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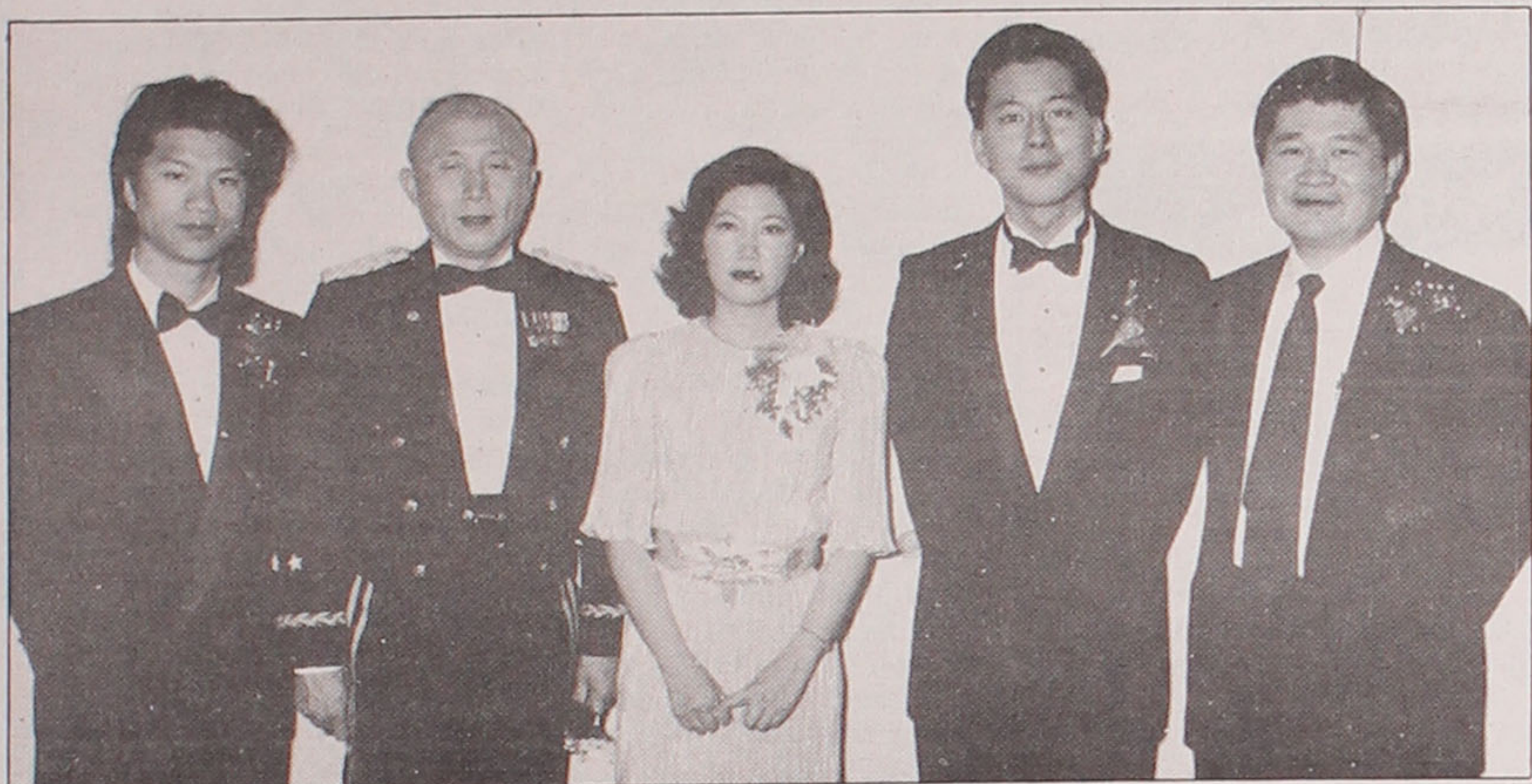
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**HONOREES**—The Excellence 2000 Program honored, from left, Dustin Nguyen, Maj. Gen. William S. Chen, Flossie Wong-Staal, David Lee, and Kenji Yoshino.

## Asians honored for achievements

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Distinguished Asian Americans were honored for achievements in their respective fields at the Excellence 2000 Awards Program May 8.

Honored by first lady Barbara Bush were Maj. Gen. William S. Chen, responsible for the deployment of Patriot missiles to the Persian Gulf; Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii; the Hon. Wendy Lee Gramm, chair-

woman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; architect I.M. Pei; actor Dustin Nguyen of "21 Jump Street"; David Lee, Qume Corporation, inventor of the daisywheel printer; Flossie Wong-Staal, Ph.D., AIDS researcher; and Kenji Yoshino, 1990 Rhodes Scholar and Marshall Scholar, Harvard University.

The all-day event also featured a business development

and leadership forum, sponsored by the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce and the Organization of Chinese American Women.

Topics included economic opportunities in Asia, international trade, export-import minority contracting, and the "glass ceiling" and career opportunities in corporations and in government. Event proceeds go to the Asian American Scholarship Fund.

## Asian council to advise Democrats

WASHINGTON, D.C.—An Asian Pacific American council has been established to advise the Democratic Party on public policy issues, increased political participation and the 1992 presidential campaign.

At party headquarters here in early May, National Democratic Party Chairman Ronald H. Brown hosted more than 80 Asian Pacific American activists, community leaders, and members of Congress.

The council, to be divided into four regions across the country (west, midwest, east and south), will be used to coordinate activities among registration and education, outreach to naturalized citizens, candidate development, campaign training, fund-raising, and increased participation within the Democratic National Council.

Speakers included Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui of California, and Patsy Mink of Hawaii, discussed civil rights, redistricting, Asian policy, and minority business development.



**MINK**

## Bush names Nikkei to national positions

Two Nikkei, Eunice Sato and Mikiso Hane, have been appointed by President George Bush to education positions at the national level.

Sato, former Long Beach, Calif., mayor and active community member, was appointed by the president to a seat on the 15-member National Advisory Council on Educational Research and Improvement.

The appointment was confirmed by the U.S. Senate April 18.

Sato, who will be sworn in June 10 in Washington, D.C., joins other council members who advise the president, the Secretary of Education and Congress on policies and activities carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement.



**EUNICE SATO**

of Industry Education Council (IEC) of Long Beach, the Southern California Consortium of IEC, and as a board member of the state IEC.

She also has served as president of the Long Beach Chapters of the American Red Cross and the National Conference of Chris-

From 1975 to 1986, Sato represented the 7th District on the Long Beach City Council, and from 1980 to 1982 she served as mayor, the first non-Caucasian female to hold that position. After leaving public office, she continued to be active in local and statewide organizations, including serving as president

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## On a fast track

Hiro Matsushita, 30, qualified May 18 for the Indianapolis 500, the first Japanese driver in the 75-year history of the event. The rookie driver, born in Kobe, Japan, and now living in San Clemente, Calif., qualified May 18 at a speed of just over 218 m.p.h., which means he will start in the eighth row in the race scheduled for May 26.

Matsushita's best showing last year was

a 12th-place finish at Portland. This year he's raced his 1991 Lola-Buick made by Dick Simon in three Indy car races. At Long Beach, he finished 13th.

Actually, Matsushita started out as a motorcycle racer in Japan. He won the Japanese motocross championship in 1980, then began rally car racing there.

