that she was a woman and she was black, and that was enough to make him assume that she didn't belong in a VIP receiving line.

Condoleezza Rice was victimized by the stereotype that only certain types of white males belong in the national power structure. In White House inner circles she has broken that stereotype with competence. Alabama-born to two teachers, she started her education in a segregated school. She was graduated from a Catholic girls' high school in Denver, won her bachelor's degree from the University of Denver, her master's from Notre Dame, and a doctorate in Russian studies from the University of Denver's Graduate School of International Studies.

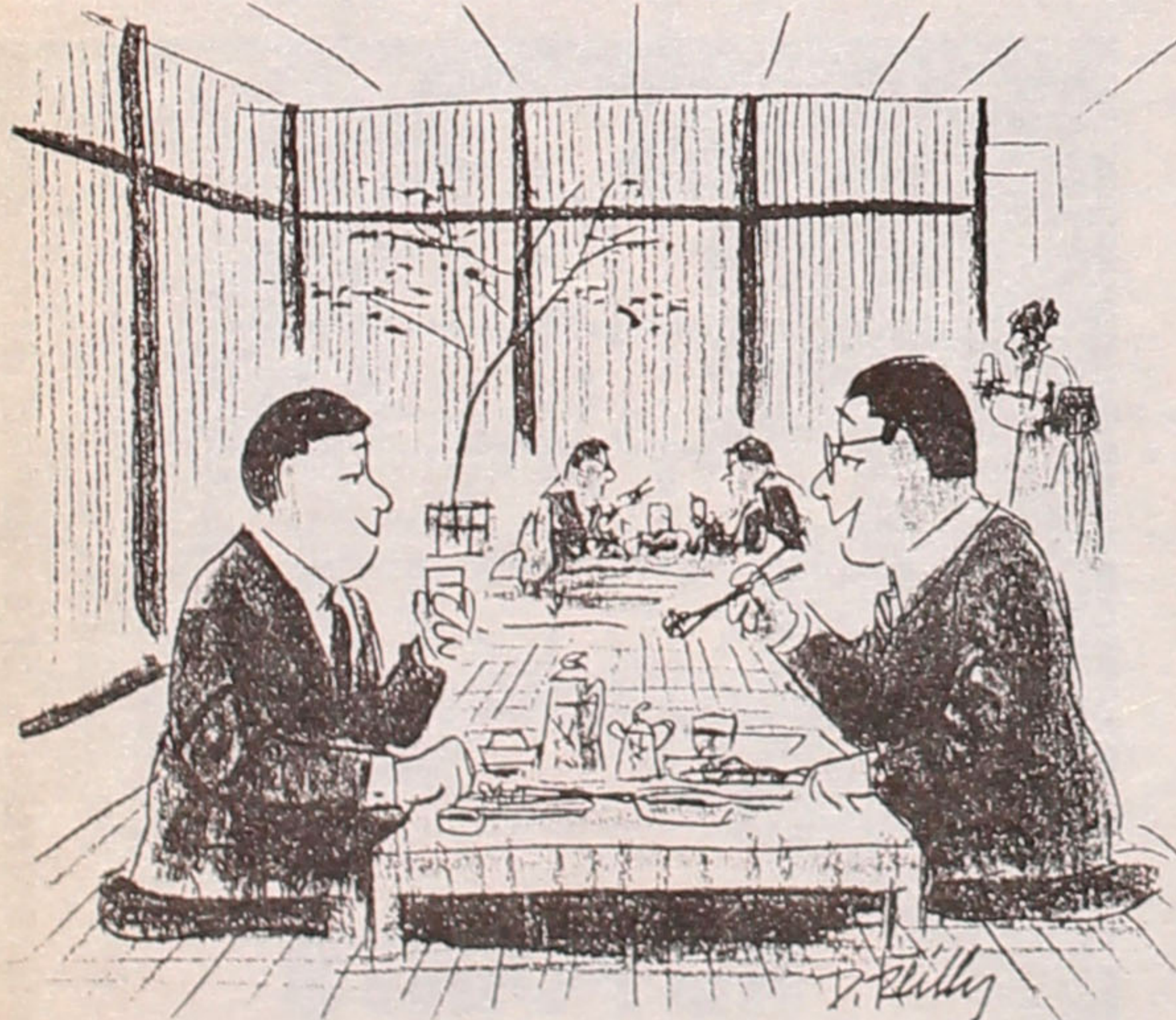
She was a tenured professor of political science at Stanford when tapped for federal service by the Bush administration.

President Bush was reported upset by the treatment Rice received at the hands of the security agent who, probably, thought he was only doing his job. Rice's associates also were upset. But Rice brushed aside the incident. Being female and black she, no doubt, is not unfamiliar with discrimination based on stereotypes.

Nor are Asian Americans, men and women alike.

Stereotypes are an insidious form of discrimination because they are so deeply ingrained. For that reason they are difficult to overcome. But they must be eliminated if the nation is to utilize the skills and abilities of all its diverse citizenry. We would have been happier if Condoleezza Rice, instead of graciously dismissing the insult, had spoken out on the issue. But of course she wouldn't. She is too much the lady. And so, perhaps, are too many of us.

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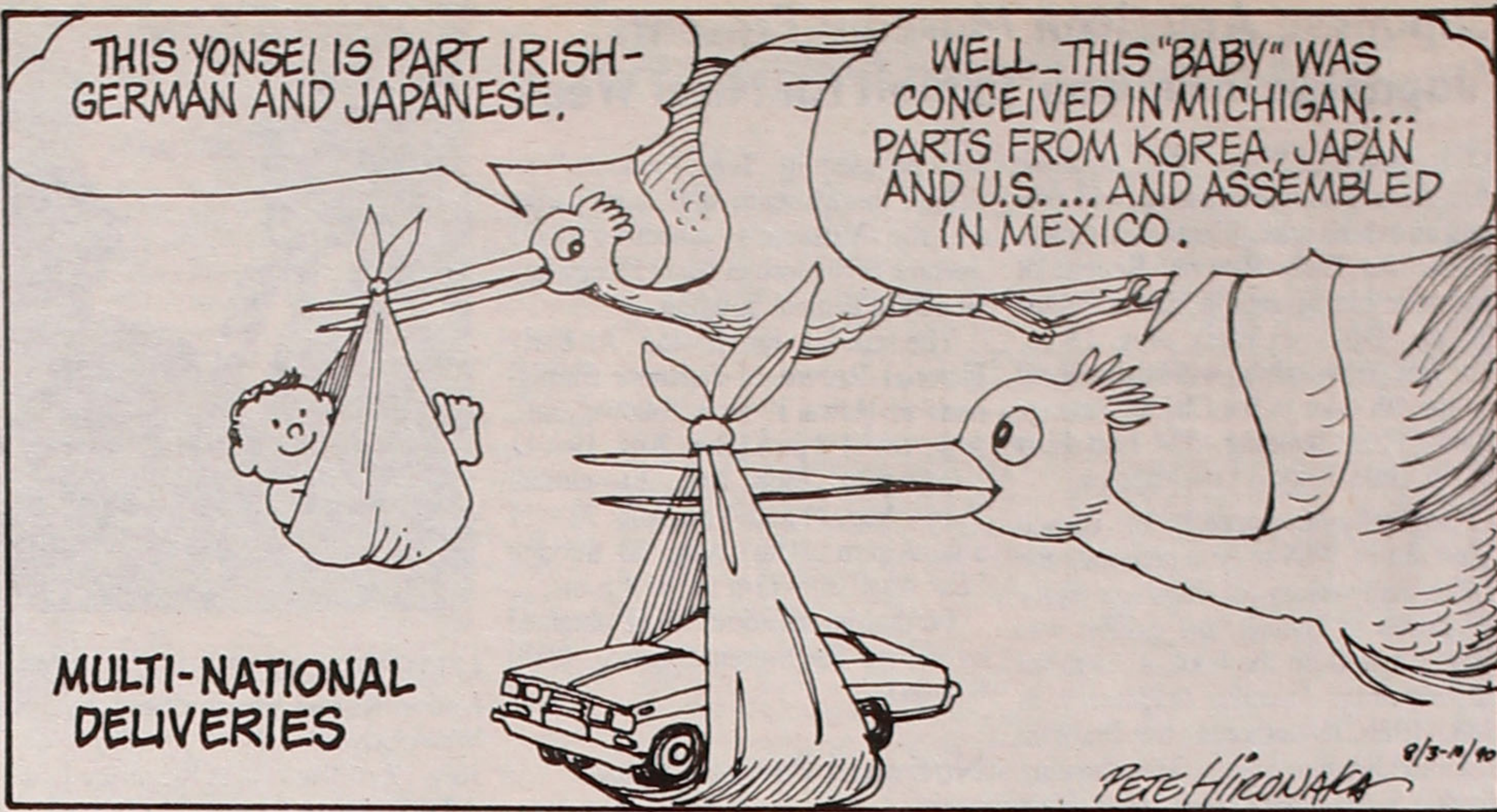


"I just hope I can make it big before all the van Goghs are gone."

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Seikō: Taking Notice of Our Newsmakers

Week in and week out, probably one of the best-read features in this newspaper is Newsmakers. It is a collection of short items about Japanese Americans who have distinguished themselves by being promoted in their jobs, being appointed to important posts, being elected to office or honored for achievement and public service.

There is a large amount of information packed into these items. In a few words they tell a heartwarming story of personal accomplishment and recognition, sometimes in the ethnic community but more often in the broader American society of which they are a part. In the language of the Issei they have achieved *seiko*, or success, and readers rejoice in their accomplishments.

Realistically, we know that racial and ethnic prejudices still linger in the workplace. It isn't often that a person is honored or promoted solely because his ancestors were Japanese immigrants. Thus when Japanese American newsmakers make their mark, it is quite likely that sheer competence was in-

involved along with other factors such as determination and persistence. That makes it all the more exciting to see so many of them doing newsworthy things.

In the rest of this paper many items have to do with difficult problems and discouraging news like anti-Asian bashing and discriminations on campus and in the marketplace. In the sense that bad news is most newsworthy and certainly it wouldn't do to ignore the unpleasant, the emphasis on the deplorable is inevitable.

But it is immensely encouraging that, in spite of obstacles so many Japanese Americans are distinguishing themselves. Obviously barriers are falling and people are being rewarded for ability. That's happy news, the kind of news people enjoy, and perhaps that is the main reason the Newsmakers feature is so popular.

