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## Dan Rather's Quip on WWII Internment Hit

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL was dismayed and sought clarification from CBS News anchor Dan Rather of his "unfortunate" reference to Japanese American relocation and internment that was made on his Aug. 29 interview with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Commenting on Hussein's reference to the WWII internment of U.S. Japanese, Rather stated the reason was "internal security." "You added nothing further," JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa said in his letter the next day and explained that the U.S. government was well aware Japanese

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## Anti-Japanese Bias in N.Y. Area Grows

NEW YORK—Japanese, whether on temporary business assignment or for good, are starting to feel a backlash from their growing presence.

In suburban Rye, some Japanese parents have quietly pulled their children out of school after a handful of American parents expressed resentment that enrollment at the one grade school was one-fourth Japanese, district spokesman Lynn Ferrari noted recently.

Good schools and safety have attracted many newcomers from Japan to suburbs such as Fort Lee, N.J., and to Scarsdale, Hartsdale and Rye, all in Westchester County, N.Y.

In Knollwood, N.J., Tak Furumoto, 45-year-old Sansei businessman, was dining not long after Mitsubishi bought a majority stake in Rockefeller Center when a couple remarked to him: "Why are you guys buying up America?" He told them, "Hey, we're Japanese Americans and I fought in Vietnam."

The Japanese consulate here estimated 60,000 Japanese living in the New York region.

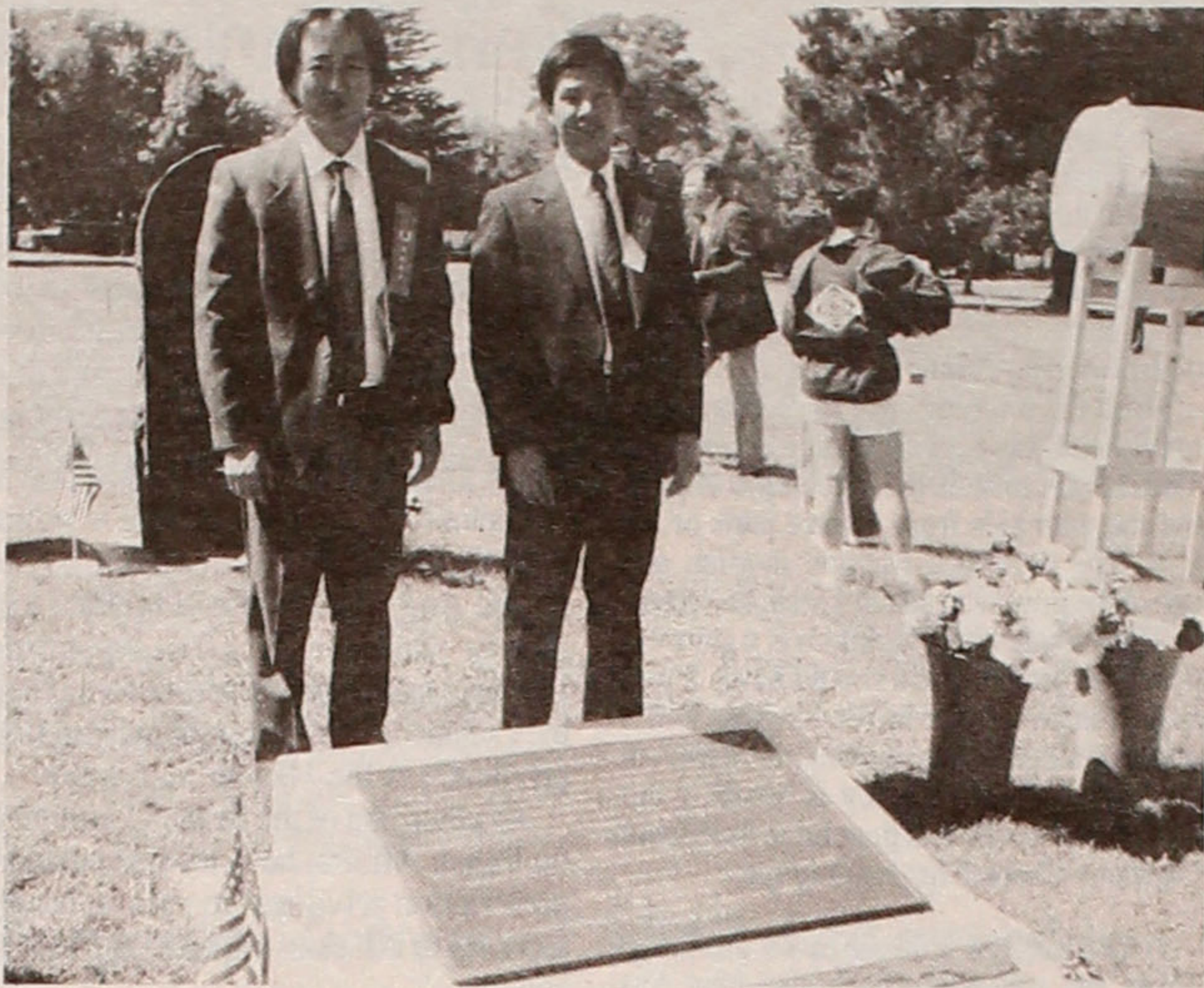
## Japanese Friendship Garden in San Diego Holds Opening Rites

SAN DIEGO — The long awaited grand opening of the first phase of the Japanese Friendship Garden was held on Aug. 29 on the site next to the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park.

Under construction since January, Phase I is about 3/4 of an acre on the rim of Gold Gulch Canyon. It includes a small entry garden, a traditional sand and stone garden, an Exhibit House containing office space and a small gift shop. An outside snack area decorated with red Japanese umbrellas will give visitors a view of the sand and stone garden and provide a place of relaxation. The total Garden will be constructed in four more additional phases covering 11 1/2 acres and will be completed as funding becomes available.

Larry L. Marshall, president of the Garden Society, said that Phase I would serve to introduce the San Diego community to the art of Japanese Garden. The Garden will be open free to the public on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Moto Asakawa, 75, who lived with his parents at the old Japanese tea garden, which was built in 1915, in the park felt the opening was a "dedication to my parents for their many years with the tea garden."



**HELVETIA CEMETERY PLAQUE**—Sacramento JACLers Mike Sawamura (left) and Mike Iwahiro stand behind memorial plaque at Sacramento East Lawn Memorial Park, where the unidentified remains of 700 Japanese were reinterred from New Helvetia Cemetery in 1956. Dedication of the marker held Aug. 18 was witnessed by 150 people with the Rev. H. Kimura, Konkō Church; Rev. K. Hasegawa, Tenrikyo; Rev. M. Nakagawa, United Methodist Church; Rev. Bob Oshita, Buddhist Church conducting services. Sacramento Taiko Dan participated; Tom Fujimoto was emcee.

## Actors Equity Position on 'Miss Saigon' Draws Quick Reaction from JACL

WASHINGTON—After the Actors Equity Association reversed its position on the casting of Jonathan Pryce in the Eurasian lead in "Miss Saigon" Aug. 16, the *Washington Post's* editorial the previous day had criticized the original Equity position as "ludicrous" and extreme.

Yet Washington JACL representative Paul Igasaki, whose letter was published in the *Post* within 48 hours of the Equity reversal, which was duly noted, said that the *Post's* position was "wrong, too."

The *Post's* solution of casting minorities in "so-called nontraditional roles" did not take into account the problem faced by Asian Americans since the beginning of Asian Americans in the entertainment industry, according to Igasaki.

The only roles traditionally available have been minor, often stereotyped and more often negative in the image, he added. "These roles have projected a racist view of Asian Americans to larger society and have exacerbated anti-Asian feeling. Such roles gave little opportunity to Asian actors and actresses to demonstrate their skills."

And the lack of minority spots in "nontraditional" classical roles, such as in Shakespeare productions, always seem to work against, not for, Asian Americans, Igasaki wrote.

The *Post* may feel Actors Equity position was "silly" and "ludicrous." Perhaps this is because the *Post* has yet to appreciate the continuing history of anti-Asian racism in the United States, Igasaki said in conclusion:

"While covering fully the inter-minority group conflicts in New York city, the *Post* has ignored by Bensonhurst-like racial killings of Chinese American Jim Loo in Raleigh, N.C., and of Vietnamese American Hung Truong in Houston.

"Just as in the days of the early civil rights movement, moral efforts such as Equity's that focus attention on racial inequity will often be trivialized. But

perhaps we have won something by at least getting this issue discussed at the national level."

### JACL Director's Comment

National JACL Executive Director Bill Yoshino, in his Aug. 14 letter to Colleen Dewhurst and Alan Langer, president and executive secretary, respectively, of Actors Equity, said the JACL supported what is now their original stand to oppose the London star in "Miss Saigon," "because it was a moral issue."

The letter reviewed the twin problem of anti-Asian discrimination in the entertainment industry and the very slow progress to land major roles, especially with an Asian cast. Yoshino pointed out:

"Actors Equity is right to be concerned about the very limited opportunities available to its Asian members."

"Not only are Asian acting professionals hurt by lack of positive opportunities; so also is our society by continued racial stereotypes and the lack of Asian role models."

"... Contrary to statements of some of your detractors, there are many talented Asian American actors and actresses for virtually any roll."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ex-Ambassador Reischauer, 79, Dies

LA JOLLA, Calif.—Edwin O. Reischauer, who served as U.S. ambassador to Japan during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, died Sept. 1 of hepatitis. The historian and professor of Japanese at Harvard University, he was to be a headliner at the 1978 national JACL convention at Salt Lake City to participate in a workshop on the future of U.S.-Japan relations. But he was unable to come for health reasons.

### New Japan Hotel President's Fire Sentence Upheld

TOKYO—The Tokyo High Court on Aug. 15 rejected an appeal by Hideki Yokoi, 77, president of Hotel New Japan who was sentenced to three years in prison for failing to prevent a fire that killed 33 people in Feb. 8, 1983. The district court had held him responsible for the second largest fire in Japan's postwar history, partly because he neglected to install sprinklers and fireproof partitions despite repeated warnings from fire authorities. Among the victims was San Franciscan Mutsuyo Furiya, remembered for helping Nisei federal employees who were interned during WWII to earn retirement credit.

## Calif. Assembly Soundly Defeats ACR 181 to Rewrite History of Internment in State Textbooks

By George Matsuoka

SACRAMENTO—On Tuesday, Aug. 27, nearly 150 Nikkei were witness to an extraordinary event on the floor of the California Assembly as its members debated a resolution professing to justify the internment of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

As unusual attention fell on the floor, Assemblyman Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beach) rose to present his measure, ACR 181, stating his finding and conclusion that the 1942 removal of Japanese Americans had been a military necessity, that these people were simply relocated and not interned, that the centers should not be labeled as "Concentration Camps," and that to state otherwise was a political attempt at revision of history.

ACR 181 was resoundingly defeated 60-4, following a protracted debate, a debate in form as only those in opposition rose to speak aside from Ferguson's efforts. Voting in support were Marian La Follette (R-Northridge), Cathie Wright (R-Simi Valley) and Phillip Wyman (R-Bakersfield). Also there were eleven (11) abstentions, all Republicans.

Ferguson offered his resolution to refute Assemblywoman Jackie Speier's (D-South San Francisco) resolution (ACR 37) passed last year which stated Japanese Americans had been "unjustly interned in concentration camps during World War II" and that there had been

no military justification for the act, citing the findings of the Congressional Commission.

ACR 37 urged upon the California schools to adopt a curriculum which reflected that view and told the true but tragic story of the forced removal and detention of 120,000 persons of Japanese descent without due process, the majority of whom were American citizens.

Ferguson, in defending his position, seemed to allude to several misstatement of facts in spite of his appeal to provide California's children with the truth of history. He repeated his contention that the relocation had occurred equally among Europeans, and that Japanese American had been "free" to move from the "restricted military areas" of the Pacific Coast as some Europeans had.

Ferguson stated further "to deny any military justifications as if Pearl Harbor didn't exist—is absurd." No Japanese American citizens were forced to go into an internment camp. They were in relocation camps.

The opposing floor action was led by Assembly members Phil Isenberg (D-Sacramento), Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) and Speier. Isenberg stated, "We can be a true democracy and acknowledge the wrongs of the past and seek to see they never occur again."

Johnson added, "What happened

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## Selanoco JACLers in Debate With Vets at Library on Internment Books

ANAHEIM, Calif.—The debate in Sacramento over how history will remember the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II stirred memories and emotions among veterans who gathered Aug. 25 on the steps of the Anaheim Public Library, noted the *Orange County Register* writer Laura-Lynne Powell.

Harold Hicks of Anaheim, who fought against Japan and was a prisoner of war, wondered why President Reagan in 1988 ordered \$20,000 in reparations for each surviving Japanese American confined to an internment camp.

"I survived the Bataan Death March," said Hicks, 68, his eyes clouding behind tears. "I lost my brother there. You worked in those camps or you didn't eat. They didn't give us a penny."

Ruth Mizobe, chapter president of Selanoco JACL, Clarence Nishizu and

Jun Fukushima, both co-founders of the chapter, confronted Hicks and 15 others at the library.

Nishizu (not a veteran as reported) and Fukushima, an MIS veteran, shared their memories of WWII experiences. They stood only a few feet from Hicks, but they were worlds apart.

Nishizu, 79, said he had spent two years in a relocation camp established for Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The Fullerton man remembered: "It was awful. We were American citizens, yet we had to be detained behind barbed wire with guns pointed at us."

Hicks' group—many former prisoners of war—rallied to support a resolution by Assemblyman Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beach) that supports President Franklin D. Roosevelt's use of the camps as a wartime necessity.

"We used the camps to save you," one veteran said to Nishizu. "If there had been riots, the Americans would have killed you."

Nishizu shook his head. "You miss the point," he said. "We were American citizens. I'd rather have died here . . . on this spot."

Hick's group also protested what it said was the library's decision not to include in its collection two books that support the use of such camps. Library officials said the books are being reviewed, no decision has been made.

Nishizu later said the Selanoco JACL had been asked to review the two books and found them "to be full of lies" and unfit for use in a public library. The title of the books, authored by Lillian Baker, are: "America & Japanese Relocation in World War II: Fact, Fiction and Fallacy" and "Dis-honoring America: The Collective Guilt of American Japanese."



**PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM FOR YOUNG AMERICANS (PCYA):**

**A Great Program at the Outset in the 1970s, But Interest Waning Now for JAACL Chapters**

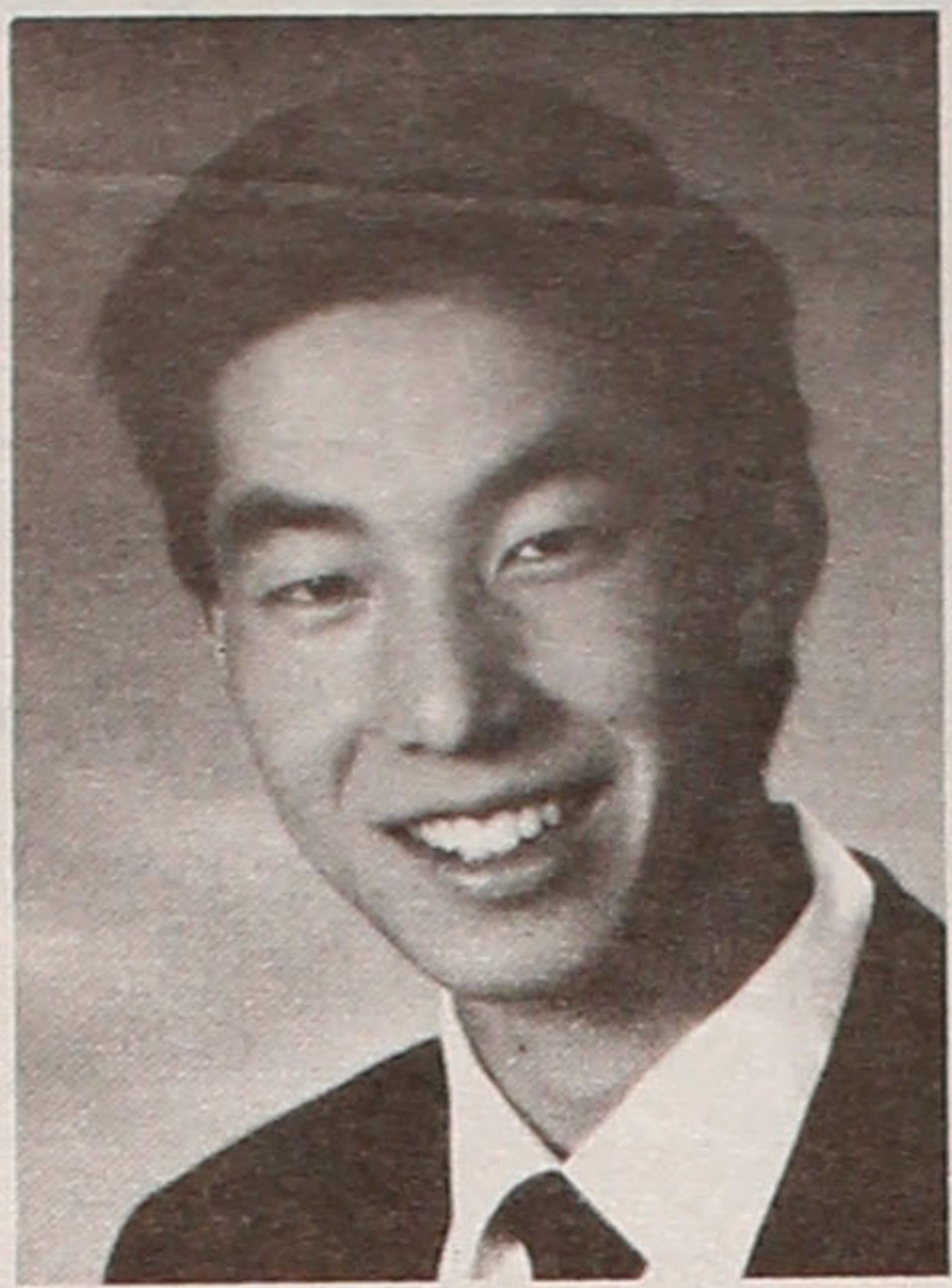
**T**he Presidential Classroom for Young Americans program was an important element of chapter programs in the 1970s. The Mt. Olympus Chapter (Utah) has sent an outstanding high schooler most of the years since the early 1970s and in some years there have been two going.

The program has probably fallen out of favor because of its high cost. Between air fares and the classroom tuition, the investment by our chapter this year was almost \$1,100. Since our chapter budget averages between \$3,000 and \$4,000, we swallow hard when we reserve a slot for Presidential Classroom Program, but we remain firmly committed to it.

Our hope is that the one week classroom will inspire political awareness and kindle a desire for public service in some of the bright, ambitious Nikkei in our JAACL community.

The following was the result of an interview for our chapter newsletter. Todd Tokita attended the last classroom session for 1990 held in June.

—Yasuo T. Tokita



**TODD TOKITA**

**Observations on the Presidential Classroom BY TODD TOKITA**

The most poignant moment was just before their departure from Washington. It was like a high school graduation—as if we had known members of our caucus group for a long time. By the end of the week we were all good, close friends.

It was a terrific experience—both politically and socially. Socially we met other kids from most of the states in the U.S. plus Belgium, Japan, Puerto Rico, South Korea, and Spain. This was a unique opportunity to dispel stereotypes about one's home state. The most frequently asked questions: Are you Mormon? (No.) Do you ski? (Yes.)

Other stereotype dispelling questions and answers: Yes, Mormons are allowed to watch TV. No, there are not large numbers of polygamists in Utah.

The week spent in the Presidential Classroom was an exhilarating experience for Todd. He was one of 229 high schoolers and recent high school graduates, who were enrolled in the June 16-23 session.

It was exhilarating but exhausting. We were up daily at 7:00 a.m. and in bed at 12:30 a.m. The week was packed with seminars, debates, sightseeing, and meetings with Utah's congressional delegation. My appointment with Senators Hatch and Garn (of Utah) was cancelled because they were in joint session of Congress held for Nelson Mandela.

My classmates made up an impressive group. They all had plans to attend big-name institutions. Their majors and futures were planned out. They were all bright and very mature for their ages.

All of the kids had a great awareness of politics and current events, so much so that some of the seminar speakers were intimidated by their questions.

Even the rooming with three other guys in the hotel was a good learning experience. The classroom staff did a good job in placing me with kids from diverse parts of the U.S. The drawback was the snoring, and one of the guys who talked a lot in his sleep.

The Presidential Classroom is a great experience that every kid should have. It was an exciting time to be in Washington, D.C., where a lot of action was taking place—at a period when democracy is breaking out all over the world. I'm grateful to the Mount Olympus Chapter for sending me.

TODD TOKITA is the son of Yas and Elaine Tokita and graduated with honors from Alta High School on June 7, 1990.

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**Sen. Inouye Backs Psychologists to Be Trained to Prescribe Drugs**

WASHINGTON—Army officials have chosen two psychologists to be trained in a year-long pilot program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center that will eventually allow them to prescribe any medication without supervision.

Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye is siding with them, the Honolulu Advertiser reported Aug. 16. He also submitted testimony earlier this year supporting Hawaii psychologists and nurses when they unsuccessfully sought prescription privileges at the Hawaii legislature.

As chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, he is trying to extend prescription privileges to various health workers in Alaskan villages and Indian country.

And in a recent interview, Inouye said he has high respect for nurses and other non-doctors who deal directly with patients. "I spent nearly two years in a military hospital and it was nurses who sutured my wounds. During the wartime period, I would see physicians once a week and see nurses every day. I've always thought nurses were getting a bum deal."

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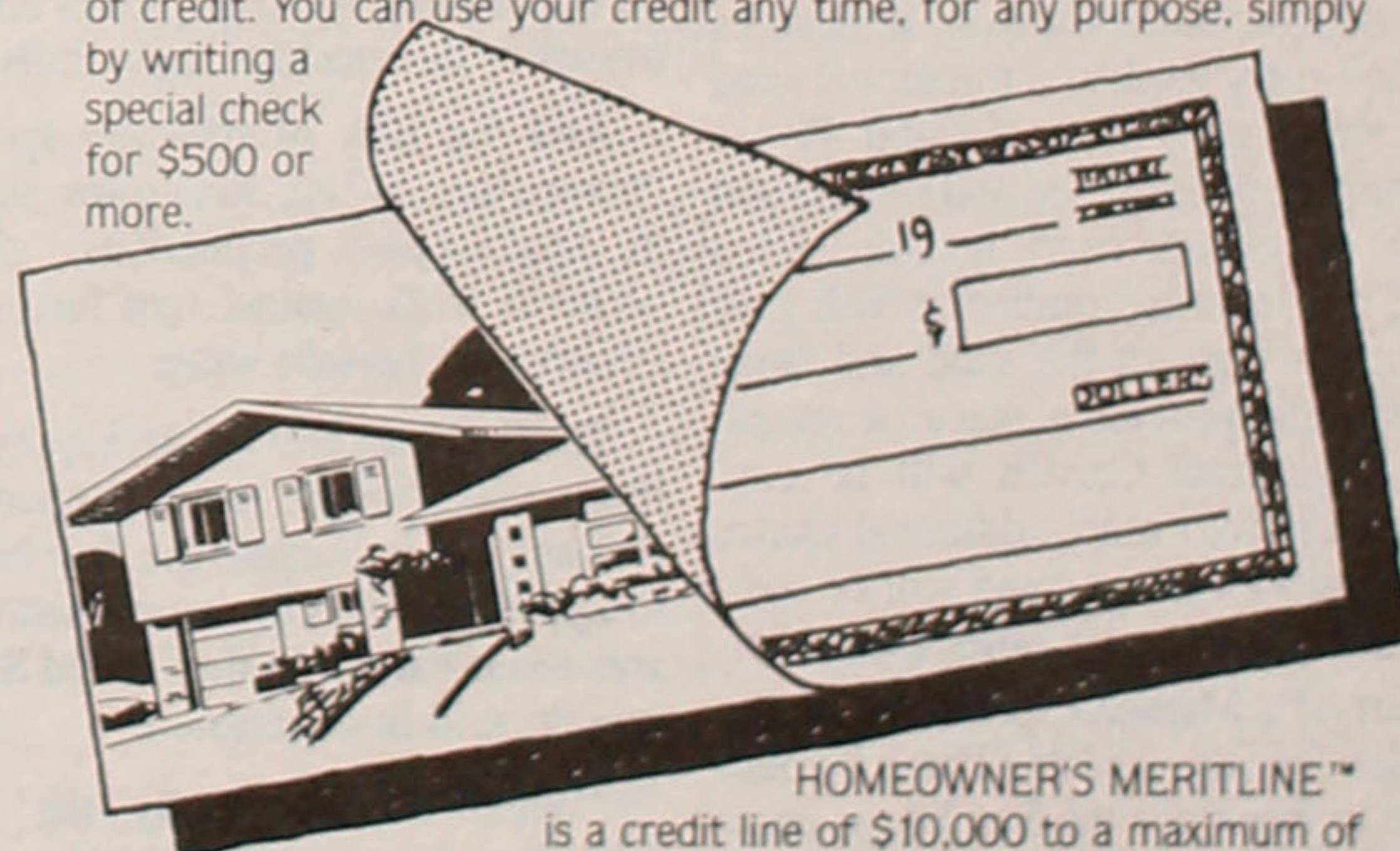
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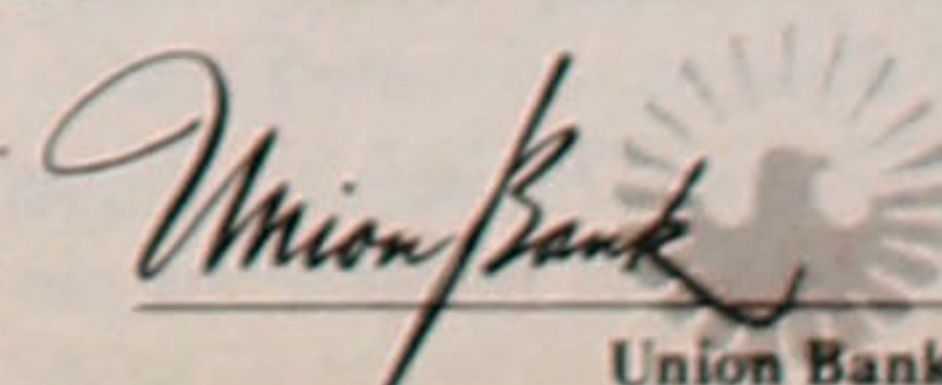
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## Calif. DMV Recalls Vanity Plates With Anti-Italian Words

SACRAMENTO—The Calif. Dept. of Motor Vehicles recalled 333 vanity plates inscribed with the words *Wop* or *Dago* at the urging of the Sons of Italy, an 85-year-old fraternal order that says the terms are deeply offensive to most Italian Americans.

But, noted the *Los Angeles Times* Aug. 21, the DMV was inundated with the protests from Italian Americans who purchased such plates as a somewhat tongue-in-cheek tribute to their ethnic heritage. Such as:

Santa Rosa attorney Annette Lombardi—DAGO ESQ; Dave Giordano, a Fresno paper distributor—TOP WOPS; San Clemente property manager Patricia Tedeschi—NY DAGO.

(In the early 1970s, JACL successfully mounted a campaign to have plates with *Jap* recalled. In July, 1973, then-Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill introduced by Newport Beach Republican Assemblyman Robert Badham to recall vanity plates with the anti-Japanese epithet. DMV computers now contain a list of disputed words, racial or ethnic insults or a close variation.)

Sons of Italy spokesman Richard Armento of Palm Springs said his group and many other Italian Americans strongly back the recall. To many older Italian Americans—especially those from the East Coast cities—the words are past reminders of hate and anti-Italian discrimination.

"I realize a lot of people think it's funny, and I know ethnics say these things among themselves," Armento said. "But you shouldn't do it in public, because it only furthers an ethnic stereotype."

## N.Y. Mayor's Commission Issues Report on Black Boycott of Korean Stores

NEW YORK—Mayor David Dinkin's commission to investigate a black boycott of two Korean grocery stores in Brooklyn's Flatbush section issued its report Aug. 30, which the *New York Times* editorial said, "makes even the cynics look starry-eyed."

The Times reminded the cynics had suggested the commission was appointed to "diffuse responsibility for an intolerable display of racism." The editorial said,

"The report ignores the point (of racism) and so does Mr. Dinkin's: the longer racism is appeased by weak leadership, the more embattled will be New York's already ragged race relations. And make no mistake. The Flatbush boycott, which the report deals with, and a second boycott now underway in the Brownsville neighborhood, are racist."

## DAN RATHER

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Americans posed no health threat and has so acknowledged.

Rather's remarks were described by Nakagawa as giving credence to those who still believe the internment and relocation were justified.

"In countering President Hussein's remarks," Nakagawa said, "It would have made more sense to note the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans was a matter between the U.S. and its citizens, a tragedy for which the government has apologized and will provide damages.

