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GATHERING AT ST. LOUIS—Midwest District Council JACLers attending their fall meeting at St. Louis are (from left): seated front—April Gorai (Milwaukee), Irma Yokota (St. Louis), National JACL Director Bill Yoshino, MDC Gov. Henry Tanaka, Nikki Hara (St. Louis), Diane Aratani (Milwaukee); standing—Gerry Shimoura (Detroit), Tom Nakao Jr. (Cleveland), Daryll Sakoda (Dayton), Janice Honda (Chicago), Joy Yamasaki (Twin Cities), Rev. Mike Katayama (Hoosier), Steve Mitori (St. Louis). **See story on page 5.**

CANADA'S 'AFTER REDRESS' STORY:

Mulroney Apologizes to Italians, But No Mention of Compensation

CONCORD, Ontario—Canadians of Italian origin who were interned during World War II warmly received the formal apology offered by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney recently.

In luncheon speech here Nov. 4 to the National Congress of Italian Canadians, Mulroney also suggested other groups have also been treated unfairly—including the Canadians of Ukrainian and of Chinese ancestries and Jewish refugees who were refused entry to Canada in the 1930s—deserve a similar apology.

Sending civilians to internment camps without trial simply because of their ethnic origin "was not then, is not now, and never will be acceptable in a civilized nation that purports to respect the rule of law," Mulroney declared.

Mum on Compensation

There was no commitment to financial compensation except he has asked Secretary of State Gerry Weiner to discuss with various groups "how best to symbolize our recognition of the discrimination some Canadians suffered at the hands of government."

He noted about 700 Canadians of Italian origin were interned for varying periods between 1940 and 1943 under provisions of the War Measures Act. None was ever charged with an offense.

Others who were declared enemy aliens were subjected to search of property, sur-

veillance, mandatory registration and job discrimination.

Others Who Were Detained

In his speech, Mulroney noted Canadian Ukrainians detained during the World War I (Ukraine was then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, which was allied with Germany); the Chinese had to pay a \$500 head tax to immigrate to Canada and later were excluded outright, and discriminatory immigration policies in the 1930s denied entry to Jewish refugees from European fascism.

German Canadians were subject to internment and harassment during both World Wars.

Mulroney later told reporters that most leaders of Italian groups who discussed the issue with him said they were simply seeking an apology and some "symbolic redress" rather than financial compensation as the Japanese Canadians received. However, Benny Ferri, 74, of Hamilton, Ont., who was held in Camp Petawawa for 11 months, said an apology was not enough.

In September, 1988, Mulroney worked with Japanese Canadian leaders to establish a \$290 million compensation package for their internment and seizure of property during WWII. About 22,000 men, women and children—many of them citizens—were forced to leave their West Coast homes for inland camps and ghost towns for the duration.

Six Men Assault Asian Student near Seattle's Pike Place

From the International Examiner

SEATTLE — A group of white men, two wielding a baseball bat, attacked an Asian American pre-medical student near Pike Place Market just after midnight Oct. 25. A complaint has been filed with police but no arrests were made.

Darres Park, 23, whose father is Korean and mother a Chinese American, was attacked outside the Belltown Club near First Avenue and Bell St. by six men.

Park and his two white friends were walking back to his car, having spent the evening celebrating his birthday.

Acted Like 'Skinheads'

Joseph Fritz, one of Park's friend, said the men "had close shaven heads" and acted like "skinheads because of the things they said. They called Darres names like gook, slant, chink, jap. There were a lot of statements regarding Asian people coming over here and buying up things and taking away jobs."

Park related the attack was sudden, his friends being confronted with questions about "why they were hanging around with someone with my ethnicity." Four continued to berate Park and his friends while two pulled tire irons and baseball bats from a nearby car.

Park, who is 6 ft. 1/2-inch with black belts in kung-fu and karate, said he was not one to walk away from a challenge and punched several of the attackers, disarmed one wielding a bat but sustained a fractured bone in his hand while deflecting the swing of another attacker. The blow shattered his wristwatch.

White Friend Embarrassed

Park believed that without his 20-years studying the martial arts, he would not be alive today. "They would have brained me. They were swinging like my head was the target they were aiming for."

Fritz added, "One hit with the baseball bat would have killed him." He felt embarrassed for being white by the incident.

The attack lasted between 10 and 15 minutes, "enough time for a crowd to develop," in Fritz's words. Onlookers yelled, "Brain the gook." Not one summoned the police.

Park further feels their case will probably be just one more statistic on the police blotter. "They were not derelicts or bums..." Fritz continued as the

Goal: \$10 Million in Three Years:

Initial JACL Legacy Fund Report Notes \$242,000 from 383 Donors

SAN FRANCISCO — Since the mailing of JACL Legacy Fund materials to each JACL member, donations have been received at a brisk and steady pace by the JACL Headquarters.

As of Nov. 7, there have been 383 donations and pledges totaling \$242,671.

"We are pleased with the generosity of the initial returns," stated JACL Director Bill Yoshino. "This is an indication that the future work and purposes of the JACL is important and relevant and that there are many issues that must be confronted by the

organization."

Legacy Fund Report No. 1

Of the total contributed, the following is a breakdown by each of the JACL district councils:

District Council	Donors	Total
No. Calif.	158	117,520
Eastern	16	15,855
Central Calif.	16	6,200
Pacific Northwest	38	28,970
Pacific Southwest	96	40,271
Midwest	32	19,200
Intermountain	11	6,700
Mtn Plains	16	7,875

German Americans Detained in WWII Texas Camps Seek Redress

■ Past Houston JACL chapter president Daniel H. Watanabe, Ph.D., forwarded the Nov. 11 Sunday feature about the WWII internment of German Americans, adding it "might be of interest." Elsewhere in this week's issue is another "redress" story from Canada, its prime minister apologizing to Italian Canadians. The Japanese Americans and the JACL in particular have certainly broken new ground in American law with its redress effort and the success it has reaped. It is tempting others to seek justice.

POWs Fared Better

The 370,000 German and Italian prisoners of war imprisoned in 500 camps in the United States during World War II likely received better treatment, commented Arnold Krammer, 49, the Texas A&M history professor who remains unsure if German American internees were imprisoned in camps "fairly."

The prisoners of war were protected by the Geneva Conventions, explained Krammer, but German American civilians "weren't protected by anything."

Then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered surveillance of German, Italian and Japanese Americans during the war. Presidential directive, E.O. 9066, further justified the search and seizure.

DeWitt's Determination

When Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense Command, defended the internment policy before a 1943 congressional committee, he noted, "American citizenship does not necessarily determine loyalty." The next day at a press conference, DeWitt added: "A Jap is a Jap." Such an attitude bothers historians, such as Krammer. German and Italian Americans may have been reasonably innocent, but Hoover's paranoia caused them to be rounded up, because of politics. On the other hand, the 112,000 Japanese Americans were hauled off because of "racism, pure and simple."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Emperor Akihito Enthroned Nov. 12

TOKYO — Emperor Akihito, 57, was enthroned on Nov. 12—its rituals proscribed by the postwar constitution. He is also the first crown prince to marry a commoner, (nee) Michiko Shoda, in April 1959. They have made over 20 goodwill trips overseas, starting with the U.S. in 1960. They have three children: Crown Prince Naruhito, Prince Akishino (who married Kiko Kawashima last June) and Princess Nori (who made her first visit of the U.S. and Canada last August).

Washington Representative Igasaki to Leave Post

SAN FRANCISCO — National Headquarters announced Nov. 16 Washington JACL Representative Paul Igasaki will leave his position, effective Dec. 31. He has accepted an offer to join the Robert Matsui 1991 Senate campaign staff at Sacramento, Calif.

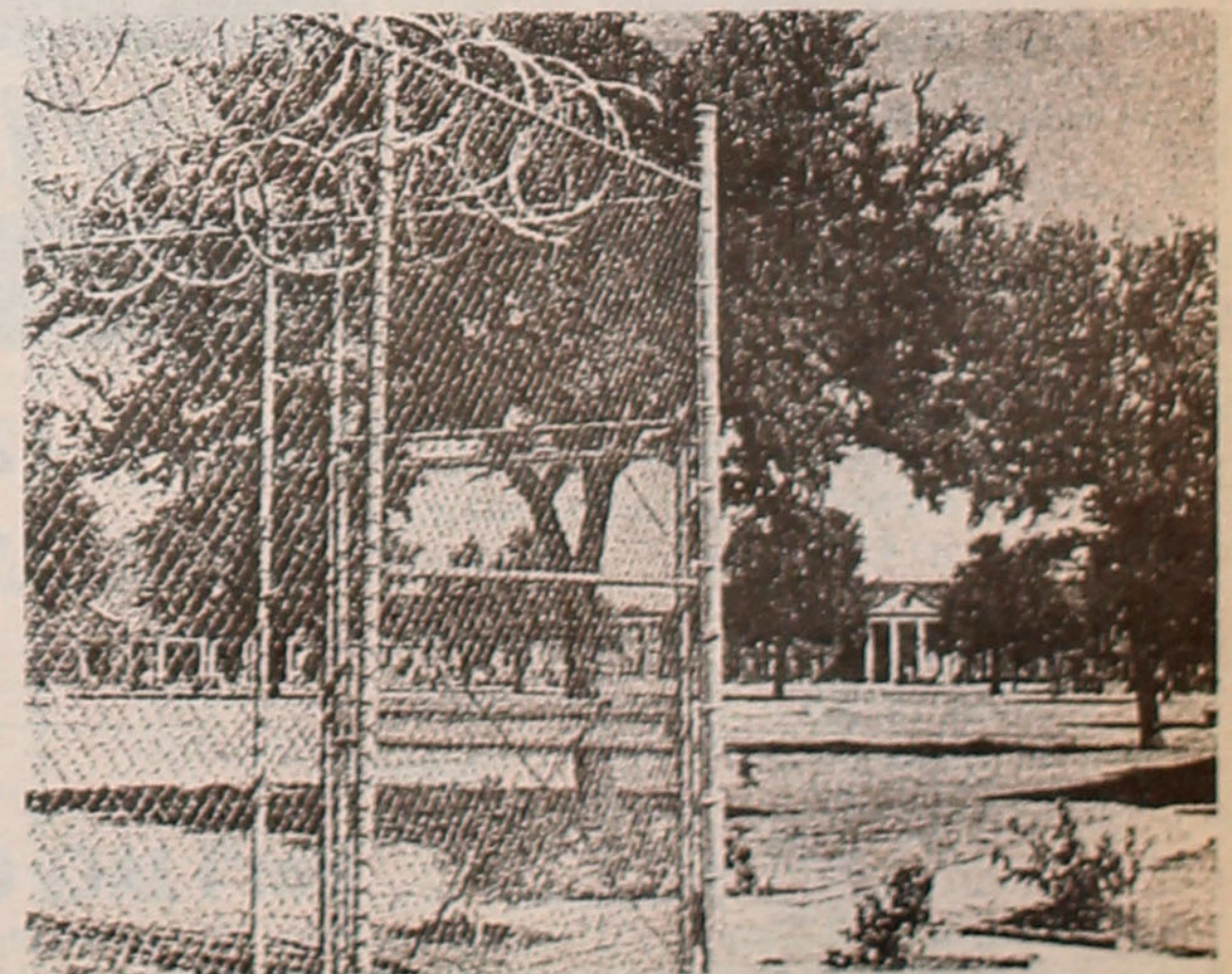
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Watsonville Voters Elect Its First Nisei

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The first Japanese American, William "Willie" Yahiro, to run for public office in the City of Watsonville, won a seat as a trustee to the Pajaro Valley Unified School District board of governors. Three candidates were vying for two seats. Yahiro received the most votes (12,704) over two incumbents—Dana Macadangdang Sales (9,550) and Carlos Rico (6,020). Swearing-in ceremonies will be held on Dec. 5, 7 p.m. at the Alianza School on Arthur Road.