In this sense, Newsmakers reflects the changing society it serves, which also is a function of the press.

Yet much of the rest of the published material would indicate that as an entity our communities are in a doldrums, mired by problems, bickering over petty local issues, unable or unwilling to see and seize the opportunities that are available.

Which is the real us? The individuals who are "making it," the people we admire and honor as Newsmakers?

Or, as a community, do we and our media find greater satisfaction in nurturing the sense of a besieged people, promoting an us vs. them mentality and circling the wagons to maintain the security of ethnic turf?

I don't know. From where I sit, in the isolation of a mountain state, it is easier to ask questions than provide answers. Perhaps some deep thinkers in the ethnic enclaves of California have some theories. If so, let's hear them. They should be interesting.

But for whatever it's worth, from this distance it seems the real world is changing swiftly for Japanese Americans, and the Newsmakers are the proof. More power to them.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

The ABA & the Abortion Issue



WHILE MUNCHING on a quick sandwich at my desk, I was perusing the latest copy of the ABA (American Bar Association) Journal when my eye caught a reference to "Resolution 106(c)." This resolution, passed in February by a vote of 238 to 106 in Los Angeles, reads:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Bar Association recognizes the fundamental rights of privacy and equality guaranteed by the United States Constitution, and opposes legislation or other governmental action that interferes with the confidential relationship between a pregnant woman and her physician, or with the decision to terminate the pregnancy at any time before the fetus is capable of independent life, as determined by her physician, or thereafter when termination of the pregnancy is necessary to protect the woman's life or health.

Just as many other sectors of our society are struggling with issues surrounding abortion—emotional, legal, moral, religious—the ABA no less is grappling with the question. Reportedly, already some 1,000 members have resigned over the resolution, and the ABA president has received more than 3,000 letters on the subject. The principal contention is that this issue is not appropriate for ABA consideration. The matter is up for reconsideration when the House of Delegates meets in Chicago in August.

THOSE OPPOSED to rescission of Resolution 106(c) contend that the subject is relevant to ABA consideration,

pointing out that in the 1980's no less than 75 constitutional cases addressed the question, including 12 Supreme Court cases. Thus, acknowledging that abortion indeed involves moral and legal questions, this segment argues that the decision whether to have an abortion, "without government interference," is a legal and constitutional matter—hence germane to the ABA.

IN AN EFFORT to achieve an accommodation, among the proposals for reconsideration are (1) outright rescinding 106(c), (2) amending the ABA Constitution to ban consideration of

abortion issues, (3) affirming the right of members to hold personal views without being bound by ABA policy, and (4) declaring that the ABA will not adopt a policy statement on the issue. That third proposal is somewhat difficult to discern; I hadn't realized that the ABA had power over people's minds as to what each chooses to believe.

That's quite a grab-bag, I must say. THE ABA has come a ways since I first applied for membership, immediately running into a snag. The

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In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years ago

FRESNO, Calif.—The local police blamed "hoodlums" when the commercial garage owned by Tom Inouye, a Rohwer WRA evacuee, was fired upon last week. No one was injured as the garage was closed for the night.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—When Major Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, a former high school teacher from Hawaii, was appointed commanding officer of the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, he became the first Nisei to command an infantry battalion in the history of the United States.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Ernest Takaki, a former Delano druggist, will have to pay \$739.20 in taxes on the \$12,000 he buried in his garage before leaving for the relocation center, if the attachment suit filed by the county assessor is sustained.

TOPAZ, Utah—The first complete train to return evacuees of the central Utah relocation center at Topaz to their homes in California will leave in a few days. The train will carry some 340 Japanese Americans back to San Francisco.

Fujimori's Inaugural Message

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

LIMA, Peru / July 28

Starting this address which, in keeping with Article 211 of the Constitution, I am delivering to the Congress of the Republic, I would like to thank God for the fact that, despite the difficulties we are facing, we have lost neither reason nor faith. Both have been reaffirmed in the minds of the Peruvian people at the time they decided their destiny. This is a historical fact which I would like to share, if you allow me representatives of the people [all 70 senators and 180 deputies in the congress are elected to five-year terms—like the president—and unlike the U.S., there is no staggered term for senators], with the illustrious Heads of State and high government officials representing sister republics, who have come to accompany us in this magnificent event of democracy, as historical witnesses to a people of enormous faith and desirous to live under the same principles of freedom, peace, and justice, defended by our forefathers of Latin American Independence.

I receive this duty of taking over the highest position in the state with the humbleness of being just one more Peruvian, with the humbleness of being "a president just like you". It is a great honor for me to have been elected with the largest majority in our history. Thus, upon being sworn in, I feel the tremendous commitment vis-a-vis my people to firmly obey their mandate.

This is a mandate given to me by the people of Peru. Given through massive voting by the people of our young towns, the peasants of our coast, highlands and jungle; the people's entrepreneurs who, with a nationalistic spirit, have bet on Peru; as well as by an important sector of progressive professionals who love their country and who are committed to its destiny rather than to any subaltern interest, or wish to be the protagonists.

The Peruvian people have given a mandate of national unity and of rejection of alternative proposals based on confrontation, polarization, and open conflict as political styles of government. The people chose us to develop a new language in national understanding, which is the language of dialogue, of concertation [harmony] and of the search for consensus.

That majority vote expressed the people's vehement hope to restore honesty in the management of public affairs. This is a mandate to restore the indissoluble bond between ethics and politics. In keeping with this mandate, as of today I am proclaiming that the word "moralization" will no longer be just an expression used routinely in the 28th of July [Peru's Independence Day] speeches; it will turn into the main lever which will start the real change which every Peruvian harbors in his heart.

We are now on a path which has already been covered by promises and expectations and which compels us to enter into a truly patriotic commitment. We arose precisely as an expression of the people's being tired of a blind ideology which has turned political debate into a sterile discussion and into a means for personal aggrandizement, rather than into a means for the concrete solution of the people's pressing problems. We came into politics at the call of a million Peruvian hearts tired of listening, tired of screaming, "tired of being tired."

From the start our slogan, "Honesty, Technology and Work," identified our proposal for a moral renewal in our nation's political leadership.

Las Vegas JACL, Sangha to Hold Obon Event

LAS VEGAS — The Las Vegas Japanese American Citizens League and the Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha is scheduled to sponsor their second annual obon celebration on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 12-6 p.m. at the Zelzah Shriners' Hall.

Japanese folk music, dancing and food, will be featured at the event.

EAST WIND

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membership form had a line with the words "Race," which I answered with the word "Human." (That was downright imaginative back in those early days.) Back came the form with instruction that the Chicago headquarters wanted to know my "nationality" to which, of course, I replied, quite accurately, "American." (Even that was a bit daring back then.) Finally, Headquarters "phoned me in Philadelphia and tried to explain. In response to my question, what relevance my ancestry had to do with being a lawyer, Headquarters' reply was that "businesses do this." I suggested that the ABA should lead, not follow. Headquarters finally hung up, kept my membership dues and I was accepted in.

When next renewal time came up, I noticed that the "race" reference was omitted. (But don't ask me to solve this abortion issue. It's a tough one.)

Honesty as a standard of life was the slogan of the ancient Peruvian civilization. Now we see how corruption abounds in the State and how it has been expanding to cover the whole of society. We see how institutions lose credibility, institutions which should be the citizen's guarantee that the law shall be fully complied with.

Very serious accusations involving public personalities in cases of contracts detrimental to the nation's interests; graft, complicity in multimillion dollar frauds at the expense of innocent bank savers has become frequent and common. Drug traffic has also been able to penetrate state organizations and, in the midst of great scandals, men who were elected because they were thought to be worthy citizens, have had to flee like vulgar criminals.

We are extremely worried because of this crisis moral dimensions. Our government shall be implacable in its fight against corruption. The state shall no longer be that area where large fortunes are amassed in the lee [refuge] of power. Our impoverished people can no longer be the mute witnesses of the illicit enrichment of those who turned the state into personal, or group, booty. At some time an end had to be put to what up to this point has seemed to be an unavoidable vice in this country's life.

We know there will be an obstinate resistance on the part of those who are the beneficiaries of corruption, but this shall not discourage us, or detract from our efforts. On the contrary, such resistance shall encourage us to redouble our efforts. So that this not be a simple promise by a beginning government, one of the many that are so generously made every five years, as of this moment let us get a commitment from all institutions so that they will join in our moral renewal crusade. We invite all political forces to join us to implementing, effectively and without demagoguery, the controls they believe convenient, even over us, if they deem it necessary.

We are aware of the degree of corruption which has been reached within the state administration. Many causes have led to this state of affairs, but we must underline the lack of adequate institutions and, above all, the absence of channels to have the complaints by the citizens heard. This is why, to overcome corruption, it is necessary to set up an independent authority.

In such a state of affairs we must make it easy for the citizens to present their complaints or denunciations. Open to them some administrative path via which the necessary proof be collected so as to submit it to the judiciary. We shall set up the Committee Against Corruption, to be put under a citizen of known moral solvency and with direct access to the President of the Republic and responsible only to him.

Both at the central administration, as well as the public enterprise levels, the government commits itself to present the charges that may be necessary so as to determine the political responsibility and establish the pertinent legal proceedings.

This way we are also willing to scrupulously respect the freedom of information set down in the Constitution, without which it would be impossible to keep democratic checks on government conduct.

We believe that a truly and objectively honest government can demand that its people practice that virtue which characterized ancient Peruvians.

At present it is also necessary to have science and technology contribute decisively to increasing productivity and to improving the people's standard of living. This shall be possible through the technological training of the human re-

sources; through a process of innovation in the productive sector and the broad use of pertinent technologies: all of this linked to regional and national planning in keeping with the demands of an integral development. In summary, we shall sponsor a culture based on work.

Our history is full of lost opportunities whose symbol has been the irresponsible waste of abundant resources highly treasured by external markets.

Many times we have lived under the sweet smell of prosperity and then, overnight, we have woken up in ruins. Today we can no longer think that fortune shall smile at us and that the histories of guano, copper, rubber and other riches shall be repeated. We can only rely on Peruvian man's creative work. Only work makes it possible to have prosperous and strong societies capable of facing all adversities.

For decades we have also cradled the illusion that external aid shall take us out of stagnation and underdevelopment. This has been a destructive idea for it has weakened our national energies.

International solidarity has been many times invoked, without results. Other times we have brought up our condition as countries exploited by colonialism to encourage reciprocity on the part of those rich nations which once based their prosperity on an unequal and unfair trade with our economies.

