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## California Changes Policy for Medi-Cal Patients Due to Receive Federal Redress Payment

SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman Patrick Johnston released the attached information sheet for those individuals who are receiving Medi-Cal benefits with respect to upcoming redress payments to Japanese Americans. The information has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Health Services which administers the Medi-Cal program, and contains policy changes which were adopted in the past week.

"In 1988, I carried legislation which allowed Medi-Cal recipients to accept redress payments from the federal government without endangering their Medi-Cal benefits. It was the intent of that legislation to allow Japanese Americans on Medi-Cal to receive this long overdue recompense from the federal government without fear of losing their Medi-Cal benefits," said Assemblyman Johnston.

"It was disturbing to me that the Department of Health Services subsequently adopted a policy in December 1989 which restricted a Medi-Cal recipient's ability to distribute his/her redress money as he/she pleased. I did not

feel the State should dictate what a person could or could not do with his/her redress money.

"I am pleased that the Department has revised their policy and compliment the Department for their sensitivity to this issue," continued Johnston.

The new policy allows a Medi-Cal recipient to give away their redress money, if they so choose, anytime during his or her lifetime, providing the money is kept in a separate account and is not commingled with any other assets. Previously, the Department had stipulated that such transfers of money could only occur within a two-month period.

"Because of the last-minute nature of the new policy, there may be a great deal of confusion among social workers and Medi-Cal recipients about the treatment of redress moneys. I feel it is important Medi-Cal recipients understand their rights," said Johnston.

Any person experiencing difficulties with regard to Medi-Cal benefits because of their redress payment, or any person with questions, may call Priscilla Ouchida of Assemblyman Patrick Johnston's office at (916) 445-7931.

## NEW LETTER DEALS WITH MEDI-CAL

By Priscilla Ouchida

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. In December 1989, the California Department of Health Services issued a letter to all counties about the treatment of redress payments to Japanese Americans as it pertains to the Medi-Cal program on Oct. 4, 1990.

The Department issued a new letter to all counties which change Medi-Cal policies with respect to redress payments to Japanese Americans. The following information is based on the Department of Health Service's new policy letter and on verbal information received from the Medi-Cal eligibility branch.

*The following pertains ONLY to those who are on public assistance and/or the Medi-Cal program. Medi-Cal is California's public health system. Eligibility is limited to those deemed to be impoverished, and is a welfare program.*

*Medi-Cal is NOT to be confused with the federal Medicare program which is available to all Social Security recipients.*

Redress payments will NOT affect a person's eligibility for either public assistance or Medi-Cal (pursuant to Assembly Bill 4087 which was adopted in 1988). However, any interest or investment income earned on the \$20,000 will be counted as income and may reduce the amount of any public assistance benefits or affect a person's eligibility for public assistance and Medi-Cal benefits.

### Peru Enacts Sweeping Law to Save Amazonia

LIMA, Peru—Environmentalists cautiously praised the new government's sweeping environmental law designed to protect the vast reaches of the Amazon basin from exploitation.

The law, signed Sept. 7 by President Alberto Fujimori, sets guidelines and replaces the jungle development plan enacted by the previous president Alan Garcia.

There are NO spending limitations on redress payments—a person can purchase anything they want without being penalized. However, any assets, including property, can be claimed by the State after the death of a Medi-Cal patient.

### Medi-Cal Stipulation

A Medi-Cal recipient can give away the redress money anytime during his or her lifetime. The Department of Health Services has stipulated that the money must be "legally transferred".

Any redress money left unspent or which has not been transferred to another person or entity at the time of a Medi-Cal recipient's death can be claimed by the State. Under the Medi-Cal Recovery Act, the State can recover any Medi-Cal costs it has incurred on behalf of a person from that person's estate. Any such recovery can be delayed if there is a surviving spouse or a surviving disabled child.

Redress moneys must be kept identifiable in a Separate Account, and cannot be co-mingled with other assets.

### Medi-Cal's Perspective

It appears the Department of Health Services will treat the receipt of redress money as follows:

(1) Medi-Cal recipients can keep, spend or give away their redress money during their lifetime without affecting their Medi-Cal eligibility. (Not 30 days as previously reported.)

(2) Any investment or interest income will most likely affect a Medi-Cal recipient's benefits. In effect, any such income will replace public assistance benefits, not add to them. For example, a person is currently receiving \$600 in public assistance benefits. He invests his redress money and begins to receive \$200 per month in investment income. The State will view this investment income as "income" for eligibility purposes, and will reduce his public assistance benefits to \$400 to reflect the additional income.

(3) Any assets in a Medi-Cal recipient's name will be considered assets.

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JACL HONORED—U.S. Justice Department honors JACL for its volunteer efforts on behalf of redress, presenting a memento commemorating the presentation of the first redress payments in Washington on Oct. 9. Pictured are (from left): Bob Bratt, administrator, Office of Redress Administration; National JACL President Cressey Nakagawa, and Attorney General Richard Thornburgh.



Photo by Paul Igasaki, Washington JACL Office

OCT. 9 CEREMONY—Department of Justice honors first recipients of redress payments at the Justice Department's Great Hall in Washington. Rep. Robert Matsui is with recipient Haru Dairiki, 102, of Sacramento.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### U.H. Peace Institute Renamed for Matsunaga

HONOLULU—The University of Hawaii Institute for Peace was renamed the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace in recent ceremonies on the UH-Manoa campus. The institute was opened in 1986 and offers an undergraduate degree and education resources for primary and secondary schools. World peace was the dream of the late senator who helped establish the National Institute of Peace, a federally funded research-granting body begun by Congress in 1984.

### Asia-Pacific Studies for School Teachers Boosted

HONOLULU—More school teachers were to take part in the East-West Center based project to strengthen their Asia and Pacific studies in grades kindergarten through 12 under a \$290,689 state grant. The state-sponsored Consortium for Teaching Asia and the Pacific in the Schools will involve private and public school teachers and eight Mainland schools, according to project leader David Grossman. He predicted the consortium, now in its third year, will become a model for schools across the country.

### New History Text Adopted for Calif. Schools

SACRAMENTO—The California State Board of Education planning committee adopted by a 5-0 vote on Oct. 11 for new history books which depart from the traditional format of dates and names for primary and secondary classes. The "melting pot" concept of American diversity as taught to generations of students has been tossed out in favor of the "salad bowl" approach. The committee approved Houghton Mifflin's social studies for kindergarten through eighth grade, two eighth grade books, one by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, and the other by Scott, Foresman & Co. Publishers made several corrections after complaints from several ethnic and religious groups, including JACL.

## First 15,000 Checks in the Mail Now

LOS ANGELES—The first 15,000 redress checks in the amount of \$20,000 and accompanied by a letter "offering a sincere apology" signed by President Bush are in the mail and nearly half (6,000) carry a Los Angeles address, according to Bob Bratt, administrator, Office of Redress Administration.

(Some were reportedly received in the mail Monday.)

### The San Francisco Event SIX REDRESS RECIPIENTS

Mitsu Sato, 100; Chiyo Mizuno, 100; Takiyo Iwamoto, 96; Mary Chiyo Okinaga, 95; Kiyoshi Yamashita, 95; Chiyo Fukuyama, 94.

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Sango Harumi, Carole Hayashino, Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima, Karl Matsushita, Masi Nihei, Joyce Sakai, Nellie Takeda, Dean Ito Taylor, Marlene Tonai, J.K. Yamamoto.

### The San Jose Event

#### FOUR REDRESS RECIPIENTS

Kamechiyo Takahashi, 99; Soye Kamachi, 95; Masuo Akizuki, 94; Midori Kimura, 93.

### DEPT. OF JUSTICE HONOREES

Susan Hayase, Richard Konda, Tom Nakaji, Judy Niizawa, Rudy Tokiwa, Sue Tokushige.

### The Sacramento Event

#### SIX REDRESS RECIPIENTS

Sadae Takizawa, 99; Masatoshi Abe, 94; Shuichi Makishima, 93; Denji Takahashi, 92; Mitsuru Okidoi 91; Yasuji Matsui, 74.

### DEPT. OF JUSTICE HONOREES

George Baba, Jerry Enomoto, Toko Fujii, Ellen Kubo, George Matsuoka, Priscilla Ouchida, Henry Taketa, Mary Tsukamoto.

The announcement came during the regional presentation ceremony of redress checks here last week (Friday, Oct. 12) to five elderly Japanese Americans before an audience in a jam-packed dining hall in Little Tokyo Towers. The recipients were:

Iwa Nishimura, 101 (interred at Heart Mountain); Teru Noda, 100 (Manzanar); Tamaki Maruyama, 102 (Manzanar); Uno Taketa, 100 (Gila River); and Toyosaburo Katayama, 100 (Tule Lake).