"Confusing a matter of domestic policy and treatment of Americans with foreign policy was the very mistake made by our government during World War II.

Concluded Nakagawa, "Neither Saddam Hussein nor CBS News should continue such a mistake in 1990. . . . These distinctions are important as well to mitigate any hostile treatment toward Arab Americans in this country."

## High Desert JACL Awards Two Scholarships

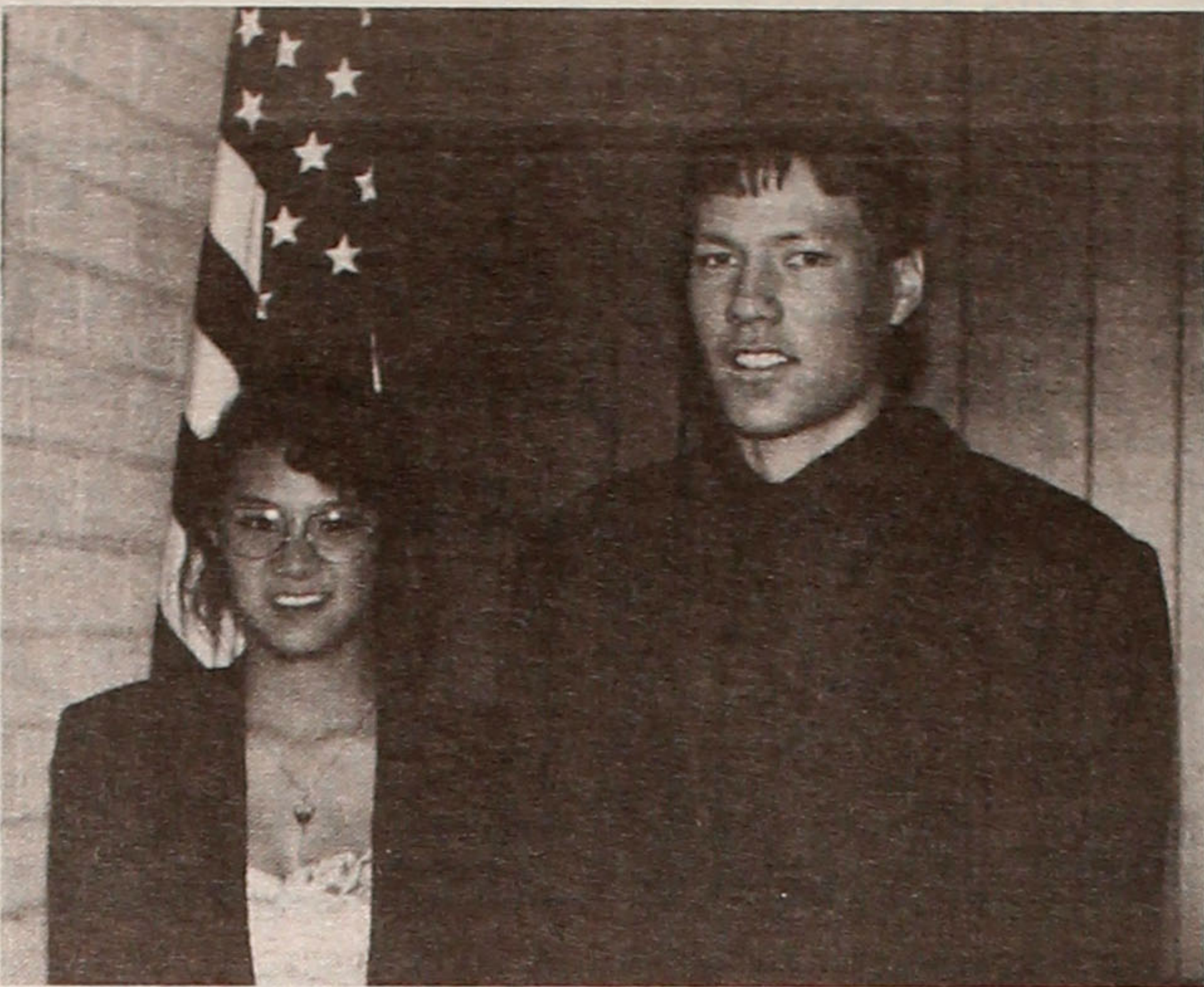


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HIGH DESERT JACL presented \$350 scholarships to Julia Kono (left) of Palmdale High and to Gabe Higa of Quartz Hill High at its scholarship award program June 13 at the Lancaster Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Rae Hideko Yoshida, vice president of academic affairs at Antelope Valley College, spoke on the history of Japanese and Asians in America. Konrad Kono, recent UC Santa Barbara graduate and Julia's brother entertained with a piano solo.

## Forgotten Letters of 1945 Addressed to Evacuees Uncovered from WWII Mementos

MENLO PARK, Calif.—As a favor to some Nisei in Japan he had met during the U.S. Occupation, Ernest Williams, now of Menlo Park, recently found three letters—unopened and undelivered—he promised to mail but forgot but now hopes they can still reach their intended recipients:

Jesus Minakata (address indistinguishable), Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico.

Toshiyuki Minakata, 65-8-D, Gila River Relocation Center, Rivers, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nishida, 146-A Terminal Way, Terminal Island, Calif.

Anyone who knows any of these people or their surviving relatives can contact Holly A. Heyser, *The Peninsula Times* (415) 365-3120.

The letters were found by his daughters Vicki Williams and Angie Merlone among Army mementos saved by his mother.

Williams, in explaining their presence, said the Japanese were unable to use the mail at the time and American

servicemen going home were their best bet.

When he got sudden orders to ship out, Williams left many of his belongings behind, including the letters. The Army later shipped them to his mother's home in Missouri. When his mother passed away last May, the Army mementos surfaced when he and his daughters cleaned the house.

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## Greater Portland Area Reunion Hailed as 950 Register; Also on Videotape

By George Katagiri

PORTLAND, ORE.

"This was the best weekend I ever had in my life!" "The program was so well planned and organized . . ." "I felt lumps in my throat several times during the presentations." "Thanks so much for putting on the reunion for us." These comments typify the reactions of those who attended the Greater Portland Area reunion.

After two years of planning, the 1990 reunion materialized on Aug. 3-5 with over 950 registrants—some as far away as Ontario, Canada, New York, Alaska and Japan, too—participating in activities that ranged from picnics to golf tournaments.

The reunion was kicked off with a mixer at the Red Lion Inn ballroom. Prewar athletes, club members and those who lived in towns around Portland greeted each other with tears and elation as friends met for the first time in 50 years. The evening was enhanced by an unending flow of food and a display of old photographs. It was evening for hugs and kisses.

The barometer for the success of the mixer was the noise level—even the winning prize numbers in the drawing were barely audible and many went unclaimed. (The big winners were John Doi of Mishawaka, Indiana, and William Oda of San Jose.)

On Saturday, bus loads of old-timers took to the roads that didn't exist in 1940 and through towns that had completely changed. There was a nostalgic stop at the former Portland Assembly Center. Many visited some of the new

attractions in town. Golfers spent the afternoon on one of the hottest days of the year, opting to enjoy the greens than succumb to the heat.

The evening banquet program encapsulated the thoughts and memories for all with a documented summary of Portland's Nihonmachi in 1940 to the present. Especially touching were the tributes to the Issei and those Nisei who died on the battlefields. The full program held the 900-plus in attendance completely entranced from the beginning to the end. George Nakata was emcee.

A picnic at Blue Lake Park concluded the three full days of activities. Softball, food, races, bingo and the never-ending buzz of conversation filled the day and ended appropriately by holding hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

POSTSCRIPT—There's an old saying—"It ain't over until the fat lady sings." Well, she hasn't sung yet! This weekend put those who came in touch with long-lost friends. Christmas lists will grow and many will recall the reunion with fond memories perusing the pictures in the souvenir booklet or replaying the videotape that captured the event in sound and motion. (VHS copies may be ordered at \$20 from Harue Ninomiya, 1729 Russet St., Portland, OR 97217.) . . . The essence of this reunion is even cast in stone, which was dedicated at the Japanese American Historical Plaza. This reunion will remain in the hearts of minds of all those who attended for years to come.

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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

### The Japan Bashing Ads

The advertising agencies of New York's Madison Avenue are peopled by bright, creative, innovative young men and women. Their success is based on their ability to come up with ideas for advertising campaigns that will persuade the public to buy whatever it is their clients are selling.

Some campaigns have been phenomenally successful. The product—a headache remedy, a beverage, a breakfast cereal—may not have been much different from that of competitors, but catchy advertising campaigns have been known to touch off astonishing buying sprees.

Competition, understandably, is fierce. Yesterday's success is no assurance of an advertising agency's future. Each day, each season, each year, bring challenges to create new ideas. Ad agencies unable to produce such ideas can kiss their accounts goodbye. Often client demand for ads that will sell leads agencies to reach out desperately for a theme that will work.

The American automobile industry currently is in trouble. Belatedly, the industry discovered foreign competitors were producing better products in more modern plants. The industry spent millions to improve its performance and its ads began to stress improved quality. But once a buying trend is established, reversal is difficult.

Recently groups of U.S. car dealers on the East Coast—who are independent of the manufacturers—launched an advertising campaign to win back its market share. But instead of emphasizing the product, as the manufacturers have done, they included often snide references to the Japanese people and their culture.

This led the New York Times to look into the situation. In his report Randall Rothenberg wrote:

"American advertisers are stepping up their attacks on Japan and its people, attempting to thwart sales of Japanese products through commercials that feature ominous references to the late Emperor Hirohito, photographs of Samurai warriors, exaggerated accents and veiled ridicule of the Japanese physique.

"Some advertisers say their commercials are meant to be humorous; others say they are seriously trying to exploit economic tensions between Japan and the United States to sell products. In either case, worried business executives and others with a special interest in Japanese-American relations say these marketers are crossing the thin line separating business competition from nationalism and racism."

Count us among the concerned. At best, the attempts at humor are crude and poorly targeted. At worse, nationalism and racism are raising their ugly twin heads in a particularly sensitive area. Madison Avenue and American business should be above that sort of garbage.

Advertising is designed to promote business. Business is closely attuned to consumer response. If we find the advertising tactics of certain businesses objectionable, we consumers have a right, but more than that, an obligation in the name of decency to tell them so.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Resisters Brought Shame'

I am deeply disappointed with your editorial of June 29 in regard to Resolution 13. Any comparison between the acts of draft resisters and the truly heroic efforts of those who served in the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) is outrageous.

The record must show that the world was at war when these men resisted the draft and that over a quarter million American soldiers died fighting the Axis powers. While these resisters were carrying out their protests, the United States was in danger of losing the war, and millions of people around the world were suffering and dying at the hands of the enemy. You totally ignore the reality of the time—history cannot be changed by today's "perceptions and standards."

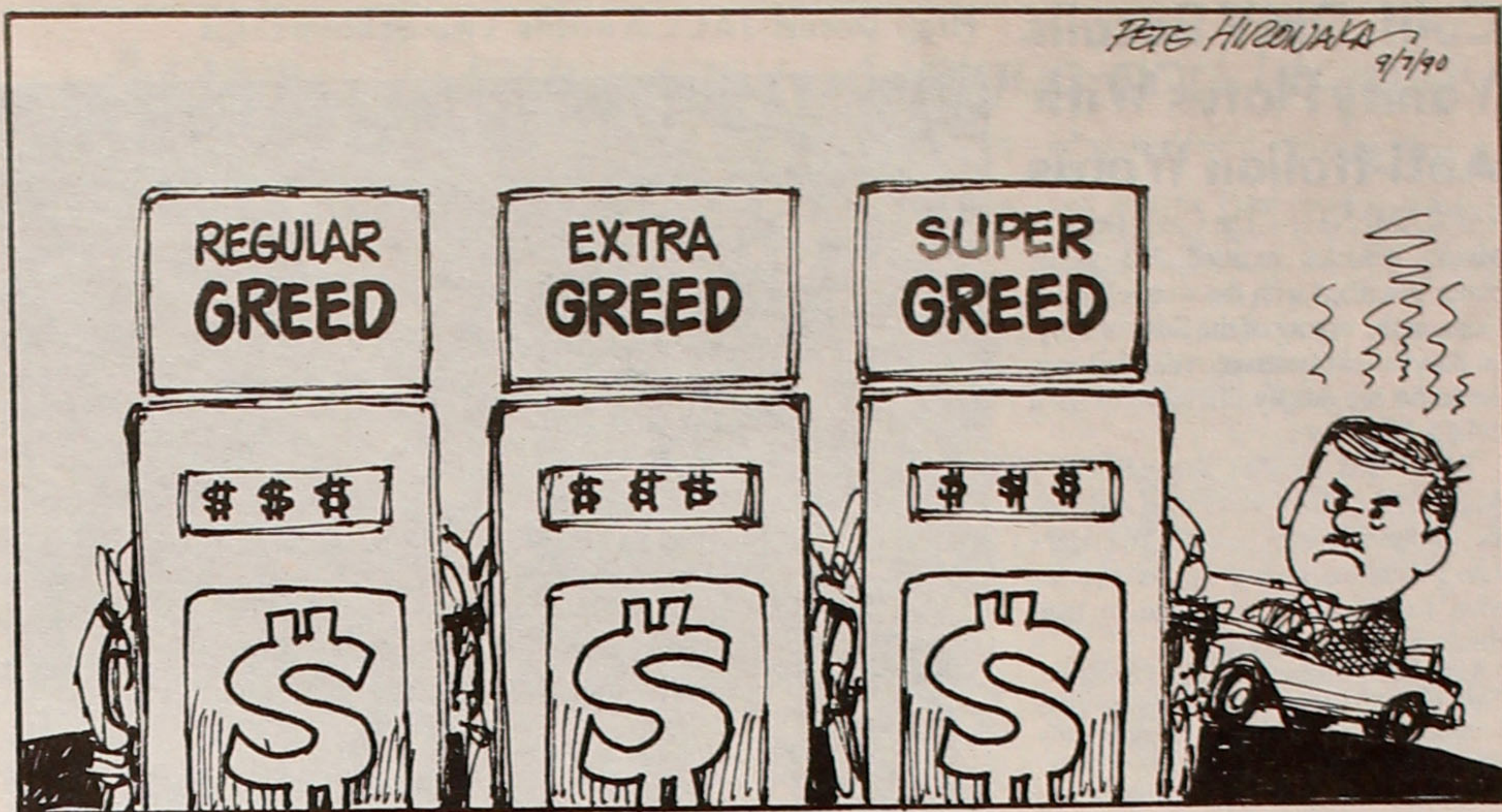
To say, "Let the healing begin," blindly ignores the bitter truth. It is not possible to heal the wounds of those who suffered the most and made the ultimate sacrifice. I'm speaking of the more than 700 soldiers of the 100th/442nd RCT that died fighting at Casino, Bruyeres, Biffontaine . . . and of those men who came back permanently disabled both physically and emotionally. The "wounds" of the resisters are of no significance in comparison.