This new culture of work shall create the necessary conditions for a better order in the market, an equitable distribution of wealth and, finally, a true social market economy which will make it possible to break away from old distortions such as the economic concentration which is not only due to the imperfect operation of the market, but also to the way in which the State intervenes in the economy.

Economic concentration is not exclusively due to the market's imperfect operation, but also to the manner in which the State intervenes in the economy.

The topic of monopolies is intimately linked to the problem of access to markets and to public services: that is, to barriers that are both public and private which make this access more difficult. Even more in an economy such as the Peruvian in which only one privileged sector has always had the doors open to produce and to obtain the marginal state's favors, leaving most of the majority unprotected.

It is precisely putting an end to these barriers and setting up a protection framework which should be the objective of an antimonopoly legislation which really tries to contribute to economic development and which does not turn into a simple mechanism to control prices or to forbid hoarding.

My government shall propose an anti-

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OLD FRIENDS—(l to r) Members of the Berkeley Nisei Club at 1985 reunion: Bill Shinoda, Min Akiyoshi, George Murakami, Shiro Takeshita, Warren Eijima, Kaz Nomura, Sam Yamamoto, Kiyosuke Nomura, John Oshida and Fred Murakami.

Berkeley Nisei Club's 1990 Reunion Sept. 1-2 'May Be the Last'

BERKELEY, Calif.—Meeting every five years since 1965, this may be the last reunion for the Berkeley Nisei Club over the Labor Day weekend, according to Ted Iida, Ki Uchida and Warren Eijima, reunion contacts.

Formed in 1925 (one of the original members, Shinji Yamamoto, is expected to attend) by five athletes who engaged in playing basketball with other Japanese American teams in the San Francisco Bay area, it held prewar and postwar championships in the No. Calif. Japanese Athletic Union basketball. Its members also played exhibition football with the Lumpe Lions, coached by Scoutmaster and school teacher Frank Lumpe, in the 1935 Alabama/Stanford Rose Bowl game, the Cal/Stanford Big Game and the St. Mary's/Santa Clara Little Big Game.

Friends of the Nisei Club, the Taiiku baseball club, Hoshi no Hana, Girls Reserves and Alpha Omega have participated in past reunion activities, including mixer, bowling and dinner. For information:

Nisei Club Reunion Committee, 1201 Hopkins St., Berkeley, CA 94702; Iida (415) 234-0881, Uchida (415) 527-4725, Eijima (415) 221-0649.

LA CROSSE

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here. But not how they were doing or what their lives were like."

One of the goals of the paper now is to improve the public's understanding of the Hmong community. In fact, Vollmer says, the *Tribune* is financing a major series that will include a reporter and a refugee retracing the latter's journey to La Crosse from a Thai refugee camp.

Consciousness Raised

How does an editor come to see the importance of an issue like anti-Asian violence?

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Ted Vollmer was not exposed to cultures other than his own until he attended college in Los Angeles, where he covered, among other events, the Black Panther movement. "I found it very interesting," Vollmer said. "I found the Panthers very sincere."

Later, as a crime reporter for the Los Angeles *Times*, Vollmer "found out very quickly where you're accepted and where you're not."

"I didn't know as much as I thought I did about how people live," he added.

Vollmer covered different ethnic communities in Los Angeles and San Diego and worked with a multicultural staff in the newsroom. As a result, his consciousness was raised "to a much higher level," he said.

Vollmer is reluctant, however, to trace his perspective to these experiences only. "Maybe it's the era I grew up in," he says, recalling the civil rights movement. Or having been born the sixth of eleven children, "I always had to find a way to get along."

Whatever the cause, Vollmer seems to have passed on his outlook to his children. His older son, 15, has been giving speeches to his high school classmates against racism.

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"Notoriously absent" by press expectations were presidents Collor de Mello of Brazil and Luis Lacalle of Uruguay, who were represented by their respective vice presidents. Ecuador, Guatemala and East Germany (which no longer exists and never had diplomatic

relations with Peru) were also represented by a vice president.

From the Asian-Pacific sphere, Shigeru Kasuya was designated by Prime Minister Kaifu of Japan as his personal representative. He is a former cabinet officer for development of Hokkaido and Okinawa and a member of the Japanese-Peruvian Parliamentary League. Officials from South Korea,

People's Republic of China, People's Republic of Korea (North), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Australia also participated.

Friends of Fujimori

Present for the festivities were a number of his relatives from Japan and friends, including a group from France and the United States where Fujimori

had taken graduate courses in the 1960s, four Pan American Nikkei Association officials led by Carlos Kasuga of Mexico City, president; Noritoshi Kanai of Los Angeles, PANA-USA president; Fred I. Wada, honorary president; Leo Hayashi, PANA-USA vice-president; Raul Tamaki, publisher of the São Paulo *Diario Nippak*, and this reporter.

PANA officials, the three P.C. representatives (Martha Tamashiro, Rosa Miyahira and Honda), and the lone Brazilian Nisei journalist Tamaki were welcomed by the Japanese Peruvian community at a gala Sunday afternoon party at the Kaikan in the suburban Jesús Maria district. Augusto Ikemiyashiro, president, Peruvian Japanese Association, and Luis Sakoda, PANA secretary, were among the host speakers; Wada, Kanai and Kasuga responded and Peru's national sports director Gerardo Maruy was in charge of entertainment. Ricardo Tagami, a Sansei, commented for the younger generation.

PANA Contribution

Kasuga announced PANA was contributing \$70,000 in celebration and support of Fujimori's presidency—\$10,000 earmarked for Fr. Luis Martinez's MAS—Movimiento de Accion Social (an organization founded some 20 years ago by Nikkei students at Catholic University to help the poor—and more specifically to loan funds for home-building supplies). The other \$60,000 or more would be used to promote micro-enterprises, the fund matching 75%, it was explained. Details are to be handled by PANA.

LOOKING AT LIMA—It being mid-winter here, the mornings were overcast and a very slight drizzle dampened the streets. But by 10 a.m., the skies were clear with a warm sun overhead.

At the private Palace dinner Sunday, a number of key Japanese Peruvian Issei and Nisei leaders had joined the national festivities, extending their personal congratulations and support.

While downtown Lima from the Plaza del Armas to the Congress to the Palace of Justice (opposite the Lima Sheraton where most of the foreign dignitaries were housed) was closed to vehicular traffic and secured by national police and the military, the main roads leading to the city were congested (no worse than Los Angeles freeways during the rush hours).

Providing a colorful touch in advance of Peru's Independence Day (also the day of inauguration and Fujimori's 52nd birthday) were the banks of red & white flags of Peru, large and small, fluttering "for sale" at many intersections.

The Peruvians expect their currency to be changed by the first of the year—shedding at least three zeros in the process. The old currency standard, *soles*, became *intis* about seven years ago. The official exchange rate was around 98,000 intis per U.S. dollar; on the street, it was as high as 140,000 the weekend of the Inaugural; 125,000 at the hotel.

As for exotic Peruvian fruit, try *lúcuma*, peeled fresh or as an orange-colored ice cream with a melon-like flavor. This we had for postres.

Mineta Named to U.S. Delegation for Fujimori's Inaugural

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, (D-Calif.) and Deputy Whip in the House Democratic Leadership, was named by President Bush to the official United States delegation to attend the inaugural of Peru's new president, Alberto Fujimori, in Lima on July 28.

Alberto Fujimori, a Peruvian of Japanese ancestry, was democratically elected to the presidency on June 10, 1990.

(In Lima, Peru, U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos, head of the delegation, explained Rep. Mineta had to cancel at the last minute as he was unable to rearrange his commitments for the same week and had sent a long letter expressing his regrets. Bernard Aronson, assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, was the other member of the U.S. delegation.

(The Pacific Citizen, in the meantime, had advised the Japanese press in Lima to be on the lookout for him and they were finally informed Saturday that Mineta was not coming.)

"I am extremely proud that President Bush has asked me to help represent the United States at this important international event," said Mineta, who is the only Member of Congress named to the official United States delegation.

"Peru today is facing the tough challenges of rebuilding its economy after years of fiscal hardship, a depressed copper market, and the Sendero Luminoso insurgency. Peruvians have proven their resilience in these tough times, and their successful presidential offers even more hope," Mineta stressed.

"Peru has demonstrated a truth we enjoy in the United States, but sometimes take for granted. President-elect Fujimori was able to take great pride in his heritage throughout his campaign, and yet his fellow citizens saw him as nothing less than fully Peruvian. This is a great testimonial to the people of Peru, and a measure of the strength in that nation's diversity," Mineta concluded.

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'FUJIMORI PHENOMENON'—Dr. Luis Baba (second from right) holds his left hand up while describing the economic situation in Peru that Alberto K. Fujimori inherits upon his inauguration as president, July 28. Joining him on the July 14 panel in Mexico City's Japanese Cultural Center are (from left) Dr. Arturo Iida and Carlos Kasuga of Mexico; Jose Yoshida of Peru, Baba, and Dr. Rene Tanaka, Mexico. The special conference on Fujimori was co-sponsored by the Japanese Mexican Association and Pan American Nikkei Association.

For the Sake of All of Us, We Remember

By Walt Woodward
"View from Here"

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASH.

The proper way to start is to say that I was privileged to accompany members of the island's Japanese American community as they told Central Kitsap youngsters the harrowing details of their internment 48 years ago. A more realistic beginning would be to scream this angry question: At what hour must an islander crawl out of a nice, warm bed in order to shave, dress, cook and eat a good breakfast, and be in a Central Kitsap school to begin talking to a class that convenes at 7:30 a.m.?

It all started a couple of years or so ago when our islanders of Japanese descent put together a traveling exhibit called "Kodomo No Tame Ni" (For the Sake of the Children).

It told in words and pictures not only the internment story, but the entire history of the Japanese community, beginning with the first ones who arrived from Japan to work at the Port Blakely mill in 1883. It spent most of 1989 touring the state.

Finally, it arrived in the Silverdale area. That is close to home. Would real flesh-and-blood survivors of that internment come to Central Kitsap schools so students could talk to them?

Doggone. Those kids got the point. They were cheering the Bill of Rights.

Yes, they would, said Dr. Frank Kitamoto, an island dentist who is president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community. And when you come, you might as well bring along that Woodward fellow who wrote all those editorials about how the internment was a violation of the Bill of Rights. He is still alive, isn't he?

Barely, Dr. Kitamoto may have said, but we'll bring him.