He moved to this country in 1986 to race motorcycles but soon turned to auto racing full time. In 1989 he won the Toyota Atlantic/Pacific championships.

Look for Matsushita's car number seven.

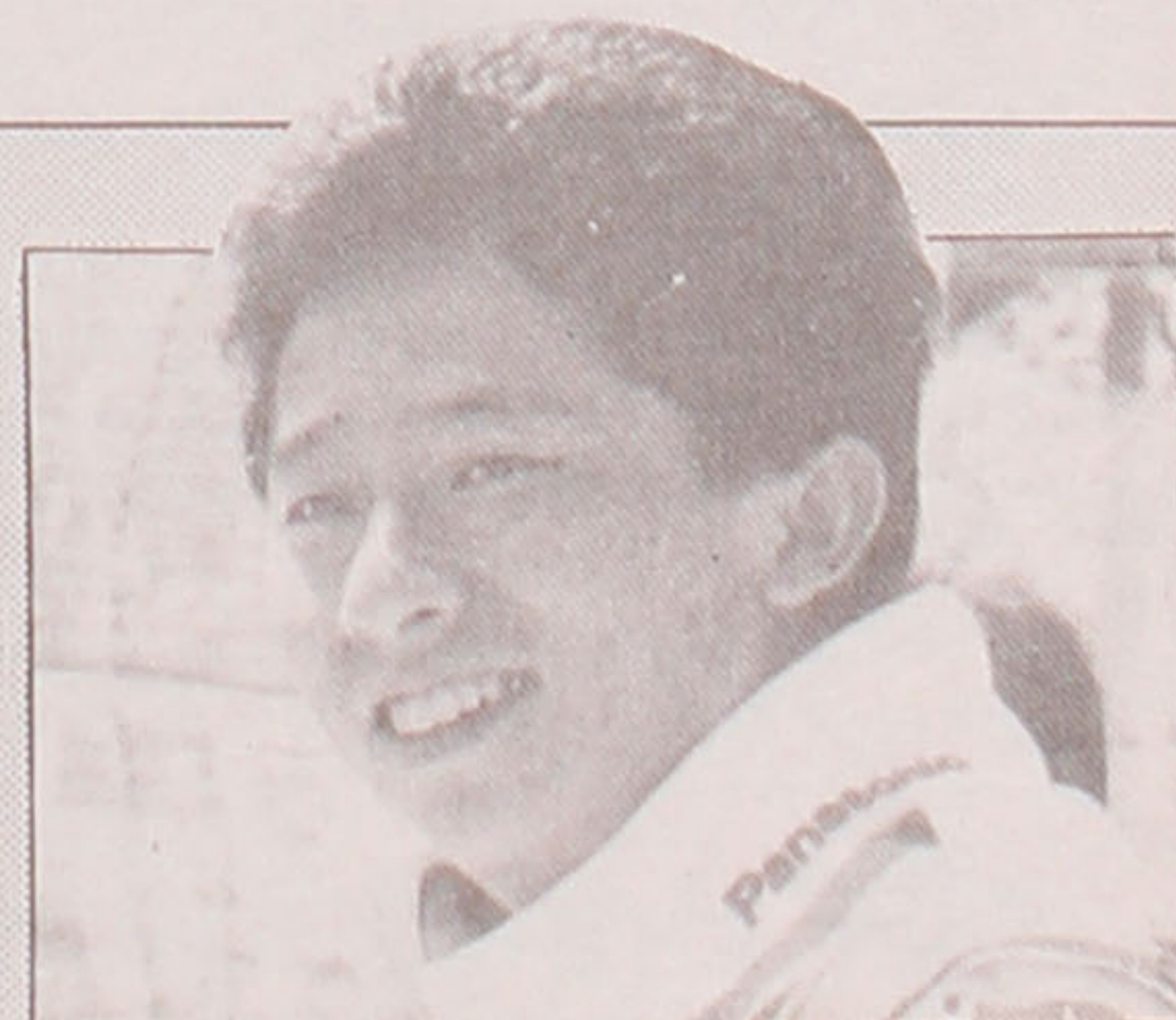


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## Bill would make camps national historic landmarks

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill that would authorize a study of Japanese American historical sites for designation as national historic landmarks was introduced May 15 by Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.).

The bill was co-sponsored by a number of other members of Congress, including Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui.

The intent of the bill is to ultimately acknowledge and preserve the internment camps, temporary detention facilities, ports of entry, and military installations as national historic landmarks.

The study would be conducted by the Department of the Interior in conjunction with organizations such as JACL and Japanese American individuals.

JACL President Cressey Nakagawa told *Pacific Citizen* that the organization has worked with Miller to develop the bill but added that, "This is really George Miller's work. He got his staff to

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**GEORGE MILLER**

## Sites considered for landmarks

Sites under study would include:

- Internment camps: Tule Lake, Calif.; Rohwer, Ark.; Gila River, Ariz.; Poston, Ariz.; Granada, Colo.; Jerome, Ark.; Heart Mountain, Wyo.; Minidoka, Idaho; and Topaz, Utah.

- Temporary detention camps: Pomona, Calif.; Santa Anita, Calif.; Fresno, Calif.; Pinedale, Calif.; Tanforan in San Bruno, Calif.; Sacramento, Calif.; Marysville, Calif.; Mayer, Ariz.; Salinas, Calif.; Turlock, Calif.; Merced, Calif.; Stockton, Calif.; Tulare, Calif.; Puyallup, Wash.; and Portland, Ore.

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"Basic legal rights and freedoms were denied to citizens of the United States simply on the basis of race. This sad chapter of our history should never be forgotten."

—George Miller

## Manzanar up for park status

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill that would make Manzanar a national historic park was scheduled to be heard May 21 before the House Interior Affairs Committee.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey, chairwoman of the Manzanar Committee, and Hiro Takusagawa, member of the National Japanese American Historical Society, traveled from Los Angeles to Washington to testify in support of the bill, which was introduced by Congressman Mel Levine (D-Calif.)

and co-sponsored by Reps. William Thomas, Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta.

Rose Matsui Ochi, executive assistant to L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley, presented a letter in support of the resolution from the mayor.

"This is a natural step forward following the redress legislation," said Embrey. "And we look forward to an affirmative response from Congress to this legislation."

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## Arizona

**Saturday, June 1**—Arizona Asian American Association's 4th annual conference, Safari Resort Conference Center, 4611 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. Reservations by May 28, 1991. Information: Madeline Ong-Sakata 602/265-2000 or 371-8452, Joe Allman 602/942-2832.

## Denver

**Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6**—Tri-State Buddhist Temples' 75th Anniversary/Reunion, Denver, Colorado. Information: 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, Colorado 80202 or call 303/295-1844.

**Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2**—5th National JACL Singles Convention, Scanticon Hotel. Information: Denver Nikkei Singles Club, P.O. Box 21321, Denver, CO 80221 or Jim Hada 303/237-2159.

## Utah

**Saturday, June 8**—Wasatch Front North JACL's Recognition Nite, ABC Mandarin, 5260 S. 1900 West in Roy, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Hon. Judge Raymond Uno. Tickets: \$10 RSVP: Marian Hori 801/544-2224, Elsi Akisada 825-6905, Fujie Kunimoto 394-8902.