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Seagoville Internment Center as it looks today.



Photo Courtesy: Hawaii Herald

U.S. MARINE CORPS CHALLENGERS—When a Hawaiian Sansei was dismissed from U.S. Marine Corps officer candidate school last year, Bruce Yamashita (center), a law school graduate, alleged it was due to race discrimination rather than "unsatisfactory leadership." Through his attorney Clayton Ikei (at left) and support of JACL, represented by Bill Kaneko, national JACL vice president for public affairs and Honolulu JACL president, Yamashita is seeking a review of the dismissal.

THE BRUCE YAMASHITA CASE:

Marine Corps Charged with Racial Discrimination by Hawaiian Sansei

■ This story was obtained by Bill Kaneko, Honolulu JACL president, as a "special" for P.C. readers from the Hawaii Herald. By Arnold T. Hiura

HONOLULU

Bruce Yamashita was not your typically green, wide-eyed recruit when he decided to join the U.S. Marine Corps last year. Yamashita was, in fact, a rather worldly, highly educated young man for one just 33 years of age.

Family and friends couldn't quite fathom just why a bright young man who had lived and word abroad, and earned a law degree from one of the nation's most respected law schools, would even consider giving up precious years getting a jump on a promising legal career for military service. But Yamashita knew what he wanted to do.

In a way, Bruce Yamashita always had a knack for doing whatever he wanted to do—and doing it well. While a student at University High School, Yamashita played varsity football, baseball and basketball. He was even named to the ILH (Interscholastic League of Honolulu) all-star football team in 1973. That same year, he threw in a term as student body president for good measure.

In 1975, while an undergraduate at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Yamashita participated in a year's study abroad program at the International Christian University in Mitaka, Japan. He returned to Hawaii to resume his undergraduate work, and even got himself elected to the milestone 1978 Hawaii State Constitutional Convention. He graduated from U.H. in 1979 with a B.A. in political science.

In 1981, Yamashita decided to return to Japan, where he landed a job with a Japanese trading company. On the side, he worked part-time as a radio disc jockey with Bunka Hosono, hosting a show introducing American music to a Japanese audience. He also did some work as a broadcaster with TBS, the prestigious Tokyo Broadcasting System.

After about a year, Yamashita left the trading company, but continued his study of Japanese. "I had a lot of foreign friends," he says. "One of our frustrations was that as you're studying the kanji, you can read the children's books, but it's kind of boring. Then you go to the regular newspaper and it's kind of hard. What we needed was something in between—content-wise for the adult reader, but with relatively simple kanji."

He decided to do something about it. Yamashita approached several language schools, until one agreed to assist with the project. Thus was born the *Yokomeshi Shimbun*, a Japanese newspaper written by and for foreigners. As the editor, Yamashita led a group of foreign-born writers who wrote articles for the monthly newspaper

on "whatever we thought was interesting."

He worked on the newspaper from 1981-84, before deciding to return home to the United States. Yamashita enrolled at Georgetown University, where by 1988 he had earned his law degree, as well as his Master of Science in Foreign Service.

It was while at Georgetown that Yamashita befriended a number of military officers and developed an interest in military service. He initially applied for and was accepted into the Army JAG program. However, a Marine judge advocate at the Pentagon told him as a Marine officer he would have a better chance to be stationed in the Far East, where he could practice law, use his fluency in the Japanese language, and serve his country.

"After coming out of law school, there are all these different options before you," Yamashita explains. "Of course you can

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Angel Island Station Closure Footnoted

SAN FRANCISCO — The 50th anniversary of the closure of the immigration station at Angel Island Nov. 5, 1940, wasn't marked with the flourish that celebrated the reopening of Ellis Island.

The 175,000 Chinese who immigrated to the United States between 1910 and 1940 via Angel Island in San Francisco Bay regarded the station not as a gateway but as a prison where they were held months before being allowed on the mainland.

For them, its closure on Nov. 5, 1940, represents a "first step toward the healing process," said Paul Chow, whose father was kept six months on Angel Island.

Chow has led volunteer tours of the Angel Island barracks for 18 years and has been the leader of a historical advisory committee to restore the site.

Former Hanford Mayor Stan Ham Passes Away

From the Seattle Chinese Post
HANFORD, Calif.—Stan Ham, who served as councilman and mayor for 18 of the 28 years he had lived here, died Aug. 4 at the age of 69.

The Seattle-born WWII Army veteran studied law under the GI bill, settled in California and became owner of Hanford Title Co. He was a charter member of the Taoist Temple Historical Society, which refurbished the historic temple built in 1893, a testament to the large Chinese community that settled here in the 1890s.

'Come See the Paradise' to Debut at ACLU Benefit

LOS ANGELES—The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California will host a premiere benefit Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon's Century Plaza Theater to Alan Parker's "Come See the Paradise," a heartwrenching film of the WWII Japanese internment.

The \$75 ticket price includes dinner after the screening at Twenty/20 Club. For tickets: (213) 487-0567.

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Henry Sugimoto Paintings of WWII Camp Life, Postwar Landscapes Given to JANM

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American National Museum's nascent collection has received over 100 paintings by Issei artist Henry Sugimoto. "These paintings clearly constitute one of the most significant collections received thus far by the Museum," said its chief curator Dr. James A. Hirabayashi. "They are stunning examples of one man's determination to document the Japanese American experience through art." A Sugimoto retrospective exhibition is being planned in the future.

Sugimoto was born in Wakayama in 1900 and joined his parents in Hanford, Calif. He graduated from Hanford High, attended the University of California, eventually transferring to the California College of Arts and Crafts where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1928.

He taught art and Japanese language prior to the war for a living and traveled to France and Mexico among other places to develop his art. According to his daughter Madeline Sugimoto, some paintings from this period were lost during the evacuation. A few of the ones that survived will be featured in the Museum's Issei Pioneers exhibit which will premiere in late 1991.

Prewar Hanford Resident

Sugimoto and his family were evacuated from Hanford to Jerome and later Rohwer, Arkansas. It is the numerous paintings which document life in these camps for which he is best known today.

In the early 1980s, 35 camp paintings were donated to the Wakayama Modern Art Museum. Three camp paintings are also displayed in the Smithsonian Institute's "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans

and the United States Constitution" exhibit and will become part of their permanent collection afterwards.

After the war, Sugimoto and his family resettled in New York City. His works of the 1950s and 1960s include many landscapes and street scenes of life in New York and in Paris.

Early Issei Era

In the late 1970s and early '80s, he paid several visits to his brother in California and had his brother drive him around to various historic sites. His daughter remembers that he "interviewed some of his peers and spent the time to get a sense of what life must have been like there for the Issei." He reflected on his own life to paint several large canvases which depict the *buraketto katsugi*, gambling joints typical of the migrant labor period, the arrival of picture brides and the start of family farms.

Henry Sugimoto died at the age of 90 on May 8, 1990 at his home in New York City. According to Madeline Sugimoto, "he was excited that the Museum was being built and felt that it was the rightful place for the paintings which dealt with the camp experience and the immigration experience." She added, "he felt these paintings had a strong historical emphasis and that they told part of the story of Japanese Americans."

"He wanted them to go someplace where they would be preserved for future generations, and he was very happy that his paintings were going to be kept by the Museum," Sugimoto continued. "He regarded each one as special—he was happy to know that his 'children' would be taken care of."

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From a 'Copygirl' on Radio to 'Anchoring' News on TV:

Tritia Toyota Celebrating 20 Years in L.A. Media

LOS ANGELES — This fall, Tritia Toyota, one of Southern California's best-known television journalists, is celebrating 20 years in Los Angeles news.

Toyota began her professional career in 1970 at KNX Newsradio as a copywriter, then as "Action" reporter. Prior to coming to KCBS-TV, she spent 13 years with KNBC-TV, Los Angeles, as a general assignment reporter, weekend anchor in 1975, then in 1977 a part of the weekday anchor team at 5:00; and in 1978 anchoring duties at 11:00.

Her long-time interest in the Southland's ethnic diversity was tapped in a series on the Filipino community, the first-ever local in-depth profile of that group; and about local area relationships to Ferdinand Marcos.

Earthquake—Award-Winning Story

As part of the KCBS-TV Action News team covering the October, 1987 earthquake, Toyota received Emmy, Golden Mike, Associated Press and Los Angeles Press Club honors.

Toyota is co-founder and past president of the Asian American Journalists Association and is a frequent speaker at community, educational and professional events.

Toyota graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. in communications and home economics. She also received her master's in journalism, with an emphasis in electronic journalism, from UCLA.

"Tritia is an enormous asset to the Action News team," said Robert Hyland, KCBS-TV vice president and general manager. "She is a responsible professional and a dedicated, involved and creative reporter."

What does Toyota say about all this? She's a bit embarrassed. "Journalists should be doing the interviewing, not being interviewed." But she has a lot to say about her career, the people and events she's covered, the industry and more.

Following are a few of her comments.

Television news has changed in 20 years:

There is now an emphasis on performance. That began with the advent of the minicam. When I first started to work in this business, you needed to be sort of glib, but there wasn't the emphasis on performance—performance being the ability to, in the worst of situations, run up to your live shot and speak coherently with some degree of grammatical correctness, and get your point across.

There are a lot of people in journalism who simply can't do that. When I started we were using film and we didn't go anywhere live, except for the broadcast itself. We knew that once a news conference was over we would take the



TRITIA TOYOTA

film cans, put them in the car and take them back to the station. It would go into the developing soup and while it was developing we would write our script.

Live TV a Reality

We don't have that time luxury now. I saw a lot of television reporters drop out when live television became a reality because lots of people just couldn't do it.

The reason performance is so important now is because the technology has improved so much.

I think the first local story we covered live was the SLA (Symbionese Liberation Army) shootout, and that was in early '70s. I was a cub reporter at Channel 4 at the time and we preempted all the soap operas and everything, and people called in because they thought it was a long soap opera or movie we were showing. They didn't realize that it was real and it was ongoing.

The Job Change:

There was only one other woman on the air when I started in the newsroom at KNBC. I was the first Asian person they ever hired. When I became an anchor, I was the first Asian anchor in the market.

I like the appellation "anchor/reporter" better than just anchor. Or just plain reporter because I think it is really important to help you reach out into the community.

You need to be out there, rather than just sitting in the studio. If you stay in the studio you don't have a sense of what's going on out

there. Not just covering stories but through community activities, and that kind of thing.

Sense of Roots by Staying

I like the sense of roots that comes from working in one market for 20 years. Really understanding a certain area, a specific population, a certain region of the country.

You don't have that luxury when you're a national correspondent; you're shotgunning it all day. I have had opportunities to move into a network reporting role, but I turned them down. It was the right decision.

Reaching Out:

I feel that getting out into the community is a part of my responsibility as a journalist. Through it I gain a sense of who I am, what we do as journalists, a sense of what the issues are in the community, a sense of roots, a sense of what motivated people, what people are thinking about. It's invaluable to know what's going on.

I think the first thing any new anchor or reporter coming into a new market should do, not knowing anything or anybody, is go racing out to the parking lot, jump into the car and get out there and get involved.

I think it's a bad mistake not getting out into the community because without that context you're always an outsider.

Importance on Being a Minority

If you're a minority it's even twice as important because there just aren't that many of us on the air. When people look at me they obviously don't see a white person, they see a woman of color, they see an Asian. I hope they also see someone who is a competent journalist too.

I don't hide my ethnicity. It's something I'm very proud of. It is important for communities to believe that they have access to the huge monolith that is television news.