Among those who volunteered to get out of bed at God-forsaken hours were Sa Nakata, Kay and Sam Nakao, Flo and Art Koura, and Mary and Nob Koura. They appeared at all-day sessions lasting until 2 p.m. at two high schools and three junior high schools.

Dr. Kitamoto and I also talked to special classes at Olympic College in Bremerton, North Kitsap Middle School in Poulsbo and, with Mary and Nob, at (yahoo!) Bainbridge High School. The last I heard, they still were appearing at some grade schools in the Silverdale area.

After 48 years, why? It's done and



From the Library of Congress Collections

FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN—A photo exhibit, "Kodomo No Tame Ni," illustrates 100 years of Japanese American history on Bainbridge Island. It will be shown through the month of August at the Bainbridge Island Historical Society Museum. Among the photos is one of Island residents Yae Sakai, Nob Hayashida, and children Hiroshi, Susan and Yasuko Hayashida leaving from Seattle for the Manzanar internment camp in March 1942.

gone. Why perpetuate the agony? It's all in the history books, isn't it?

Well, no, not really. I sat in class after class and watched the glazed eyes of bored kids gradually open to amazement as they questioned our islanders about army soldiers, bayonets fixed, herding them to a ferry at Eagledale, into a special train in Seattle, and thence to a huge tarpaper-shack community at Manzanar in the high desert of California, where the wind blew sand all the time, and it was searing hot in the daytime, bitter cold at night.

I had a real learning experience. If our close neighbors in Silverdale didn't know much about that sad incident in U.S. history, what about the kids in, say, Florida, or Maine, or Kansas? Do they have the faintest idea of the great danger to all of us in their appalling lack of information?

The other side of the coin, of course, says that was just a sacrifice that Japanese American citizens had to make; other Americans made sacrifices, too, during World War II. Where does Woodward get that "great danger to all of us" stuff?

He gets it from the Bill of Rights, where it (Fifth Amendment to the Constitution) says that no citizen may be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of the law.

In 1942, that was swept aside; thousands of native-born American citi-

zens, including more than 200 from our island, were subjected, for three and a half years, to the miserable humiliation of incarceration behind barbed wire.

True, the nation later apologized to them. But the "great danger to all of us" is that, unless we do a better job of educating all our kids about the Bill of Rights, it could happen again.

Education does work. I saw the proof. Share this thrill with me. It happened during our appearance before a special advanced class of seniors at Olympic High School. Our island citizens of Japanese ancestry had answered the usual questions about "how was it really like behind barbed wire?" I sensed these older kids were getting angry. Finally, it was my turn. I started to recite the Fifth Amendment. I wasn't permitted to finish. Suddenly, that entire class was erupting in the loudest applause I have heard in a long time. Doggone. Those kids got the point. They were cheering the Bill of Rights! Somewhere, far off, I fancied I heard the Marine Corps Band thumping away at the Stars and Stripes Forever.

Kodomo no tame ni. For the sake of the children. For the sake of all the children, all over America!

Walt Woodward is the former editor and publisher of The Bainbridge Review and has been honored by JACL for his opposition to the internment. This column originally ran in the Review on July 4.

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monopoly bill so that this objective, which is complex, will be achieved as soon as possible.

Within the spirit of full participation which inspires us, we would like to channel the people's concerns as regards government decisions. To this end, in the course of August and in coordination with the "Instituto Libertad y Democracia" (Freedom and Democracy Institute), we shall publish the bill for the people's participation law so as to channel public opinion in the development of central government policies and standards. National opinion on this bill will help us in its subsequent implementation.

My government also intends to simplify and harmonize tariff systems as well as to manage export development mechanisms efficiently, so that customs proceedings become extremely fast.

We must be the protagonists of our own destiny, while concurrently implementing Peru's decision to be part of the International Financial Community. In this sense our government has decided to reestablish Peru's international relations in the financial, banking and commercial fields, to rebuild our former links and to solve all differences. Under our government these relations shall be implemented within an environment in which both local and foreign investments will have the same opportunities in keeping with international legal systems and within an environment that encourages foreign investment in Peru.

It is up to us to face the worst crisis that the nation has had to face in its whole republican history: an economy trapped in a "hyperinflation and a depression," a society split by violence, corruption, terrorism and drug traffic. In one word, practically a war economy.

In the last two years the drop in production has been tremendous. The production level which the outgoing government leaves us, as of June this year, is 3 percent lower than the one it received at the beginning of its mandate. This means to say that if it is true that five years ago the previous government received a depressed economy, today we are inheriting a chaotic and spent economy.

It will be enough to give a few examples in the major public enterprises such as Petroperu, Electroperu, Entelperu and Sedapal, all in the brink of collapse as a result of poor economic and administrative management, which will make it necessary to implement emergency measures so as to be able to continue providing services which are indispensable to the whole population. However, this dramatic situation should not lead us to the simplistic idea of attempting to privatize all public enterprises. These and other enterprises, whose scope of action is national or because of the magnitude of their commercial operations, I repeat, shall continue being public companies. They shall be restructured so as to make them efficient and profitable.

In the case of industry, the depression is alarming. A large number of companies are rapidly decapitalizing and have already given up their main line of business to engage in eventual business operations, which are the only ones that allow them to continue subsisting.

The agricultural and livestock sector is prostrate, our mining is in a deep crisis reflected in a production which is 22 percent lower than the one in 1985.

The inflationary epidemic has eaten away at the foundations of our productive systems during the five years of the outgoing government, encouraging a highly speculative climate in which those who benefit most are the major economic powers, and those who lose the most are our large, poverty stricken masses.

This nefarious epidemic is reflected in the hair-raising rate of over 2.2-million percent inflation accumulated in the aforementioned five-year period. This inflation, gigantic by itself is, in fact, much higher if one considers that today there is a repressed or dammed inflation of about 1,200 percent, due to the tremendous deficits which the outgoing government has been accumulating, both at the level of the central government as well as that of the public enterprises. When this repressed inflation is included in the annual estimate the level of potential inflation falls within the range of the world's historical hyperinflations.

Thus, we have inherited a disaster. Our central objectives are to first surmount the crisis and then set down the bases for our nation's integral development. This is a gigantic task we must be fully aware of or we shall lose the course of history. Nobody must evade it.

Peru needs the efforts of all: the entrepreneur, the public employees, the laborer, the peasant, [campesino] the peddler. Within this scheme we reject, as anti-national, financial speculation, capital flight, as well as parasitic bureaucracy and sabotaging production for exclusively political purposes.

We need to put our domestic front in order and to stabilize it, but we cannot go against world-accepted reality, nor personify political models whose national and social cost has been translated into disaster. As I have said, Peru must rejoin the international financial community; this does not imply any submission or loss of sovereignty. Quite the opposite. A country in serious economic crisis, in practice isolated and powerless to make a point of view prevail, can hardly be sovereign and independent. Sovereign and independent are those nations which have a solid economy and, hence, have alternatives open to them.

Our economic stabilization program favors policies which strongly and inflexibly attack the causes of inflation. We are going to destroy the

roots of this problem, as we promised, pragmatically and without enslaving our own government actions to magic prescriptions taken from the texts.

Our stabilization program aims to reduce the gaps that block our social development: the fiscal gap, the external gap and, something which many forget, the poverty gap.

On the other hand, for the nation's economic stabilization measures to really produce the desired results it is necessary to promptly enact tax measures which guarantee a timely and adequate fiscal collection and to finance the social support measures for the poorest population.

Hence, I request the Congress of the Republic that, in keeping with article 188 of Peru's Political Constitution, it grant the Executive the power to legislate in the tax area for a period of 180 days. To this regard I am hereby submitting to the Congress of the Republic the Bill for the Corresponding Law and request that it be urgently given the preferential treatment stipulated in article 189 of our Magna Carta.

An easy way out would be to repeat the experience which the people well know of implementing policies to momentarily increase income and consumption without any basis on productivity and investment, and without any real connection to a development process based on solid foundations. The consequences of such facile [nice and easy] policies, as the people well know, always wind up in a more abrupt drop in income and consumption.

We have turned the slogan "Honesty, Technology and Work" into a philosophy for action and change, and we go back to it constantly. This is the slogan that reflects the force that is growing in Peru.

The micro, small and medium-sized enterprise has become the potential reactivating sector, the pillar of our electoral platform. We intend to strengthen this sector which is turning into the axis for a strategy of economic ordering and social development, not only in Peru but also in the world.

Despite the informal sector's enormous push, the present legislation requires a series of provisions such as a law for the easy registration of enterprises, institutions and associations in the public registers, as well as standards to simplify and unify registers to encourage the formal enterprise.

On the other hand, it is revealing that the Economically Active Population (EAP) of 7.2-million people, which accounts for one third of the population, already shows 10 percent unemployment, 75 percent underemployment and only 15 percent adequately employed.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Promotion must remove all obstacles so that today unemployed labor forces are able to succeed in setting up family enterprises which generate self-employment and the development of micro and small enterprises.

One of the most creative and innate activities of Peruvians was, and is, handicrafts. In addition to its cultural connotation, it is a productive activity which generates foreign currency and employment.

Promoting its organized development so that it can become an instrument of change with greater productive possibilities requires promotional incentives which make it possible to increase handicraft production, promote their export, create training centers, as well as measures to encourage and protect the cultural manifestations reflected in traditional handicrafts.

It is true that handicrafts also mean the development of peasant and native communities. However, very little is being done for our fellow countrymen who live in the Amazon area. The promotion of native models on living together with the Amazon biosphere and dissemination of the traditional ways to make use of natural resources shall turn into means to promote national development during my government.

Similarly, one of the most important tasks shall be that of the authentic recognition, guarantee, and defense of the territorial, political, cultural, economic and human rights of the native peoples of the Amazon. In view of all of this I feel that priority should be given to revising the draft law on native communities.

Public administration now suffers from an excessive bureaucratization which severely limits its managerial and productive capabilities, which is a consequence of the irrational use of power. Our state is far from being a promoter of development. It rather acts as a heavy piece of machinery which operates by inertia without taking the nation's needs and demands into account.

In recent years there has been an enormous increase in bureaucracy, both in the central government as well as in public enterprises. What's worse? That staff hasn't even been used for productive or socially oriented work? There are agencies where an overpopulation of administrative workers has occurred, while in others the state doesn't have any real and effective presence.