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## PSW JACL Director Sees Next 'Post-Redress' Issue

LOS ANGELES—Jimmy Tokeshi, recently appointed Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, told the *Los Angeles Times* the day after the first presentation of redress checks in Washington last week that the "possibility of some type of reparations for African-Americans who are descendants of slaves" has come up.

He noted the Conyers bill in the House calls for a fact-finding commission on pre-Civil War slavery, supposedly modeled after the Japanese American reparations bill.

"There are strong parallels between the internment experience and slavery. Both were grounded in race prejudice, and existed because of our political leaders' failure to uphold basic human rights. There are differences also. During slavery, African Americans were denied citizenship and not guaranteed any rights. Even though the atrocities they suffered far outweigh what Japanese Americans were put through, the government has allowed the citizenship difference to blur the issue," Tokeshi commented.

**SUSAN A. KAMB OF MALIBU:**

**'The National' Calls Over a Sansei from 'Sports Illustrated' to Top Post**

MALIBU, CALIF.

Back in the '60s on Sunday afternoons when dad was probably sunbathing, Marie Akemoto Kamb and her daughter Susan would be watching a football game on the TV set and when the action allowed, Marie explained to ever curious Susan the nuances of professional football.

"She'd explain all the things going on, the off-sides, all that stuff," Susan told a *Malibu Surfside News* writer recently. "That's where it probably started."

What started was her interest in sports. It has culminated with her assuming one of the highest positions held by a woman in the world of sports journalism—associate editor of *The National*, the first and only sports daily in the U.S. that kicked off last year.

Susan who attended schools in Malibu (the Kambes for years were the only P.C. subscribers there), was in the first graduating class at Malibu Park Junior High and finished Santa Monica High. She was graduated with honors from UCLA in 1974—where her talents in journalism were honed on the *Daily Bruin*.

The Los Angeles-born Sansei was an accomplished equestrian as a teenager and competed in track and tennis at Samohi.

Her father, Karl, who died a few years ago, was a screenwriter whose



SUSAN A. KAMB

best lines were uttered by the likes of Alan Ladd in *Whispering Smith*, Fred MacMurray, Robert Preston and Audie Murphy.

Susan spent five years at the *Sacramento Bee*, a year at the *Washington Post*, nine years at the *Sports Illustrated* where she was first a researcher, then reporter, editor and the chief of correspondents before joining the editorial team at *The National*, working closely with editor-in-chief Frank Deford, who was a senior writer at SI.

Of her early years in sports, women writers were unwanted in the men's locker rooms and it was not enjoyable, Susan said. "You get only half the story watching the event; the remainder usually gleaned later on from a half-naked man in the locker room.

"It was incredibly uncomfortable. I didn't want to be there as much as they didn't want me to. No one wanted us there. I realized then I didn't want to be a sportswriter." That led to her year's stay at the Post as writer/copy editor and eventually to SI and keeping in touch with stringers and correspondents in the field and around the world.

Of her life in New York, she believes it's almost impossible to stay healthy, but rather than give up, she's decided to walk the two miles from her apartment to her office on West 52nd Street. "I've come to the conclusion that I can live in New York and enjoy it if I just stop comparing it to Malibu," Susan added.

**Salinas Valley, Monterey Peninsula, Watsonville, Gilroy CLers Fete Kondo**

SALINAS — A very appreciative group of JACL well wishers from four Central Coast chapters honored George Kondo, regional director of Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council with a retirement dinner at Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel on Sept. 19.

The warm friendly affair was "An Evening With George." Responding with many fond memories and organizational experience with much gratitude and thanks for a job well done in behalf of the host chapters were:

David Kadotani, Watsonville; John Kado, Gilroy; Mickey Ichijui, Monterey Peninsula and Harry Iida, Salinas Valley.

Master of Ceremony, Rick West of Monterey surprised Kondo by presenting him with an engraved gold wrist watch for his fifteen years of loyal, dedicated service.

The honoree retired in June after directing the League's single largest district council of 34 chapters that spread from Reno, Nevada to Honolulu and Tokyo. Kondo and wife Chie are planning to move from San Francisco to Pennsylvania next year, bringing them closer to their daughter, Jean.

Joy Morimoto was recently appointed to succeed Kondo.

**L.A. Retirement Home Residents Helping Peru**

LOS ANGELES—Elderly residents at the Japanese Retirement Home have presented \$805 to Fred I. Wada of Pan-American Nikkei Assn.-USA as aid for Peru.

The sum was originally gathered as *koden* on the passing away of Wada's stepmother. But in deference to his wishes, the money was diverted to PANA-USA's relief efforts to Peru and as President Fujimori's outreach.

Wada has been a major fund-raiser for PANA-USA's campaign to assist the people of Peru.

**'Fusion'—J.A. Anthology Seeks Material for 1991**

SAN FRANCISCO — "Fusion", the annual anthology published by the Asian American Studies Department of San Francisco State University, is seeking for its next issue, creative expressions of Japanese Americans, such as personal narratives, short stories, poetry and graphic or visual material by Dec. 31. Forward to Professor Jim Okutsu, School of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132.

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**MEDI-CAL**

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patient's estate at the time of his or her death will be open to the Medi-Cal Recovery Act.

(4) If a person on Medi-Cal wants to leave his redress money to his family or a charitable organization, it would be prudent to do so during his lifetime. The State of California will have first claim on his estate through the Medi-Cal Recovery Act, and given the high cost of medical care, will probably deplete any remaining redress money leaving very little, if any, for heirs. There are some legal mechanisms such as a joint tenancy account which may protect redress moneys after a Medi-Cal recipient's death by keeping these moneys out of the recipient's estate. A will will NOT protect redress moneys from the Medi-Cal Recovery Act. Individuals interested in ways to avoid the Medi-Cal Recovery Act may want to speak to a probate attorney about their options. But perhaps the easiest way for a Medi-Cal recipient to ensure that the money goes to a designated party or entity is to give the money to that party during the Medi-Cal recipient's lifetime.

(5) A person interested in giving their money away can do so by opening up

a new account containing nothing but their redress money and transferring funds to another party through the issuance of a check to that party or parties.

The Department of Health Services has stipulated that any money given to another person or entity must be "legally transferred". The Department will not consider it a legal transfer of funds if a Medi-Cal recipient cashes his or her redress check and informally gives the money away. For those Medi-Cal recipients who are unable to take care of their own affairs, the Department has said that a joint account with the Medi-Cal recipient and another party can be established. The Department has recommended that the second party secure a "power of attorney" or conservatorship for that account. (A power of attorney can be implemented through a simple procedure which can be executed at the bank.) The second party can then issue checks on behalf of the Medi-Cal recipient. There are a number of other means through which money can be "legally transferred", but the issuance of a check is acceptable.

(6) Any gift of funds to another party in excess of \$10,000 is subject to a gift tax.

**Canada's 'Mad Jap' Unmasked as a Mohawk**

OKA, Quebec—Who is that "Mad Jap" here—*nom de guerre* for one of the prominent warriors in the front lines at Kanesatake?

*The New Canadian*, wondering over recent weeks if he were a Japanese Canadian ninja or one of the great Nisei judo instructors, was relieved to learn last month from the Montreal newspaper, *L'Presse*, that he is really Robert Skidders, a 53-year-old Mohawk Indian, who was found guilty and fined for illegally importing gasoline.

**Portuguese Vessel to Re-enact Historic Trip**

NAGASAKI—A replica of a 16th century Portuguese ship will sail between Macao and Nagasaki in 1993 to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the original ship's landing at Tanegashima, Kagoshima, in 1543.

The replica will be built either in Portugal or Macao, using shipbuilding techniques of the 16th century.

**REDRESS CHECKS**

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It was the Dept. of Justice's second stop for the weekend of ceremonies in distributing checks. Travelling with Bratt was John R. Dunne, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Right, who called the special occasion "as a day to rededicate ourselves to the ideals upon which this Nation was founded and to renew our commitment to uphold them."

Bratt recognized the volunteer efforts of community groups as representatives were handed plaques of commendation. "It's amazing how all this got done," he remarked. "A lot of credit goes to the Japanese American community." The recipients were:

Miya Iwatake, Jim Matsuoka, Alan Nishio (who was emcee), Kathy Masaoka of NCCR; George Ogawa, John and Carol Saito, and Miyo Senzaki of JACL.

Other presentations followed Friday afternoon at the U.S. Federal District Courthouse in Fresno, a Saturday triple-header in Northern California at San Francisco's Hinode Towers in Nihonmachi at 9 a.m.; the San Jose Issei Memorial Center at 12:30; and at Sacramento's Japanese United Methodist Church at 5:30.