## Seattle

**Through Saturday, May 25**—Drawings, prints and new works by Shigeki Kuroda, Azuma Gallery, 313 E. Pine St. Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Info: 206/622-5599.

**Saturday, May 25**—Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Pageant, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, 6th & Pine, 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. pageant, 10:30 p.m. dance. Tickets: \$40 per person, \$10 pageant and dance only with bid, \$12 at door, \$400 for tables of 10. Info: Jane, 206/722-2375 (home), 206/684-1114 (work).

**Monday, May 27**—Nisei Vets memorial day service, 10 a.m., Lake View Cemetery, 1554 15th Ave. E. Speaker: Dr. John Ishii. Info: 206/885-5811.

**Thursday, May 30**—Asian Management Business Association's educational seminar, 6 p.m., AT&T Gateway Tower, 58th floor, 700 5th Ave. Speaker: Assunta Ng, publisher of the Seattle Chinese Post. Info: Ron, 206/587-3485; Jing, 206/775-1201; John, 206/284-2424.

**Saturday, June 1**—Nikkei Diabetes Health Fair, 9 a.m. to noon, Providence Hospital conference center. Progress report on Nikkei diabetes study, medical screening tests, discussion stations on health-related matters. Free admission, free parking and refreshments. Info: 206/543-5597.

**Saturday, June 8**—Nikkei community dance, 8 to 11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Tickets: \$2. Info: 206/772-1160, 206/244-2558.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Saturday, Aug. 24**—Asian American Journalists Association National Convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

*Calendar items must be submitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.*

# Calendar

## Reminders

• Classical dances of Japan by Sahomi Tachibana, Saturday, June 1, 8 p.m., Columbia Arts Center, 400 West Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, Wash. Cost: \$6 (\$8 at the door). Reservations: 206/693-0350. Highlights: "Osono," "Musume Dojoji," and "Urashima" from the Kabuki Theatre.

• Reunion of former Mayhew (Sacramento) area residents now living in Southern California, Saturday, June 22, 7 p.m., no host bar, Kim Sing Restaurant, 15449 S. Western Ave., Gardena, Calif. Information: James Ogawa, 213/770-1305; Paul T. Toguchi, 213/731-9131. Reservations by June 15.

• The Sacramento Regional Japanese American 1992 Exhibit covering the Nikkei experience in this area, Feb. 15 through May 30, 1992, Sacramento History Museum and the adjoining Stanford Building in Old Sacramento. Theme: "Continuing Traditions—Japanese Americans, Story of a People, 1869-1992."

• MIS 50th anniversary reunion, Tuesday, Oct. 29 through Wednesday, Oct. 30, San Francisco, Thursday, Oct. 31 through Friday, Nov. 1, Monterey. Registration deadline: Aug. 1. Write to: Registration Committee, MIS 50th Anniversary Reunion, P.O. Box 2350, San Jose, Calif. 95109-2350.

• Matchmaker Conference to introduce Asian American business owners to Illinois state government vendors for supplies and services, Friday, June 7, 5 p.m., State of Illinois Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Free. Information: Sharron Matthews, 312/814-4190, or Christine Takada, 312/814-2121.

• Kinmon Gakuen (Golden Gate Institute), traditional language school established in 1911 in San Francisco's Japan Town, calls former students to participate in 80th anniversary celebration, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2031 Bush St., San Francisco. Former students should send their names, addresses, telephone numbers and years of attendance to: Kinmon Gakuen, 2031 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif. 94115.

## California

Hukilau fundraiser, Italian Gardens. \$30 donation includes: chicken dinner, initial supply of chips and a 'goody' bag. Information: 408/295-1250.

## San Francisco area

**Sunday, June 2**—39th Annual JACL Junior Olympics, Chabot College in Hayward. Entry deadline: May 16. Information: Akio Yamamoto 415/964-9995, Tom Oshidari 408/257-5609.

**Sunday, June 2**—The Nisei Widowed Group's next monthly meeting, 2 to 4 p.m. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Morikawa 415/482-3280.

## Sacramento

**Sunday, May 26**—Sacramento JACL's Community Picnic, Elk Grove Park, 11:30 a.m. Games, prizes, refreshments and "Bento".

**Thursday, May 30**—Sacramento JACL Scholarship Program's 1991 presentation dinner, Sacramento Inn, Martinique Room. Tickets: \$17. Information and reservations: 916/477-0231.

**Monday, June 17**—Yu Ai Kai's 6th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, 7 a.m. shotgun start, Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Entry fees are \$150 for individuals, \$250 for husband/wife, includes green fees, cart, prizes, and two dinner tickets. Entry forms: Yu Ai Kai office, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

## Stockton

**Sunday, May 26**—Stockton JACL annual Community Picnic, Mickle Grove Park, Lodi, 10 a.m. Games, races and prizes. Admission: \$3 per car, senior citizens free. Please arrive early.

## Ventura County

**Sunday, June 23**—Ventura County JACL's Japanese Cultural Festival, 2-5 p.m., Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura

## Redress workshops set for L.A.

June redress workshops have been scheduled for the Los Angeles area by the Department of Justice and the Office of Redress Administration (ORA).

Here is the schedule:

• Thursday, June 6, 4-8 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

• Friday, June 7, 4-8 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles.

• Saturday, June 8, 2-5 p.m., East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 West Puente Ave., West Covina.

Workshops will be led by ORA representatives who will provide answers to questions on individual case status and required documentation.

**Saturday, June 29**—The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Men's Club's 2nd annual Ball Room benefit dance, Church's Social Hall, 6929 Franklin Blvd., 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Music: Duncan Harden. Donation: \$10 per person. Information/tickets: 916/421-1017.

## San Jose

**Friday, May 17**—San Jose JACL's 2nd annual Casino Night

Demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments. Admission: \$5/adults, \$1/child, \$10/family. Information: 805/496-5225.

## Los Angeles area

**Friday, May 31**—Deadline for nominations for individuals/organizations whose achievements introduce or preserve aspects of Japanese American cultural heritage.

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Forms: Iku Kiriya, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510, 213/326-0608 or 213/323-8981. Four \$500 awards to be presented Sept 29.

**Saturday, June 1**—UC Riverside Asian Pacific Alumni Dinner, 6:30 p.m., University Club. Tickets: \$13 (buffet dinner). Speaker: Dr. Tim Dong, Assistant Vice Chancellor California State University. RSVP by May 22. Information: Grace Yoo 714/787-7272, Mark Yoshida 213/970-9706 or Dean Cho 818/703-2023.

**Saturday, June 1**—Sage United Methodist Church's Annual Bazaar, 333 S. Garfield Ave., Monterey Park, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. foods, games, entertainment and exhibits. Information: 818/280-4060.

**Friday, June 7**—The North Orange County Community College District Community Services presents Akira Kurosawa's "Nora Inu", community college district's Wilshire Auditorium, 315 E. Wilshire Ave. at N. Lemon St., 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 general, \$4 students and senior citizens. Info: 714/871-4030, ext. 15.

**Sunday, June 9**—Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays' fundraiser dinner "FantASIA 91-The Secrets of our Garden," 6 p.m., Friendship Hall, 3201 Riverside Drive. Tickets: \$30 general, \$50 preferred. (Not sold at the door) Information/tickets: Peter Corpus 213/460-4622, Vittorio 213/622-2310, A/PLG 213/664-4356.