In making myself as accessible as possible, you get a feedback situation. I can't tell you how many stories I've gotten over the years, how many contacts I've made, because they see me out there and they see me being accessible. Some people who wouldn't talk to another reporter come to me because they've seen me in the community.

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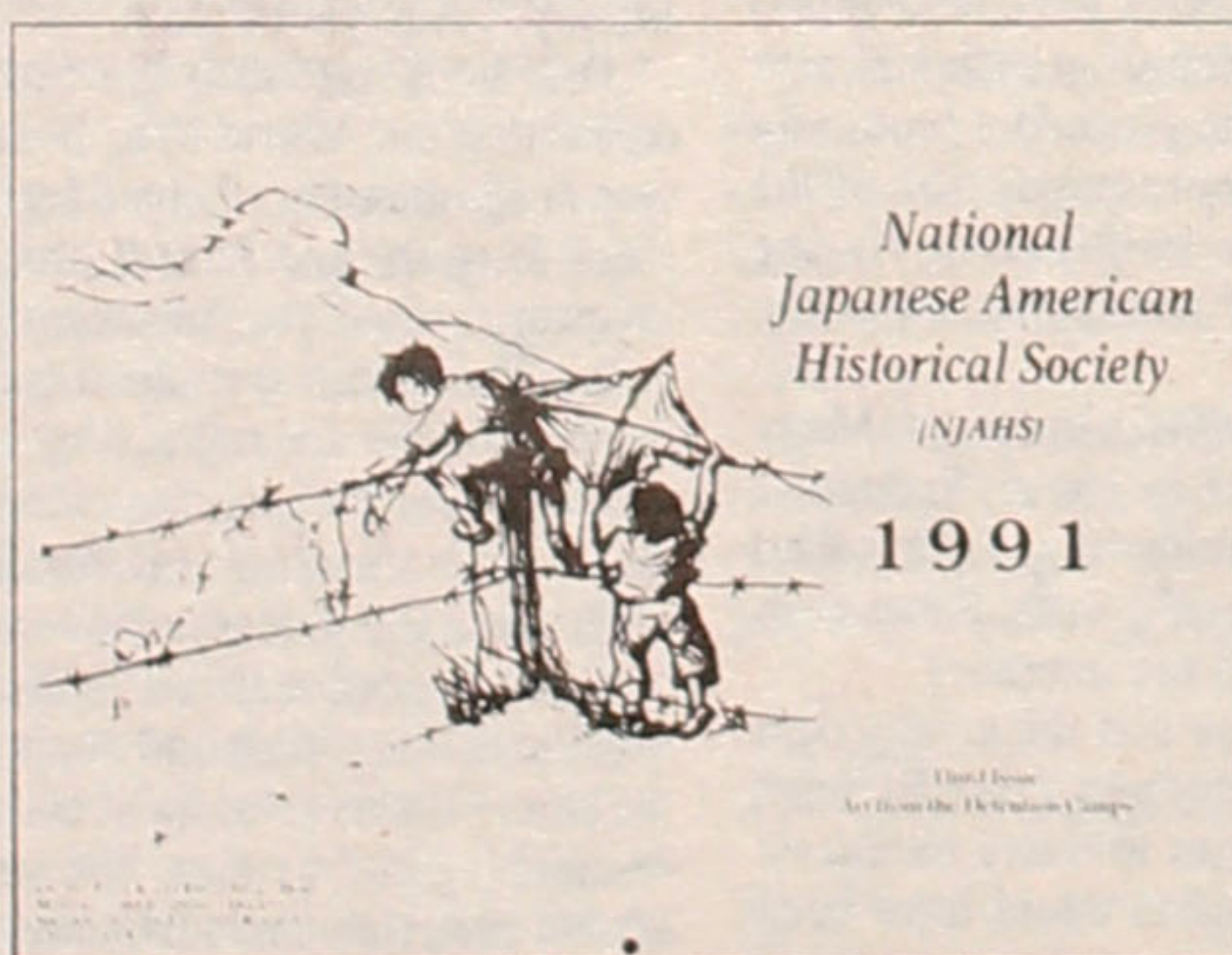
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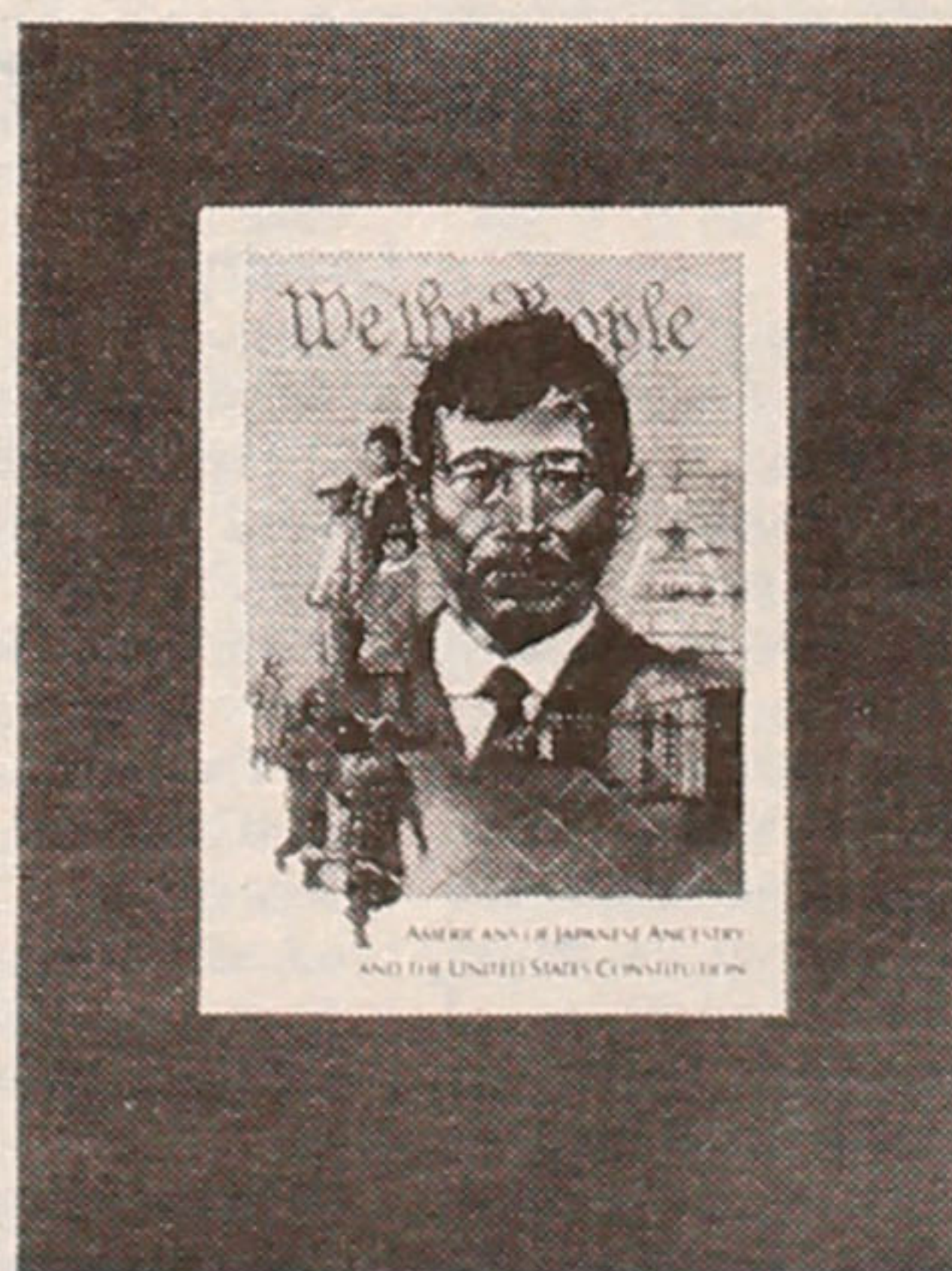
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Japan Decorates U.S. Issei and Nisei for Distinguished Community Service

TOKYO—Over 4,400 individuals were named to receive medals and decorations (*kunsho*) from the Japanese government for distinguished service contributing toward cultural understanding and improvement of friendship, including a number of prominent American Issei and Nisei, the Foreign Office announced Oct. 30.

Nisei being honored include onetime Oakland mayor Frank Hirao Ogawa, 73 (Order of the Sacred Treasure with Gold Rays and Neck Ribbon); Tacoma-born accountant George Y. Hara, 76, of New York, New York attorney Francis Y. Sogi, 67, and Los Angeles businessman Taro Kawa, 70 (Order of the Sacred Treasure with Gold Rays and Rosette / 4th Class); and New Jersey agriculturalist Takashi Moriuchi, 71 (Order of the Rising Sun with Gold and Silver Rays).

In Southern California, longtime Little Tokyo Pioneer Center manager and Holiness Church lay leader Kenichi Katagi, 87, of Los Angeles (ORS-6th Class) and bonsai authority Yuichiro Yamaguchi, 77, of West Los Angeles (OST-5th Class) were also named.

One Nikkei in Peru

Among the women honorees, 40 percent of the total recipients, was Alicia Matsuda de Isayama, 67 (Order of the Precious Crown with Ripple) of Lima, Peru, for promoting Japanese relations in her country.

The highest honor to a foreigner went to former South Korean prime minister Lee Han-Key, 73 (Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun), and currently president of the Korea-Japan Cultural Foundation.

The top "kunsho" awards were presented at the Imperial Palace on Nov. 6; others will be awarded at the various embassies and consulates in the coming weeks and in Tokyo in December.

The "kunsho" is similar to the Legion d'Honneur of France and the Order of the Garter of Britain, according to the Prime Minister's Office. It was instituted by Emperor Meiji in 1873. Its procedure was altered in 1947 by the postwar constitution, only making posthumous awards but returned to its current practice in 1963.

It was in the 1960s that the list started to include noted Japanese Americans, including Dr. Tom Yatabe, Saburo Kido, George Yamaoka, Kay Sugahara, Thomas Masuda, Yoneo Arai and Mike Masaoka in 1968. Age was among the determining factors.

Anti-JACL Legacy Fund Blast Countered Again

NEW YORK—Tom Kometani, past JACL Eastern District Council governor, responded to William Hohri's comments belittling the JACL Legacy Fund in his letter to the New York Nichibei. (Fred Hirasuna of Fresno had seen the same letter to the Hokubei Mainichi and his observations were noted in the P.C. Nov. 9.)

Kometani commented Hohri's "Willy Sutton" hyperbole (*Perhaps, like Willie Sutton, who robbed banks because that's where the money was, the JACL covets our redress payments*) "reveals his tunnel vision regarding JACL's accomplishments and goals. I will defend to the death his right to spend his \$20,000 redress payment on a new car and likewise, I hope he will defend my right to support JACL."

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A STATEMENT FROM HEADQUARTERS:

Anti-Nikkei Racial Violence

By Bill Yoshino, National JACL Director

The painting of a swastika and the words "White Supreme" on the office of the Arizona JACL together with death threats against the Arizona JACL president following a media interview on redress payments for Japanese Americans are intolerable acts of racism.

These actions must be condemned in the strongest possible terms by the authorities, public officials and the community.

The Japanese American Citizens League urges that all appropriate authorities take all actions to thoroughly investigate these incidents for the purpose of apprehending and prosecuting those responsible.

Japanese Americans are well aware of the manner in which an atmosphere of hate can produce tragic consequences for an entire group of Americans.

The removal and detention of all West Coast Japanese Americans during World War II was a culmination of a half century of racism directed at Japanese Americans.

The incidents that occurred in Arizona are clear examples of the growing frequency of racially motivated crimes against Asian American—crimes which compel a strong community and governmental response to prevent an atmosphere of hate and fear.