The presentations continued this week Sunday in Seattle at the NVC Hall and Monday in Honolulu at the Hawaii State Capitol with Bratt accompanied by Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, James P. Turner.

**Changing Diapers**

P&G's "Pampers" for the market in Japan is much softer, more compact (i.e.: less bulk) and better than the U.S.-made product, according to Americans in Tokyo. —Margaret Shapiro, *Washington Post*.

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## Japan Airlines Support On-Going for Japanese American National Museum

LOS ANGELES—The Southwest Regional Office of Japan Airlines has donated \$6,622 to date to the Japanese American National Museum, it was recently announced by Irene Hirano, museum director and president.

The contributions, made over a period of four years, are the result of special sales supporting its annual cultural seminars which feature noted lecturers from Japan. The airline will continue to raise funds for the Museum on an on-going basis.

Buick T. Otsuka, assistant to the vice president and Southwest Regional

Manager said, "We feel it particularly appropriate that the proceeds from our cultural seminars be used to fund an effort dedicated to defining the history and culture of Japanese in America. We hope that our contribution will inspire people to continue to support the Japanese American National Museum through our *Bunka Koen Kai* program."

Donations from these programs to date break down as follows: \$1,848 in 1987, \$1,000 in 1988, \$1,714 in 1989 and \$2,060 in 1990.

The Japanese American National Museum, due to open in late 1991 in Los Angeles, is the first museum in the United States devoted to the history and culture of Japanese in America.

## Berkeley Japanese Alumnae Reunion May 4

BERKELEY—The Scholarship Committee of the Japanese Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley are making plans for a 1991 reunion of classmates and friends. The reunion will be in the form of a luncheon to be held at the Alumni House on Saturday, May 4. Those on the committee are:

Dr. Elsie Baukol, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, Kathleen Date, Chizu Iiyama, Frances Kirihaara, reunion chair, Margaret Kusabe, Dr. Mary Murai, Elsie Ogata, Michi Onuma, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, consultant for the Scholarship Committee, Toyoko Toppata, Dr. Helen Reiko True, and Michiko Uchida.

For further information, contact Toyoko Toppata, 2332 California St., Berkeley 94703, (415) 548-6362.

## Japan Sports System Buys PCL Baseball Club

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Vancouver Canadians ball club of the Triple A Pacific Coast League was sold by Moison Breweries to Japan Sports System Co., for a reported \$5 million. Neither side confirmed the deal, except that PCL President Bill Cutler said the deal was done. The Canadians are a farm team for the Chicago White Sox.

JSS also has a stake in the Visalia franchise in the Single A California League.

## Mountain Plains District Elects Randy Shibata of New Mexico as Head

ALBUQUERQUE—Randy Shibata of the New Mexico JAACL was elected governor of the Mountain Plains District Council at its fall meeting hosted by the local JAACL chapter Sept. 14-15.

The evening banquet celebrated the Japanese American centennial of New Mexico. Twelve persons were honored for their contributions to the Japanese American community:

Isei pioneers George Taira, George

Kimura, Tazu Uyeda, Frank Uyeda, and Hisata Shinto; Carroll Gunderson, Ernesto Salazar and Hugh Woodward, who greatly assisted the Japanese American community during World War II; Ruth Hashimoto, founder of the Sister Cities movement in New Mexico; Roy Nakayama, father of the New Mexico chili industry; Calvin Kobayashi, founder and director of the Omatsuri Japanese Festival; and Hiroshi (Hershey) Miyamura of Gallup, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor (and a JAACL Nisei of the Biennium) who was recognized as the "most important person" of the first 100 years.

Among the issues discussed were anti-Asian violence in Albuquerque (the Tak Fujiwara case) and in Houston (the Troung case), P.C.'s policy about colonists, the JAACL Legacy fund and district finances.

The new District officers include Sei Tokuda, v.gov.-New Mexico; Sharon Ishii-Jordan, v.gov.-Nebraska; Tom Masamori (Mile Hi), treas; Harry Watson (NM), sec.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Houston JAACL March 8-10, 1991, which is being preceded by the Mas Yamasaki golf tournament March 1-7.

## Japanese Canadians Conduct Obon Pilgrimage of Old Cemeteries in B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Billed an Obon Tour of old Japanese cemeteries on Vancouver Island, two busloads of Japanese Canadians spent three days (Aug. 11-13) visiting prewar communities where hundreds of Japanese lived and worked.

The *New Canadian* reporter Richard Yagi said on the first day they visited Japanese cemeteries at Cumberland, Greenwood in Port Alberni and stayed overnight at Ucluelet, where seven JC families reside. The following morning, the group visited the Ucluelet Cemetery and spent the second night at Nanaimo, where the Nikkei group hosted a barbecue party. On the final day, they visited the Nanaimo Cemetery, the cemetery at Chemainus, where a JC memorial monument is to be erected, the Mountain View at Duncan and Ross Bay grounds at Victoria. A few JC reside in Victoria today.

Most of the Japanese graves at the old Chemainus disappeared or weathered away and a memorial is being planned for unveiling next summer, Aug.

10. The Obon Tour was sponsored by the British Columbia Buddhist Church Federation. Its members have conducted annual gravesite services for many years.

## House Passes Mineta Anti-Drug Crime Bill

WASHINGTON—Norman Y. Mineta, (D-Calif.) announced that the House has passed his Anti-Ice Amendment to the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1990 (H.R. 5269), known as the Crime Bill, and which was approved 368 to 55. The Mineta amendment provides for improved treatment and prevention of the use of crystal methamphetamine, known as Ice.


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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

### Racism in Japan

The buzz-word in Japan these days is internationalization. Just becoming aware of their insular outlook, the Japanese are trying to broaden their horizons. It is now fashionable to learn more about other nations and become more sensitive to their cultures, to overcome the medieval chauvinism that led them to believe they were a chosen people.

Unfortunately the internationalization movement has failed to influence some of Japan's political leaders. The latest to flaunt ignorance and insensitivity is Seiroku Kajiyama, an old Liberal Democratic Party warhorse who is sadly miscast in the present government as minister of justice.

After Tokyo police seized foreign prostitutes in the Shinjuku red light district not long ago, Kajiyama told reporters the women, like Blacks in the U.S., "ruin the atmosphere of neighborhoods" when they move in.

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Several years ago the then prime minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone, observed that American racial minorities were responsible for the nation's low "intellectual level." Another leading Liberal Democratic Party member, Michio Watanabe, said some of America's economic problems could be traced to Blacks who have no qualms about declaring bankruptcy.

All, including Kajiyama, apologized when their gaffes were protested. But it is appalling that Japan's political leaders continue to be so ignorant, insensitive and arrogant not only about relations with their most important overseas partner but also about common courtesy and basic human rights.

Press reports say U.S. Ambassador Michael Armacost responded with unusually harsh language when Kajiyama came to apologize. The censure was well-deserved and, we hope, noted by other members of the government.

The conduct of officials like Kajiyama should be particularly embarrassing to Japanese diplomatic and consular officials in the United States. They, of course, cannot be responsible for the conduct of cabinet ministers, but they have an obligation to keep their government attuned to what enlightened Americans consider to be common decency. It would not be out of place for Japanese Americans, in their contacts with the Japanese, to remind them of this fact.

## BY THE BOARD

RANDY SHIBATA (MPDC Governor)

### Time for Rededication

AS A newly-elected Mountain Plains District Governor, I am honored to be serving on a board with so many fine people, and representing a district that I believe is at the frontier of where we must go.

JACL is at a crossroads. It must re-define its mission. I agree with the Mile High Chapter. Their 1992 National Convention brochure states that it is time for rededication.

This rededication must go both ways. While it is fine for members to rededicate themselves to JACL, the JACL must rededicate itself to the membership.

During the heroic battle for redress, almost all of the chapters dedicated themselves to winning the battle, and at times at expense to themselves. This was appropriate. Redress was some-

thing that had to be done. It required for all of us to make sacrifices to make the dream happen.

But now (hopefully) this battle has been won. It is now time for the National Organization to help revitalize the chapters. JACL will succeed or fail not on what me or my fellow board members do in National Board meetings. JACL will succeed or fail on the success of every individual chapter.