My father proudly served in F Company of the 2nd Battalion, 442nd RCT. I'm proud that when faced with the overwhelming circumstances both at home and later in Italy and France, he and the other men of the 442nd chose the high road and carved a unique place in American history for all Americans of Japanese descent.

What would history say of Japanese Americans if there was no 442nd and all Japanese Americans decided to resist the draft? What did the resisters contribute to the country and the war effort? What respect and honor did they bring to the Japanese American community? Honor and respect cannot be accorded to those who acted in self-serving ways without regard to the greater cause.

The draft resisters made their choice and now they must forever live with it. If the resisters wish to exonerate themselves of guilt, they must face the men of the 100th/442nd, for the freedom that they now enjoy was paid for with the blood of others. It is not possible for those of us who did not fight in the war to grant the resisters any redemption or honor, and the resisters should quit trying to use others to heal their wounds of shame.

PETER WAKAMATSU  
Los Angeles



## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Recalling Good Times at the Reunion

It started as a vague "what-if" kind of idea and wound up with more than 900 showing up in Portland, Ore., last August from as far away as New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo and way points. "It" was the Greater Portland Reunion for prewar residents who had been scattered by evacuation, relocation, job opportunities, marriage and itchy feet, but who retained warm memories of the Pacific Northwest and erstwhile compatriots.

A long time ago I wrote a book called "Nisei." Its subtitle said something about "The Quiet Americans," and I defended it stoutly as historically accurate when some of the then-rebellious young shouted loudly that they weren't quiet, had never been and never would be, dammit.

If you were at the mixer the first night of the Reunion you would have to conclude that the shouters were right and Hosokawa was wrong. What a Babel of voices filled the hall as old friends greeted each other and tried in moments to span a half century of time. The Reunion organizers had a program of greetings, speeches and entertainment, but few paid attention and almost

no one more than a couple of rows away from the podium could hear any of it despite half-hearted pleas for attention and quiet. That was okay. The folks were making their own entertainment and having fun at it.

By banquet time the second night the crowd was more orderly and the organizing committee, probably breathing a collective sigh of relief, proceeded with a well-appreciated mix made up of equal parts of reminiscences, pride and nostalgia.

Reunions are not infrequent these days in the Japanese American community. Camp reunions. School reunions. Sports club reunions. Church reunions. Town and area reunions. I haven't heard of a one that laid an egg.

What makes them such warm and happy affairs? I suppose it's because most of us are the products of small and largely closed societies with shared experiences and shared memories that grow more vivid at the same time that the details become fuzzier and more dim.

We shared the experience of the privations and pleasures of semi-ghetto

life in segregated prewar communities and the outrage of true ghetto life of the wartime camps. Our experiences were common, as were our frustrations, anger, hopes and dreams, defeats and triumphs. And having shared, there exists a togetherness that continues to survive over the decades even though little details like names and relationships may have escaped from memory.

Perhaps some Nisei or Sansei psychologist can explain why in a crowd, as in a reunion, it seems to be normal to recall the good times and not the bad. Life back then, whenever it was, was not all peaches and cream. There were slights and disappointments and bruised feelings that led to grudges, feuds and worse. But you'd never know that from the warmth of reunions.

Permit me one more thought. Traveling any distance to a reunion isn't inexpensive. There's air fare and hotel reservations and meals and registration fees, and a host of incidentals. That amounts to impressive sums. It's reassuring that so many Nisei these days can afford to indulge in trips back into time.



## EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

### Nosso - Nosso

THIS MORNING, coming in to the office, a maintenance man who had washed off the sidewalk fronting his building was reeling in the garden hose. What caught my attention was the manner in which he was winding in the hose: rolled neatly side to side. I was reminded of a waitress in some now forgotten eatery, whose attention to detail and efficiency was unforgettable: no wasted steps or motions. Whenever a person carries out his/her job to the optimum, I'm impressed.

The scene shifts to Japan.

I'VE ALSO OBSERVED this approach in a number of settings in Japan—as a number of you have undoubtedly noted. For example, the scene still sticks in my mind: a clerk in the section of a department store that carried umbrellas, replacing the umbrella she had just opened for an interested customer. (Ever try folding an umbrella, rib-by-rib, fold-by-fold? Frustrating.) Well, this clerk just lifted up the umbrella, snapped it open and quickly closed it as she gave it a jerky twirl—and everything fell neatly in place. In seconds. To tell the truth, in the privacy of my home I tried to emulate that technique and was a dismal flop every time.

IN JAPAN, they carry the "effi-

ciency bit" a bit too far at times—for my money, at least. For example, if I ask for an item in a store, the clerk will run back into the stock room and come dashing back (almost instantaneously),

and as she hands me the item, apologize for making me wait. I've often wondered whether this is said, at times, with tongue-in-cheek rather than just

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## In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

WASHINGTON—Wartime military orders excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast areas were revoked completely by the Army on Sept. 4.

NEW YORK—The evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry was "our worst wartime mistake," wrote Eugene G. Rostow, Yale Univ. law professor in the September issue of Harper's magazine. He suggested that the issue should be presented to the Supreme Court "in an effort to obtain a prompt reversal of these wartime cases." Two other forms of reparations are available to assist the evacuees, according to Prof. Rostow. He said first was the obligation of the government to protect their civil rights against hooliganism. The other course suggested by the law instructor was "generous financial indemnity" be sought for the sufferings of their imprisonment, as well as property losses from their evacuation.

SALT LAKE CITY—The first postwar national convention of the JACL will be held in March, 1946, according to Saburo Kido, national president.

SALT LAKE CITY—Did you know that 45 years ago, a JACL member was able to subscribe to the Pacific Citizen for \$2.00 a year? Non-members were stiffed with a \$3.00 tab.

DETROIT—The Buddhist Church of Detroit was established with the Rev. S. Sakow in charge. On the committee are Tomi Butsumyo, Glen Miwa and Kiyoko Nakamura.



## U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

ED MITOMA

## When Europe Felt Threatened by the U.S., Japan a Curiosity

A book was written in 1967 by a Frenchman, J.J. Servan-Schreiber, which he titled "The American Challenge" in which he warned of the American take-over of the European economy within 15 years and relegate Europe to a mere subsidiary of the United States. When this book was written, the United States was by far the richest, most energetic and ambitious country in the world and everything about America appeared to be solid and invincible. [And the U.S. had announced it was raising its military strength in Vietnam to 285,000 to slow down guerrilla action.—Ed Note.]

With all the experience and statistical data available to the author, we can see from our vantage point 20 years hence, that it was impossible to prophesy accurately. Still it is quite understandable of his concern of the American Challenge for everything else seemed so insignificant. It is notable that the sudden growth which Japan and West Germany (among other unexpected entries) during the last ten years has spawned the same sort of arguments that faced the U.S. in 1967. It is clear that these arguments are based on countries feeling threatened and not due to racism.

Servan-Schreiber points out that the American companies have shown a flexibility and adaptability that have enabled them to adjust to local conditions and have done better than the native European companies.

The American firms reorganize themselves to tap the full potential of the new market and with American style management, unifying and taking over Europe.

In 1967, American corporations in Europe controlled: 15% of the productions of consumer goods; 50% of computers; 95% of the market for integrated circuits. Servan-Schreiber points out that if Europe continues to lag behind in such a fashion, she could cease to be included among the advanced areas of civilization within a single generation.

When an American corporation decides to cross the Atlantic and set up shop in Europe, it doesn't much care where it locates its plant. It can, so to speak, set itself up for auction among the competing European governments to make the best deal. And it gets what it wants.

The American rivals have a decided advantage in that it has the systematic and organized assistance of the U.S. government that gives to key industries through its contracts and research grants. A good example of this is the American electronics industry, which does 63% of its business in the form of government contracts, compared to 12% for European industry. In the critical field of research and development, the government foots 85% of the bill, compared to 50% in the Common Market. Behind most of their recent innovations is a huge reservoir of federal funds that have financed the most profitable investment any people ever made for itself.

These figures show the overwhelming superiority now enjoyed by key American industries. The flood of American industrial power into Europe has only begun and its mounting impact poses grave problems for every European government.

The American investments operate on European capital funds and this is a serious conflict for they involve buying companies to seize control. American plants create new jobs and pay higher than regular wages. Finally, the Americans reduce prices without regard to local pricing arrangements disrupting markets. But on the other hand, restriction of American investment would be

self-defeating and would lead to our own underdevelopment. American product are virtually irreplaceable under current conditions.

IN American firms, the home office in the U.S. keeps tight control over every aspect of business strategy. Even if American investors allow more research to be carried on in Europe, the basic source of profit for the corporations, and of technological development for the nations concerned, would still be where the decisions are made—the home office in the U.S.

The most important part of the American economic expansion is the innovation and increase in productivity. This is made possible by the superb U.S. education. In 1967, the U.S. had 5.5 million students while Japan had 1.3 million. In the European Community (EC) there were 25,000 graduates in science and technology while in the U.S. there were 78,000. In the U.S. there was three to five times as much access to higher education as in the EC countries. Developing our human capabilities to the fullest is what ultimately matters most—that is what education in the final analysis is all about.

The contempt and distrust of America felt by many Europeans is really their own fear of a future that their scientific and industrial capabilities will be taken over by the Americans.

Servan-Schreiber said that forecasts indicate that two or three countries (Sweden and Japan, each in its own way) will manage to keep up to the American level by concentrating their forces in special areas. But they will not be strong enough to deal with the U.S. as equals, not will they be truly competitive.

If the EC, like the USA is forced out of the running, the U.S. will stand alone in its futuristic world. This would be unacceptable for Europe, dangerous for America, and disastrous for the world.

The experience of Japan, while rather different, lead to a similar conclusion: economic growth can be adapted to social behavior and concepts of society far removed from the American model. Growth is compatible with a great variety of social institutions and individual behavior.

The power of Japan's example is not that it encourages us to imitate her society, but to accept a cultural relativism that allows each country to sink the roots of industrialization and economic progress into its own history. A nation that is master of itself is free to stamp its own mark on society.

The emergence of Japan and China may, in fact, force the large European nations to accept a status of fifth, sixth, or seventh in the international hierarchy during the last decades of this century. But it is not likely to involve difficult or agonizing reforms. The situation could resemble that of Britain today, compared to what it once was.

Americans are not more intelligent than other people. Yet human factors—the ability to adapt easily, flexibility of organizations, the creative power of teamwork—are the key to their success. Beyond any single explanation, each of which as an element of truth, the secret lies in the confidence of the society in its citizens. American society wagers much more on human intelligence than it wastes on gadgets. This wager on man is the origin of America's new dynamism.

Thus Servan-Schreiber issued his call to action. Although the world situation has changed drastically in ways that Servan-Schreiber never envisioned, you can bet that it will keep changing in ways that no one will ever predict.

## TEXT OF JERRY ENOMOTO'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

## American Democracy - Unique and United

Here is the text of an address delivered at the Sacramento Army Depot luncheon July 19 in celebration of American Heritage Week

I would like to focus upon the theme for today's program, "Unique and United", because it makes a point that none of us can afford to forget. Especially if we are to appreciate what American democracy is all about.

There was a time when it was popular to think of our country as a "melting pot," where we all became one and our differences were eliminated. We have slowly come to realize that we are a nation of immigrants from different shores, with different cultures, colors, religious faiths and values in which to take pride.

Hopefully, we have come to be proud of what and who we are, and to realize that the collective strength of our diversity is what makes our country different, but great. I think that is what "Unique and United" means. However to make that concept a reality requires a continuing commitment from all of us.

I am an American of Japanese ancestry, and my experiences have led me to appreciate truly what the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights is all about.

Forty-eight years ago I was thrown into an American style concentration camp, without charges or trial, strictly on the basis of racial ancestry. That is not supposed to happen here, but it did.

Forty-six years after that episode, a law was passed in 1988, after years of struggle,

that calls for an apology from the government and a symbolic payment for the internment.

Those of us who were victims of that treatment feel that, although what happened to us was a grievous injustice, the ultimate redress of that injustice was possible only here in America.

Our experience also serves to demonstrate that our Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, which are supposed to guarantee our freedom, are only as good as our belief in them, and our willingness to stand up for that belief.

Standing up for the belief is often tough. Back in 1942, very few people were concerned about our constitutional rights. We looked like "Japs," so we must be the enemy. A prominent general said, "A Jap is a Jap, it doesn't matter where he was born".

In a nation where being different should be an asset, given our immigrant heritage, minorities are too often viewed with fear, contempt and hostility. Our society has allowed color to become a barrier and, to the extent that color can be equated with uniqueness, we are in danger of becoming different and divided, instead of "unique and united."

It is a sad commentary that, in America in 1990, a civil rights bill must be passed in the Congress to protect the rights of minorities, and battles fought again that we believed were won long ago.

I have been particularly saddened by re-

cent Supreme Court decisions that reverse hard won legislation to correct year of inequality, particularly in the job discrimination area, to restore justice.

I regret to say that my experiences in community organizations indicate that cases of job discrimination are still too common. I find it discouraging that too many people in leadership positions seem to be more concerned about the imagined evils of "quotas", than they are about correcting the discrimination that is still far too prevalent.

Trite though it may sound, we have to march our scientific progress with progress in human relations. What good does it do to conquer space, if we can't conquer our own biases and prejudices? President Lyndon Johnson once said,

"Unless justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact." He also said, "Our American unity does not depend upon our unanimity. We have differences but now, as in the past, we can derive from those differences strength, not weakness, wisdom, not despair."

At a time when we have seen the great civil rights advances of past decades too often reversed by regressive federal and state administrative policies, and unwise Supreme Court decisions, more than ever we need to draw strength from our diversity, to make sure that we are indeed "Unique and United", not different and divided.

## FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

KAREN YOSHITOMI

Pacific Northwest JACL Regional Director

## Anti-Asian Violence on Campus Growing

resources and materials before they enter the teaching field.

The NWCAMH will in some cases provide the educational workshops or presentations, and in other cases will be involved in training the trainers with skill building sessions.

In all cases the NWCAMH will work with local people in urban as well as rural communities to empower them to take a leadership role in bias reduction.