**Saturday, June 22**—Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL's annual Scholarship and Fund Raising Dance, 7:30 p.m., Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Information/tickets: Bea Fujimoto 213/935-8648, Chris Ishida 213/386-1138.

**Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23**—The National Awareness Foundation, the California

State University, Northridge (CSUN) Karate Club and the Shotokan Karate International Federation USA's 1st Annual SKIF Invitational two-day karate tournament and exhibition benefit, CSUN. Tickets: Adults - \$8; CSUN Students, Senior & Kids under 12 - \$5; Under 5 - FREE. For advance ticket sales contact CSUN Ticket Office 818/885-2488.

**Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14**—14th annual Lotus Festival, Echo Park, 12n to 9 p.m.; opening ceremonies Sat. 2 p.m. Ethnic customs, arts, music, drama and food. Info: Jan Landrum 213/485-4825.

**Thursday, July 28**—MIS Club of Southern California's Steak Bake, Maryknoll Church grounds, 3 p.m. social hour, dinner at 4. Info: George Kanegai, 213/820-5250.

**Saturday, July 30**—Former Irvine residents' pre-war reunion, 5 p.m., the Revere House, 900 W. First St., Tustin. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: Tok Yamada, 1319 Rosario Cir., Placentia, CA 92670. Information: 714/528-1207, Faye (Kodama) Sugita 619/272-2365, Hideo Mera 213/398-2846, Marian (Yoshida) Yamashita 213/691-0383.

**Saturday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 18**—51st annual Nisei Week Festival, Little Tokyo, L.A. Information: 213/687-7193.

**Saturday, Sept. 28**—50th anniversary celebration, Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School, L.A., Classes of '41, '42, Marriott Hotel, L.A. International Airport. Information: 800/244-6106 or write to Madeline Levine, 9603 Beverlywood St., L.A. 90034.

**2nd and 4th Fridays, Every Month**—The Legal Aid Foundation's legal clinic, Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 411, 4 to 6 p.m. Japanese language services available. Info: 213/680-3729.

## Agenda

### JACL West Valley

The hard work of everyone, in the final line of Rep. Robert Matsui's address at the West Valley installation, was responsible for the success of the redress bill: "If it was not for your support, I would not have been able to make it." Besides mentioning the Nikkei

members in the House and Senate pushing for passage, he called the phone calls, letters and contacts with various officials as "significant factors" and complimented 442nd veteran Rudy Tokiwa of San Jose for his frequent calls with senators and congressmen.

Matsui added JACL can begin to promote greater understanding between Americans of Japa-

nese ancestry and the Japanese in wake the rising rhetoric of anti-Japanese bashing.

David Muraoka, re-elected chapter president, hoped the organization of the West Valley Young Adults group this year "will make the difference" as Bret Uchiyama, 1st v.p. and a Sansei, is seriously pursuing them to join. Other officers installed by Joy Morimoto, regional director, at the Jan. 15 event at Lou's Village were: Henry Ogimachi, treas.; Aki Okuno, rec. sec.; Nori Kondo, cor. sec.; board members—Art Okuno, Tom Taniguchi, Tattie Kikuchi, Dr. Ray Uchiyama, Dr. George Kanagaki, Doris Kasahara, Esther Oda, Kathy Hioki, Michelle Shimada, Harry Kaneko, Sara Kaku, Bob Kaneko, Adele Hirose, John Kaku, Judge Taketsugu Takei and May Yanagita.

Tom Sakamoto emceed the dinner; Rev. Peter Chen of Wesley United Methodist Church gave the invocation and benediction, Bill Oda led the pledge of allegiance.

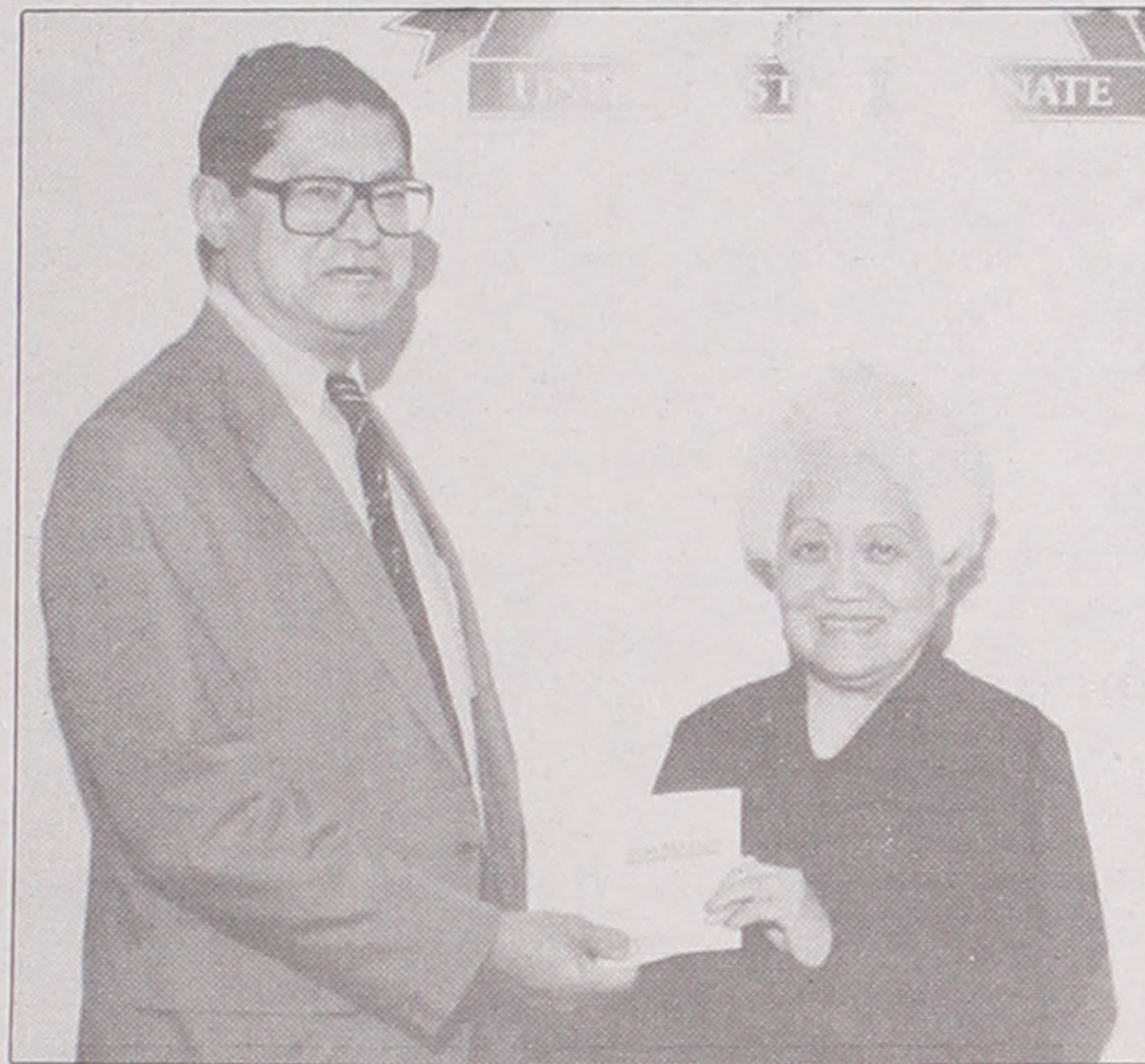
### Sonoma County

Attention borne by the critical view of the local newspaper (*Press Democrat*, April 15) gave Sonoma County's Survivor's Project added notice for the exhibit closing June 9 at the Sonoma County Museum, 425 Seventh St., Santa Rosa. It premiered May 1, relating the various experiences of county residents who suffered losses of human/civil rights and to celebrate individual and personal stories. Represented are Japanese Americans, Cambodians and the Jews from Europe.