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WHERE DO WE start? First, we must build leadership within the chapters. While it is a fine idea to get our people involved in the political process (such as Ken Miyagashima and Ron Shibata in New Mexico), we must, if we want JACL to succeed, develop

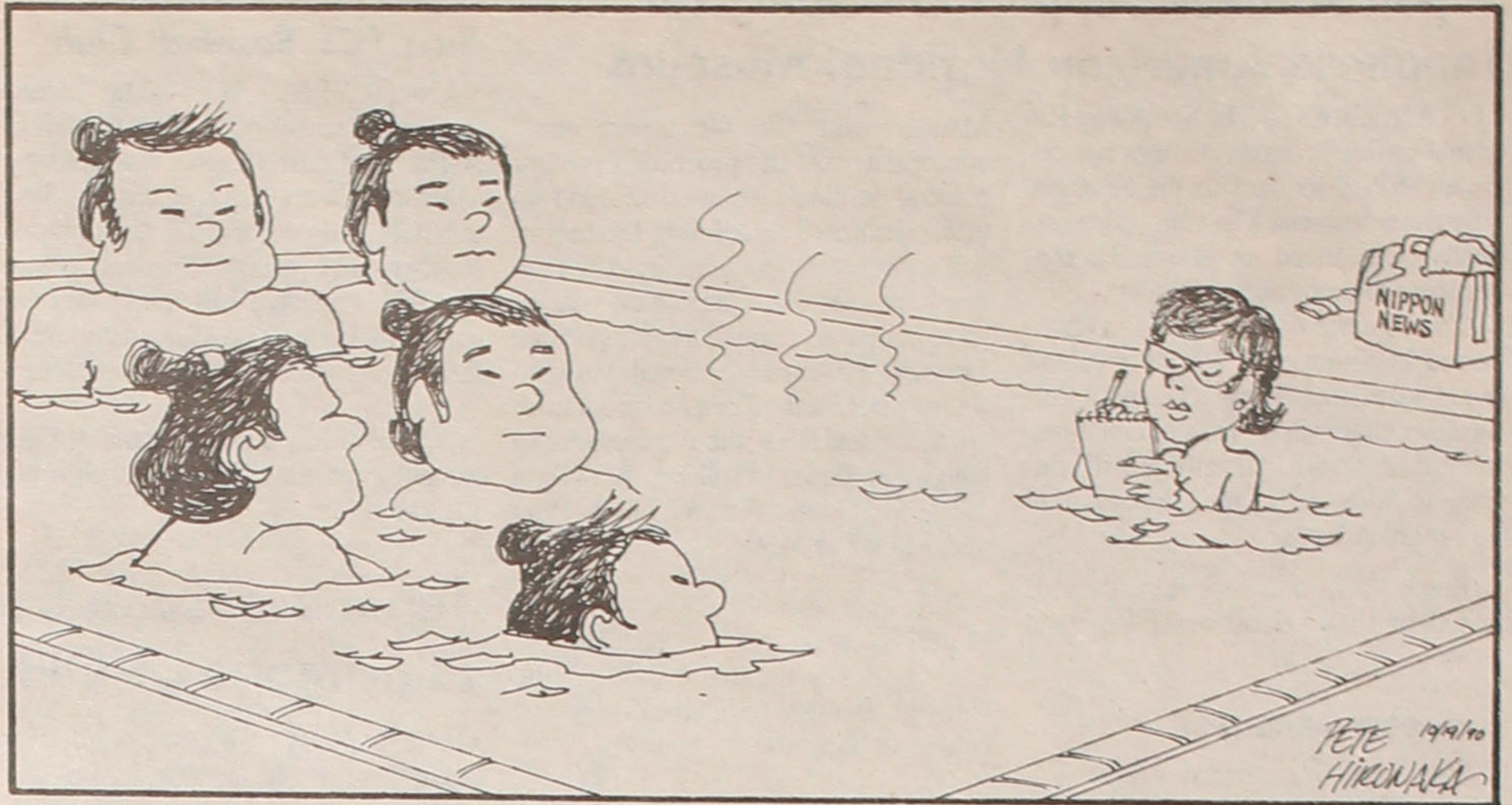
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## MONITOR

"Racism had nothing to do with the Japanese being interned during World War II . . . And they weren't put in 'concentration camps,' they were 'relocated' to other parts of the country."

—Los Angeles KABC radio talk show host Ray Briem, 2 Oct. 1990

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## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Longmont's Sister City Visitors

Longmont is the kind of small city where oldtimers still leave their doors unlocked and the key in the ignition of parked cars. It was that way years ago when it was a quiet farm town a leisurely drive north of Denver and, mostly, it still is even though Longmont has become a community of 50,000 just 40 minutes away by the Interstate.

Some decades ago, when their father died, Jim and George Kanemoto took over the family farm on Longmont's outskirts. They did well because the soil was rich, the water plentiful and the sun kind, but mostly because they and their wives, Chiyo and Jane, worked so hard and tirelessly.

In time Longmont grew and surrounded the Kanemoto farm. It became more valuable for development than for growing crops. Houses sprang up on land that had produced truck vegetables. Some years ago the Kanemotos, in appreciation for their good fortune and the friendship of their townsmen, gave 17 acres of prime land to the city of Longmont. The new Burlington grade school was built on some of the property and the rest was made into a park.

Then the Kanemotos erected what they called the Tower of Compassion, a replica of a five-story Japanese pagoda, on one corner of the park. They gave it to the city to be admired for its grace and beauty, and to remind the citizens that compassion should be a very important part of every person's relations with fellow man.

A few weeks ago Longmont was visited by a delegation from its sister city, Chino, on the green west side of Mount Fuji in Japan. The delegation consisted of eight members led by Mayor Bunya Harada. Their tour of Longmont took them to Kanemoto Park.

Waiting for the visitors were 300, maybe 500—it is difficult to estimate the number of little kids—from Burlington grade school. They were sitting and standing in orderly ranks, blue-eyed youngsters and redheads and some obviously of Hispanic ancestry. They listened patiently to some brief speeches and then, on signal, they began to sing in unison.

The song they sang was "Sakura, Sakura," an old and well-loved Japanese folk tune, the first verse in English and the second in Japanese. It is about the beauty of cherry blossoms

blooming in spring and the melody, while simple, has a haunting quality. Then, with great vigor, they sang "America the Beautiful."

I think I detected tears in the eyes of some of the normally undemonstrative Japanese visitors. To be greeted that way in an American "sister" city 6,000 miles from home, by children who will help run our world decades hence, was indeed a moving experience.

Whether they realized it or not, the children had captured the spirit of the Sister Cities movement that leaps over the miles and crosses oceans, that seeks to bridge difference of language and culture and nationality by understanding and friendship. And yes, compassion. Jim and Chiyo and Jane Kanemoto, who had worked on the land, and some of their offspring were there to share the moment.

Afterward, when the children filed by to bid the visitors goodbye, they spontaneously expressed their hails and farewells in exuberant American high-five hand slaps. That was a beautiful way to bring an end to a beautiful chapter, but only one chapter, in Longmont's sister cities relationship with Chino.

## EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

### Gakumon \*



WE'VE ALL HEARD of the Japanese *juku's*, those privately operated after-school "cram" schools to which parents send their children to prepare for entrance exams. The common stories that we hear in the U.S. are that once a Japanese high school student gains acceptance into a top-notch university (such as *Tōdai*), (s)he is set for life. The academic competition starts so early that they have *juku's* for pre-schoolers. The connection is that in order to get into a top-notch university, one must come from a top-notch high school; and to get into a top-notch high school, one must come from a top-notch junior high—and so on down to kindergarten. So pervasive is this pattern in Japan that according to statistics from a few years back, one of every six primary pupil attends *juku* classes and by junior high, one of every two student attends such after-school classes. In 1986, parents spent some ¥870 billion in *juku* fees.

And some of us thought we had it tough.

THIS EDUCATIONAL ETHOS has so permeated the Japanese culture that some unexpected segments of its soci-

ety have gotten into the act. As far back as 1974, the Asahi Newspaper Group opened up a "culture center" in the Shinjuku area in Tokyo, offering nighttime as well as daytime courses directed primarily to adults. Somewhat along the lines of a community or junior college, it offers courses from aerobics, pottery-making, philosophy to modern

fiction. With an enrollment of over 40,000 it offers over 500 courses—and those are outdated figures. Since Asahi opened up, other newspaper groups also started similar centers, joined by department stores and others.

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## In The Pacific Citizen 45 Years Ago

TOPAZ, Utah—Births and marriages have far outstripped deaths and divorces since the center opened on Sept. 11, 1942. According to the report, there were 379 babies born and 135 deaths. There were 136 marriages and five divorces at Topaz.

FT. SNELLING, Minn.—Nine Nisei graduates of the MIS language school here and Camp Savage were reported killed when the plane on which they were passengers crashed near Naha, Okinawa. Five of the Nisei were from Hawaii, the remainder from the mainland.

SALINAS, Calif.—An escheat action under the California Alien Land Law was filed by the Monterey County district attorney's office to forfeit to the state of California 30 acres of land listed in the names of Tom and Miya Miyayaga. The suit contended that the present titleholders of the property, valued at about \$25,000, are merely dummies for their parents.