In accordance with the National JACL Program for Action, the Pacific Northwest District Office will continue its involvement on the Board of the Coalition, and work to insure that the educational program will include materials that will serve to reduce the occurrences of anti-Asian violence, and address the issues and concerns specific to the Asian American community.

AYA SANSEI . . .

## A Lesson for Japanese Men

Politicians, mainly of the male variety, seem to be more frequently afflicted by foot-in-mouth disease than people in any other profession. Maybe it's because they've never learned to put their brains in gear before they start talking.

The United States has some world-class no-brain talkers, too numerous to mention. Now their dominance has been threatened, nay, overwhelmed, by a Japanese no-brainer.

His name is Koko Sato, and he is the acting secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party which is made up of good old boys who have dominated Japanese politics for too long.

Sato-san went out of his way the other day to insult, in ascending order, a very important woman in the Bush administration, all American women, all Japanese women, and that half of the world's population that is female.

That's a pretty good trick but Sato-san pulled it off with complete aplomb, and probably without even realizing what he had accomplished. That's how smart he is.

On his return to Tokyo from the Summit Conference in Houston, Sato-san said at an official reception that he

The Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment (NWCAMH) is a non-profit regional corporation which encompasses the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming, with a diverse membership representing civic, governmental, religious and civil rights organizations. The Board of Directors consists of representatives from Asian American, Hispanic, Native American and Gay/Lesbian communities, as well as representatives from the governors offices, human relations or task forces, and from law enforcement agencies. Its purpose is to address the problem and threat of religious, racial and sexual orientation harassment and violence in the Pacific Northwest and to present a united opposition to such activities.

was surprised to find U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills "easy to handle."

I can see him flexing his manly muscles and leering a bit as he continued: "She is a woman after all. She only throws straight balls. She doesn't throw curve balls. She comes at you with logic, so an Oriental philosophy of life is sufficient to placate her."

Aha, so women can't throw curve balls and they are easily bamboozled by a suave Asian gentleman quoting Confucius.

Sato-san has a lot to learn about American women, or even about modern Japanese women. They are no simpering geisha who are paid to titter and giggle on cue whenever the egos of their male patrons need a little massaging.

Sato-san and his pals would do their country an important service if they would find out what's going on in the real world. Even though she is a woman, Carla Hills is a veteran of Washington's hard-ball politics. She has the stuff to strike out Sato-san on three pitched curves the next time they get together to chat about Oriental philosophy or even what Japan ought to do about the trade imbalance.





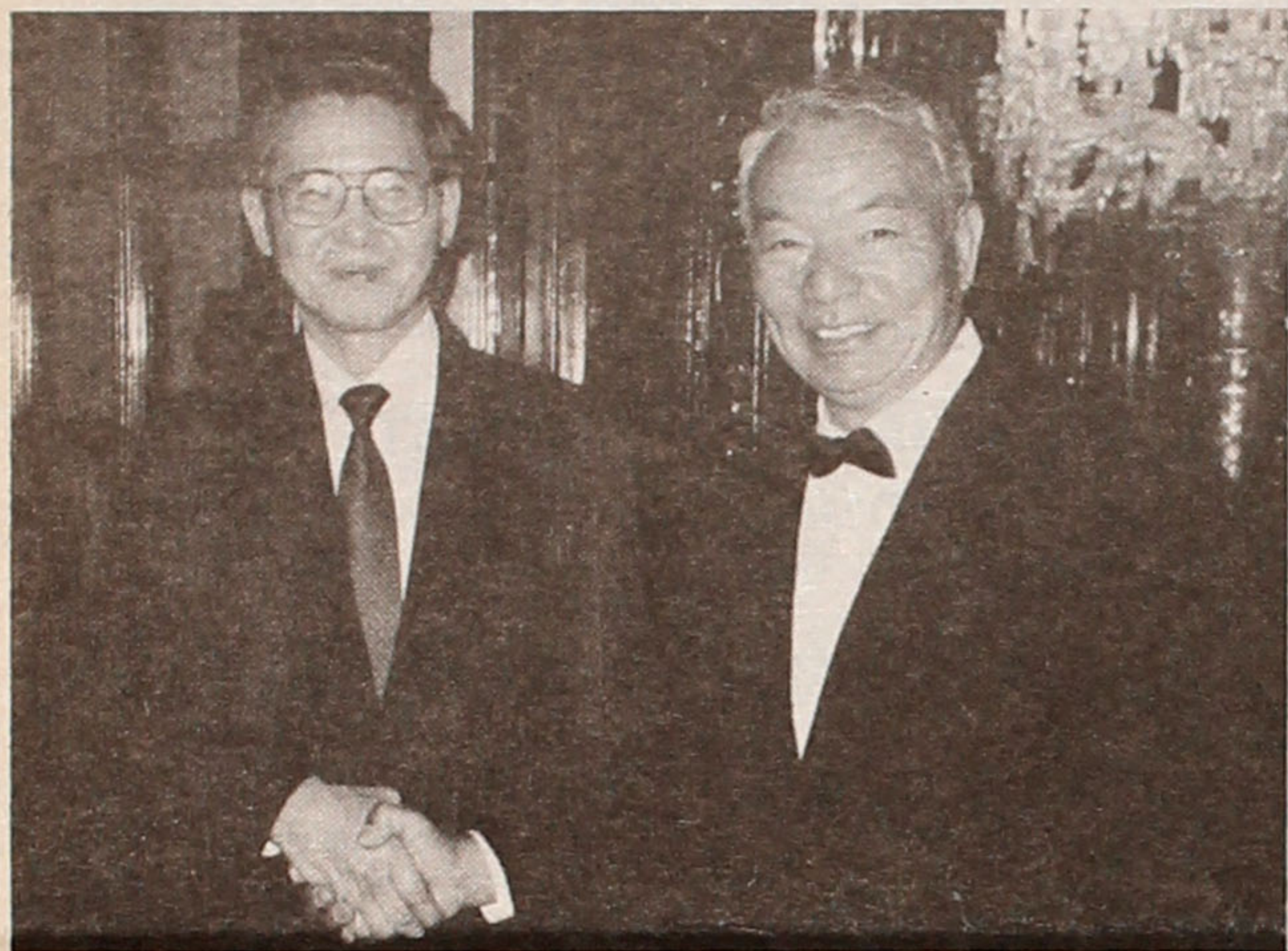
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**RECEPTION LINE AT THE PALACE**—At the end of a busy inauguration day, which began with Mass/Te Deum at the Cathedral at 9 a.m., President Alberto Fujimori and his two vice presidents (at right) met with foreign dignitaries and friends at the grand foyer of the palace. The Nikkei from the Mexico, Brazil and the United States, including the P.C. senior editor, each shook hands and exchanged a few words. The day's proceedings were telecast nationally. (The P.C. hopes to receive a copy of the Fujimoto-Honda handshake.)



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR PRESIDENT**—Alberto Fujimori (left) blows out candles on his birthday cake in front of the Presidential Palace. There were 200 cakes, gifts and flowers paraded in the short Inaugural Day march from the Congress to the palace. Fifty-two years old, Fujimori was born on Peru's Independence Day.



**'THANK YOU FOR COMING'**—At the private dinner at the Presidential Palace for foreign dignitaries and friends, President Alberto Fujimori greets Leo Hayashi, a member of the Pan American Nikkei Association delegation, and owner of a Los Angeles real estate agency.

### President Fujimori's Inaugural Day

On July 28, the Peruvian-born Alberto Fujimori became the first Nikkei in the world to be sworn in as chief of state of his nation. Here is an assortment of photographs that recall this memorable weekend in Lima, Peru, for Pacific Citizen's credentialed reporters (Martha Tamashiro, Rosa Miyahira and Harry Honda).



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**FRIENDS FROM MILWAUKEE**—Edie and Dr. Gilbert Walter of Milwaukee, Wis., are more than friends of Alberto Fujimori, who lived with them the two years while engaged in graduate studies at the Univ. of Wisconsin at Milwaukee campus where Dr. Walter is professor of mathematics. He also taught as an exchange professor at the National Agronomy University in Lima where Fujimoto was rector (chancellor).



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**FUJIMORI CAMPAIGN POSTER AND SIGN**—Inspecting the northern outskirts of Lima where hundreds of the poor are squatters, living and building simple cement-block homes, P.C.'s senior editor Harry Honda finds a "Fujimori for President" flyer pasted on the side of a house (top) and a larger sign painted on the side of another home (below) where the sides and roof are bamboo-like reeds. PANA-USA is raising funds, joining the Nikkei in Peru, to provide interest-free loan to residents of Juan Pablo II village who purchase cement blocks, steel girders and the mortar to construct their homes.



**SENATOR FOR THE DAY**—Carlos Kasuga, Pan American Nikkei Association president, of Mexico City rises as "senator" in the Peruvian National Congress where foreign dignitaries to Alberto Fujimori's inaugural were seated to witness on direct-TV the ceremonies in the adjoining House of Deputies.



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**AT THE NATIONAL CONGRESS**—P.C. coverage of President Alberto Fujimori's Inaugural ceremonies July 27-28 was assured with Harry Honda and Rosa Miyahira credentialed from the U.S. The other credentialed P.C. correspondent Martha Tamashiro took this photo in front of the National Congress, where the Peruvian Nisei president was sworn in and delivered his hour-long message.



## THE ALBERTO FUJIMORI STORY:

# Son of Parents from Kumamoto-ken Lifts the Hopes of Millions in Peru

(Ed. Note: The following biography of President Alberto Fujimori of Peru was distributed at the press center during the inaugural ceremonies July 28, 1990, in Lima.)

When on the 8th of April 1990, the Peruvian people decided that engineer Alberto (Kanya) Fujimori would be a contender for the presidency of the Republic in the election runoff, there had been very little publicity in the media regarding his candidacy, in contrast with that of the other candidates.

As has rarely happened in the political history of the country, Fujimori reached this high political position heading a newly-formed independent movement which was not characterized by a lengthy history and lacked the heavy investment typical of the other national parties.

What for some political commentators signified an incredible election surprise, soon after became—by means of the election runoff—one of the presidencies with the highest number of votes in the democratic history of the country.

[The official run-off election results: Cambio 90 / Fujimori 4,522,563 (56.53%); FREDEMO / Vargas Llosa 2,713,422 (33.92%); blank 136,421 (1.71%), and declared nullified 627,552 (7.84%). The two vice-presidents with President Fujimori are Máximo San Román Cáceres and Carlos García García.]

Fujimori had thus become the big hope for millions of Peruvians suffering the greatest crisis which has shaken the country not only in economic terms but also politically and morally. This crisis began over 30 years ago but recently it seems to have hit rock bottom as witnessed by national statistics of high rates of malnutrition, mortality and unemployment.

Moreover, the new President obtained this popularity without any political track record, without any previous party affiliation and without the backing of any of the main financial forces of established political groups of the country. It was obtained with no other support than his own links with the largest sectors of society which have made him their first choice.

Only decades before Peru had maintained a good economic situation in comparison with some of its neighbors, a state of affairs which had attracted many immigrants drawn by the belief in the legend which later became as "a beggar sitting on a gold mine."

The newlyweds, Naoichi Fujimori and Matsue Inomoto, the Peruvian President's parents, arrived in the port of Callao in 1934. They were born in the prefecture of Kumamoto in Japan. On arriving in Peru, they continued a story which had started nearly 40 years before: the story of Japanese migrants going to a land which promised hope of prosperity; some relations remained in Kumamoto such as two uncles of the man who was to become the first engineer and the first president in the family.

[The first group of 790 Japanese immigrants arrived in Peru, disembarking from the Sakura Maru on April 3, 1899, at the port of Callao. On the 80th anniversary in 1979, the Japanese Peruvian museum and cultural center was founded in the suburbs of Lima. At the gala celebration last year, marking the 90th anniversary of immigration, building plans were announced for a senior center.]

Alberto was the second of five children—the older sister Juana, then Rosa and two brothers Pedro and Santiago.

Naoichi began working as a tailor and then he and his wife became cotton pickers on the Carrera hacienda, today the densely populated district of Surquillo in Lima.

Alberto Fujimori was born on the 28th of July, 1938. Now in 1990, on the same day that Peru celebrates another year of independence, the Pres-

ident will be celebrating his 52nd birthday.

As a boy, Alberto grew up in the working class district of La Victoria in Lima. His primary education was at a school called *Nuestra Señora de la Merced* in the center of the city and in *La Rectora* public school in the old area of B arrios Altos. His secondary schooling, finishing with the highest grades, took place in the well-known *Alfonse Ugarte* public school.

During this time, Alberto's father worked in many different lines. One of these, that of selling flowers, helped the young Alberto to learn the value of work.

No doubt this experience and the family background in farming played an important role in his choice of agriculture for his further education. At this time two thirds of Peru's population earned a living in the countryside.



**AN OLD U.S. FRIEND OF PERU**—Fred I. Wada (left), Japanese American benefactor of senior citizen causes, of Los Angeles and President Alberto Fujimori pause to face a camera during the private dinner at the Presidential Palace Sunday night, July 29. Wada is an old American friend of the Peru, long associated with the famous Amano Museum of pre-Columbian ceramics and textiles in Lima. The lady in the middle was not identified.

In 1956 he entered the Agricultural University (la Universidad Agraria) of *La Molina* with the highest grades, the standards with which he graduated in 1961.

Only a year later he was teaching mathematics in the Faculty of Sciences of *La Molina*, where shortly afterwards he became head of the Mathematics Department.

Before long he took up post-graduate studies in France and the U.S.A. earning his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin [at Milwaukee]. Subsequently, he received honorary degrees from the Universities of Glebox in Belgium and San Martin de Porres in Lima.

In 1971, during a visit to Japan in the area of Kawachi in the prefecture of Kumamoto, he became acquainted with the home of his parents, where he met his uncles for the first time. Something which has recently been repeated during a tour of Japan.

While he was there he learned from a phone call of the death of his father in Lima. He had died while his son was visiting his homeland.

On his return to Lima he continued teaching at the Agricultural University and tending his own farmland at the same time.

Three days before his birthday, on the 25th of July 1974, he married Susana Higuchi, a civil engineer. Today the President and his wife have four children: Keiko Sofia, 15; Hiro Alberto, 13; Sachi Marcela, 11 and Kenji Gerardo, 9.

In his first 36 years of his life, Peru had experienced different political regimes, democratically elected or by de facto. Up to 1939 there had been the

civilian government of President Manuel Prado, succeeded by a coalition led by the lawyer José Luis Bustamante y Rivero and in which the Apra party of Victor Raúl Haya de la Torre played a major role. Bustamante y Rivero's government was cut short by the Army General Manuel Odría who held power for eight years before he called elections in 1956 which again saw the former president Manuel Prado taking over, backed with the votes of the powerful Apra party, which for a long time had enjoyed an uncertain legal status.