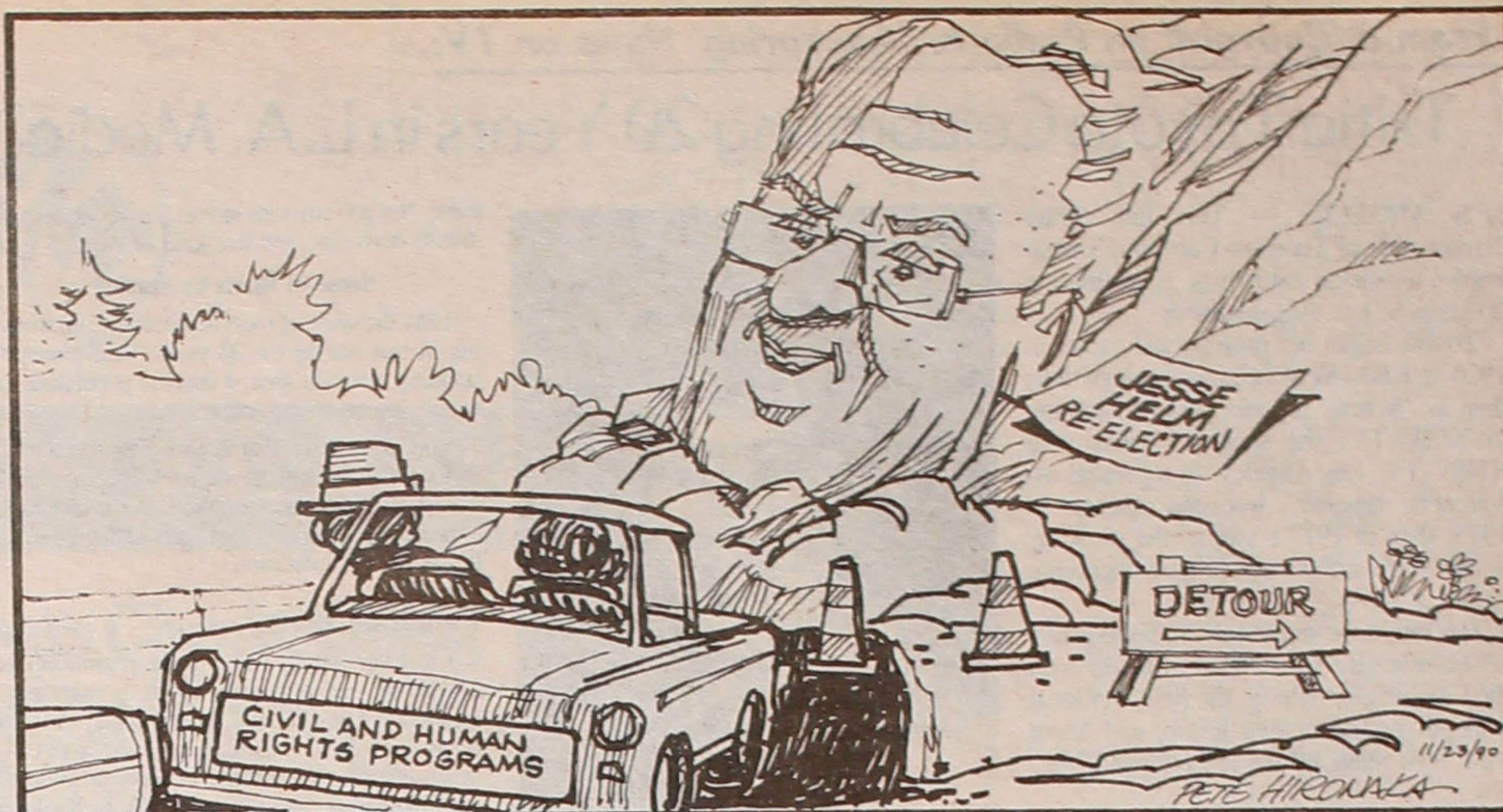
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The Attorney General of Arizona must follow through with a proposed law which would provide felony charges for ethnic intimidation and other racially motivated crimes. This legislation is extremely important because bias crimes have a profound impact on communities beyond that of other crimes.

Bias crimes have the potential for causing psychic damage to entire communities by making them feel vulnerable, fearful, unprotected and suspicious of other groups.

In addition, bias crimes have the potential for raising racial tensions which could lead to reprisals by those in the community.

Bias crimes have the potential for creating community divisiveness, thus tearing at the very fabric of our society.



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Tsutakawa's 'Eternal Laughter'

Superficially, George Tsutakawa's early life story isn't much different from that of many members of that Nisei sub-group called Kibei. He was born in Seattle in 1910, the fourth of the nine children of an Issei immigrant couple. At age 7 he was sent to live with grandparents in Japan. He returned to Seattle 10 years later, more Japanese than American, and that classified him as Kibei, struggling to re-learn English and acquire American ways.

In summer, he worked in Alaska salmon canneries like other Seattle Nisei. While going to school he helped out at the family grocery store which eventually he would run. He served in the U.S. Army during the war, moving from camp to camp, winding up as a Japanese language instructor at the Military Intelligence Language School at Fort Snelling.

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But where George Tsutakawa was different was his soul-deep interest in art. While his friends were horsing around, Tsutakawa was creating linoleum block prints of scenes around the cannery at Union Bay. While his

friends were studying business at the University of Washington, he was deeply immersed in art courses.

A few weeks ago we were fortunate to visit an exhibit titled "Eternal Laughter: A 60-year Retrospective of George Tsutakawa," at the Bellevue Art Museum across Lake Washington from Seattle. The show was a sampling of the long, productive and distinguished art career that started with a charcoal portrait of Tsutakawa's grandfather and moved from linoleum block prints to water colors to oils to wood carvings to sculpture in stone and metal and finally to the water fountains for which he is justly famous.

The fountain phase of his career began 30 years ago when he created the "Fountain of Wisdom" to grace the plaza of the new Seattle Public Library. It was the first work of art commissioned by the city, except for war memorials, since 1908. The architects had planned for a small, traditional fountain with a trickle of water for a corner of the auditorium. Tsutakawa came up with an idea for a 12-foot-tall sculpture of curved and shaped metal

down which streams of water cascaded.

Later he said he hadn't been sure the idea would fly, and the city fathers weren't sure either. But they stuck with him. The fountain attracted a flood of favorable comment, and Tsutakawa was on his way. Over the next three decades Tsutakawa created some 60 fountains which can be seen in such diverse places as Los Angeles, Kansas City, Honolulu, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and Tokyo and Sendai, Japan.

Most impressive about the exhibit was not any particular piece of work (the fountains, obviously, could not be included), but their diversity. Tsutakawa is a world-class artist in a variety of media, and we were delighted that a local boy was recognized and honored by his own home town.

Interestingly, two of Tsutakawa's Seattle Nisei contemporaries also have won comparable recognition in the arts. They are the late Minoru Yamasaki, architect, and the late George Nakashima, furniture designer and wood-worker. All three were graduates of the University of Washington. Could their success be purely coincidence?

EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

RIP: Howard Cady

Howard Cady was not a name familiar in every household but in the book-publishing fraternity he was widely known and respected. He had a distinguished 50-year career as an editor.

Cady first attracted industry notice as editor in San Francisco for Doubleday & Co. From there he moved to Little, Brown as editor in chief. He was editor in chief at G.P. Putnam's Sun from 1957 to 1962, and editor in chief of Holt, Rinehart & Winston from 1962 to 1964. After that he became executive editor at David McKay Co. In 1968 he joined William Morrow & Co. as senior editor. All are well-known publishing houses.

During this career he edited books by such diverse writers as Leon Uris, A.E. Hotchner, Dr. Lawrence J. Peter of Peter Principle fame, William Saroyan, Barry Goldwater, Walter Lord and Norman Vincent Peale. He also edited books about show business personalities as Rex Harrison, Sophia Loren, Errol Flynn and Doris Day, and broadcasters Lowell Thomas and Paul Harvey.

In 1969 Cady agreed to publish the landmark book "Nisei," by Bill Hosokawa. When dissidents in the Japanese American community threatened to boycott the book because they didn't like "the Quiet Americans" as a subtitle, Cady stuck by his guns and refused to drop the project. Later, William Morrow under Cady's direction published a number of books about and by Nisei including "Before the War," a volume of poetry by Lawson Fusao Inada, Michi Weglyn's "Years of Infamy," "JACL in Quest of Justice" and Mike Masaoka's autobiography, "They Call Me Moses Masaoka."

Cady's support aided Japanese American writers in three profound ways. He provided an outlet for them at a time when other major publishers were paying them scant heed. "Nisei" as a commercial success provided JACL's Japanese American Research Project (JARP) with funds to extend its activities. And Cady's example stimulated an interest in Asian writers among other book editors, leading to publication of many titles.

Early this month Howard Cady died in Middlebury, Vt., of cancer at age 76. He will be missed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Project Amends

Re: Project Amends (Aug. 31, PC), I would like to add: Project Amends is not just for members of the high school class of 1942 but is mainly intended to allow all 1943, 44, and 45 Camp HS grads to receive a valid diploma from their original high school.

The project was originated and made a reality in 1990 by Ms. Phyllis Bilbo, a 1943 grad of (Fresno) Edison High School. She obtained documented support for Project Amends from both Gov. Deukmejian and state school superintendent Honig plus other officials. She hopes to see the goals of Project Amends implemented through pursuit and participation by all the Camp HS grads of 43/44/45 from California and the other states.

The Central California JACL District Council aided in assembling a list of grads.

KIYOSHI TSUJI
Camarillo, Calif.

Tired of 'Japan Bashers'

It is really becoming quite tiresome reading and hearing all of this "Japan Bashing". Every time a Japanese firm buys anything American, the "Bashers" come out of the woodwork to complain that, what the Japanese couldn't win in the war, they are now simply buying on the open market.

Nothing is ever said about the persons or groups who are selling us out. So many greedy people are selling our technology to the highest foreign bidder and having work done in foreign factories where labor is cheap. Everything we have seems to be on sale for a quick profit.

WILLIAM R. VETTER
National City, Calif.

Loyalty Oath

I was extremely pleased with the passage of the substitute Resolution 13. (Aug. 31 PC) One of the fatal mistakes which the wartime JACL made was their support of the loyalty oath.

When I took the loyalty oath in 1943, I was not given a prior notice to study the oath. The entire internees were herded into a small barrack to pledge an oath and sign a piece of paper. The procedure took only two hours for the entire population of the Rohwer camp. It was swiftly done. No one actually knew what was going on at the time.

Next day, the camp was in uproar. Many heated arguments took place. Suddenly, there emerged a group of people called Kibei. Prior to the loyalty oath, Kibei were virtually unknown to the internees.

I believe to this day that the loyalty oath was totally unnecessary and it caused much sufferings and miseries to many internees. The formation of 442nd could have been done without the loyalty oath. It was a big mistake on the part of the wartime JACL to support such loyalty oath.

G.N. ASAWA
Anaheim, Calif.

Reunion Publicity

After 46 years of supporting JACL and Pacific Citizen and donating thousands of dollars to your causes, I am going to cancel your subscription and membership.

Your handling of our request for a little bit better coverage was denied, only worse by putting in small print, takes magnifying glasses to read, while giving other reunions a bigger line. You did what you had to, and I am going to do what I have to.

HARUO HAYASHI
Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Thanks to Michi Weglyn

Everyone's talking about reparations.

We want to share our feelings of appreciation about a very special friend, Michi Nishiura Weglyn, whose accomplishments were so essential in the redress effort. In 1975, after eight years of painstaking research and writing, her book, "Years of Infamy," was published.