BOSTON—The army transport *Sedalia Victory* carrying 102 Nisei servicemen, veterans of the European war theater, docked here last week.



Washington JACL Office Photo

**AMONG THE FIRST RECIPIENTS**—Some of the first recipients under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 at the Oct. 9 presentation ceremony at the Department of Justice are (from left): Ken Yamamoto, Silver Springs, Md.; Don Hatsuki Shima, Laurel, Md.; Sade Ide, Arlington, Va.; and Sugi Kiriyama, West Los Angeles.



Photo Courtesy: Congressman Mineta's Office

**FIRST CEREMONY FOR REDRESS CHECK PRESENTATION**—Witnessing the first presentation of \$20,000 redress checks to nine Japanese Americans in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 9 at the Dept. of Justice are a number of JACLers. At left in their war veteran caps are Joe Ichiuji and Toro Hirose; in the second row are Sen. Daniel Inouye, Sen. Dan Akaka (face partially hidden), Congressmen Mervyn Dymally, Norman Mineta and Bob Matsui; and behind them (as could be identified by the P.C. staff) are Tak Nakayama of the Rafu Shimpo, (looks like but not Bill Marutani), Pat and Lily (face hidden) Otsu, Doris Hoshide, (face hidden) Grayce and Hiroshi Uyehara, Lillian Kimura, (face hidden) Mike and Etsu Masaoka (at extreme right).

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

CRESSEY NAKAGAWA

*The JACL Legacy Fund*

As a part of our civil rights effort, we have further developed our relationship with other civil rights organizations, because coalition building is extremely important in achieving success in legislation.

During the last biennium, we made a great effort to become an organizational member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR). We made this effort because the LCCR is the premier civil rights coalition in the United States and because our future effectiveness would be greatly enhanced in this position. Our six-month effort succeeded with an invitation to serve on the LCCR Executive Committee in May, 1990.

The JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States. There can be no dispute regarding the need for an organization such as ours in the upcoming decade. The proliferation of "hate groups," the continuing trend of violence toward Asian Americans, the growth in Pacific Rim economics, Japan-bashing, a lessened sensitivity in the area of civil rights and the changing demographics in the number of Asian Americans all contribute to this need. The JACL must possess the will and the commitment to financially sustain itself so that we can protect the welfare of future generations.

Through the years, the JACL has relied on your membership dues to support the work of the organization. It has been a number of years since the JACL last went on a major fundraising campaign. At the San Diego convention

our organization confirmed the establishment of the JACL Legacy Fund.

The Legacy Fund will be the means for the JACL to carry out all of our important work for the decade and for future generations. It is a way in which all of our members who have supported the JACL, whether for a year or for decades, can ensure that future issues for future generations will have a fair hearing. It is a way of meeting an obligation and of passing responsibility from one generation to the next.

The fundraising goal of the JACL Legacy Fund is \$10 million over a three-year period. The JACL chapters will benefit from the Fund through the receipt of 20% of the annual earnings proportionate to the amount raised by the chapters for the life of the Fund. In addition, 10% of the earnings of the Fund will be made available for chapter and district programs for the life of the Fund.

We want to count on you for your generous support and for your promotion of the Fund.

**President Bush's Letter**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

A monetary sum and words alone cannot restore lost years or erase painful memories; neither can they fully convey our Nation's resolve to rectify injustice and to unfold the rights of individuals. We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II.

In enacting a law calling for restitution and offering a sincere apology, your fellow Americans have, in a very real sense, renewed their traditional commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice. You and your family have our best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,  
/s/ George Bush

*JACL Legacy Fund—Our Obligation*

By Shig Wakamatsu  
NATIONAL JACL PRESIDENT (1958-1960)

The announcement of the JACL Legacy Fund Drive now getting underway reminds me of another fund drive long past. The word "Legacy" in the title, of course, connects us to the past, and what that past has given to us spiritually, materially and otherwise.

The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee Fund drives of the 1948-52 period were the last in which the Issei played a major role in support.

During the prewar era on the Pacific Coast, it was customary for the fledgling local JACL chapters to depend upon the Issei for financial support, since the control of the purse-strings were still in their hands. It is important to recognize that the JACL "Legacy" is made up of the aspirations, the sacrifices and the contributions of the Issei in helping the JACL get started as a national organization.

Now it is the Nisei, as the "older" generation who are called upon to help in a major way to add to that legacy in the form of a \$10 million fund. It is important to solidify the financial footing of the JACL, especially in view of the accomplishment and the investment of efforts over the past 12 years by the JACL and the JACL/LEC which culminated in redress.

In the future there will be new issues, as yet unrecognized, which must be dealt with. And there will always be the issues of prejudice and racism. It is obvious and it is apparent that the JACL Legacy Fund must be established.

But how do we raise \$10 million, without large donors, from 15,000 or 20,000 or 25,000 of our members and others. This is why the JACL-ADC fund drive of a past era came to mind. Our Issei displayed a marvelous spirit and they talked quietly of "on" and "giri," or implied as much to their prospective donors.

Curiously, no one refused to donate and everyone who was asked, gave something.

We Nisei are familiar with "on" and "giri" because our parents tried to pound these concepts into us from the earliest days. Broadly, these terms encompass a sense of mutual obligation, however, the meaning actually conveys something much deeper and much more sacred.

So, it must be asked—will our sense of "on" and "giri" to the past, the present, and the future work to create the will among us to accomplish the goal of the JACL Legacy Fund drive in the 1990s? At a time long past, among a desperately impoverished people, "on" and "giri" worked to accomplish the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee goal of citizenship for the Issei. That is a part of our legacy.

*Editorial on Redress Recalls Courageous Stand*

DENVER—As the compensation checks were being sent to surviving internees of WWII from the Japanese American camps, *The Denver Post* editorial of Oct. 11 at the same time recalled a "proud moment" in Colorado history.

It recalled Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr, three days after the Dec. 7 attack, had appealed to Coloradans to respect the rights of Japanese Americans, arguing, "We cannot test the degree of a man's affection for his country by the birthplace of his grandfather." He was lone Western state governor to speak for Japanese Americans.

"The fearless integrity of one governor could not halt an entire nation's hysteria. But it did help protect the rights of all Coloradans — and bequeathed to this state and this nation an enduring profile in political courage," the *Post* concluded.

**HORSE'S MOUTH**

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

**Redress Checks Recipients**

Los Angeles, Oct. 10  
The oldest person to receive a redress check was 59 years of age when he was put in a relocation center. Sort of makes us realize how long it was since we were placed in camps.

Heck, most of us are older than that now.

Mamoru Eto, the 107 year old, was in Gila, Arizona.

When one of the speakers at the ceremonies marking the first payment said that "it may be a little late," he couldn't be more accurate. What does \$20,000 mean to a person 107 years of age?

I am sure that to those who have reached 100 and those who are over that age, the letter of apology from the president has more significance than the monetary award.

The Japanese American National Museum is sending out brochures to solicit funds from those who are to receive redress payments.

And, I am sure that many will give a portion of their money to the museum fund.

However, all the charitable causes which have their eyes set on this infusion of money into the Japanese American community should wait until the dust settles.

I mean, hey, the body is still warm.

I am sure that many other groups will step forward now with hopes

of attracting donations for various causes.

Although I am not a JACL fan by any stretch of the imagination, I think that if anyone is going to go on a fund drive with redress recipients as their target, the JACL certainly deserves to be first in line.

After all, when everyone was saying "it will never come to pass," it was the JACL which kept slugging along to get the redress and reparations bill passed.

I think if someone keeps a box score, most folks will give a piece of their redress payment to the JACL before they donate to other causes.

The bottom line of the first payment is that the event attracted top media coverage.

All the network TV stations carried the event on their evening and late evening news.

It might be interesting to see what the reaction is among the masses of non-Japanese Americans.

At least one person in America can be counted on to not light a candle to payment of money and an apology for the internment.

Lillian Baker, the most vocal and active individual opposing redress and reparations, is probably sick to her stomach.

If she had to express feeling and knew one Japanese word, it would probably be "chikushō!"

FROM THE KASHU MAINICHI

**San Francisco Examiner**

EDITORIAL  
Sunday, October 14, 1990

Justice at last

THE UNITED STATES has finally started to make amends to Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II. The Japanese American Citizens League calls the reparations "due recognition of justice delayed and justice denied." Precisely.

Nearly half a century has passed since 120,000 Japanese Americans were summarily ordered from their homes and held in remote camps behind barbed wire and under the scrutiny of armed guards. Those responsible for this disgraceful action contended that among the victims were potential or actual spies and saboteurs for the Japanese government; but there is, and was, no evidence that these people were disloyal. When they were released in 1945, many internees were forced to start their lives over from nothing.