A fresh military coup this time lasting only a year ended Prado's regime in 1962. The elections of the following year were won by Fernando Belaúnde Terry.

As a historical pendulum with swings from civil to military governments, Belaúnde was deposed by General Juan Velasco Alvarado in 1968



**PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S FAMILY**—President Alberto Fujimori and his wife Susana stand with their children, Kenji Gerardo, 9 (left); Sachi Marcela, 12; Keiko Sofia, 15; and Hiro Alberto, 13.

social forces on the national scene. And while it became apparent that the state and the national economy were inadequate to accommodate a new generation of young people looking for work, there arose during the '60s a significant sector of the population involved in informal economic activities.

The military phase of General Morales Bermudez lasted until 1980. One year earlier a Constitutional Assembly had been elected which fathered today's constitution. [Among the assemblymen to this body was one lone Nisei businessman and community leader, Manuel Kawashita, of Lima.]

Fernando Belaúnde Terry returned to power in 1980 and five years after his rule, the Apra ranks for the first time assumed the leading role with the presidency of lawyer Alan García Pérez.

In the meantime, Alberto Fujimori had been elected Dean of the Faculty of Science of the Agricultural University in 1984, a few months later was elected in the same institution to the position of Rector [a position comparable to chancellor in the U.S. universities], a post which he filled until 1989. During the last two years of his rectorship, Fujimori was president of the National Assembly of Rectors, the body of the highest authorities of the national universities.

In this time, Fujimori chaired the television program "Concertando" on Channel 7. Fujimori brought together different experts and specialists to discuss topics of national interest. The guests on this program, without displaying political interest, talked about a wide variety of matters offering their thoughts on the main problems of the country.

Fujimori sustained the thinking behind this program "concerting" and later extended it to his political activity.

The President himself has admitted that for a moment he considered naming his political group, Cambio 90, "Movimiento Nacional de Concertación."

Culminating his appointment as Dean of University of Agriculture and



**VISITING THE FUJIMORI FAMILY**—On the occasion of President Alberto Fujimori's inauguration ceremonies in Lima, leaders of Pan American Nikkei Association visit with the president's mother Matsue (second from left) and his wife Susana at the home. The men in the picture are Leo Hayashi (left), PANA-USA vice president, Los Angeles; Noritoshi Kanai, PANA-USA president, Los Angeles; and Carlos Kasuga, PANA president, Mexico City.

President of the National Assembly of Rectors, Alberto Fujimori started to organize the basis of what later on would be a political movement.

Initially, he got together with a few colleagues at the University and then started to get in touch with representative leaders of other social sectors, while beginning trips to different places in the country.

The President remembers that they were long trips in order to obtain the number of signatures demanded by the Peruvian law for an independent group to present candidates. Fujimori and a small group of collaborators created "Cambio 90," registering it in the National Elections Committee with 150,000 signatures. When the representatives of the political movement of the current president-elect went to the headquarters of the National Elections Committee to present the corresponding signatures, the more important press media did not pay any attention to them, in contrast with their reaction to the arrival of the main political groups.

Thus, began an election campaign without precedent in the history of the country.

Shortly before election day, percentages for the great favorites began to decrease while Cambio 90's candidacy was suddenly growing; a fact that none of the political analysts or the poll companies had considered. Fujimori's growing ratings in the polls could not influence the attitude of the voters, because Peruvian law forbids publication of poll results within two weeks of Election Day.

All this was happening in spite of Alberto Fujimori's low campaign budget, in contrast with the large economic resources being spent by other political groups.

Finally, in the election runoff, Fujimori was to obtain more than 22 (percentage) points over the second place candidate.

During the election campaign, the current president elect was outlining a government program founded on a great national agreement to overcome the country's serious problems.

Already during his campaign, President Fujimori strongly defended the need for this great agreement and national concertation, to face the serious national crisis, represented by an enormous external debt, an inflation growing uncontrollably, as well as the terrorist violence responsible for more than 15,000 deaths in the last ten years.

In fact, even before assuming the presidency, the president-elect has made trips to contact the United Nations, international financial organizations and the Government of Japan in order to properly place the country back in the world economy, as well as to obtain a more favorable conditions to solve the foreign debt problem and get resources needed for its development.

The new President attempts to face the country's crisis with the help of all social sectors, the best technicians and an open communication with all political forces, within his national concertation.

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Active (previous total) ..... (1179)  
 Total this report: #26 ..... (26)  
 Current total ..... (1207)  
 Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( )

**June 18-22, 1990 (28)**

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 Nakayama.  
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**1990 Summary (Since Nov. 30, 1989)**

Active (previous total) ..... (1219)  
 Total this report: #28 ..... (28)  
 Current total ..... (1247)  
 Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( )

**July 2-6, 1990 (23)**

Alameda: 10-Tatsuya Nakae.  
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 1-Ruby Wong Nakao, 2-George I Tanaka.  
 Clovis: 41-T June Fujita-Yamasaki.  
 Florin: 10-Alfred I Tsukamoto, 10-Mary Tsuruko  
 Tsukamoto.  
 Fresno: 5-Dr Michael Maruyama.  
 Mile Hi: 14-Tom Ioka.  
 Oakland: 25-Robert N Ota.  
 Pasadena: 29-George T Yusa.  
 Placer County: 5-Hugo Nishimoto.  
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 20-Ronald Ichiro Yamamoto, 1-Dr Ken Yoneda.  
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 10-T June Fujita-Yamasaki (Clo).

**1990 Summary (Since Nov. 30, 1989)**

Active (previous total) ..... (1242)  
 Total this report: #29 ..... (46)  
 Current total ..... (1288)  
 Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( )

**July 2-13, 1990 (46)**

Alameda: 24-S Paul Baba.  
 Boise Valley: 17-Roy M Oyama.  
 Downtown Los Angeles: 10-Kenzo K Hirota.  
 Chicago: 29-Misao Shiratsuki, 10-John J Tani,  
 34-Thomas S Teraji.  
 Cleveland: 3-Frank Kawai.  
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 Marin County: 8-George R Sakanari, 9-George T  
 Shimizu.  
 Mile Hi: 15-Dr Tsuru T Okagawa.  
 Monterey Peninsula: 7-Richard Hidemi West.  
 Mt Olympus: 18-Huch Aoki.  
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 ka, 21-Takeko Wakiji, 20-Kentaro Yasuda.  
 Oakland: 33-Frank H Ogawa.  
 Orange County: 23-Ben K Shimazu, 28-Kay  
 Tamura.  
 Portland: 34-Makoto Washita, 8-William J Koida,  
 11-Roger Yamada.  
 Puyallup Valley: 32-John Y Fujita.  
 Sacramento: 21-George Kubo, 33-Elizabeth F  
 Murata.  
 St Louis: 32-Dr George S Uchiyama.  
 Salt Lake City: 10-Dale R Arnold.  
 San Jose: 12-Dr Albert K Mineta.  
 Seattle: 22-Smith Y Hayami, 28-L S Kashiwagi,  
 17-William T Kobayashi.  
 South Bay: 34-Ted K Kawata.  
 Venice Culver: 22-Sam Shimoguchi.  
 West Los Angeles: 35-George A Okamoto.  
 West Valley: 24-Joe Nishimura.

**CENTURY CLUB\***  
 10-Dr Victor Makita (Gar).

**1990 Summary (Since Nov. 30, 1989)**

Active (previous total) ..... (1288)  
 Total this report: #30 ..... (27)  
 Current total ..... (1315)  
 Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( 2)

**July 16-20, 1990 (27)**

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 38-Dr Newton K Wesley\*.  
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 Japan: C-Life-S Sen Nishiyama.  
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 Placer County: 3-Aileen Bollin.  
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 San Fernando Valley: 25-Katsumi Arimoto.  
 San Francisco: Life-Susan Mayemura, 28-Sam  
 Sato, 11-Richard Tsutakawa.  
 San Jose: 23-Yosh Don Kikuchi, 15-James  
 Satake.  
 Sequoia: 12-Travel Tech International Inc\*.  
 Sonoma County: 16-Raymond M Morita.  
 South Bay: 28-Edwin Y Miloma.  
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 A Titus (Day), 14-Kuni Yoshioka (Ede), 12-Trvel  
 Tech International Inc (Seq).

**1990 Summary (Since Nov. 30, 1989)**

Active (previous total) ..... (1315)  
 Total this report: #31 ..... (13)  
 Current total ..... (1328)  
 Life, C/Life, Memorial total ..... ( 2)

**July 23-27, 1990 (13)**

Chicago: 18-Isamu J Kuse.  
 East Los Angeles: 5-Samuel Song.  
 Eden Township: 20-Art Y Mitsutome.  
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## THE 'ORA' OVERVIEW:

# When You Call 800-395-4672 for Redress Help, Here're the People in the Office Who Respond

[The second in a series of five articles by and about the Office of Redress Administration.]

WASHINGTON

In the third floor room at the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) where Cheryl Watanabe and Jerry Hennigan answer the Redress Help Line, there is no clamor of ringing telephones, no switchboard tangled with plugs and wires, and no panel full of flashing buttons. There is only a small computer board, called a "sequencer," with silent, red blinking lights, and the steady hum of Cheryl and Jerry's voices. The calm and quiet of this office is unreflective of the level of activity that is really going on here.

The sequencer is a combination answering machine and computerized switchboard, and it alone answers over 100 incoming calls each day. It plays a recorded message providing general information and answers to the questions most commonly asked by callers. This way, many callers can get the help they need without having to wait to talk to a staff person. The remaining calls are queued up by the sequencer, to be answered by Cheryl and Jerry in the order in which they were received.

On a typical day, Cheryl and Jerry personally answer 50 to 60 calls, the average call lasting 10 minutes. Cheryl and Jerry both work on the Help Line full time, answering questions and explaining ORA's procedures to callers.

### Vitally Important Link

Because they function as ORA's full-time liaisons with the Japanese American community, the Help Line staff is vitally important. The impressions that they make and the relationships they establish over the telephone reflect on all of ORA.

For this reason, Cheryl Watanabe was chosen by Robert Bratt, the Administrator of Redress, to run the Help Line operation. Cheryl has an endless reserve of patience and compassion, and great empathy for the difficulties expressed by those contacting the office. She has an interest in counseling, which, coupled with her prior experience in ORA's main administrative office, ideally suit her for this role.

Before coming to ORA, Cheryl managed publications in the Office of Public Affairs of the World Trap Foundation, which brings music, theater, and artistic performances to the Washington metropolitan area.

Cheryl is a graduate of William and Mary College, where she majored in English. Aside from her writing capabilities, publications experience, and the many other skills she brings to ORA, she is an outstanding cook, popular among ORA staff for her mother's secret recipe teriyaki sauce, and her incredible birthday cakes.

### An ESL Specialist, Too

Cheryl is assisted on the Redress Help Line by Jerry Hennigan. For most of his professional life, Jerry has been a teacher of English as a Second Language, both in the United States and abroad. Beginning with the Peace Corps in Tunisia, his travels as a teacher took him also to Vietnam and Saudi Arabia.

Locally, Jerry has taught at the University of the District of Columbia and at Georgetown University's Center for English as a Foreign Language. Jerry's experience includes work to further university-level foreign student exchange projects between the United States and countries of the Middle East and North Africa, through the Fulbright Scholars Program and the Amideast Student Exchange Program.

In addition to his position with ORA, he currently teaches English part-time, to Japanese doctors conducting research at the National Institute of Health. When it comes to hobbies, Jerry sticks to the international theme. He is a short-wave radio fan.

### TDD Service

The Help Line is equipped to handle calls from the hearing impaired. Through a Telephonic Device for the Deaf, or TDD, hearing impaired persons can type their questions to Cheryl on a special Help Line set up for this purpose. She has a TDD on her desk and can type back her response.

Occasionally, the Help Line receives a call in Japanese. ORA is limited in its capability to take calls in Japanese because neither Cheryl or Jerry speak that language. However, there are three employees at ORA who do speak some Japanese, and one of them can usually be called to the rescue.



OFFICE OF REDRESS ADMINISTRATION staff at the Helpline phones in Washington are Cheryl Watanabe (seated) and Jerry Hennigan.

When a caller begins to speak in Japanese, Cheryl and Jerry first ask them if they can speak English. If the answer is no, our Help Line staff use one of the Japanese phrases they've learned: "Chotto matte kudasai"—"Please wait a moment"—and put the caller on hold while they call on a Japanese-speaking ORA staff person to help out.

### Tight Budget

With the high number of calls coming in to ORA every day, many have wondered why the Help Line staff has not been expanded to meet the demand. There are two reasons. The first is that funding for the office is limited. Therefore, personnel resources must be directed to the areas of operation that are most critical.

As important as the Help Line is, ORA's number one priority at this time is to have 25,000 cases ready for payment as soon as funding is available, on October 1. The great majority of ORA's staff is involved in this effort, and to reassign even one staff person to another project reduces productivity in case processing.

The second reason for continuing to limit the number of Help Line staff relates to the types of calls that are received. About half of the incoming calls are not related to cases in the verification process.

The main purpose of the Help Line is to assist those that have been contacted and instructed by ORA, through correspondence, to return documents to the Office. These documents are necessary as evidence of current identity and address, and must be obtained from each person who is believed to be eligible for redress payment, before their case can be confirmed for payment.

In its letters, ORA provides the Help Line number and instructs recipients to call if they have any questions. ORA's goal is

to assist these individuals to respond quickly and accurately to ORA's request for documents, so that their cases can be readied for payment. Given the limited personnel available, it would not be practical to expand the Help Line staff to answer the calls that the line is not intended to handle to begin with.

If you have received correspondence from ORA requesting that you return documents to the office, and need assistance or further instruction in returning the proper documentation, please call the "Help Line," (800) 395-4672, or (800) 727-1886 [TDD]. The line is open from 9:30 to 5:30 Monday through Friday, East coast time.

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**THE CALENDAR**

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**● 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.

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—The search is on for the international singing champions of Los Angeles! Nikkodo USA, one of the founders of karaoke is proud to sponsor the 1990 Nikkodo International Karaoke Contest in cooperation with the Los Angeles Festival. Open to the public (no professionals, please!) \$2,000 cash, trip for two to Japan and Hong Kong, and exclusive recording contract with Polydor Records! Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. Info: call (818) 401-0230.