Telling the Japanese American story are the four-generation Henry Shimizu family, Janice Otani, Ed Hirabayashi, Mei and

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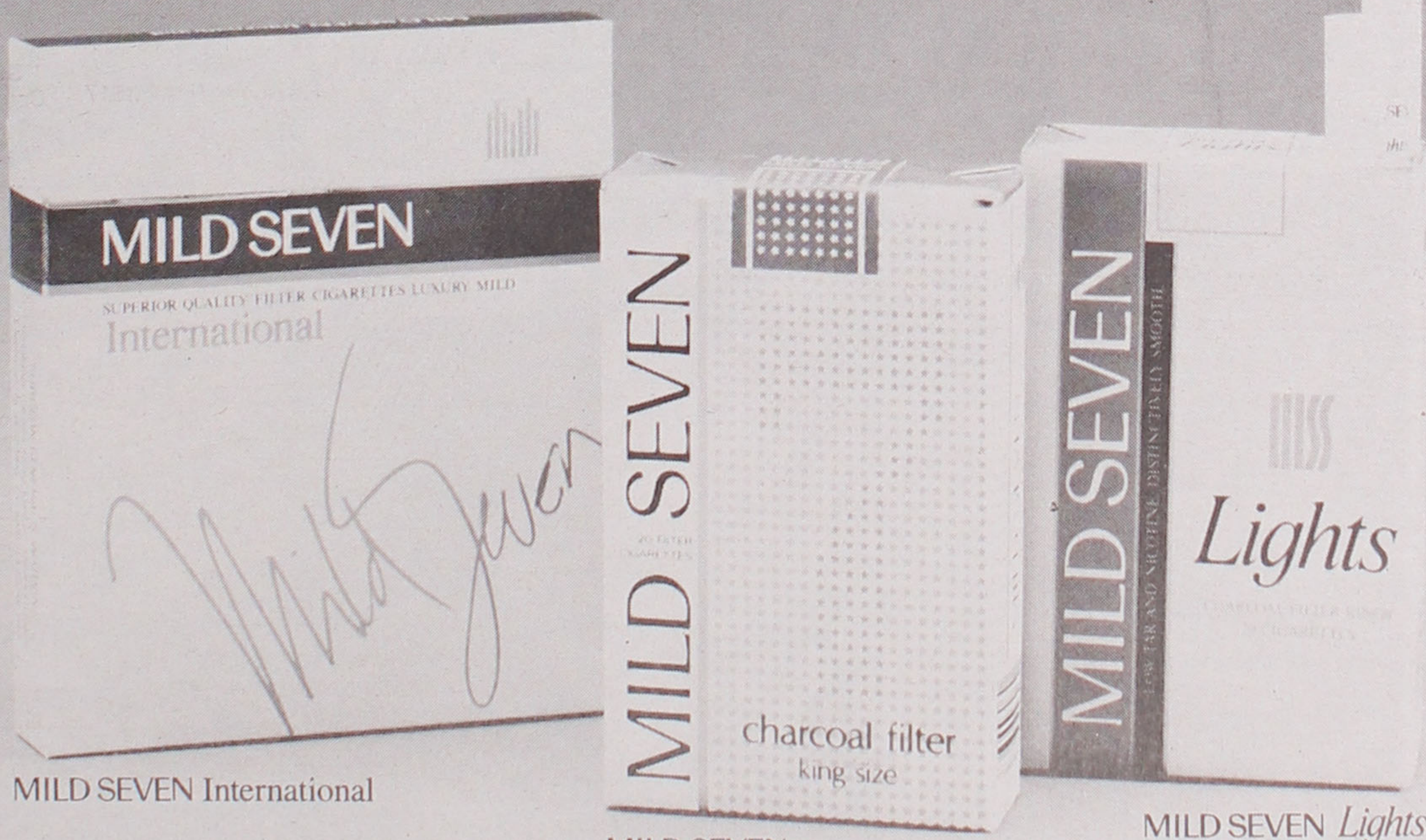
### Showing her support



Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima (right) presents a \$1,000 check to Nob Fukuda, co-chairman of the non-partisan Japanese Americans for Bob Matsui coalition. The group is sponsoring a fund-raising event for the 1992 Senatorial candidate Sunday, June 2, in San Francisco. Information: Bob Kawamoto, 415/956-3955.

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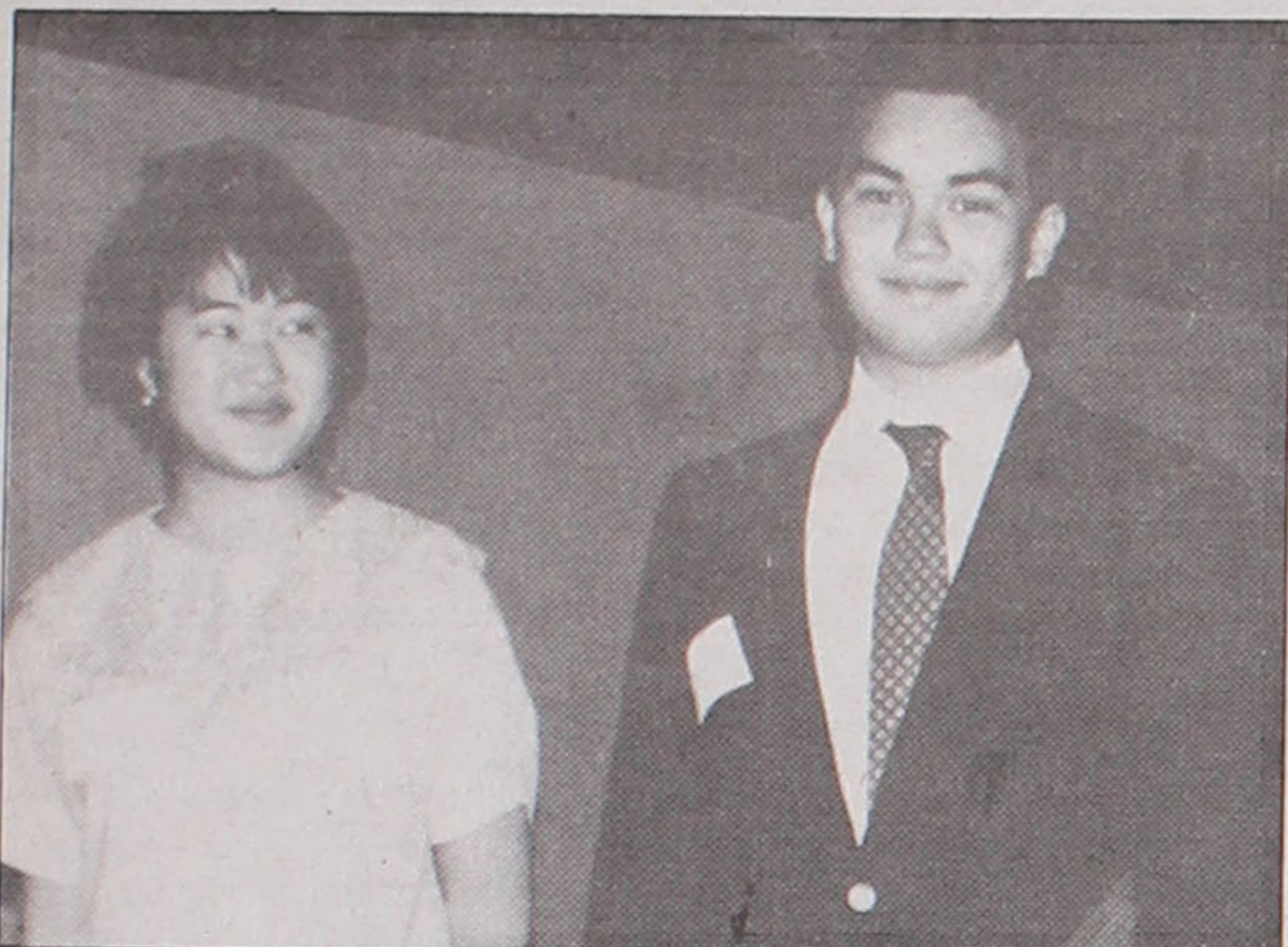
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## Top scholars



Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, awarded outstanding high school seniors Anna Morita of El Cerrito High School and Dan Delcollo of De Anza High School with scholarships at its senior appreciation/scholarship dinner April 6. Congressman George Miller, 7th District, presented the awards.

## —Education news—

**TOP MAN**—Bob H. Suzuki was named May 15 as the new president of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif.

Suzuki, 55, has been serving as vice president of academic affairs at California State University, Northridge, since 1985. He succeeds retiring president Hugh La Bounty.

The new president has a Ph.D. in aeronautics and is the only Asian president in the California State University system.

At Cal State, Northridge, Suzuki focused on recruitment of minority students and faculty, and is expected to do the same in his new position, with particular emphasis on increasing black and Latino students.

**JOB HUNT**—The Asian/Pacific American Education Commission of the Los Angeles Unified School District is seeking individuals for three vacancies on the 29-member commission.

Commissioners serve a two-year term; service is on a voluntary basis, without compensation. They must attend one meeting a month and be available for other duties.

Candidates must have an interest in quality education for many students of different Asian and Pacific Rim backgrounds who attend Los Angeles public schools, and a willingness and ability to represent the commission at various school and community functions, and to serve as a liaison to

strengthen the bond between home, school and community.

To apply, contact Jeanne Akashi, director of the Asian/Pacific American Education Commission office, 213/625-6796, to obtain an application. Deadline is Thursday, May 30.

The Asian/Pacific American Education Commission is one of six such groups established by the city Board of Education to serve in an ombudsman role for various groups represented within school district student and employee groups.

**HELPING HAND**—Fourteen Southeast Asian students were scheduled to be honored and each awarded \$1,000 scholarships May 18 in Seattle.

The money was donated by the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, Inc., established by Japanese Americans who were sent to internment camps during World War II but who were also helped out of camps and into inland colleges by the Student Relocation Council. The council was established by educators, the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group, various churches, the YMCA and YWCA.

According to Calvin Takagi, Southeast Asian students were selected because, like Japanese Americans who were interned, they were uprooted, forced to leave their country and come to a place they knew little about. (P)

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Shi Nakano, Henry Masuoka and Margarette Murakami. Carol Kawase, chapter president, also urged members to tell their own story to neighbors when questioned about the internment camps. The exhibit was produced by Lisa Slater, writer, and Phyllis Rosenfield, photographer.

The 1991 chapter scholarship winners were announced: Petaluma Japanese Sunday School—Amy Goodman (Santa Rosa High) and Ryan Miyasaki (Piner High); Sonoma County JACL—Bryan Ito (Montgomery High); JACL Student Grant—Lisa Meyers (Analy High).

The chapter's Committee for Improved TV (to have local cable add San Francisco Channel 26 which airs Japanese programs) is convinced steps must be taken through the courts to wrench Multivision from its intransigent position, according to Dennis Jilka, committee spokesperson.

Upcoming June 30 community picnic at Galvin Community Park will feature George Kobayashi's famous Kalua pig.

## Pacific Northwest DC

Scott Higashi from the University of Puget Sound explained the University's program for February, 1992, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 at the PNWDC meeting hosted by the Lake Washington chapter March 24 at Bellevue's Silver Cloud Inn. The district allocated \$500 toward the project.

It was reported the Seattle leadership conference held last October had netted \$7,000 and that a second conference can be expected.

Prospect of Japan JACL chapter interacting with mainland chapters to assist in student exchange and business families during transition was also introduced for study.

Delegates then discussed the anti-Asian hate crime situation, some feeling it might be better that it be "hate crime" per se; that ORA redress workshops can be more helpful if limited to specific questions, such as those who voluntarily evacuated; approved a 26 cents per mile reimbursement for the regional director on JACL business; and scheduled the next meeting in Spokane Aug. 9-10. Bob Sato, governor, presided.

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# PICTURES

## from the past

When Thomas Edison invented the motion picture camera, even he might not have realized the impact on history his new machine would stir. No longer was history a prisoner of still photography, but suddenly free to move, smile and laugh. For centuries, certain images were lost to civilization, but this new machine could preserve them forever.

The history of the Japanese in the United States has also benefited from Edison's inspiration. While theatrical releases historically give us little in enlightenment, individuals were busy making home movies of their lives and fortunately some of them have been saved to be studied and savored today. The Japanese American National Museum has created a Photo Archives to preserve such moving images and is continuing to seek out these priceless pieces of Japanese American life.

Explained Robert Nakamura, curator of the Photo Archives, "We're interested in any and all motion pictures on Japanese Americans. We can copy and return them or house them at the Museum; the most important thing is to preserve these rare and exciting images."

Among the individuals who were making these kind of movies were the Rev. Sensho Sasaki, Naokichi Hashizume and Masahachi Nakata. In each case, their children saved their fathers' works and donated the films to the Museum. Nakamura, a founder of Visual Communications, and an award-winning filmmaker of such pieces as "Fool's Dance," has been editing these home movies aided by computer-enhancement. A threescreen presentation will be part of the Museum's initial "Issei Pioneer Exhibit" next spring.

### Films of early Japanese American life have been preserved and will be on exhibit at new Japanese American National Museum

By Chris Komai

The Rev. Sasaki was a 25th Generation Jodoshu minister of Nishi Hongwanji. He was assigned to the Los Angeles Betsuin in the late 1920s before moving to Stockton and eventually Tacoma. He was affiliated with the Sacramento Buddhist Temple for over 20 years before settling at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple until his death in 1972.

His son, the Rev. Laverne Sasaki of the San Francisco Buddhist Temple, recalled that his father "was taking movies all the time. He edited his own film, splicing it."