My government has the firmest intention of implementing a serious process of rationalization of the state's activities, respecting job stability but making maximum use of the existing staff's capabilities. This will demand taking actions to reallocate staff and to retrain workers in areas which the national really requires. The state must, at all times, be in the service of society.

To this regard I am hereby announcing that I shall submit a bill to repeal the Private Banking Expropriation Law which has only served to create an unnecessary climate of confusion and instability. We shall, in fact, study ways to effectively democratize credit, but without the state continuing to be filled with enterprises and bureaucracy.

Drug traffic, as we know, is one of the present world's greatest blemishes. In the last 10 years Peru has become the world's largest producer of coca leaf. I do not need to delve into our position, which basically lies on tackling the problem in a comprehensive manner. For us eradication is just not simply a military matter, and even less one of destruction of our soils and the ruin of the families of Peruvian farmers who are forced to resort to this crop because of a real lack of economic alternatives and because of the obvious and indisputable demand of a powerful market outside Peru. We shall always maintain our willingness, which is quite firm, to eradicate this blemish whose counterpart can be found in the consumer countries, together with which we must, essentially, come to an understanding to arrive at more just and rational forms of collaboration.

From here I am addressing the world, which is increasingly threatened, to have it understand that the weight of the responsibility to fight this battle cannot be laid on a poor country sunken into a serious economic crisis. The world's conscience will know how to weigh my words.

For 10 years now, the people of Peru have been suffering subversive violence. Groups up in arms have since then engaged in a stubborn soliloquy which is already costing us over 15,000 victims and over 17 billion dollars in damages.

In the course of our electoral campaign we said quite clearly that the cause of subversion can be found in structural violence, in cultural and ethnic margination in the exploitation suffered by the poorest layers of our population.

No responsible government can close its eyes to this situation. For decades the centralist state has ignored the real Peru which exists in the Andes. It has allowed a despotic and abusive power, which our society has had to suffer, to prevail there.

What an unworthy people ours would be if it had remained impassive in the face of abuse and outrage. To Peru's detriment all of that force, that logical protest has been channeled by fanatic ideologies which attempt to destroy the representative democracy system. Only the final elimination of injustice and exclusion can put an end to subversion. This is why my government shall give priority to the development of our nation's Andean and jungle zones, now being attacked by terrorism.

No weakness should be seen in my favoring dialogue, even with groups up in arms, provided they lay them down. The people have elected me, among other things, to seek the unity of Peruvians, including the mistaken ones. I am trying in good faith, and I want the international community to bear witness of my fervent intention to finally bring about peace, through reason and dialogue, to these people who are living violence for ten years.

I cannot but mention the crisis of the judiciary which, for the last ten years, has been affecting the administration of justice so much. It's quite painful to repeat here what our people think of the judiciary and of the, misnamed Palace of Justice. The people of Peru simply call it the palace of injustice. This certainly does not apply to the worthy magistrates which there are. Court proceedings are not only long and involved, many are tainted by a manifest dishonesty.

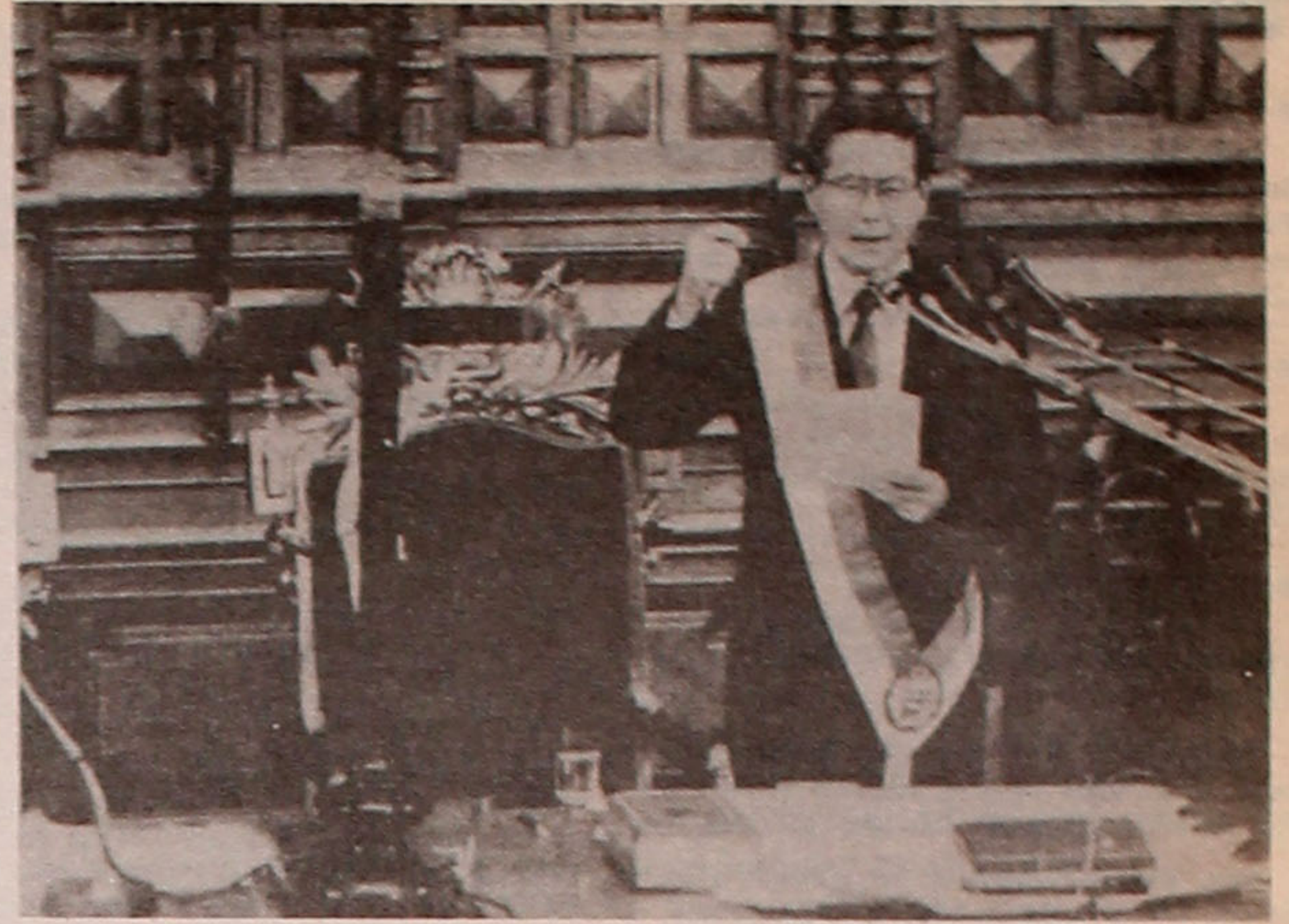


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THE SPEECH WITH EMPHASIS—Wearing the red and white sash as president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori delivers his inaugural address to a packed House chamber. He thanked God, at the outset, "for the fact that, despite the difficulties we are facing, we have lost neither reason nor faith." (The P.C. is reprinting an official English translation of the speech.) Again he invoked God at the end, "May God enlighten the people of Peru and enlighten me to undertake this gigantic, but beautiful task which starts today."

Many times I think that there is an unforgivable indifference on the part of many magistrates, officials and employees of the judiciary and on whose powers many human lives depend. How many cases have we known of men which being guilty of minor offenses are judged after a long time and which, in the final analysis, wind up as hardened criminals. What a lack of humanity in these officials who do not realize they are ruining lives, that they are bringing day by day unhappiness to mothers and daughters who suffer for their dear ones who went astray, but which hope for an opportunity to redeem themselves.

However, I don't want this to be simply a lamentation. The government shall undertake the actions needed to defend the people so that justice be applied correctly in Peru and that corruption and indifference not be its salient characteristics.

My government shall keep women very much in mind, especially the one who has to work away from home, a professional, merchant or artisan who day by day struggles for her family's subsistence, with a heroism worthy of being kept in mind.

That is why we shall implement concrete actions in her favor, tending to establish terms of equality with the male, a concept which is also contained in our Magna Carta.

We shall set up child care centers and expand public services aimed at her health and recreation, specially in socially depressed areas. We shall increase the specialized policewomen force to handle women's cases within public security actions.

IMMIGRATION

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of spouses and children of undocumented aliens legalized under the 1986 amnesty program. This was designed to halt the separation of families, including young children that has resulted following the amnesty program.

In his arguments for the backlog reduction numbers, Berman reviewed the history of anti-Asian discrimination in American immigration policy; discrimination that included the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Asiatic Exclusion Zone, the Gentleman's Agreement and other restrictive laws. He noted that it was not until 1965 that a law that treated Asian countries equally in immigration policy was enacted.

The JAACL was active in debates on immigration policy since its beginnings. JAACL argued for reforms through Washington Representative Mike Masaoka in both 1952 and 1965.

"While immigration from Japan has slowed considerably, Japanese Americans have suffered from a long history of discriminatory policies and have a stake in protecting the reforms that we have helped advocate," said Igasaki, "The JAACL is also committed to supporting a broad Asian American agenda just as so many other Asian groups assisted us in our campaign for redress."

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● **LAS VEGAS**
Aug. 11—Second annual Obon Festival sponsored by Las Vegas JAAL and Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha. 12 noon-6 p.m. at Zelzah Shriners Hall, 2222 West Mesquite Ave.

● **LOS ANGELES AREA**
Present-Sept. 16—A-Bomb Beauties at Burbage Theatre, 2330 Sawtelle Blvd., W.L.A. Info: (213) 478-0897.

Present-Sept. 29—"Paper, Glass and Shadow," paper assemblages by artist Kathleen Nojima at Kikuyu Gallery in Glendale. Info: (818) 957-2283.

Aug. 16-19—Reunion of the Kubasagi High School, Okinawa, Japan, Class of 1980, Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Open to all KHS graduates and attendees; targeting the classes of 1978-82. Info: G. Johnston, (213) 782-0351.

Aug. 18—Japanese Tea Ceremony exhibition, 1-3 p.m. at Pacific Asia Museum, 46 North Robles Ave., Pasadena. Free. Info: (818) 449-2742.

Aug. 18-19—19th annual Nisei Week Kamon ("Family Crest") Exhibit, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple, 505 East Third St., L.A. Info: (213) 629-2848.

Aug. 20—Author Mei Nakano, West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, 1913 Purdue Ave., 7:30 p.m. Info: (213) 825-3415.

Aug. 25—Kids Kabuki, a dazzling display of dance, drama and music at the Japan America Theatre at 244 S. San Pedro St., L.A., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Info: (213) 687-7193.