The real reasons for the internment were wartime hysteria and racism. Congress finally acknowledged the truth in 1988 by authorizing \$20,000 payments to survivors of the camps or to their heirs (almost half of the internees have died). Now that the payments have begun, justice has been done at last.

**I want to join with Daniel K. Inouye in an investment for the future—The JACL Legacy Fund.**

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**ASIAN AMERICANS IN POLITICS:**

**Lam Loses in Massachusetts Primaries**

BOSTON — Daniel Lam, the first Asian American to run for the Massachusetts Legislature, was defeated in his bid for the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives.

In comments appearing in the San Francisco *Asian Week*, "We have broken new ground," said Lam. "We were able to provide a vehicle for Asian Americans to come together toward a common cause."

In the final results from the Democratic primaries held Sept. 18, Lam received 35% of the total votes while his opponent William Galvin got 55%. The district in which Lam ran covered five-eighths of the town of Randolph and all of Canton.

Lam won in his hometown of Randolph but lost in Canton to Galvin.

The 45-year-old Lam said that in the last 20 years no candidate from Randolph received more than 1,000 votes from Canton, but he got 1,200 votes.

Overall, Lam was very upbeat despite his setback. He was happy with all the support he received and felt he did well in the primaries considering

that he was a first-time candidate and an Asian American.

"We have demonstrated to our community as Asian Americans that we have a genuine interest to become a part of the community," Lam said.

Since he began his grassroots-based campaign six months ago, he has knocked on more than 5,000 doors.

Lam recruited 200 volunteers and raised \$70,000. He was supported by more than a dozen public officials, unions and community organizations.

For the moment Lam plans to return to family therapy practice and divorce mediation. A native of Cambodia, Lam resigned after seven years as director of the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants in April to run for the House.

"I have to get a job now," he said. But he doesn't rule out the possibility of another shot at political office. "I think we will have built a good base. I certainly would not close the door at another run at it in the near future."

Lam is secretary of the Asian Pacific Caucus of the state Democratic Party, vice president of the Massachusetts Asian American Forum and president of the Southeast Asian American National Network, a board member of the Randolph Foundation and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

**OBITUARIES**

**Takahashi, Misao Dohara, 69**, Long Beach, Aug. 21; Hollywood-born, survived by s Robert, William S., Kenneth, 3gc, br Shiro, Shigeo, Koso Dohara, sis Michi Kimura, Mutsuko Oshita.

**Takayama, Miyeko, 61**, Long Beach, Sept. 3; Terminal Island-born, survived by m Sen, sis Sachiko Nakahara.

**Tomoda, Richard, 39**, San Francisco, Sept. 4 in Kauai of drowning; Stockton-born, survived by m Tae, br Edward Jr.

**Tsuchiya, Kiyotsugu, 90**, Gardena, Aug. 26; co-founder/director of Visual Art Museum at Manzanar during WWII. Yamanashi-born, survived by s Chie, d Kieko, Fumino Nicholls (San Francisco), 3gc, sis Momoyo Hatano, in-law sis Michiko Takeuchi.

**Tsuchiya, Marie, 68**, Oakland, Sept. 7; Seattle-born, survived by h George, s Ronald, Gordon, d Fumiko Uesaka.

**Tsukahira, Keiji, 70**, Torrance, Aug. 28; Los Angeles-born, survived by w Ruth, s Leland, Stanley, 1gc, m Kikue, br Toshio (Washington DC), in-law sis Lillian.

**Uga, Ichiro, 55**, Pasadena, Aug. 22; Hawaii-born, survived by w Ruth, s Shannon, br Richard, sis Haruko Sams, Jane Beeman.

**Uyemura, Albert K, 57**, Torrance, Aug. 26; Hawaii-born Korean war veteran, survived by s Bert, Kevin, Kyle, Tyrone, d Laurieann Erosa, 2gc.

**Yada, Teruko, 68**, Orosi, Aug. 30 in highway accident while trying to retrieve one of her dogs running toward the road.

**Yanai, Kazuto, 90**, Gardena, Aug. 23; Yamaguchi-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by s Roy, James, d Nancy Omura, 8gc.

**Matsuda, Masayo, 85**, Alhambra, Sept. 3; Yamaguchi-born, survived by s Yasuo, Hisashi, Joe, d Miyoko Eguchi, Ellen McCabe, Taiko Kaili, Fumiye Sakellaris, Chieko Merz, 18gc, 11gcg.

**Matsumoto, Mutsuyo, 94**, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; Tottori-born, survived by s Hiroshi, Minoru, d Kiyoye Watanabe, 10gc, 23gcg, sis Mitsuye Kii (Jpn).

**Miyamoto, Chizu, 68**, Alameda, remains scattered at sea Aug. 31; Long Beach-born, 24-year resident of Watsonville, survived by h Hisao "Bob", s Howard (Redwood City), Steven (Berkeley), Richard (Oakland), d Katherine Vamer (Barstow), Patricia, Margaret, 4gc.

**Mizokami, Shigeo, 86**, Watsonville, Sept. 8; Kagoshima-born, survived by w Yoneko, s Paul, Masao, Dick, Bob, d Nancy Yamada, Tomi Nishiyama, Hisa Nishiyama, Yoshiko Yasunaga.

**Morihiro, Kazuo, 67**, Delano, Aug. 25; Fresno-born, survived by br Tsutomu, Tetsuro, Susumu, sis Tsugiyu Sakai, Hideyo Sakaniwa, Yasue Hironaka, Masae Sasaki, Sadako Oniko, Setsuko Sato.

**Saito, Setsuko, 33**, Los Angeles, Sept. 6/ Japan-born, survived by f Hideji, d Jean Repreza, s Edward Repreza, br Masahide (Jpn) and sis Fumiko Ito.

**Sakaguchi, Machiko, 65**, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; Mie-born, survived by Harumi Dhingra, 2gc, br Kazuomi Nakamura (Jpn), sis Yoko Kobayashi and Mitsuko Kashiwakura (both Jpn).

**Sansui, Shizuko, 83**, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Hawaii-born, survived by s Bruce, Dean Akira, d Lillian Kishna, Ann, 5gc, br Katsuto Tokunaga, Masato, sis Ayako Nomura.

**Saruwatari, Akira, 82**, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Santa Barbara-born, survived by w Masako, sis Asako, d Aiko Hamamoto, Kay Yamada Brown, Diane Takeuchi, Peggy Hergenrother, in-law sis Yuriko Ekinaka, Kiyo Nakagawa, Jean Koyama, Laurie Kwong, Dale Fukamaki, many gc, ggc.

**Shinoki, Tom, 68**, San Mateo, Sept. 4; Price, Utah-born, survived by sis Miyuki Kojimoto, in-law br Tadanobu Hatanaka.

**Suyama, Takaichi, 87**, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; Japan-born, survived by w Kiyoko, d Ruby Takazumi (Orange), Dorothy Osaki, Betty Tamura, Lily Sakamoto (San Diego), 9gc, in-law br Jim Oyama, sis Chiyeo Watanabe, Setsuko Oyama.

**Suzuki, Ishi, 85**, Los Angeles, Aug. 24; Shizuoka-born, survived by s Kazuo, d Haruko Tamura, 4gc, 1gcg.

**John K. Igasaki, 56**, Fullerton, Aug. 6; L.A.-born, survived by w Ophelia, d Joyce, Judith, Janet, br Masao Jr. (Rancho Bernardo), sis Jean Katano (Montebello).

**Hideo Ishii, 91**, Los Angeles, Aug. 4; Kanagawa-born, survived by s Shigemitsu, Harumitsu, Akira; gc & ggc.

**Vivian Isobe, 60**, Los Angeles, Aug. 5; Honolulu-born, survived by h Tooru, s David, d Carol Widman, 2gc, br Dennis Oshiyama (Honolulu), Rikio Shishido (Tucson).

**JACL PULSE**

**ARIZONA**

Annual meeting Oct. 21, Sun., 5 p.m. at JACL Hall. Five board members to be elected at chapter's pot-luck dinner. Info: Nancy Tanita (602) 841-1183 or Helen Y. Tanita (602) 944-2050.

**BERKELEY**

Oct. 20. JASEB Awards Dinner at Oakland Hyatt. Info: (415) 676-5113.

**FRESNO**

CCDC Annual Banquet on Sun., Nov. 18 at Torino's Restaurant. Cressey Nakagawa keynote speaker.