The younger Sasaki remembered that his father had "so many cameras" including some that needed a hand crank to operate. Often, the elder Sasaki would record sporting events in the Japanese American community, such as softball games. "He was a sports nut," Laverne noted.

Born in Fukui, Japan, the Rev. Sasaki, who raised koi as

a hobby, had an "excellent eye," commented Nakamura.

Nakamura was impressed by the Rev. Sasaki's camera work and hinted he might have had the makings of a professional cinematographer.

Another home movie buff was Naokichi Hashizume, who worked as a gardener in the Hollywood area and West Los Angeles. His daughter, Susan Uemura, said her father's heart was in art, noting that he loved to play the shakuhachi and the violin and enjoyed writing Haiku poetry.

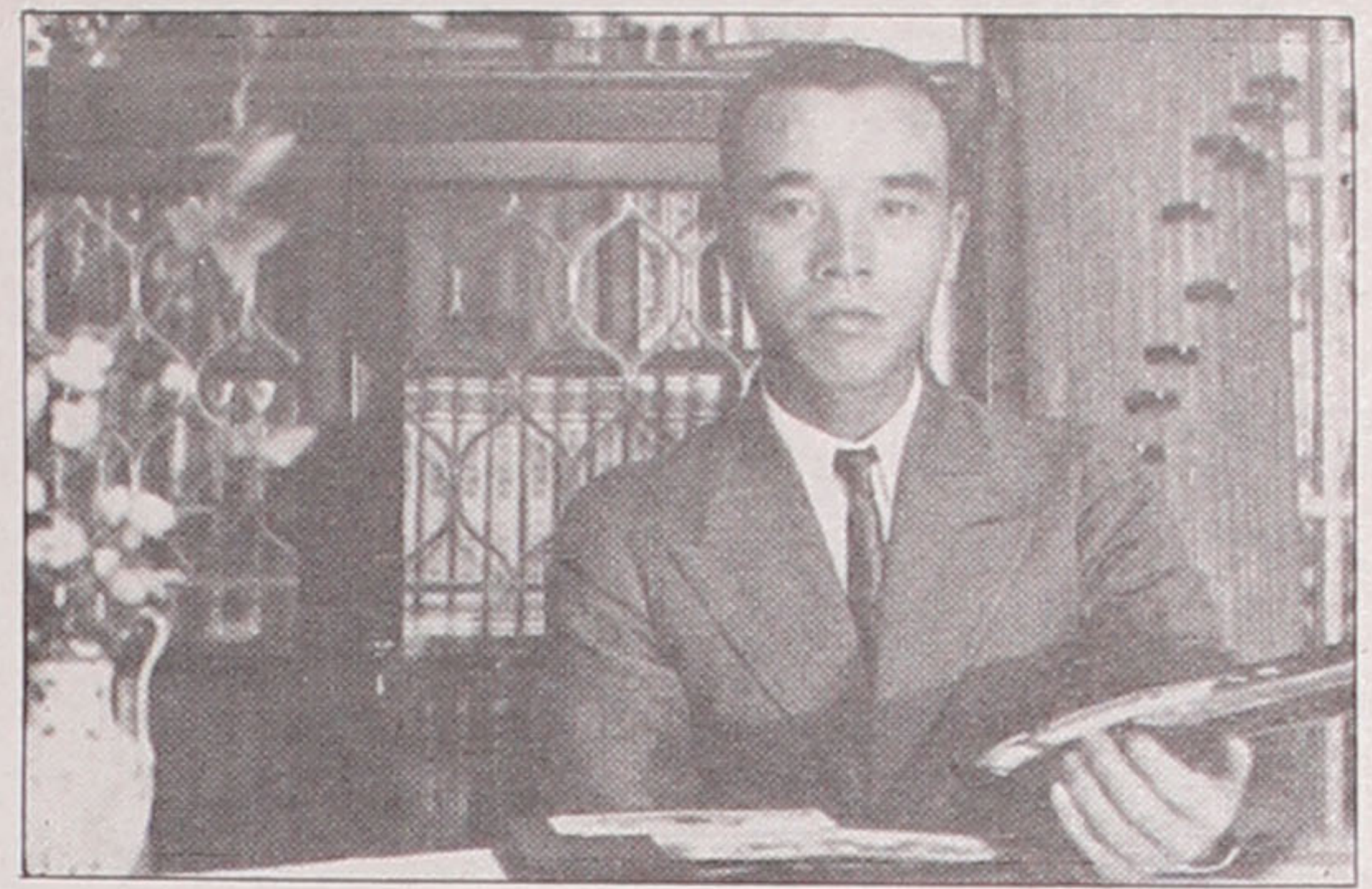
"At one time," Uemura explained, "he wanted to go into photography. It didn't pan out. But he enjoyed it so much."

Uemura said that her father enjoyed making films with the children as his cast. He would often use occasions like Halloween to develop sketches with them or travel to beach or parks. "He always took us places on the weekends," Uemura said.

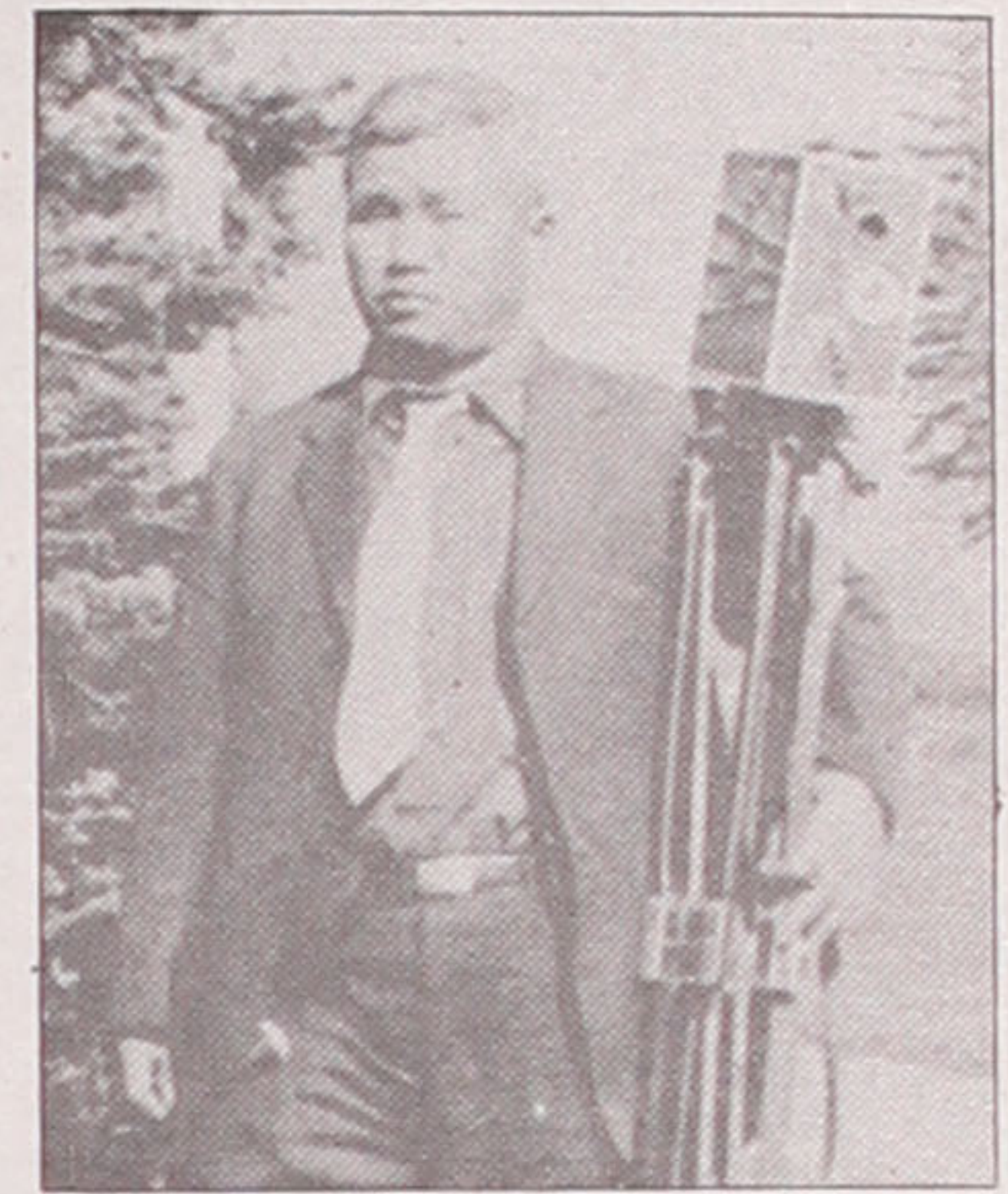
Uemura believes that her father used the films to chronicle his family life and then sent them to his parents in Japan. Her father's parents lived in America at one time, but returned to Japan soon afterward. Hashizume and his brother remained and tried to come up with a financial scheme to make them wealthy to make up for the family's lost fortune in the commodities market.