Oct. 6—18th Annual Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival). 1:00 p.m. Public cordially invited. East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., in West Covina. Info: (818) 960-2566.

Oct. 27—Little Tokyo Health Fair. Wide variety of screening services for dental, vision, hearing, podiatry, blood pressure, etc. Free flu shots. Info: (213) 680-3729.

**● ORANGE COUNTY AREA**

Sept. 14-16—Stonebridge Productions 2nd annual Taste of Newport at Fashion Island in Newport Beach. Three day festival features food booths, entertainment. Info: call (714) 639-1007.

Sept. 15—Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview Ave., Garden Grove. Annual Missions & Outreach Food Festival to be held from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sept. 30—Orange County Sansei Singles will sponsor their annual picnic on Sunday at Liberty Park in Cerritos (Studebaker St.) from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Games, food, etc. Bento, drinks etc. will be provided, however reservations must be made by Sept. 25. \$5.50 for members, \$4 for children and \$8.50 for non-members. Info: (213) 715-6839, (818) 571-5571, (714) 528-7837.

**● OGDEN, UTAH**

Oct. 27—Reunion of all Japanese families who

have resided in Box Elder County, UT. at Ogden Park Hotel, Ogden. Info: Don Tazoi, P.O. Box 324, Garland, UT 84312, (801) 257-7363.

**● SAN DIEGO**

Sept. 9—Japan Day at Balboa Park, 1-4 p.m., free. Koto music, martial arts, sumie brush art. Info: (619) 234-0376.

**● SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**

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

**● SAN JOSE, CALIF.**

Sept. 8-15—San Jose Japantown Centennial. Historical walking tour. Displays Japanese dancing. Ice sculptor from Japan. Martial arts, tea ceremony, acupressure, ikebana class, cooking class, etc. Join us for these Centennial Events!

**● SAN LUIS OBISPO**

Oct. 5-7—Gila River, Arizona Camp 2 Butte High School Reunion is set in San Luis Obispo at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Registration fee of \$85 includes a Friday night mixer, dinner and dance. Sunday barbecue and a souvenir reunion booklet. For info: George Kikuchi 1340 Garrans Dr., San Jose, CA 95130, (408) 246-3511 or Haruo Hayashi (805) 489-2595.

**● SEATTLE AREA**

Sept. 8—First Hill Lions Club sukiyaki dinner, 4-7:30 p.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children 10 and under. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Sept. 9—Seattle Japanese Community Service presents a Japanese variety show sponsored by Shunju Kai and the North American Post, 1 p.m., Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University campus. Admission: \$10, students/80 and over \$8. Info: (206) 323-0250.

Sept. 14—"Celebrations 1990—It's Just the Beginning," dinner to honor Judge Kimi Kondo, Washington state's first Asian woman judge; Dr. Peter Ku, North Seattle Community College President, first Asian to be named president of a Washington state community college; and Wallace Loh, Dean of the University of Washington Law School, first Asian law dean in the U.S., Ocean City Restaurant, 609 S. Weller St., 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Send checks to: Seattle Chinese Post, 414 8th Ave. S., Seattle 98104, before Aug. 30. Info: (206) 223-0623.

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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 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

**■ HOUSTON**

General membership meeting of Houston JACL chapter was held at the Tokyo Gardens Restaurant. The meeting had been called by President Mas Yamasaki. A report on the past National Convention was given by Betty Waki, MPDC Governor, and official delegate. Scholarship Chair Sut Oishi updated the Ray Okumura Scholarship Memorial program. Discussion for the remaining activities for the current year followed.

**■ POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT**

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

**■ STOCKTON**

Tomo No Kai Grand Canyon Tour, hosted by Stockton Buddhist Temple, Sept. 18-25, 1990; \$620 per person, double occupancy; additional \$165 supplement added for single accommodations. Info: (209) 982-0939.

**■ TRI-VALLEY**

Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament. Cal State Hayward, sponsored by Tri-Valley JACL, Oct. 13. Info and application form: (415) 846-4165

**■ WHITE RIVER VALLEY**

The White River Valley JACL is commemorating its 60th Anniversary on Sat. Sept. 15, at a pot-luck held at the Senior Center in Auburn, WA from 1-4 p.m. All members 75 years and older will be recognized, and all former presidents will be honored. They will be coming from Tokyo, Ontario, Ore., and Seattle, as well as from the local community. Cherry Kinoshita will be the featured speaker, and Michelle Cullen will be a soloist. The Pacific Northwest chapter and friends in the community are encouraged to attend. Info: Dan and Grace Hironaka (206) 852-5076.

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was wrong, if even one U.S. citizen was denied his or her constitutional right and freedom, not because of what they did, but because of who they were." It was a truly bipartisan effort with at least a dozen members speaking all in opposition. If there were supporters, they simply did not speak out. One member spoke with some difficulty in opposing his friend and colleague.

Assembly members, giving nearly 1½ hours of precious floor time, was a testament to the members' resolve that it was highly important to put the Japanese American internment issue in its proper historic perspective and that the shame and the tragic event of 1942 should not be repeated.

Prior to the Assembly debate, a press conference was held at the Capitol chaired by Assemblyman Johnston. With all the local media present, seven other Assembly members attended—Isenberg, Kluhs, Lucille Roybal-Allard (Los Angeles), Speier, Mike Roos (Los Angeles), Terry Friedman (Sherman Oaks), all Democrats and Chris Chandler (R-Yuba City).

In brief statements they decried a fellow member's responsibility giving credence to military justification for the internment decision when all findings have proven to be to the contrary. Additionally statements to the issue were made by Rudy Tokiwa of San Jose and JACL Director Bill Yoshino.

Yoshino said: "It is reprehensible to believe that a measure such as ACR 181 would be seriously entertained by the California Assembly. The logic of the resolution represents the same attitude that led to the internment of Japanese Americans nearly 50 years ago. A strength of our nation is its ability to correct our errors and learn from our past—to strive for a 'More Perfect Union'. ACR 181 is a regrettable vestige of our past."

A Purple Heart veteran of World War II, Tokiwa said, "ACR 181 is a direct attack on my Americanism. It belittles the blood spilled by the all Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team to defend our country and the constitutional rights guaranteed every citizen."

Among Nikkei attending were National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa, LEC Chair and former National President Jerry Enomoto, Fred Korematsu, and a Sacramento Nisei VFW Post contingent led by Commander Casey Ninomiya.

**Mineta, Matsui Criticize ACR 181 for Sugar-Coating**

In Washington, Reps. Norman Y. Mineta, and Robert T. Matsui, denounced ACR 181, which would sugar-coat the history of the internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry by the U.S. Government during the Second World War.

"Assembly Concurrent Resolution 181 is a travesty of truth and a sad attempt to mangle history through contrived rationalizations. This reminds me of when irresponsible individuals in Japan recommended that their textbooks be rewritten to deny their war crimes in China," Mineta said.

In February 1983, the Federal Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians issued its fact-finding report to Congress, in which it was stated that the internment of Japanese Americans was not justified by military necessity and was instead a result of race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership.

In 1988, Congress approved and President Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, granting an apology and redress to those who were interned in violation of their constitutional rights.

"In California, where the majority of Japanese Americans lived before they were taken from their homes and interned, it is ludicrous for the State Assembly to even consider trying to re-

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## Books to P.C.

Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

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Anyone who has ever participated or seen a Nisei Week parade—especially during the first nine prewar festivals—will want one for the gorgeous and generous run of photos covering each Nisei Week festival, articles depicting the various decades, nostalgic pieces relating community history and all the names of the queen and court, general chair, pioneers and parade marshals.

Starting off the reminiscing is "Zadankai: Talk Goes Around," a free-wheeling recall by seven people (Tak Hamano, Masaya Hosoi Inamura, Shigeo Inamura, Archie Miyatake, Frank Omatsu, Yoshiko Hosoi Sakurai and Kats Kunitsugu) who grew up prewar in Little Tokyo. Other contributing writers include Togo Tanaka, Henry Mori, Harry Honda, George Yoshinaga, Takeshi Nakayama, Shig Kasama (in Japanese), Candace Ota, Naomi Hirahara.

Also obtainable in Little Tokyo book stores and at Kimura Photo.


### Book Marks:

**Sierra Heritage** (May-June 1990) tells the "The Legend of Okoi," a member of the first Japanese farming colony in California who died in 1871 and whose gravestone has been published in many books about the Japanese in America. **Bill Dillinger**,

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judiate the Federal mandate to recognize the injustices perpetrated upon its own citizens. More importantly, to grant that the internment was driven by logic or legitimate need opens the door for the same mistake to be made in the future," Matsui stressed.

### High-Profile Debate Reported in L.A. Times

In the *Los Angeles Times*, reporter Ralph Frammolino described the floor debate thus:

The frustration over what remains one of California's darker episodes was perhaps best expressed by Assemblyman Chris Chandler (R-Yuba City). "Why are we here 48 years after the fact trying to justify the unjustifiable?" he said in denouncing Ferguson's measure.

Ferguson agreed that racism played a part in the roundup of Japanese from California and throughout the West, but he maintained that the relocation was justified in the wake of Pearl Harbor and reports of thousands of "subversives" present in California.

"I agree with you . . . that it was wrong, it was disgraceful, it was sad," he said before the 60-4 vote repudiating his resolution. "But there were a lot of sad things going on at the time.

"Are you and I going to sit here today and make decisions about how wrong our parents were, and they were a bunch of racists and had no military cause [and that] the war played no role in this thing, in the decision?" he asked.

Under normal circumstances, Ferguson's resolution would have been swept under the rug, killed quietly in committee during the last, frenetic week of the 1990 session. However, Democratic leaders decided to bring the resolution to the full floor for a high-profile debate that had all the makings of a political flogging of Ferguson, whose outspoken conservative views have rankled many.

Last year, Ferguson made headlines when he opposed a resolution asking California schools to teach that the Japanese internment resulted from racism, hysteria and political failure—and not for military reasons. He called it part of the "liberal trashing" of America, although the resolution's conclusions were taken from a presidential commission convened by President Ronald Reagan.

On Aug. 15, Ferguson introduced a rival resolution, ACR 181, urging schools to adopt a more "balanced" presentation—one that included the idea of "subversives" and a new interpretation of relocation. "It is simply untrue that Japanese Americans were interned in concentration camps during World War II," it said.

The language prompted an outcry. At first, Ferguson pleaded semantics, claiming the "relocation" centers were not "concentration camps" in the spirit of Nazi Germany. On Aug. 28, he tried to amend the phrase out of his resolution altogether.

His attempts were blocked and Ferguson was forced to sit through a 70-minute debate that pitted him against 11 legislators—six Democrats, five Republicans. Their denunciations of

### Prof. Nakanishi to Talk on UCLA Admissions

LOS ANGELES — UCLA Professor Don Nakanishi will analyze UCLA admissions patterns in a talk at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, corner of Corinth and La Grange, on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

## San Francisco JACL to Raise Funds for Community Education, Curriculum Guide

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco JACL will honor Assemblywoman Jackie Speier and Dr. Leland Yee for their work in education at a special fundraiser Sept. 22 at the San Francisco Marriott.

Speier, working with San Francisco JACL, authored ACR 37, which was adopted last year. It urged the school districts to use instructional materials and textbooks that reflect the Japanese American internment experiences "in an accurate and objective" manner and "as a violation of human rights rather than as an act of military necessity" during World War II.

his resolution included a litany of painful memories about the war and Japanese relocation.

The voice of Assemblyman Robert C. Frazee (R-Carlsbad) cracked when he described how a Japanese family graciously bowed in respect during his mother's funeral. Assemblyman John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara) remembered the childhood sadness of seeing his Japanese grammar school friends forced to leave. Assemblyman Richard E. Floyd (D-Carson) suggested that Tuesday's debate would do Ferguson some psychological good by purging the pain of his long-ago combat in three wars.

No one stood up to support Ferguson and even some of his Orange County colleagues disappeared from the chambers before the vote. Thirteen legislators declined to vote.

Dr. Yee, a S.F. school district board member, had his "Day of Remembrance (Feb. 19)" resolution passed in June. It encourages greater understanding of the same through classroom discussions held that day.

The chapter also has advanced funds for a curriculum guide for use by teachers in the school district. It is scheduled to be finished by 1991. Funds will also be needed to purchase books, videos and other educational materials, it was pointed out by Greg Marutani, chapter president.

Portion of the sale proceeds from the artwork of Higashi Otsuka is also earmarked for the Community Education Fund. He is scheduled to be at the Sept. 22 dinner dance fundraiser to autograph his works. A selection of five prints is being offered at a special price. For info: Yo Hironaka (415) 751-1267; art sales—Harriet Ishimoto (415) 566-3603.

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## Nat'l Asian American Pacific Bar Assn. to Hold '90 Convention in Texas Nov. 9-11

HOUSTON, Texas—Houston is the site of the second annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention, an opportunity for lawyers and their families to meet professionally and socially.

The Asian American Bar Association of Houston will host this year's Convention on Nov. 9, 10, and 11 at The Four Seasons Hotel. The theme of this year's convention is "Asian Legal Opportunities and Challenges, 1990". Panel discussions and special programs will examine issues important to Asian Pacific American attorneys.

Jack Curtin, president, American Bar Association; California Congressman Bob Matsui; Federal District Court Judge Ron Lew; former Delaware Lt. Gov. S. B. Woo; and filmmaker Wayne Wang.

## NWAAT Launches Playwright's Contest

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Northwest Asian American Theatre is launching a nationwide search for original, unproduced and unpublished scripts for the first annual Asian American Playwright's Contest.

Aimed at encouraging the development of new Asian American plays, the contest offers a first prize of \$500, travel expenses and a mainstage production in Spring 1992.

Plays must be full length comedies, with no more than eight characters and must deal with the Asian American experience or promote Asian American performing artists. Deadline for the contest is March 15, 1991.

Two typewritten copies of each script should be sent with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Playwright's Contest, 409 Seventh Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98104. The winner will be notified by May 15, 1991.

NAPABA announced Travel Plus, Inc., as the official travel management firm for the 1990 convention for discounted airfares and hotel accommodations. Through Travel Plus, 40% discount off regular roundtrip coach fares is being offered. For reservations, call toll free (800) 827-1178. All conference attendees are encouraged to stay at The Four Seasons Hotel. To register, call The Four Seasons directly at (713) 650-1300 or Travel Plus.

## Nagoya Collegians Guests at Salt Lake JAACL Dinner

SALT LAKE CITY—For the tenth year, the University of Utah hosts and Salt Lake JAACL members welcomed university students from Nagoya here July 19 at dinner held at the Senior Multi-ethnic Hi-Rise Bldg.