This book provided the first clear evidence that our World War II incarceration was not justified as claimed by our government in court; and further, that at least an investigation of our incarceration was in order. The evidence enabled our supporters to press harder for redress legislation.

More than 20 years ago, Michi Weglyn discovered shocking information as she went about the process of determining why and how Executive Order 9066 came about. With encouragement and support from her husband, Walter, she spent countless hours researching and writing. She sought all available material, including files in the National Archives, the Roosevelt Library in New York, and elsewhere.

What she wrote in "Years of Infamy" gave the redress movement a firm foundation from which real progress could follow.

We will forever be grateful to Michi Nishiura Weglyn.

MARY/BABE KARASAWA
Whittier, Calif.

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Midwest Adopts \$700,000 Legacy District Fund Goal

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The major focus of the Midwest District Council fall meeting was the JACL Legacy Fund. Meeting here Oct. 20-21 at the West Port Sheraton Hotel, the delegates affirmed their commitment to reach a fundraising goal of \$700,000 for the district.

National Director Bill Yoshino gave a background of the Legacy Fund, stressing that the fund would only utilize the earnings to implement the overall program for the organization.

In outlining an approach, MDC governor Henry Tanaka stressed the need to create chapter committees that will identify and prepare a prospect list of all potential donors and potential major contributors. An emphasis was placed on the need to sell the value of the JACL in requesting contributions.

Coalition Building Workshop

The two day meeting also included a coalition building workshop presented by Rosalyn Borg, Area Director of the American Jewish Committee. She described the various types of coalitions and the reasons coalitions are formed.

The program also included a candidate's forum chaired by St. Louis JACler John Hara in which candidates for the position of County Executive of St. Louis County spoke and answered questions about the local Asian American community.

In other actions, the MDC adopted as priorities the accurate portrayal of the Japanese American experience in textbooks, positive media portrayals, anti-Asian sentiment and Japan-bashing as projects the district would begin working on.

Next Meeting Date

The official delegates attending were Janice Honda and Joy Yamasaki, Chicago; Tom Nakao, Cleveland; Darryl Sakada, Dayton; Gerry Shimoura, Detroit; Diane Aratani, Milwaukee; Mike Katayama, Hoosier; Nikki Hara, St. Louis; Mark Honda, Twin Cities.

The next scheduled meeting will be in Chicago on April 27-28, 1991.

BY THE BOARD

Yamashita vs. USMC

By Bill Kaneko
National Vice President
for Planning & Development

In August 1990 the National JACL Board endorsed Bruce Yamashita's efforts to correct the injustice served upon him by the United States Marine Corps. During the ten week period of U.S.M.C. Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Va., Yamashita was racially harassed by his superiors and later "disenrolled" from the program.

It should be noted that the Japanese American Citizens League, through the efforts of the Honolulu Chapter, is the lead organization in Yamashita's efforts. Requiring extensive legal and political resources, Bruce sought the assistance of several Asian American organizations of which JACL emerged as his leading advocate. For such actions, JACL should be applauded.

The Honolulu JACL, through its legal counsel Clayton Ikei, is providing all legal services required to file an administrative appeal with the Board of Records Corrections and the Naval Review Board. In addition, political and media resources are also being coordinated by the local chapter.

With recent National JACL endorsement, Yamashita's efforts have gained national attention as the interests of Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui have been peaked. The assistance of the two Nikkei congressmen will be a welcome addition to the support of Hawaii's Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Dan Akaka, and Rep. Pat Saiki.

The Yamashita case is an excellent example of combining efforts of the local chapters and the National JACL. While National JACL cannot always provide direct assistance as its local chapters can, the clout and network that the national organization commands can give the boost and credibility that local chapters need to gain widespread attention. On matters directly related to the preservation and enhancement of civil rights, such coordinated efforts should be encouraged.

(A detailed report by Arnold Hiura, editor of the *Hawaii Herald*, appears in this week's P.C.)

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First 25,000 Redress Checks Going to Those Born Before July 1, 1920

WASHINGTON. — The Department of Justice announced Nov. 15 that the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will issue 25,000 payments in fiscal 1990 to Japanese Americans who were evacuated or interned by the United States during World War II.

ORA said it has issued 21,000 checks and estimated it will issue an additional 2,000 checks in the next 30 days to individuals whose cases are now pending or whom ORA has yet been unable to locate.

ORA said those individuals receiving fiscal 1990 payments were born before July 1, 1920. Payments for the next 25,000 oldest eligible individuals—those born on or after July 1, 1920—will begin in October 1991.

Congress appropriates money for the program on a fiscal year basis and ORA issues the payments beginning in October of each fiscal year.

Some Cases Pending

"Cases currently pending typically belong to individuals who have been requested

by ORA to provide documents showing current identity and address, but who have not yet done so," said Robert Bratt, ORA administrator.

"We plan to maintain space in our payment system for these latecomers, so that we can get payments out to them as soon as their cases are completed, even if they don't make it into the batch to be released this month," he said.

Bratt said ORA plans to reserve some funds for payment to eligible individuals born before July 1, 1920, who may not have been identified by ORA yet.

Budgetary uncertainties at the start of the current fiscal year prevented ORA from receiving full funding for redress payments in early October, Bratt said.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) withheld a portion of the money earmarked for redress payments until the threat of sequestration, or forced budget cuts, had passed. OMB released the funds Nov. 3.

A GUEST COLUMN: 'DIM SUM'

Chinese American Reflections on Redress Check Presentation

By Vera Ing

Seattle Chinese Post

SEATTLE — Sunday, October 14, 1990 was a special day. It was the day of the first redress payments made in Seattle to Japanese Americans interned during World War II. It was also my husband Joey's birthday.

We celebrated by bringing a birthday cheesecake to share with our fellow Blaine Methodist churchgoers. Then we went to the redress ceremony at the Nisei Veterans Hall.

A Chinese friend was surprised to find out that we had gone to the redress ceremony. Come to think of it, we were the only Chinese couple there. But, we don't usually think of things like that.

We were just doing what comes naturally.

The Seattle Asian American Community have always been closer akin to our lifestyle and values than vague ancestral ties. Besides, everyone, especially other Asians, should identify with the tragedy of our Nikkei friends interned after Pearl Harbor in World War II.

IMAGINE the shock and anger of having your loyalty to America, the country in which you were born, questioned. The devastation of losing a diligently wrought career or business for no reason but prejudice.

IMAGINE the anguish of immigrant parents seeing cherished heirlooms destroyed or sold for a fraction of their worth. The greed and disdain of opportunists snatching

up real estate and personal property.

Grief of Separation

IMAGINE the separation of loved ones when soldiers rounded up outspoken community leaders. Amid the aching uncertainty of how this unprecedented action would end for you and your American family.

The cycle of these actions ended 50 years later. At this Sunday's ceremony five Seattle Area Japanese Americans interned during WWII received a public presidential apology and redress payments. The five are the oldest surviving internees, Mr. Yatsu, 107, Mr. Katsuno, 105, Mrs. Wakamatsu, 102, Mr. Ishimitsu, 103, and Mr. Nakagawa, 100.

But it is the non-Japanese Americans who are the true recipients. Redress assures that no ethnic group can be interned simply by virtue of their ancestor's native roots.

As I watched the unwavering stoicism and dignity of the recipients amid the blinding maze of reporters, wires, television cameras and flashbulbs, I was reminded of the Japanese American Citizens League photo exhibit of the Japanese Internment.

The faces of those Americans and neighbors who were being processed for internment had the same look of dignity and air of quiet spiritualism, as if they knew they could get through yet another of life's injustices.

The Nikkei community can teach all of us the art of surviving with class, pride and patriotism.

JACL Legacy Fund Highlights Pinpointed

■ This piece appeared in the *New York Nichihei* as the concluding part of his letter commenting on William Hohri's letter belittling JACL's Legacy Fund campaign.

By Tom Kometani
Past EDC Governor

WARREN, N.J.

Since the 1940s, JACL's lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C. undergirded at the grassroots by a nationwide network of 115 chapters, were crucial in effecting the enactment of three major U.S. laws which: (1) allowed my Issei father to become a U.S. citizen; (2) opened up U.S. immigration for Asians; and (3) secured justice for Japanese Americans.

These efforts have been financed largely by precious contributions ranging from a few to thousands of dollars do-

nated by individual JACL members and other Americans who shared the quest for liberty and justice for all.

The JACL Legacy Fund will ensure that my children and their children are empowered to protect individual rights of citizens through the JACL Plan of Action. A priority item in the Plan is to combat through education, advocacy, and legislation the growing anti-Asian sentiments and the resulting violence against Asian Americans. Sorry to say, racism still lives and is well in America.

In addition to the JACL Legacy Fund, I choose to pledge my redress payment to a number of deserving organizations, both within and outside of the Japanese American community, which are also soliciting funds at this time.

\$15,000 Donation to JACL Legacy Fund:

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Continues Family Tradition of Giving Back

SAN FRANCISCO — The JACL Legacy Fund campaign, which began last month, has gotten off to a fast start, thanks to the generous contribution of Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, a Bay Area resident and longtime JACL supporter. Her \$15,000 donation is a reflection of a Togasaki tradition: that of giving back to the community.

"Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki's unwavering commitment and continued support of the JACL for the past several decades has been truly inspirational," said JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa. "Her generous contribution to the legacy fund lays a foundation for us and will help us realize our goals as set forth in the organization's program for action. We are very grateful to Dr. Togasaki for leading the way, as both a community leader and longtime JACL supporter."

The name Togasaki is synonymous with San Francisco Japantown's history, as well as the history of the JACL. It is a name which evokes both the highest praise and respect. For good reason. As mainstays in the community, the Togasaki family has always been willing to give of their time and resources, not for accolades or recognition, but simply to meet the need.

At 86 years of age, Yoshiye Togasaki epitomizes wisdom and graciousness. In a soft-spoken voice, she talks freely about her life's experiences. It is a story that has been documented before, maybe too much so, she says, but clearly it is a family history which deserves to be retold.

Personal History in Brief

Yoshiye was born in San Francisco in 1904, the fifth of eight children. Her father, Kikumatsu, began his own business, a retail grocery store, and later a wholesale import-export business.

After graduating from Lowell High School in 1921, Yoshiye attended the University of California, but spent two years out of school due to an illness. She graduated in 1929 then worked for two years as a bacteriologist in the City of Berkeley's public health department. In 1931, she entered Johns Hopkins medical school in Baltimore and graduated four years later.

Two of her sisters, Kazue and Teru, also became physicians. Kazue, in fact, is said to have delivered, in the prewar years, nearly half of all the Japanese babies born in San Francisco during one particular year!

There was a need for health care providers in the immigrant community, said Togasaki, because the community was hindered by a language barrier and it did not know how to access help. Doing what you can to help, she said, is something she attributes to the way in which she was raised, by the example set by her parents.

Yet, there were those who tried to dissuade her from pursuing her medical degree. One of her professors, she related, told her that there was "no place for women" in medicine. She took it with a grain of salt. "If you take things personally," she said smiling, "it can be pretty miserable."

After medical school Togasaki moved to Los Angeles for an internship and later accepted a residency at the L.A. County General Hospital in the area of communicable diseases. She began her practice. Then came World War II.

Togasaki, 38 years old at the time, volunteered and served as a chaperon when the JACL asked for young women volunteers to go to Manzanar to serve as secretaries and prepare things in anticipation of the internees. This first contingent was comprised of 10 women.

In Manzanar Togasaki faced many difficult situations, from a shortage of baby formula to dealing with epidemics—tuberculosis, typhoid, small pox. She struggled to convince people of the need for immunizations. Prevention, she would tell the internees, is better than having to treat someone after they're sick. They listened.