Sept. 6-10—Modern Masters of Japanese Cinema, five-day showcase of 16 classic films from Japan at the Directors Guild Theatre in Hollywood. The works of Kurosawa, Kenji Mizoguchi, Yasujiro Ozu, Kon Ichikawa, Masaki Kobayashi, Hiroshi Teshigahara and nine other Japanese masters.

Sept. 16—So. Calif. Nikkei Singles' carnival/picnic 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at El Dorado Park in Long Beach. Info: (714) 528-7837.

Sept. 30—Karaoke competition finals in Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Info: (818) 350-3131.

● **MODESTO, CALIF.**
Aug. 18—"Winter War," ballet trilogy on Japanese Americans, Modesto High School.

● **OGDEN, UTAH**
Oct. 27—Reunion of all Japanese families who have resided in Box Elder County, UT. Sat., at Ogden Park Hotel, Ogden. Info: Don Tazuy, P.O. Box 324, Garland, UT 84312. (801) 257-7363.

● **SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**
Aug. 18—"Winter War," ballet trilogy on Japanese Americans, Community Center Theatre.

● **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**
Aug. 18—JCCCNC 5th Awards Dinner at Grand Hyatt, 345 Stockton St., to honor individual contributions to the Japanese American community.

Aug. 23-25—"Winter War," ballet trilogy on Japanese Americans, Theater Artaud.

Aug. 25—Gohan Club Summer Picnic at Huddart County Park in Woodside, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: (415) 656-7417 or (408) 289-1067.

Sept. 2—Natl. Japanese American Historical Society's fundraising picnic at Shibata family's Japanese garden in Mt. Eden. Tickets \$25. Info: (415) 431-5007.

Present-Sept. 2—Song of the Brush, paintings by Shioh Kato at Gallery Piazza in Sausalito. Info: (415) 331-6711.

Sept. 9—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Masako Sato. Info: (415) 221-0268.

● **SAN JOSE, CALIF.**
Aug. 17—"Winter War," ballet trilogy on Japanese Americans, Center for Performing Arts.

Sept. 22—Third San Benito County reunion of former residents currently living in Southern California, at Gung Hay Restaurant in Gardena. Info: Sue Oshita, 13181 E. Lampson, No. 101, Garden Grove, CA 92640.

● **SANTA MONICA**
Aug. 11—Artist Pam Davis' exhibit on the atom bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, multimedia presentation and lecture, at Koplin Gallery, 3 p.m. Info: (213) 319-9956 or (213) 391-0601.

● **SEATTLE AREA**
Aug. 25—"Japanese Wedding Kimono," a sale and exhibit of Japanese wedding kimono, Honoychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: (206) 622-1225.

Present-Aug. 26—"Recent Sculptural Works by Gerard Tsutakawa," bronze sculpture and steel tables by 1989 "Best of Show" winner, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tue.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. noon-4 p.m. Info: (206) 623-5124.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Bumbershoot, the Seattle arts festival celebrates its 20th anniversary. Arts, music, poetry, food & cultural events. Info: (206) 622-5123.

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OBITUARIES

Frank Toyama, 61, Azusa, June 10; Arizona-born, survived by w Kimiko, sis Mary Kawata, Ruth Yamashiro.

Kathryn Tsuji, 35, San Gabriel, June 4; Los Angeles-born Sansui, survived by s Jason, p Theodore/Sue Tsuji, br Paul, Philip, gr Mito Tanabe.

Masao Ueyehara, 93, San Jose, May 24; Kagoshima-born, survived by w Reiko, s Lloyd, Mats, d Dorothy Kohara, Joyce Mine, 12gc, 1gdc.

Masaye Yamashita, 94, Los Angeles, May 30; Kobe-born, naturalized citizen, survived by s Tom, 5gc, 4gpc.

Hatsuye Taramoto, 73, Pasadena, June 6 (in Banff of heart failure), Lodi-born Pasadena Buddhist Church Fujinkai president, survived by h Naiochi, s David (Sarotoga), 1gc, br Edward and Shigemura Okuno, sis Kimiye Fujimoto.

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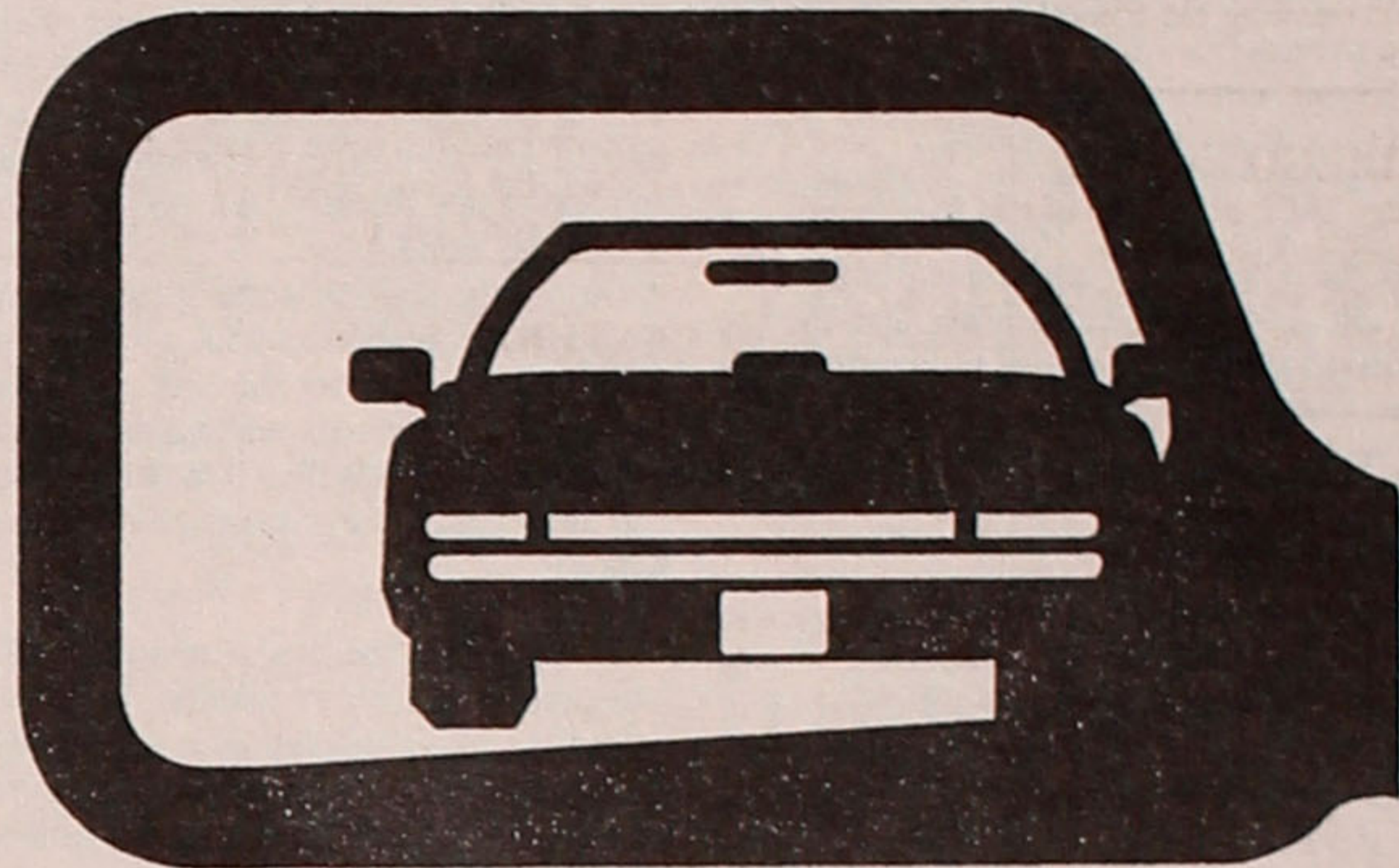
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FLORIN JACL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Flanked by scholarship committee chair Twila Tomita (left) and chapter president Titus Toyama (right) are the Florin JACL scholarship winners for 1990 (from left) Mark Asahara, Sharon Kojima, Denise Okamoto and Mark Honbo.

JACL PULSE

FLORIN

Florin JACL sponsors fall talent show Oct. 12 at Sacramento Buddhist Church; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 6) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT

50th Anniversary Reunion of JACL membership from Rexburg, Idaho Falls and Pocatello, Sat., Nov. 3, at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nevada. Banquet, keynote speakers (including Natl. Pres. Cressey Nakagawa), renewing old friendships and meeting new friends.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego JACL and Union of Pan Asian Communities present Kon Ichikawa's classic film "The Yermese Harp" on Sun., Aug. 26 at 3 p.m., Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista. Donation \$4. Info: (619) 230-0314.

SCAN

In conjunction with the JACL-SCAN Chapter, the Amerasian League is presenting a night of poetry/literature readings call "The Amerasian Voice." It will feature "hapa" poets, such as award-winning poet and playwright Velina Hsu Houston who is half native Japanese, one-quarter Blackfoot Pikuni Indian, and one-quarter African-American; Eurasian poet, Thelma Seto, who was born and raised in the Middle East; Japanese/Euro-American writers, Mari Sunaida and Teresa Kay Williams, who both grew up in Japan. The reading is scheduled tentatively for Aug. 23, Thursday, 7-9 p.m. at Cafe Rutts, 10863 Venice Blvd. Info: The Amerasian League at (213) 79-3369.

Take A Bow

By Frank F. Sakamoto
1000 Club Whing Ding Chair

For those who missed the 1000 Club Whing Ding:

To start the convention off, the 1000 Clubbers stood and waved in unison to create a wave to the theme "Wave of the Future." It was great to see many JACLers with so much enthusiasm like Natsuko, Ellen, George and Mitsuko Kumeo, Tom, Sat, Sam, Bert, Berry, and the list goes on and on.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ohashi celebrated their 61st year of bliss, Art and Virginia Morimitsu celebrated their 50th as well as Pat and Lily Okura, Mickey and Edith Ichiuchi, and Ron and Lea Shiozaki. Dr. and Mrs. Homer Yasui celebrated their 40th, and I knew there were more.

Dr. Tom Tomaki gave greetings to all his Eastern District representatives by singing his famous 1000 Club song and telling many of his jokes that were highly appropriate to Sea World. Kiki Kyugio also displayed her pictures of the 1971 1000 Club Whing Ding in Tokyo.