**INTERMOUNTAIN D.C.**

Nov. 2-3-4—50th Anniversary Reunion of JACL members from Rexburg, Idaho Falls and Pocatello at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nevada. Saturday Banquet, 6 p.m., keynote speakers (including Nat'l Pres. Cressey Nakagawa), renew old friendships and meet new friends; Sat. 11 a.m. IDC Meeting; Info: Hid Hasegawa, 3562 E. Crawford, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 529-1525.

**LATIN AMERICA**

"HOLA! It's Fiesta Time Again"—Dishes, Display, Dances from Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Mexico. Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena; RSVP (\$20) Oct. 13 c/o K. Masumura, 15011 Van Buren Ave., Gardena 90247; or \$25 (door). Info: Miki (213) 391-1556.

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST**

Open House and welcoming reception to introduce new Regional Dir. Jimmy Tokeshi, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m., Japanese American Cultural Ctr., 244 S. San Pedro, L.A. Info: (213) 626-4471.

**RENO**

Nov. 18, Sunday, 12 noon-3 p.m. Mochitsuki and Pot Luck at Knights of Pythias Hall, 900 Nevada St., Chairperson Sakae Tsuda.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

Benefit dance Sat., Nov. 3, 7:30-12 p.m. at 1203 W. Puente Ave., W. Covina. Door prizes, refreshments, open bar. Proceeds to benefit building maintenance fund. Info: Marvel (818) 960-2566 or Toshi (714) 861-9676.

**SEATTLE**

The Seattle Chapter JACL has moved to its new office at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. The new phone number is: 322-3589.

**SEQUOIA**

The 18th annual Keiro Kai dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the PA Buddhist Hall. The annual event honors the area pioneers aged 70 and over. Younger members in the community are encouraged to support this worthwhile event. If there are any new 70 year olds and other seniors of the Japanese American community who have been missed in the past, please call Miyo Nakanishi at (415) 322-4514.

The Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance will be held at the Holiday Inn in Palo Alto. The dinner will begin at 8 p.m. after the cocktail hour starting from 7 p.m. The menu will be prime rib or chicken. The cost will be \$100 per couple or \$50 per person. Music will be provided by Ed Oliveira, the Tunes Mobile Disc Jockey. More Info: Hiroko Yoshida (415) 854-1392.

**STOCKTON**

Trip to Ice Capades at Oakland Coliseum, Sat., Dec. 1. \$24 per person. Info: (209) 463-7945.

**WEST LOS ANGELES**

An Eyewitness Report: The Alberto Fujimori Presidency in Peru; Harry Honda, spkr., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., WLA Buddhist Church, corner Corinth and La Grange; info Omatsu, 825-3415.

**WEST VALLEY**

20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner-Dance, Saturday, Oct. 20. No host cocktail hour: 6-7 p.m. Price \$30 per person. Info call: Doris Kasahara (408) 374-6855 or Nancy Nakamura (408) 996-3336. Speaker: Rep. Bob Matsui. Red Lion Inn, San Jose.

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

**REUNIONS**

36th Division Association, 2nd San Antonio chapter reunion, April 11-13, 1991, Tropicano Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

**Belmont High School, Los Angeles, "30-ish Reunion"**, Classes '57-'62, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. Reservations: Barbara Rudnick Mochrie (818) 956-1744 eves; Dale Kunitomi, 792 Rowland Ave., Camarillo, CA 93010, (805) 987-3026.

**Berkeley Japanese Women Alumnae** reunion of classmates and friends will be a luncheon to be held at the Alumni House on Saturday, May 4, 1991. Contact Toyoko Toppata, 2332 California St., Berkeley 94703, or call (415) 548-6362.

**Canal High School (Gila River WRA Camp) Reunion**, Classes '43-'49, Westin Hotel, Airport San Francisco; Oct. 26-28, mixer, golf, banquet, photo sessions; Info: George Tamori (415) 685-4360 or Jiro Fujii (415) 232-8154.

**MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion—1991**: Oct. 29-30 at San Francisco; Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Monterey, bus transportation to be provided from SF to Monterey; watch P.C. for details.

**Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg JACL 50th Anniversary Reunion**, Sat., Nov. 3, Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nev. Banquet, speakers, mixer.

**Poston III Reunion**, May 3-5, 1991, in San Diego. Mailing info: Yuki Kawamoto (619) 239-0896 before noon; booklet info: Tom Ozaki (619) 479-7582; display info: Ben Segawa (619) 482-1736.

**EAST WIND**

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chant for continuing education was perhaps best demonstrated by the late Emperor Hirohito's keen pursuit of marine biology. He was no dilettante; he attained such mastery of the subject as to publish several scientific papers in the discipline. Similarly, albeit perhaps not on such esoteric subject as marine biology, the adult Japanese continues to pursue a course or project until perfection or near-perfection is attained. And since that goal is seldom, if ever, attained, enrollment stays high. The guiding Confucian teaching is: "Learn as though you would never be able to master it; hold it as though you would be in fear of losing it."

Although one should strive for perfection, that Confucian teaching seems to me to be inviting eternal frustration. Learning should be filled with the joy of simply learning.

I MUST ADMIT, however, that when it comes to performance, the Japanese educational system appears to prove itself. A few years back, some 125,000 students from 20 countries participated in a mathematics test; Japanese junior and senior high students scored Numero Uno in both classifications. But then I'm not quite sure whether it's the "system" or the individual. For instance, I'm amazed when I read (more than once) about some Southeast Asian refugee, who landed here some eight or so years ago, graduating valedictorian (in one instance, a fellow refugee being salutatorian) of his/her high school class.

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The 1989 Totals	1,689 ( 50 )
Previous total—Report 34: Active	1,401 ( 2 )
Report No. 35	11 ( )
Report No. 36	9 ( 1 )
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Report No. 38	13 ( )
Report No. 39	14 ( )
Report No. 40	10 ( 1 )
Current Total	1,490 ( 4 )

### Aug. 20-24, 1990 (11)

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### Aug. 27-31, 1990 ( 9 )

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 Gardena Valley: 13-Dr Thomas Y Kamidohi.  
 St. Louis: 32-George N Shimamoto.  
 Seattle: 1-Miyo Kiba, 20-Hana Masuda.  
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 Life-Masako Sato (CrC).

### Sept 4-7, 1990 (32)

Boise Valley: 3-Henry Suyehira.  
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 Mt Olympus: 34-Yukus Inouye.  
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 Omaha: 28-Yukio Ando.  
 Philadelphia: 31-Allen H Okamoto.  
 Sacramento: 32-Shig Sakamoto.  
 St. Louis: 4-Mae W Marshall.  
 Salt Lake City: 33-Alice Kasai, 36-Mas Yano.  
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 Snake River: 30-Tom Uriu, 34-Mas Yano.  
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### Sept 10-14, 1990 (13)

Chicago: 30-Toshio Noma.  
 Detroit: 33-Tom T Tagami.  
 Diablo Valley: 37-Lester G Katsura, 24-Richard T Kono.  
 Hollywood: 37-Shizuko Sumi.  
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 Placer County: 36-Tom M Yego, Jr.  
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 Selanoco: 7-Mary Imon.  
 Sonoma County: 12-Bruce Shimizu.  
 Washington, DC: 9-Hideki Hamamoto.

### Sept 17-21, 1990 (14)

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 Detroit: 18-Roy Oda.  
 East Los Angeles: 30-Jane Ozawa.  
 Fresno: 9-Deborah Ikeda.  
 Houston: 34-Masaru Yamasaki.  
 Milwaukee: 31-Eddie Jonokuchi.  
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 Twin Cities: 4-Edward K Hara.  
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 11-Eddie Jonokuchi (Mil).

### Sept 24-28, 1990 (10)

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 Marysville: 35-George H Inouye.  
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(1000 Club Life Totals)

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Previous total: Active	1,490 ( 3 )
This Report No. 41	28 ( 1 )
Current Total	1,518 ( 4 )

### Oct 1-5, 1990 (26)

Arizona: 34-Mitty M Kimura.  
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people who will be Chapter, District and National JACL Leaders. But leadership skills are not something one is born with.

Leadership and administrative skills must be learned. I believe that the National Organization must develop programs to teach chapters these leadership and administrative skills. We cannot expect our chapters to be filled with people who are graduates of formal training programs or who have dozens of years of experience in leadership and administration. Leadership programs could be anything from financial management for chapters, to sales skills in recruiting members, to more complex issues such as handling a hate crimes problem. National conventions and district meetings are excellent vehicles for seminars in these areas. When I go to a professional meeting, I go because I can learn skills that can be quickly transferred to my job.