Immediately after the camps, Togasaki headed to New York, where she worked in a hospital in pediatrics. A call came for volunteers to work with a refugee program in Europe. She volunteered. After several months she was finally issued a passport and sent to Italy, which by then had surrendered, and was experiencing an influx of refugees. In visiting the refugee "camps" on a regular basis, she witnessed the death of many babies. "I've seen poverty," she said quietly, "but it's pretty bad when babies can't be fed." She spent two years in Europe before making her way back to the U.S.

Her Postwar Years

Togasaki found a job with the state of California and worked for the public health department for four years. She then spent 22 years working for Contra Costa county in the area of maternal and child health, and with the crippled children's program. She retired in 1972.

Since the JACL's founding 60 years ago, Yoshiye and the Togasaki family have remained staunch supporters. The JACL was the "only organization which represented Nisei," she stated. People needed something, and the JACL was there. "It was the best thing I'd ever come across," she exclaimed.

Reflecting on both the internment and redress movement, Togasaki remarked that for the internees, their "whole attitude toward life was damaged because of what happened." Many were destroyed financially. It was an extremely difficult experience, but it was not just the Japanese who helped themselves.

Support also came from outside, from those who "believed in us and were willing to help us." This made redress possible as well, she said. It took "the total faith on both sides—mutually—to believe enough in a principle that it was finally achieved."

In looking at her life, Togasaki's belief has always been that "you serve others. The life of each person is just as important as yours. What you can do to help makes the difference." Lofty words to live by, but for Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, it's simply been her way of life.

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Nov. 6 Election Results Wrap-Up

From Asian Week

Nevada voters elected Cheryl Lau secretary of state and Bob Wong to the state assembly. Republican Lau, a deputy attorney general, garnered 49% of the votes while her nearest competitor trailed with 40%. Insurance executive Wong, also a Republican, won in the 15th District—Las Vegas with 52%.

In San Francisco's cliff-hanger in the Nov. 6 races saw James Fang clinging to a 1,000 vote edge over Rodel Rodis for a seat on the BART board. Fang is assistant publisher at *Asian Week*; Rodis is on the public utilities commission and a columnist for the *Philippine News*. . . In the supervisorial races, candidates Jeffrey Chang and Vu-Doc Vuong (the first Vietnamese American in the state to run for public office) fell short to win one of the five open seats.

Elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area, Justice Ming Chin won confirmation to the appellate court; Julie Tang won election to the San Francisco municipal court.

Hedy Chong lost the race for the Morgan Hill city council. Morgan Hill is a suburb south of San Jose.

In Riverside County, Mark Takano succeeded in his bid to the Riverside Community College board of trustees.

(From George Yoshinaga's column in the *Kashu Mainichi*, it was noted Lorraine Inouye, the new Hawaii County mayor is not of Japanese ancestry but a Filipino American married to a Japanese American.

Richard Tanaka Wins Easily

In San Jose, Richard K. Tanaka, the only incumbent running for the East Side school board, led in voting for the three open seats with close to 29,000 votes to be elected easily over six candidates.

A veteran of 19 years on the East Side Union High School and board president, he stated that his direction for the educational priorities of the District, his leadership ability and his walking of the entire district consisting of 150,000 registered voters may have given him the edge of collecting more than 20% of all the votes in the District.

Lungren Passes Arlo Smith

Nine days after the polls closed, Dan Lungren has a 9,959 lead Nov. 15 over Arlo Smith in the California attorney general's race. When the polls closed, Smith enjoyed a 28,000 lead but he knew there were some 400,000 uncounted ballots to be canvassed in the subsequent weeks. About 100,000 from the larger counties remain to be tabulated.

REUNIONS, TOO

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.

Fourth All Imperial Valley Reunion, Saturday, April 20, 1991, New Holiday Inn, 19800 S. Vermont, Torrance, CA. All former Valleyites are urged to attend, cost is \$27 per person, dinner at 7:30 p.m. checks payable to George Komatsu, 1313 W. 140th St., Gardena, CA 90247 or (213) 327-9812. Imperial Valley Golf Classic, Royal Vista Country Club on Friday, April 19, 1991 starting at 1 p.m.

Poston III Reunion, May 3-5, 1991, in San Diego. Mailing info: Yuki Kawamoto (619)

IGASAKI

Continued from the Front Page

Igasaki has served as the Washington Representative for approximately 16 months during which time he carried out an organizational priority to raise JACL's visibility and credibility on the major national issues affecting the Asian American community. During his tenure, Igasaki devoted much of his effort to the Civil Rights Act of 1990, the issue of immigration, higher education, anti-Asian violence cases and the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, Vietnamese Fishermen's case and building relationships with civil rights groups.

"I am proud to have had an opportunity to help represent our organization in Washington," said Igasaki, "I hope and believe that we have contributed something lasting to the JACL and our community."

In commenting on Igasaki's service to the JACL, National Director Bill Yoshino stated,

"Paul has been a very valuable asset to the organization: Paul brought to his position a keen understanding and sensitivity to the issues within the Asian American community together with an understanding of the practical realities of politics and the process. In addition, Paul did all that we asked to raise our level of effectiveness in Washington. Cressey (Nakagawa) and I were insistent that we have a first rate Washington operation and Paul and Louann (Igasaki) provided that."

Yoshino added, "Unfortunately, in losing Paul's services, we will also lose Louann who has served as the assistant in the Washington Office. Because her professional background and experience, Louann has been instrumental in many of the initiatives we have made in Washington. We wish both well in California."

TEXAS CAMPS

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Krammer said, "The Germans weren't discriminated against because of their race, but because of their politics. I'd like to think those (Germans) hauled away were not innocent. But we can't be sure."

Plaschke's family was among those deported to Germany in 1945 and Alfred remembers the last months of the war; he returned to the U.S. in 1948.

As for the Seagoville camp, Jerry Pugh, a superintendent at the medium security federal prison today, said the Germans and Italians got solid, brick quarters to live and sleep in while the Japanese internees got the plywood huts. It reflected the prejudices of the U.S. military and Immigration and Naturalization Service, some historians maintain.

SEATTLE ATTACK

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crowd appeared to be well-dressed white men.

Park sustained \$1,300 worth of damages to his car, plus an angry desire to fight back. He was especially upset by the crowd's taunting reaction against him. He is bitter about racial discrimination and what other minorities continue to endure. But, he says, he is not intimidated even by the physical violence.

239-0896 before noon; booklet info: Tom Ozaki (619) 479-7582; display info: Ben Segawa (619) 482-1736.

Obituaries

■ In the interest of space, names of immediate family members only shall be noted.

Arifuku, Sadami, 73, Los Angeles, Oct. 29; Kauai-born, survived by sis Michiko Hirotsu, Yasuko Muraoka (Jpn).

Asari, Miwa, 73, Santa Ana, Nov. 3; Gardena-born, survived by h Harley, d Jane Wall (Seattle), Joyce Marumoto.

Azeka, Mitsuru, 64, Huntington Beach, Oct. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by w Masami, s Michael, d Karen Ladd, Patricia Poor, Barbara, m Umeno, sis Tomiko Domoto, Sumiko Funo, Chikaye Hashimoto.

Ego, Torayo, 96, Fresno, Nov. 1; Yamaguchi-born, survived by s Shunkichi, Dr Shiro, Teruo, d Ellen, Michiko Teranishi.

Fuji, Tamayo, 88, Gardena, Oct. 22; Hiroshima-born, survived by s Teruyuki, Hideo, d Emiko Fujino.

Fukei, Naka, 95, Seattle, Aug. 11; survived by s Budd, d Masaye Takada, Yoshiye Mikami (both Jpn).

Furuya, Matsuye, 66, Culver City, Oct. 14; Los Angeles-born, survived by s Douglas.

Golisch, Linda Harumi, 44, Northridge, Oct. 15; Ogden-born Sansei administrative assistant with Arthur Andersen Accounting, survived by h John, d Sumi, p Harry/Yoshie Sakai (Ogden), br Phil (Chatsworth), Dennis (Oxnard).

Goto, Shigeru, 69, Cerritos, Oct. 25; Stockton-born 442nd veteran, 40-year Bank of America employee/officer, survived by w Nellie, s Steven, Kenneth, d Margaret Cantu.

Haraguchi, Masaru, 73, Long Beach, Calif., Oct. 14; Woodland, Calif.-born, survived by w Midori, d Janet, Joni, sis Toyoko Tani, in-law br Nobuhiro Tani, sis Keiko Akutagawa.

Higa, Soei, 75, Los Angeles, Oct. 11; Maui-born, survived by w Grace, d Jane Fukuda, Beatrice Yotsukura, Sandra Miyashiro, and many br in Hawaii.

Higa, Thomas Sadao, 56, Ontario, Calif., Oct. 20; Los Angeles-born, survived by w Maria, s Kevin, Herman, Erik, d Katarina, Erina, m Take, br Kazuo, Roger.

Hikawa, Frank, 62, La Palma, Oct. 27; Sacramento-born, survived by w Sue, s Douglas, Brian, br Richard, George, in-law br George Yamamoto (Las Vegas), Mike Yamamoto, Yo Yamamoto, sis Kiyomi Tsujimoto (Jpn).

Hosoda, Mrs Haruto, 96, Rexburg, Idaho, July 7; Hiroshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by s Leo (Vacaville, Calif.), Paul (Bellevue, Wash.), Mabel Sakota (Sugar City).

Ichikawa, Masa U., 83, Wilmington, Calif., Oct. 30; Shizuoka-born, survived by h Tazo, br Tatsuo Urushibata, sis Hamako Yamanashi.

Inouye, Ruth, Sedwick, Colo., Oct. 22; (h Kuichi predeceased here in 1983, was decorated with Order of the Rising Sun, 6th Cl.)

Ito, Hiroko, 72, Dana Point, Oct. 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by h Atsuo, s Braven, Douglas, br John Takenaka, sis Alice Takenaka, Kimi Kawasaki, in-law Roy Ito.

Sakow, Shawshe, 85, Pinedale, Calif., Oct. 22; Fukui-born, survived by w Masako, s Hidehiko (New York), Fumihiko (Jpn), Masahiko (Florida), Raymond (San Diego), d Rumiko Arakawa.

Shiba, Toshio, 69, Mission, Tex., Oct. 15; Rocky Ford, Colo.-born and onetime Stockton resident, survived by 5 brs Jinji, Roy, Haru, Tomi, Don, 5 sis Mary Kakuda, Yoshiko Hori, Susan Motoike, Arlene Tsujimura (Hacienda Heights, Calif.), Judy Kumagai (San Jose).

Shinbo, Sherlock, 73, North Seattle, Oct. 19; Stockton-born but Seattle-reared retired florist, survived by w Mary, s Bill, d Cathy O'Rear, br Hachiro, sis Barbara Wakazura, Lois Hirano. (He died a few days after receiving his \$20,000 redress check and letter of apology.)

Shimizu, Nobuko, 56, Sun Valley, Calif., Oct. 23; Los Angeles-born, survived by 4 br Masaru, Teruo, Kenzo, Yoshio, sis Shizuye Couey.

Shimizu, Peggy, 76, Los Angeles, Oct. 10; Los Angeles-born, survived by s Patrick, d Julie Takeda, Susan Taira, sis Moto Sera, Achi Ogawa, in-law sis Molly Chuman, s Albert Taira.

Shiroishi, Tom M., 66 Rosemead, Calif., Oct. 30; Long Beach-born WWII veteran, survived by w Toki, s George, Jeffrey, d Julie Rika, sis Frances Yoshimoto, Chieko Miyakawa, Betty Kuratake, Noriko Gardiner.

Sugimoto, Momoye "Peaches", 65, Fresno, Oct. 17; San Diego-born, survived by h Takashi, s Russell, Mark (Bremerton, Wash.), d Gail Sakamoto (Venice), Sandra Chambers (San Marcos, Calif.), br Terry Kinoshita (Escondido), Keiji Kinoshita (Fair Oaks).