Thanks goes to Anheuser Busch for their donation to JACL for the Sea World as well as their fine dining of all-you-can-eat-and-drink.

The San Diego people greeted us with open hearts lead by Dorothy and Bruce Asakura, Mas Hironaka, and the younger JACLers. They guided us to the pavilion where all the JACLers were dazzled by the performance of Shamu and Namu (killer whales). There were plenty of aqua-acrobatics performed by a walrus, penguins, and spectacular dolphins. Then it was off to the Ice Show as well as the breath-taking fireworks. Mr. George Ohashi said he felt like a kid again.

1000 Clubbers, keep up the good work; you always amaze me with your enthusiasm as well as new ideas. Keep it up, keep it coming! No wonder they say that we are the back bone of the JACLers. Please send your unique ideas to me at 745 Becker Rd., Glenview, IL 60025.

Florin JACL Honors '90 Scholars, Welcomes 26 New Members

FLORIN, Calif.—New members and honor students were recognized at the annual Florin JACL scholarship and new member welcome luncheon recently. President-elect Carol Hisatomi chaired the event.

Paul Igasaki, Washington JACL representative, was guest speaker. He emphasized that there still remains many problems for JACLers in areas of racial prejudice and discrimination.

Titus Toyama, chapter president, welcomed the 26 new members. Twila Tomita, scholarship chair, announced the chapter scholarship awardees:

Mark Asahara, Annapolis appointee of Capital Christian High; Mark Honbo, sports columnist at his Davis High School paper; Sharon Kojima, award-winning Nihongo speaker, of Cal State-Sacramento; and Denise Okamoto, pre-dental student UC Davis.

The first Mark is the grandson of member Frances Asahara; the other Mark the son of Wesley/Pat Honbo; Sharon, daughter of Yasunobu/Yuri Kojima; and Denise, daughter of Bette/Tad Okamoto and granddaughter of Hideo/Dorothy Kadokawas.

Downtown JACL Installs New President

LOS ANGELES — The Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter installed Gary Itano as its new president on Aug. 8, succeeding Kathleen "Kitty" Sankey.

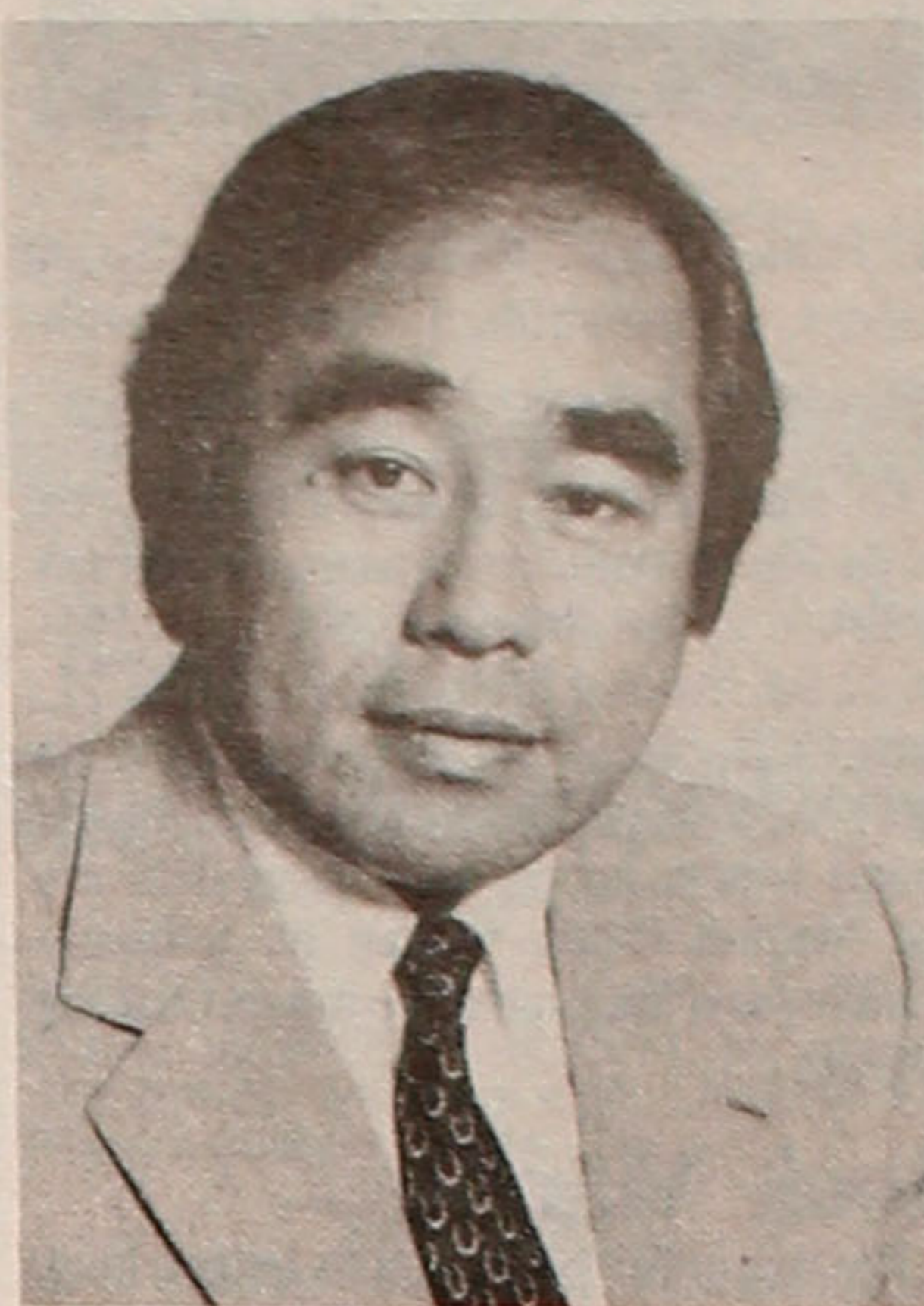
Under Sankey, the Downtown JACL Chapter was recognized with the 1990 Pacific Southwest District Council (PSWD) Biennial "Distinguished Chapter" Award.

Itano has been active in the chapter, serving as redress and membership board chairs. He was recognized for his redress efforts by the JACL PSWD at its 1988 biennial awards event.

Itano attended the first Manzanar Pilgrimage and in 1983, he represented his father, Henry Masami, as part of a group of Kibei soldiers who testified at a Pentagon commission hearing. This group was known as the DB (Detention Barracks) Boys, who were court martialled by the Army during World War II for protesting the internment of the Japanese by the government. The group was sentenced to prison terms at Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas, but their discharges were retroactively changed to honorable years later.

A data security officer for City National Information Systems, Gary is married and he and his wife, Miki, have a six-month old son.

THE NEWSMAKERS



OKITAMI KOMADA

► Okitami Komada has been promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer of Mitsui Fudosan (USA), Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsui Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. Komada has more than 17 years of extensive global experience in real estate development and management with Mitsui. He previously lived in Los Angeles where he earned a Master of Science degree in Urban Economics from UCLA. He also holds a BS in Law from Keio University, Tokyo. Komada returned to Tokyo in April, 1983 as manager and associate general manager of Mitsui's International Division. From this time to his appointment in Los Angeles he was responsible for the company's global operations and initiated the opening of Mitsui Fudosan (New York), Inc. and its first investment in New York.

► Curtis R. Namba, an attorney in private practice, has been elected chair of the Sacramento County Civil Service Commission. Namba is the first Asian American to be appointed to the Commission and is serving a five-year term. The Sacramento County Civil Service Commission hears

disciplinary appeals, determines the classification of County employees, and provides for employee recruitment, examinations, and appointments. Namba is an attorney in private practice. He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA in 1976 and his law degree from UC Davis in 1980. He is the past president of the Florin Chapter of the JACL. Namba is the president of Sacramento Occupational Advancement Resources, a social service agency serving the refugee and minority communities; a Board of Governor of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and General Counsel to the Sacramento Indochinese Friendship Association which was formed in 1982 for the purpose of assisting Southeast Asian refugees.

► San Diego resident Yuki Iijima has received the J. Willard Marriott Award of Excellence, Marriott Corporation's highest employee recognition. Iijima is the executive chef at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina where he is responsible for six kitchens which serve four restaurants, the employee cafeteria and the 85,000-square-foot ballroom. He joined Marriott Corp. in 1974 as an assistant banquet chef after completing his schooling in Tokyo. In 1989, he was named manager of the year for the San Diego hotel and Executive Chef of the Year for his company. In addition, he is a professional ice carver and has won several national competitions.

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Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

AFTER WE LOST OUR WAY. Poems by David Mura. The National Poetry Series Selected by Gerald Stern. E.P. Dutton, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016; 81pp, soft \$7.95 (1989).

Another Sansei poet Garrett Hongo found "David Mura's approach is that of the carnal exposé. The effect is filmic, like montage or collage . . . It's exciting to read a poetry so psychically aggressive and relentlessly post-modern."

The selected poems focus on Mura's background as a Sansei who explores what is to be an Asian American. Here are some titles: *The Hibakusha Letters* (1955), *Letters from Poston Relocation Camp* (1942-45), *A Nisei Picnic, An Argument: On 1942, Suite for Grandfather and Grandmother Uyemura: Relocation*.

Other poems take on the viewpoint of an American looking at the atomic bomb at Hiroshima, killing fields of Asia, the Vietnam War, the Philippines and some take on the viewpoint of the Asians.

The National Poetry Series was established in 1978 to publish five collections of poetry annually through five participating publishers. The manuscripts are selected by five poets of national reputation. Mura teaches at *The Loft: A Place for Literature*, lives in

St. Paul, Minn., with his wife, Susan Sencer, a pediatrician, and his daughter.

To the Land of Bright Promise, by Chiyo Shimamoto, a 30-page monograph published by the San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum, P.O. Box 21, Lodi, Calif., \$4.95, \$2 shipping, 31¢ state sales tax (1990). This is the story of the Kango Mitori family who farmed in the San Joaquin Delta, written by a family member who happens to be a docent at the museum.

Book Marks:

The beautiful purple cloth-bound book commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Los Angeles Japanese American Cultural and Community Center is off the press—*Toppan's in Tokyo*—with **Kats Kunitzugu** as editor, **Qris Yamashita** as art director/designer. The 100 page-plus commemorative book in rich colors stands as the most handsome product to date with a Little Tokyo connection if not the U.S. If there is to be negative, the 8-point type might strain the eye. About the same size as this!