Second, we must find programs to attract a younger and more diversified membership. Two years ago, Harry Kitano spoke at my company on the Asian American experience. He noted that new generations were becoming more "Americanized." We must take this trend into account. Many JACLers joined JACL due to a sense of duty or *Giri*. While this was fine for the Nisei and some of the Sansei, we cannot expect future JACLers, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei, to have this sense of duty.

I believe that the JACLer of the future will be concerned with the concept of value, i.e. what am I getting for my membership dues. Describing it candidly, the question will be "What has JACL ever done for me?" We can handle this complaint two ways. First we could avoid it like a disease. Or we could and should treat it as our opportunity to make the complainer our friend for life.

SO WHAT can we offer? First, we can offer programs such as Job Banks for JACL members. This could include a data base on job openings, classes in resume writing and interviewing and succeeding on the job. (If you don't think this is relevant, try counting the number of revisions to the book *What Color Is My Parachute*. Second, we can offer programs that will help a person as a worker in their jobs. Asians are traditionally typecast as people with few leadership skills. Seminars could be offered on leadership training that will help us shatter this myth. I believe that this type of program will also help the person become an effective leader on the Chapter and District level.

This does not mean that we forget about civil rights. Many of our leaders in the federal government are finally realizing that the security of the United States is heavily dependent on the health of institutions such as our financial, educational and industrial systems. Likewise, what we must realize is that the civil rights battles of the 1990s and beyond will be won or lost on the local level and their success is heavily dependent on their ability to run their chapters. Therefore, it is imperative that each chapter be healthy, efficient, and stable to fight these battles.

Last spring, I listened to a speaker state that the way to motivate was to get your organization involved in the person's life. JACL must indeed find ways of becoming in the lives of a new generation who will be more diverse and with different values. It is in our enlightened self-interest to do so.

**THE NEWSMAKERS**



**MAS TSUDA**

► **Mas Tsuda**, a retired San Mateo landscape contractor, was appointed a trophy award judge by the California Landscape Contractors Association, which will meet Nov. 5 at the New Orleans Marriott. The award recognizes excellence in the California landscape industry. Tsuda, who worked in agricultural pest control and landscape maintenance for nearly a decade before starting his own business in 1960, received his degree in ornamental horticulture from the College of San Francisco in 1954. He served on San Francisco Bay Area CLCA board in the 1960s, as chapter president in 1964, and again in the 1980s and named Member of the Year in 1982.

► **Ken H. Kishimoto**, senior assistant to the president and the technical manager of the Motion Picture Film Division at Fuji Photo Film USA, has been granted the elevated rank of Fellow of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE). Kishimoto has technical responsibility for motion picture products for all North America. He played an active role in the development of several Fuji color negative films including 8518 (E.I. 250), the first high-speed motion picture color negative film for which Fuji won a Class One Academy Award and an Emmy Award. He has been with Fuji since 1970, when he was graduated from Tokyo Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor of science degree in photographic engineering. He started his career at the company's Ashigara Research Laboratory and now lives and works in California.

► **Dr. Yoshihiko Sinoto**, 66, chief of anthropology for Bishop Museum, Honolulu, since 1970 and who now holds the Kenneth Pike Emory Distinguished Chair in Anthropology, is "a local hero" in French Polynesia where he has been restoring some ancient Polynesian temples discovered in 1925 at the request of the French government. Any textbook or travel guide on French Polynesia (Oceania) reflects Sinoto's contributions since his first visit in 1960. The particular island of his research, Huahine, is about 100 miles northwest of Tahiti. Its 4,000 residents regard him as *tatou*—"we" in Tahitian.

► **Justice Harry Low** of the California appellate court, was recently elected chairman of the American Bar Association's Appellate Judges Conference, the first time an Asian American to serve in the post. He serves as a board member of the National Center for State Courts, grand president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and several other community boards as director . . . Gov. George Deukmejian also announced his intention to appoint **Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ming W. Chin**, 47, of Oakland to the First District Court of Appeals. He was in partnership with an Oakland firm for 15 years and had served as deputy district attorney for two years before being named to the bench in 1988.

► **Shishir Kurup** has been named the new director of the Asian American Theatre Project at the Los Angeles Theatre Center. Kurup has worked with Theatre artists including Yoshi Oida and studied in Japan under director Tadashi Suzuki. He, in conjunction with the AATP, recently received a grant from the Flintridge Foundation for his play "Skeleton Dance," which was given a staged reading at the Theatre Center earlier this year. Kurup also was a member of the faculty of LATC's Young Conservatory this past summer, teaching courses in voice and movement, Shakespeare and a creative project entitled "Mythmaking and Storytelling."

► **Ben Iwasaki**, 84, of Mayne, B.C., is a late-bloomer in painting on canvas and watercolor—having started at age 65 and his pieces are on display in a number of galleries in Vancouver. It began as a hobby after he retired as an auto mechanic and shop owner the past 20 years. An Issei who came at age 14 (1920), apprenticed for 10 years before acquiring his own shop, he lost his business with WWII, but returned when British Columbia was reopened in 1949 to persons of Japanese ancestry.

► **Judge Lance A. Ito**, Los Angeles County superior court, was named Oct. 5 by the presiding superior court judge Gary Klausner to hear the criminal case of Charles H. Keating Jr., who answered "absolutely not guilty" to 42 state securities fraud charges stemming from his company's bond sales at Lincoln Savings & Loan branches. Keating has remained in the county jail since Sept. 18 because he was unable to post a \$5-million bail.

► **Ronald Hirose**, 46, assistant principal at Hollenbeck Jr. High School in Los Angeles and a resident of Monterey Park, is among the two leading contenders among five candidates for two seats on the Alhambra Board of Education in the Nov. 6 election.

► Another Seattleite, **David R. Okimoto**, has begun his new job as executive director of Atlantic Street Center. The former director of the city department of human resources was selected after what board president Iris Knapp called "an arduous process to select the best person for the job." The center was founded in 1908 by the Methodist Church as a settlement house to serve new immigrants. Today it works with high-risk youngsters and their families in Seattle's central and southeast sections.

► "Shighesh" **Wakida**, 74, of Wailuku, Maui, continues to mold Maui juniors into champions—a gameplan that began 30 years ago helping thousands of young men and women. In 1987, his Lahianaluna girls' team captured the state high school title and this year, the Lahianaluna boys' team broke Punahou's stranglehold on the boys' high school title with his proteges, sophomore **Ryan Ideta** winning the state singles title, **Steve Okada** in singles and the doubles team of **Ken Okada - Kula Oda** took third, and **Jean Okada** shocked two-time defending champion **Cherie Kaneshiro** in the girl's semis and finished second.

► **Susan Nakata** has been appointed vice president of Bank of America State Bank. She joined Bank of America State Bank after working for the last six years as director of business finance in the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development. Nakata earned a bachelor's degree in economics and rhetoric at UC Davis and a master's degree in business administration at San Francisco State University.

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**Michael Takata**

**YUTAKA NAKAZAWA MEMORIAL JUDO SCHOLARSHIP**  
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In 1987, Michael Takata captured first place in heavyweight division of the U.S.A. High School Judo National. He represented the U.S. at the International High School Championships in Tokyo and at the Pan American Games junior championships in Mexico City. Most recently, he placed second at the National Collegiate championships and first at the U.S. Judo Federation junior national championships. He currently holds the black-belt 2-dan rank.

As a youngster, Michael was quiet and shy and often lacked confidence in his own abilities. He credits his *Sensei* for instilling him with a sense of self-worth and self-confidence and helping him to develop a positive outlook on life. "His kindness, patience and his general concern for his students as well as his willingness to sacrifice time and energy for others are all the virtues which I have tried to incorporate into my own activities."

Michael's current activities include serving as president of Stanford University Judo Club, social chair of Stanford University Nikkei, counselor and resident assistant for Florence Moore Hall and committee member of the Stanford Keio University Exchange. He also volunteers at Sister Ursula's Soup Kitchen in Visalia.

He plans to graduate from Stanford in June with a degree in Quantitative Economics and East Asian Studies.

**Julian Bashore**

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Julian Bashore is interested in the study of foreign cultures and languages. In high school he studied Spanish and German at the same time and on his own Japanese at home. Highly interested in U.S.-Japan relations, he also completed an independent comprehensive study of Japan and participated in a discussion on international trade at the Berks County Student Economics Symposium.

Julian served as yearbook copy editor, senior class treasurer and captain of his school's academic challenge team. He played clarinet for four years in the band, ran sprints on the varsity track team, and wrote for his school newspaper. Julian has received honors in German and Spanish academic language events.

In the community, Julian has won recognition for his work in providing remedial aid to Latino elementary students. A 4.0 student and a National Merit finalist, Julian plans to major in Business Administration and minor in East Asian studies at the Wharton School of Multinational Management, University of Pennsylvania.

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