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■ ARIZONA

Feb. 23-24, 1991: Annual Matsuri will be held at the Heritage Square, 6th St. and Monroe, Phoenix. Theme for the Matsuri will be Samurai. Sponsors include the City of Phoenix Parks, Library and Recreation Department, Arizona Chapter JACL, Japanese American Society of Phoenix, Himeji Group of the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission, Arizona Buddhist Church and the Phoenix Japanese Free Methodist Church.

■ BERKELEY

Jan. 26—"Sansei Tribute to Nisei." Info: Patty Kobayashi (526-2964); Terry Yamashita (527-1131); Neal Taniguchi (652-8964). Sansei volunteers are still needed for this affair.

■ CHICAGO

Dec. 9—New Horizon Christmas Party, Lincolnwood Hyatt. Info: Ruth Kumata, 1520 W. Balmore Av., Chicago 60640.

■ DIABLO VALLEY

Dec. 1: 14th annual installation dinner, 5:30 at the China Pavilion Restaurant (2050 Diamond Blvd., Concord) \$20/person. Call (415) 838-9148, 935-4766, 035-6753. Steve Okazaki, recipient of JACL's 1990 Japanese American of Biennium Award in Arts, Literature and Communication, will show his latest film "Days of Waiting," about artist Estelle Peck Ishigo, one of the few Caucasians who was interned during WWII.

■ MT. OLYMPUS

"Personal Computer: Know Before You Buy" is the topic for the Nov. 26 seminar at Holladay Library, 2150 E. 4800 South, 6:30 p.m. Jim Schlight, an expert technologist and now a computer salesman, will be speaker. (The last time we held a seminar, we learned how to take stress out of car-buying with information that puts us on equal terms with the wily car salesman.—Shake Ushio.)

Christmas Potluck Party, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., at Central High School (same locale as before); Members will be called to bring a salad or dessert; Santa Claus and program with a treat for children and dinner to be featured.

■ NEW YORK

Dec. 8: Holiday Bazaar at the Japanese American United Church on Seventh Avenue between 24 & 25 Sts.; Potluck supper and auction; volunteers are being sought. Call Lillian Kimura at (212) 614-2838 for information.

■ PUYALLUP VALLEY

Dec. 9: Chapter mochitsuki.

CALENDAR

● LOS ANGELES AREA

Dec. 2—Radio Li'l Tokyo will be celebrating its 38th anniversary at 12:00 noon at the New Won Kok restaurant at 2411 N. Broadway. Further info; write Radio Li'l Tokyo, 320 E 2nd St., Suite 313, LA 90012. Karaoke contest to be held after the luncheon.

Dec. 9—Nikkei Widowed Group Christmas luncheon, 11 a.m., at New Otani Hotel. Tickets \$27 each, payable to Nikkei Widowed Group, Xmas Party and mail to Ben Morishita, treas. 4145 Tracy St. Los Angeles, CA 90027. For information (213) 323-2812.

Dec. 22—Orange County Sansei Singles ChristmasDance, Holiday Inn. Info: Joy Murosako (213) 473-8908.

Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Little Tokyo Towers, 455 East Third St., Los Angeles. Amerasian League panel discussion multi-racial Asians and the Asian American community. Info: (213) 479-3369.

● NEW YORK

Nov. 29-Dec. 2—Chen & Dancers at La Mama Annex Theatre, Thurs-Sat 8 p.m.; Sunday 3 p.m.; special reception, Sat. Dec. 1, information (212) 349-0126.

● SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Nov. 28—Planning meeting for Day of Remembrance, 7:30 p.m. at Kimochi Home, 1531 Sutter St.

Dec. 2—Nisei Widowed Group Christmas Party, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung (SF) 221-0268, or Yuri Moriwaki (EB) at 482-3280.

Dec. 15—Kimochi Senior Center arts and crafts sale at Japanese Cultural and Community Center. Info: (415) 931-2294.

Feb. 22-24, 1991,—Annual conference of Asian & Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Oakland Hyatt Regency Hotel, Oakland, CA. Info: (415) 921-5225.

● SAN JOSE

Dec. 1—Yu-Ai Kai, Bonen Kai luncheon at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 1-3 p.m. Tickets must be bought in advance, \$1 at the Yu-Ai Kai office, 565 N. 5th St. Info: (408) 294-2505.

Dec. 15-16—Yu-Ai Kai's annual Mochitsuki at the San Jose Buddhist Church annex. Tickets now available at \$2 per pound at the office, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112. Info: call (408) 294-2505.

■ SAN FRANCISCO

Dec. 1: Annual Spaghetti-Crab Feed, 5-8 p.m. again at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. "With the crab season opening up earlier this year, indications so far is that it should be a good one," according to Jerry Ono, chairman. Holiday Gift—Autographed copies of *Strangers from a Distant Shore* by Ron Takaki will be available. Advance tickets: \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, with children 6 through 12 years \$10 available at The Paper Tree in Japantown, or Karen Nakashima at Summit Bank-Geary Br. Tickets at door, \$20 each; Info: Jerry (415) 445-8123 day.

■ STOCKTON

Dec. 1, 10 a.m.: JACL trip to "Ice Capades" in Oakland. Call Mabel Okubo, 478-1824 for reservation.

Dec. 11: JACL meeting 7:30 p.m. Union Bank.

Dec. 15: JACL Community Christmas Pot Luck at Stockton Buddhist Temple social hall at 4 p.m. Please bring main dish.

■ SEQUOIA

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

■ WATSONVILLE

Dec. 2: Installation dinner and Keiro Kai Celebration, at Watsonville Buddhist Temple Hall at 5 p.m. Dinner reservations at \$15 per person, payable to Watsonville JACL; Info: Rosie Terasaki (408) 728-7728, Jeanni Kadotani (408) 724-2784 or Itaru Nitao (408) 722-3673.

■ WEST LOS ANGELES

Dec. 2: JACL and Auxiliary Installation Champagne brunch from noon at the Holiday Inn/Bay View Plaza, 530 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Info or tickets, Charlie at (213) 822-3363 or Ron at (213) 478-5922.

■ WEST VALLEY

Dec. 1: Mochitsuki at the Clubhouse. Preparation for this event is scheduled from 6 a.m. All members can attend and help. Info: Dr. Ray Uchiyama (408) 867-0255 or Harry Kaneko 371-2563.

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.

● SEATTLE

Present-Jan. 13—Works by Japanese Zen painters from Edo Period through 20th century, Seattle Art Museum, Volunteer Park. Info: (206) 625-8900.

● WEST LOS ANGELES

Dec. 2—West L.A. JACL Installation Luncheon. Dick Osumi, Legal Staff, Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing, VP Japanese American Bar Assn. speaks on "The Glass Ceiling"? Promotion discrimination and Asian Americans. Holiday Inn, Bay View Plaza, Santa Monica. Luncheon tickets: \$18. Call Charles Inatomi (213) 822-3363.

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YAMASHITA

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work in a private law firm. But I thought: if I could serve my country, do some public service, develop my legal skills, and at the same time travel and do something exciting, why not? To me, it was a great opportunity.

Part of the realization is if you're going to do it, you've got to do it now. You're not going to go into private practice for 10 years and then turn around and join the military. I have a certain sense of time, the passage of time. There are things you can do when you're young that you can't do when you're older. Gee, I wish I did this or that while I was young."

Although he had lost his eligibility to attend USMC Officer Candidate School (OCS), Yamashita obtained an age waiver to enroll. He was accepted into the 140th OCS, which began on Feb. 6, 1989. He was the only Japanese American out of a class of 150. On April 12, 1989, after completing all nine weeks of training, Bruce Yamashita was "disenrolled," thrown out, of OCS, just two days before graduation. The reason given was "unsatisfactory leadership."

Yamashita returned home, dejected and disillusioned over what had transpired over the previous nine weeks. It took him more than six months to mull things over and talk to a number of people before he decided to act. After his original effort to "go through proper channels" within the Marine Corps hierarchy failed, Yamashita finally decided to take stronger measures.

Through his attorney, Clayton Ikei, and with the support of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Yamashita has filed an application for discharge review with the Naval Discharge Review Board and for records corrections review with the Board for the Correction of Naval Records. Yamashita wants the reasons for his discharge (administrative discharge, "unsatisfactory leadership") changed and his evaluations upgraded. His reasons—he was victimized by discriminatory treatment by members of the OCS staff, and the evaluation process was tainted by such racial discrimination.

Attorney Ikei has requested a hearing. With Ikei and Bill Kaneko, president of the Honolulu Chapter of the JACL, present, Yamashita outlined his reasons for his actions in a recent interview with The Hawaii Herald.

Although Marine Corps guidelines clearly forbid discrimination and bias based on race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin, Yamashita claims that his experience at OCS was probably the greatest—and saddest—shock of his life. In his sworn affidavit, Yamashita describes several incidents that confronted him when he attended OCS in Quantico, VA.

They began on his very first day at OCS, he explains. After completing his medical exam, the master sergeant—who had served in Okinawa—yelled at Yamashita in Japanese. This same officer continued to speak to Yamashita in Japanese in front of the other candidates for the duration of the training period.

"I was shocked," Yamashita recalls. "It was everything I hoped wouldn't happen. You go up there and you're in the hills of Virginia, and you look around and there aren't many minorities, so you feel a little uncomfortable to begin with. Then this happens..."

On the first day of class, Yamashita says that a staff sergeant approached him while he stood in line at the mess hall and said in front of the entire company, "You speak English? We don't want your kind around here. Go back to your country!"

Yamashita described his reaction to the affront: "You feel humiliated, you feel hurt, a tingle goes up your spine, you think, 'Oh my God...' But you're there, and there's not a whole lot you can do to survive this thing but just go for it... Obviously, I had given up a lot to be there. My parents were against it. My friends were laughing at me. What are you to do? You try to make the best of things, to try to survive this thing the best you know how."

Yamashita had seen what happened to a Black candidate in his platoon who was also the brunt of harassment. That individual complained loudly about the treatment, and he was kicked out within a week and a half. "You see something like that and you realize that the best way to survive was to kind of muddle through it. That's the environment—you're in prison."

During the fourth week of OCS, the sergeant instructor pulled Yamashita out of a platoon formation and asked, "Yamashita, during World War II, were the Japanese and Russians ever at war?" Yamashita recalls answering, "Yes, this candidate believes they were for a few days prior to the end of the war." The

sergeant instructor screamed back at him, "No way, because we whipped your Japanese ass!"

These same instructors consistently submitted unsatisfactory evaluations of Yamashita. The negativism spilled over to affect the opinions of his peers as well. During the sixth week, Yamashita returned to the squad bay and found several of the other candidates reading copies of an article about the war crimes perpetrated by Japanese Army General Tomoyuki Yamashita during World War II. One of the candidates went up to Yamashita and asked whether he was related to General Yamashita. Another candidate asked, "Why didn't you join the Japanese army?"

These are but some of the reported acts of discrimination described by Yamashita. After successfully completing the final endurance run marking the end of all nine weeks of training, Yamashita and four other candidates in the 3rd platoon were pulled into battalion headquarters and disenrolled. Four of the five were minorities—Japanese, Filipino, Hispanic and Black—leaving only one minority in the entire platoon.

The only other Asian American in the platoon, a Filipino American, flunked the endurance run, a critical test, notes Yamashita. "But there was this white guy who also flunked the endurance run. They pulled them both in. They told the white guy, 'We want you to rest a couple of days and try the endurance run again.' They told Catipon, 'You're out!' I told Catipon, 'Hey, I think that's really unfair.'"