K.S. Tom's *Echoes from Old China: Life, Legends and Lore of the Middle Kingdom* (Univ. of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, HI 96822; cloth \$19.95) comes as a timely account of the Chinese customs which have been disappearing fast in China but preserved in the Chinese communities overseas. It is a fascinating tour conducted by a physician who received his M.D. at Loyola/Chicago and had been the Ob/Gyn chief at Honolulu's Kapiolani Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital.

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Yuji Ichioka, Lane Hirabayashi, Lucille Reed Franchi. (1990, 120-pp.) (Keiro Services, P.O. Box 33819, Los Angeles, CA 90033; cloth \$49.50, softcover \$29.50, audio cassette tape \$15—price honored until Dec. 10, 1990, including tax and shipping.)

Family Recollections

TO THE LAND OF BRIGHT PROMISE: The Story of a Pioneer Japanese Truck Farming Family in California's San Joaquin Valley, by Chiyo Mito Shimamoto; San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum, P.O. Box 21, Lodi, CA 95241 (\$4.95, add \$2 shipping, CA sales tax 31¢ per copy), 32pp.

The rich flow of individual Issei family recollections from a variety sources continues to come to our attention and we are happy this column is included for reviewing them.

Dedicated to her parents who were truck farmers in Lodi, "To the Land of Bright Promise," in a larger sense, relates the joys and struggles of the Issei fathers and mothers in general.

We sensed some of the same emotions the author relates so clearly — her father (leaving home at age 18) was "undaunted—he knew he would succeed in America," her mother ("it was a difficult time for women in Japan during those days . . . a good marriage was their only hope") shed tears most of the way over.

Newcomers to the Evacuation story and the younger generations might take to this 30-page booklet to see what the social environment was for the Issei, their grandparents in many respects, and what made them tick.—HKH.

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Here it would be worth mentioning the role which Peruvian women play in populated areas in directing mothers clubs. It's my decided intention to give these clubs support, leaving it quite clear that their origin shall make no difference whatsoever. I think it's absolutely crass to use these institutions for political purposes.

Side-by-side with the women and the mothers, we must mention the children.

For several years now, and with an increasing force, an already major current in international economic relations is pushing the thesis of child welfare as the best parameter to measure the countries' essential development. Undoubtedly a thesis of greater validity for the developing world, and which additionally implies a reorganization in the ethics which guides existing cooperation relationships.

The child, his life and healthy development must today be understood as a present priority very much in force. The child is the adult of tomorrow but, basically, it is the child of today. By protecting all of him we shall be guaranteeing the future while, concurrently, making sure of the development of generations with a solidary feeling for national progress.

Hence, the first legislative action of the Congress which starts seating today should be the approval, by consensus, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has already been recognized as the first instrument which contemplates childhood's specific human rights and which, after being ratified by all United Nations member countries, shall be ranked as an international treaty.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The unrestricted respect for, and promotion of, human rights shall be one of my government's firm lines of action.

We believe that the generalized crisis situation which afflicts our society is a historical reflection of unresolved and endemic social problems which, for long years and centuries, have been eroding the social pact which must exist among all Peruvians and which every day attack the human being's intrinsic dignity and the relations between citizens. In this sense we believe that the unrestricted respect for human rights constitutes a necessary action of all Peruvians, rather than being limited to just the state or governmental spheres.

In Peru respect for human rights is the recognition of the rights which the great forgotten majorities have to development, to social welfare, and to development in all of its cultural and ethical potentialities, with no discrimination whatsoever.

In this sense, our human rights policy shall be the basis for all our government actions. This global approach shall consider the citizen, whether producer or consumer, aggressor or victim, authority or underling, as well as the relations among them, as subjects of law and individuals each of them worthy of being measures with the same yardstick of justice and equality and who require, to be realized as integral persons and as full citizens, to be able to choose among egalitarianly offered opportunities.

Thus, and as an essential element of our human rights protection policy, my government shall set up a National Human Rights Commission, headed by a presidential appointee, with sufficient authority to guarantee respect for human rights in all of its socio-economic and military aspects.

The terrorist violence which our young democracy faces at present can in no way justify the systematic or occasional violation of human rights. The anti-subversive warfare to be undertaken by my government shall be framed, and implemented, within the principles consecrated by the Constitution and the Laws of the Republic. This position shall be applied with fairness and justice both to those who are at present attacking our society as well as to those who defend it.

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Now, more than ever, do we need the patriotism of those of us who are heading the government. Peru is our starting point and our goal: making it great must be our dream; its failure our nightmare and goal.

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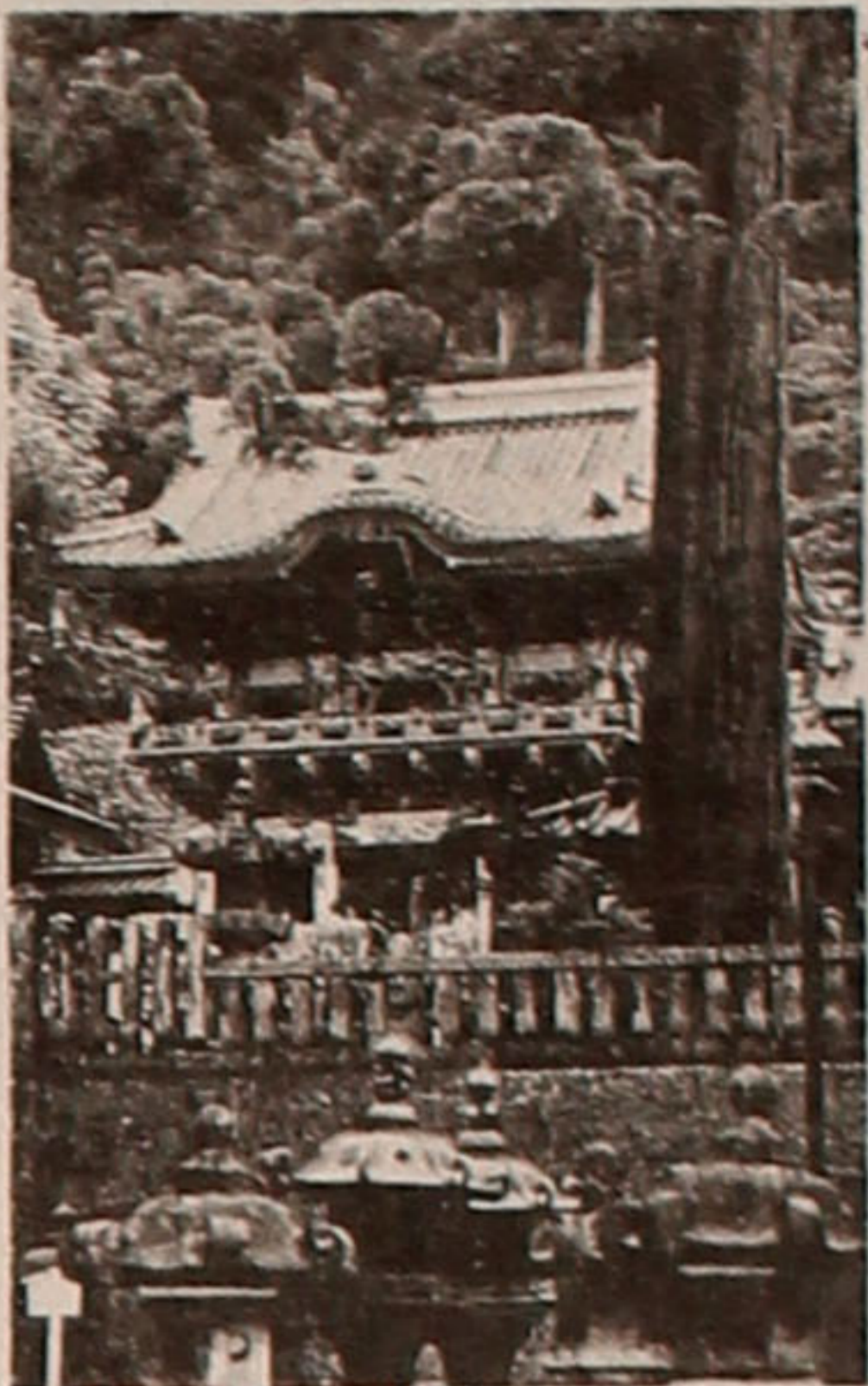
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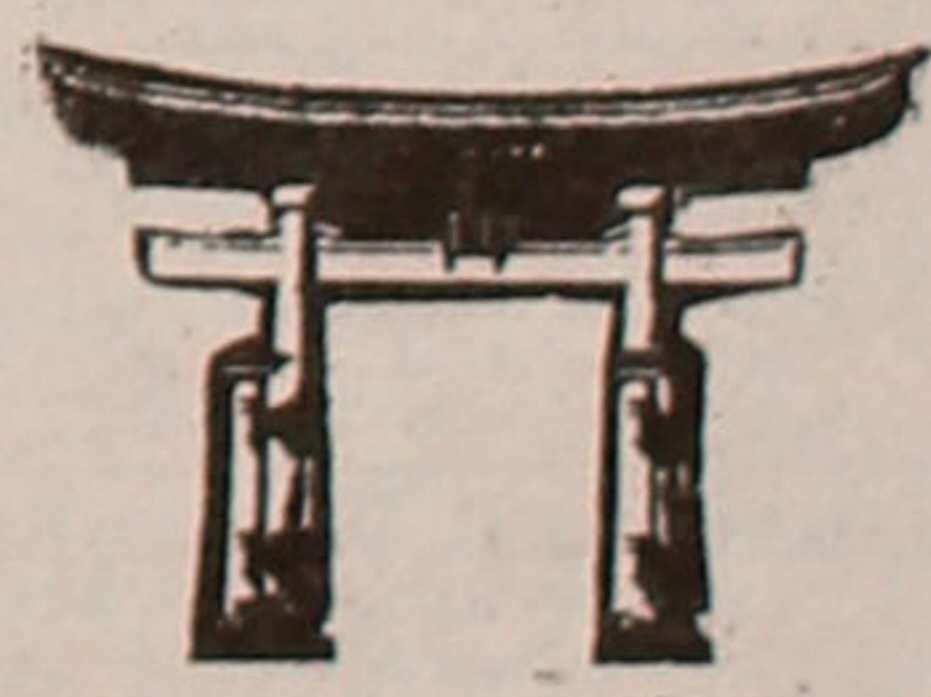
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