The visitors from Japan were selected in a Nagoya TV sponsored competition for English language ability and diversity of studies. Local JAACL hosts included:

Salt Lake Commissioner/Mrs. Thomas Shimizu, Judge/Mrs. Raymond Uno, National JAACL v.p.-public affairs/Mrs. Floyd Mori, Salt Lake JAACL officers—Jeff Itami, pres.; Kevin Aoki, Tosh Kanegae, v.p.; Alice Kasai, chap. coordinator; Dean Hirabayashi, Utah JAY's pres.; Stephanie Sato, IDC youth del.; Mr./Mrs. Tats Misaka, Betty Kubota.

## Salem-Teikyo University Denies Facing Crisis

SALEM, W. Va.—Salem College, a private liberal arts institution here which has been associated with Teikyo University in Japan, denied it was folding because of declining enrollment.

Salem-Teikyo president Ronald Ohl said he expects the 370 American students this fall will be joined by 200 exchange students from Japan. (The almanac reports its enrollment last year was 750.)

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## EAST WIND

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through habit. Incidentally, I don't recall a male clerk ever making this dash-run; it has invariably been limited to female clerks. By this, I don't mean to convey the false impression that male clerks move *nosso-nosso*—sluggish; it's just that I've never seen them dash as female clerks frequently do.

BACK HERE in U.S.A. how often have we stood by the sales counter, doing a slow burn, as we waited for a clerk to serve us, while a group of them were gathered chatting and laughing? And even some of them glancing over at you? (I've wondered on those occasions whether I would have been accorded some responsiveness had I been Anglo-Saxon.) Or a recent experience at an airlines ticket counter waiting for the reservation clerk to hang up on her (long) social call as my lunch hour ticked away? (I would have reported her, except she was a minority and I figured she needed the job—and more training.) But race and ethnicity aside, unquestionably there is ingrained a lackadaisical approach to performance in all too many facets of our service and production.

I DON'T ESPOUSE Japan's stifling robotic regimentation. Read in this morning's paper of a 15-year old student in Kobe, who had never been late for class, being crushed by the school's iron gate which closed precisely at 8:30 a.m. At a subsequent assembly, the school principal reportedly expressed regret but then chided the students that they should report ten minutes ahead of time to avoid such incidents!

But neither do I advocate the what-the-heck approach all too often encountered in the U.S.

## OBITUARIES

### 'Sammy' K. Oyama, 71

BERKELEY—The ashes of "Sammy" Oyama were scattered at sea Aug. 25 off San Francisco. Born in Fresno, she passed away of a second massive stroke at home on Aug. 18. The wife of P.C. contributor Joe Oyama, a Berkeley JACLer and assistant manager at the Eastbay Issei Terrace retirement home in Hayward, she is also survived by s Joseph (Riverdale, N.Y.), Richard (San Francisco), d Carrie Miyo (Oakland), 2 gc, br Yasuyuki Kawachi, sis Nobuko Ochiai (Japan). The Oyamas were on the Santa Anita Assembly Center newspaper staff. She was the women's editor. They met and were married outside of camp in Pasadena, then stayed briefly at Jerome Relocation Center and relocated in May 1943 to New York City where their three children were born and raised.

Frank Saita, 67, Los Angeles, July 1; Dinuba-born, survived by m Kameno, br Masaru.

Tomoko Ota Salazar, 71, Monterey Park, July 4; Norwalk-born, survived by h Alex, d Evelyn Odachi, Gaydie Odachi, 1gc, sis Mildred Yanai, Norma Chiba, Hanako Matsukawa.

Frank Sasaki, 86, Los Angeles, June 30; Acampoborn, survived by w Mutsuko, s Atsushi, d Tsuyu Emi, Sumi Imamura, 10gc, 2ggc.

Ishino Seki, 95, Los Angeles, Aug. 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by d Fumiko Hanaki, Teruko Murao, Ann Saito, Aiko Sonoda, Bonnie Kojima, 19gc, 23ggc.

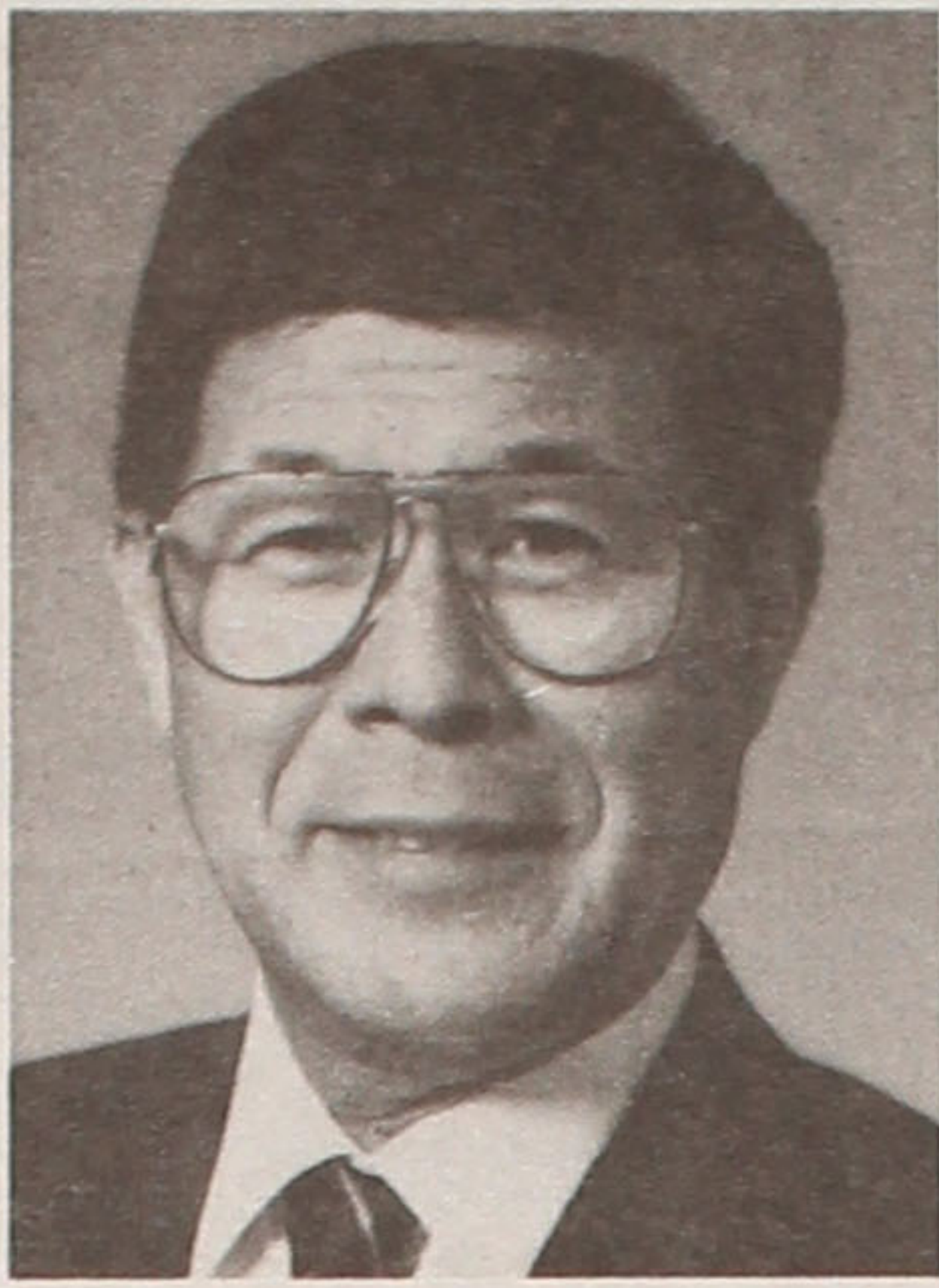
Kiyoko Shimizu, 67, Harbor City, July 29; Torrance-born, survived by h Tadao, s Mike, 3gc, in-law br Shizuo, sis Chiyoko Nishiyama (both Japan).

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TARO YOKOYAMA, M.D., Ph.D.

► **Taro Yokoyama, M.D., Ph.D.**, Southern California's leading heart surgeon, and his heart surgery team, Pacific Cardiothoracic Surgery Group, will join the medical staff at Saint Joseph Medical Center to lead its cardiac surgery program, effective Aug. 20, according to James E. Sauer, Jr., administrator of the hospital. Dr. Yokoyama, together with his team of cardiac surgeons and cardiac anesthesiologists, has performed nearly 3,000 open heart surgeries since October 1986. The heart surgery team is ranked third in volume for heart surgeries in Los Angeles County.

► **Ricky Izumi, 29**, of Cerritos, Los Angeles County, is one of Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian's appointees to a commission that will set next year's salaries for legislators, the governor and other state officers. Izumi, a Republican, is the owner of Southbay Music Co. in Gardena and a consultant to small businesses.

► **Carol Fujita, 52**, of La Puente, Calif., a special education teacher at Alhambra High with the hearing impaired students, gives an extra boost during the week to the elderly as a volunteer in the Hospice Home Care Program at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina. Her interest in the hospice program was developed when her younger sister died of cancer. The program includes a 10-week volunteer training session.

► **Midori Tanaka**, of Los Angeles, who began teaching home economics at Marshall High in the mid-'60s, has been training and inspiring novices in needlepoint pillows, centerpieces, and garments and now her students realize they have a lifetime hobby with a creative flair. She has also taught fellow teachers during freetime to crochet, etc. Her disappointment is the gradual and continuing decline in homemaking courses—adding that "not the least of which is that majors have been done away with."

► **Christie O. Ichikawa, 61**, of Lomita who retired in June, 1989, after twenty years as a nursing professor with the Los Angeles Community College District, was reappointed by Gov. Deukmejian to another four-year term as a member of the Fairview State Hospital Advisory Board.

► **The Rev. Steven Toshio Yamaguchi**, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Paramount, Calif., is vice-moderator of the National Japanese Presbyterian Conference and the 1990 moderator of the So. Calif. Japanese Presbyterian Conference. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, whose pastoral experiences have been with an African American church in Newark, Nikkei in Philadelphia, Santa Barbara and Tokyo, the Sansei is on the Selanoco JACL board.

► **Jennifer Fujii**, Homestead High School, represented San Jose JACL at the March 10-17 week of the Presidential Classroom in Washington. She is the daughter of Kenneth/Carolyn Fujii, holds high honors in the Golden State math exam, the National Forensic League and served as a cheerleader, sports writer, and played basketball.

► **K.W. Lee, 62**, a mainstream newspaperman of 35 years and long associated with the *Sacramento Union*, became editor of the *Korea Times Magazine* last February. In 1979, he took a sabbatical to publish and edit the "Koreatown"—a nationally-circulated all-English weekly in Los Angeles.

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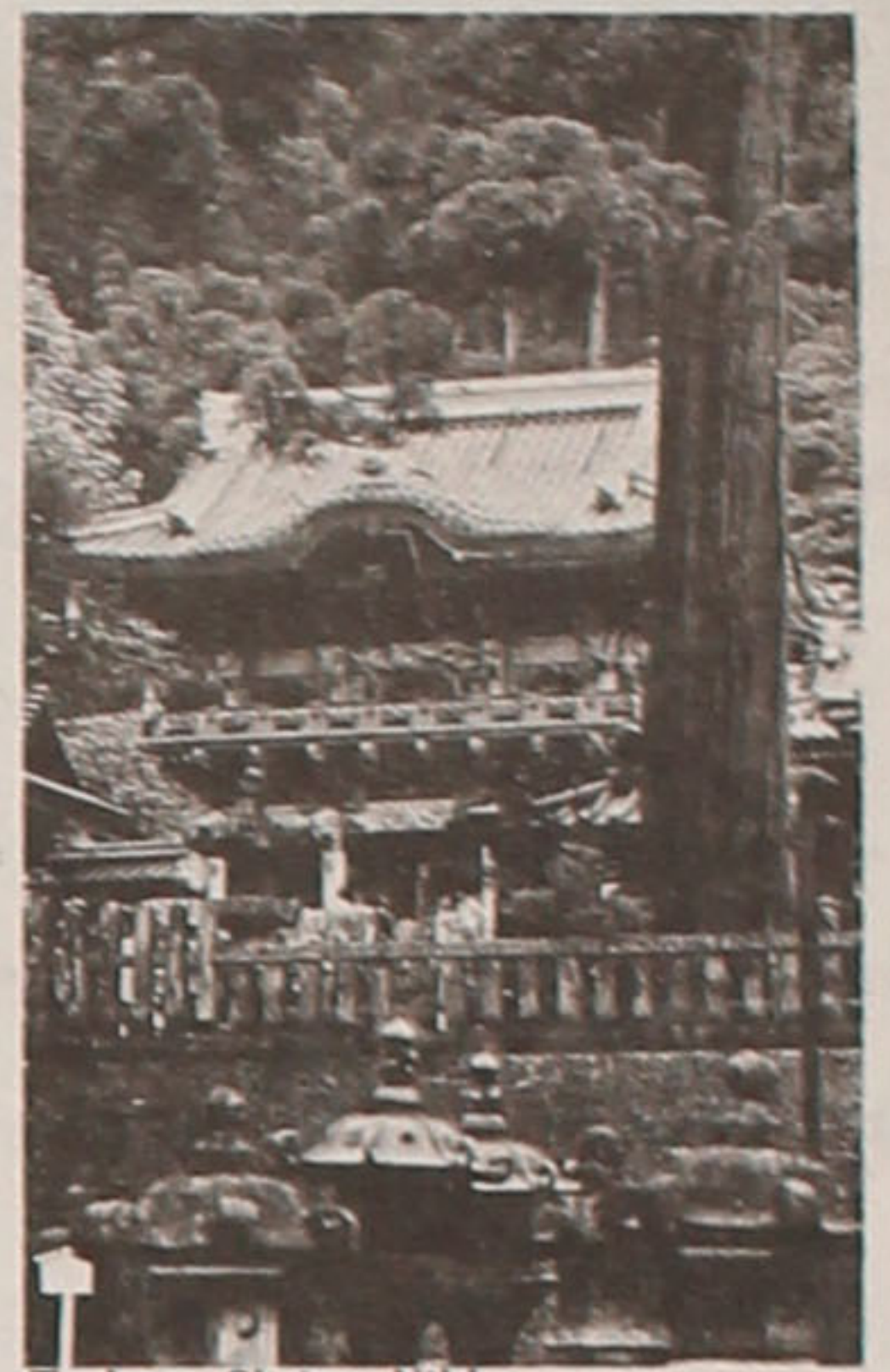
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