During his out-processing interview, Yamashita was asked, "Were you treated fairly?" Feeling he had nothing to lose at that point, Yamashita said he finally protested, saying, "Heck, no!" He further argued that he was subjected to derogatory, racial remarks.

The officer told him that in the Marine Corps such statements were allowed, because they were intended to toughen him up.

"I told him, 'If that's your policy, then it's a bad policy.' There's a difference if you call a guy slow, or if he's done poorly in academics—he can improve on those things. But if you attack a guy because he's Japanese, there's nothing he can do about it, I'm stuck with this. There seems to be a difference." The two argued for an hour.

Told by the captain that such harassment was consistent with Marine Corps policy, Yamashita finally dropped the matter and headed home. "I was tired, hungry and, frankly, a little depressed. We're governed by laws, I'm a law-abiding citizen, so I went home."

Back in Hawaii, Yamashita described his experience to a friend from law school who was also an Army officer, West Point. His friend expressed shock, saying that in the Army one was strictly forbidden from giving any kind of racial remark, period. A Navy friend told him the same thing. Yamashita finally went to talk to two Marine Corps officers at the local recruiting station... they were appalled.

"It took time to sort it through," he explained. "You want to make sure you're right; you don't want to come off half-cocked. I realized these were serious allegations, so before I did anything I wanted to make sure I was right."

"I didn't want to come off with more emotion than reason. You know, three or four weeks after OCS you're still pretty emotionally involved. But after a few months go by, you've settled down and can think things through rationally. And when I realized that two, three, four months down the road it was still grating on me, I realized that this was more serious than just my emotions."

Yamashita was also told he should go through proper military channels before taking any other course of action. He wrote a letter to Gen. Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, requesting an investigation. "I did not call in anyone else. I wanted to be fair, that's why I gave the Commandant first crack at it. I wanted to settle this—no one else needed to know about it."

The General responded that they had conducted an inquiry, but found no evidence of discrimination. The officer who insisted on addressing Yamashita in Japanese said he was doing it "to make him feel more at home." Another, who used to call Yamashita "Kawasaki, Yamaha, Yamashita" (or some other litany of Japanese brand names) said he did it to motivate him and had a history of dyslexic pronunciation of names.

"It was a white-wash," Yamashita says, "a bogus, whitewashed response." He sought assistance from Sen. Daniel Inouye, who sent a letter to the Commandant. The Marines' response to Inouye again denied any wrong-doing, even going so far as to accuse Yamashita of being dishonest.

"Looking at the records, they must be referring to an incident where we had to write an essay. I was told to write an essay on motivation or something. The sergeant, the same one who had said, 'We whipped your ass in World War II,' said to me, 'Yamashita, where's your essay? Did you finish it?' I said, 'I only wrote half of it.' He said, 'Go get it.' I ran back to my thing and, as I was picking it up, I noticed my name wasn't on it so I wrote my name. I went back and he accused me of lying and trying to write the essay in those 30 seconds it took me to go and get it. I couldn't believe he was accusing me of writing half an essay, a couple of pages, in a few seconds. That's the kind of b.s. they were pulling on me."

Yamashita sent copies of his response to Gray's letter to a number of other parties, including the JACL. After looking into the matter, the Honolulu Chapter of the JACL is supporting Yamashita's challenge, providing both legal and administrative support, explained chapter president Bill Kaneko. Kaneko, who also sits on the national board of the JACL, brought the case to its attention at the past national board meeting in San Francisco in August. The board voted to support Yamashita's effort.

Attorney Clayton Ikei joined the case in April 1990. Ikei, who had returned to Hawaii in 1972 after graduating from UCLA and USC law school, has been involved with the local JACL chapter since meetings were first held 10 years ago. Having lived and worked on the Mainland for some time, Ikei had been involved in Asian American activities, and thus was tapped by past JACL president Nobu Yonamine to serve as the chapter's legal counsel. "I've done a lot of pro bono work for various organizations," Ikei notes. "I was drawn to this case because of its civil rights aspect."

Yamashita adds, "Blacks and Hispanics were not subjected to blatant derogatory remarks. The NAACP is very active there and perhaps that helped to sensitize the Marines towards Blacks. There were cases where candidates have complained about incidences happening in private, in which case it would be the candidate's word against the officer's. But mine were said before the whole platoon, the whole company. Mine was the most blatant." Because things were said before others, Yamashita has managed to obtain written statements from other candidates verifying his accusations.

"I feel it's important to come forward, to let them know that they have to be careful—that everyone should be protected, not just those groups who make the most noise."

Being Japanese American, Yamashita feels he has had access to more resources than others may have had. "I feel very lucky. You have people who are former military officers who can give their insights, people working for the Governor, you have Ph.D.'s who can help look over your text, not to mention our senior senators..."

"Going through this, I always wonder—what if I were a Vietnamese American, a Cambodian American, Laotian American—you wouldn't have the resources. That's why I think it's important to bring this case, not just for Japanese, but for all minorities, all Asian Americans... that's why it's important."

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MIS REUNION:

MIS Vets to Meet for 50th Anniversary in 1991 in San Francisco / Monterey

SAN FRANCISCO — Preliminary plans for the MIS 50th anniversary reunion in 1991 were announced recently by Tom Sakamoto, steering committee chairman, Military Intelligence Service Northern California.

The MISNorCal committee contemplates several activities to be held during the four-day program in San Francisco and Monterey.

The reunion will start in San Francisco with registration and a buffet reception at the Miyako Hotel on Oct. 29, 1991. Special hotel rates at the Miyako Hotel and Kyoto Inn in San Francisco and the Hyatt Regency and Ramada Inn in Monterey will be available.

Interest has been expressed by MIS members from throughout the U.S. Mainland, Hawaii and Alaska, and by Canadian MI components.

The second day will feature panel ses-

sions, open to the public and the media, under the overall theme of "MIS 50th Anniversary — Nisei Soldier." The morning session will introduce panelists who had participated in various zones of operation during World War II, while the afternoon session will highlight MIS's role in the post-war Occupation.

Both panel sessions and the pictorial display, to be exhibited at the site will be cosponsored by MIS and National Japanese American Historical Society, using selected photos from the society's library.

Plans also include tours for wives and family members in both San Francisco and Monterey.

Busses will transport conventioners from San Francisco to Monterey on the morning of Oct. 31, well in time for the afternoon wreath-laying ceremony and get-acquainted hour. An interesting speaker has already been selected and confirmed for the MIS Reunion Dinner at the Hyatt Regency to be chaired by Harry Iida.

For Nov. 1, the 50th anniversary day, the program will be planned by the Defense Language Institute and will feature a dinner, keynote speaker and honorary guests.

Sakamoto, who retired as colonel in 1967, was a member of the first Japanese language class in November 1941 at the Presidio of San Francisco, encouraged participation by all MIS veterans. "This could well be the last time that such a large number of veterans can be expected to meet since our ranks are thinning out year after year."

On the steering committee are:

Henry Goshu, Richard Hayashi, Harry Iida, Tom Kawaguchi, Shig Kihara, Joe Kurata, Skeets Oji, Barry Saiki, Tom Sasaki, Roy Takai, Walt Tanaka, Shiro Tokuno, Gene Uratsu, Clifford Uyeda (NJAHS) and Nobu Yoshimura.

TOYOTA

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Getting Started in the Business:

I always tell young professionals that they have to be willing to start at the very bottom. After I had a master's degree I ended up starting as a copy girl at (radio) KNX, making coffee for the guys and answering the telephones.

An education in journalism doesn't mean that much; you need that good old experience. People who expect to get jobs on the air in Los Angeles as their first on-air experience need to know that it doesn't happen that way. They have to go to another city and start from the bottom.

Things have changed since I started; I was able to start here because I came in during a watershed time when minorities were being hired.

Education:

I've been interested in journalism since I was a kid, but I didn't get any encouragement to pursue it from my high school counselors. I remember being told that women students had two options, either home economics or primary education. It wasn't until I was a junior in college that I decided I really wanted to study journalism, so I went on to have a double major in home economics and journalism.

I tell students not to major in journalism, but to get the broadest possible education in all kinds of different subjects.

Also, they need to be bilingual, trilingual if they can be. The community called Los Angeles has changed so much in the last 20 years. We have become a world class city, and everything that happens in the world affects us here.

You need to have that very broad context in order to report on this city effectively. Journalism, *per se*, does not give you that context. You have to take journalism courses in ethics and responsibility, and what it is to be a journalist, interview techniques and writing. Writing is very important to broadcast television. But you don't have to major in that stuff. Major in economics, foreign relations, international relations or politics.

THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Yasuo Mita, 29**, of Tokyo participated in the only autoharp jamboree in the U.S., singing with country and Blue Grass singers and playing the 32-stringed instrument in mid-September at the Newport, Pa., festival. He became interested in old-time music in Japan about 11 years ago when country musicians played there. He was fascinated by the autoharp, bought Bryan Bowers albums to learn to play by ear and has attended several country music festivals in the U.S. He wants to become the first professional autoharp player in Japan.

► **Dr. Gill-Chin Lim**, a University of Illinois professor of geography, has been named dean of Michigan State University's International Studies and Programs, effective Jan. 1, 1991. He holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from Princeton University, a master's in architecture and B.A. in architecture and engineering, both from Seoul National University, Korea.

► **Yoshiko "Yo" Uno** of Salt Lake City was elected president of the Utah Federation for Drug-Free Youth. A realtor and former president of Salt Lake JACL, she has served on the Salt Lake School District's Maturation Curriculum Committee, the Utah Advisory Committee to the Southwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and the Asian Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Training Advisory Committee.

► **Andrew M. Low**, a Denver media attorney with Davis, Graham and Stubbs, has succeeded **Rocky Mountain News** ombudsman **Bill Hosokawa** as president of the Freedom of Information Council. Council members praised Hosokawa for taking the reins of the organization during its first two years. He represents Colorado Press Association as a voting member.

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► **W. Walter Liang** of Sacramento was appointed by President Bush and SBA Administrator Susan Engeleiter to the position of Region IX Special Assistant at San Francisco. He is a graduate of Sacramento State College in Finance, an Army veteran and a member of the American Red Cross board of governors.

► **Rose M. Ochi**, executive director of the Los Angeles city office of criminal justice planning, was sworn in Oct. 3 as an interim commissioner by the L.A. Community College District board of trustees.

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President Signs Mineta Bill Assisting Vietnamese to Fish Off California

WASHINGTON — President George Bush signed a bill that provided relief for Vietnamese American fishermen facing a law banning non-citizens from owning or operating fishing vessels.

This bill, which provided authorization for the U.S. Maritime Commission, contained provisions offered by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) that exempted Vietnamese permanent residents in California from the 200-year-old ban (see Oct. 26 P.C.).

While the law will "sunset" in ten years, this period will allow the fishermen to achieve U.S. citizenship before it expires.

Elaine Chao Helps

Deputy Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, the highest ranking Asian American in the Bush Administration, communicated with White House officials in avoiding a veto based upon other, unrelated concerns about the legislation, it was noted by Paul Igasaki, Washington JACL representative.

JACL was enlisted to aid in lobbying the Congress and the Administration along with the U.S. Catholic Conference, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

St. Paul Japanese Garden Facelifted

Clipping from Ruth Tanbara

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Como Park's Japanese garden was being renovated over the past two years under the eye of Masami Matsuda, the landscape architect from Nagasaki who designed the original garden in 1979.

Matsuda and his assistant Masayuki Komine were honored before returning to Japan with a certificate of commendation by Gov. Rudy Perpich at the Nov. 1 state celebration for Asian Pacific community.

Also honored was Sam Honda, longtime Twin Cities JACLer and board member of the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City and Japan America Society of Minnesota organizations. Ten other Asian community leaders were also recognized.

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