That wealth was never forthcoming, but Hashizume did wind up with a collection of home movies, including pictures of Southern California back in the 1920s and 1930s. Such sights as Santa Monica Beach and MacArthur Park were the settings of many of Hashizume's home films.

Hashizume retired to Japan in 1966 (like the Rev. Sasaki,



**PIONEERS**—Among the Japanese who filmed the historic past were Naokichi Hashizume (top photo), Rev. Sensho Sasaki (above, left) and Masahachi Nakata.



he was born in Fukui) and his eyesight became less acute, ending his moving picture career. But, Uemura noted that he spent his retirement taking photographs and had a flower garden just for such purposes. He passed away when he was 90.

"He lived the kind of life he wanted," Uemura explained.

Dr. Chiyo Nakata Horiuchi of Denver donated home movies made by her father, Masahachi Nakata of Seattle. Nakata's movies were different from Sasaki or Hashizume in that he spent time chronicling the family logging business in the Pacific Northwest. He also took films of family outings.

Nakata lived an adventurous life, once mining gold in Alaska. He got into the frozen pea business at one point and then ventured into an oyster seed import enterprise before getting into the lumber industry, working with such Japanese companies as Mitsubishi and Mitsui.

Dr. Horiuchi said, "I knew they (the films) were of some historical value, but hadn't quite determined what to do

with them. They had been transported from one family member's house to another all these years, so I'm delighted the Museum will take care of them as they should be taken care of."

Others having donated films include Bruce and Frances Kaji and Terrance Sheehy of Santa Monica, who allowed his footage of Japanese American strawberry workers to be copied by the Museum. More donations have been made and will be reported in the future. Nakamura and Karen Ishizuka, director of the Museum's Photo Archives, have asked that any films and still pictures, especially pre-World War II shots, be saved and allowed to be examined by the Museum. Copies can be made by the Museum and the originals returned.

For more information, contact the Japanese American National Museum at (213) 625-0414.

*Chris Komai is a Los Angeles-based freelance writer and staff member of the Japanese American National Museum.*

## Short takes

● Los Angeles City Councilman John Ferraro recently criticized L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley for "lopsided appointments" to the Police Commission with respect to the racial background of the panel. The five-member commission now has two black members, one Anglo and the recently appointed Michael Yamaki. Dan Garcia, a Latino, resigned early this month, leaving a vacancy at this time. Ferraro, in the May 14th edition of the Los Angeles Times, said that "I just don't think the makeup of the Police Commission reflects the city of Los Angeles. I know there were times when it was lopsided the other way, with maybe five Anglos on the commission, but... now the mayor has gone too far the other way."

According to Jimmy Tokeshi, Pacific Southwest Regional director, JACL, Ferraro's 4th District is made up of 19.6 percent Asians, the largest percentage of all the districts. The councilman has no Asians on his staff, Tokeshi told *Pacific Citizen*.

● Rep. Norman Y. Mineta received the Legislative Excellence Award May 16 from the National Foundation for People with Disabilities. The award, announced during a ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, recognizes Mineta's instrumental role in passing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

He was one of six members of Congress to be honored by the group.

● A minor baby boom has been taking place since January, 1990, of Chinese babies being adopted by mostly French Canadian couples. Canada leads the world in the adoption of Chinese babies, according to Pierrette Malo, 40, of Montreal who went to China three years ago and started orphanages for abandoned children. The adoptions are being processed through the Canadian embassy in Beijing.

● The Richardson School district in Dallas, Texas, repeated its winning tradition April 22 by capturing the National Aca-

demic Decathlon for the fifth time—the sixth victory in seven years. The six J.J. Pearce High School team scholars (three are Asian: Eugene Chen, Christine Liu and Chen Pin Chang) were hailed by President Bush as "our newest American heroes... who stir my Texas pride" at a White House Rose Garden ceremony three days later.

Bob Booker of the Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association in Dallas, told the Dallas *Morning News* "the rest of the story" as Paul Harvey would say, revealing the problems of Vietnamese in the poorer sections of North Dallas where crime is growing, reportedly by the actions of three Asian gangs with guns. Many are Amerasian children, whose Vietnam veteran father is either unknown or dead.

Richardson is an affluent suburb of some 100,000 north of Dallas where an estimated 1,000 Vietnamese, mostly professional, live. It is estimated that up to 10,000 Vietnamese reside in downtown Dallas.

## Policeman's store caters to Asians

*Special to the Pacific Citizen from Herbert Ogawa*

FORT WORTH, Texas—Detective Charles Beltram, a Vietnam veteran and a seven-year member of the Haltom City force, is running a community storefront catering to the growing Asian refugee population in the working-class suburb northeast of Fort Worth. It is also a first in Tarrant County, according to the Dallas *Times Herald*.

Beltram's determination to augment the community storefront was fueled by the 1989 Christmas slaying of Khang Van Vuong, 28, by a local Asian gang when he tried to dissuade a 17-year-old acquaintance from being drafted into its ranks.

"They came over to his house to teach him a lesson," Beltram said. "He opened the door and they stabbed him through the heart."

Other Asian problems in Haltom City, where some 2,200 Southeast Asian refugees live and is the county's most concentrated Asian population center, involve robberies, racial tensions with white neighbors, and a race-related shooting of a high school student last May by an Asian suspect.

In chipping away at the Vuong case, Beltram uncovered dozens of unreported crimes against Asian residents.

The cultural reluctance of refugees to call law enforcement officials began to dissipate as the storefront program, which opened last August, proceeded. ☐

## Chicago memorial to be unveiled

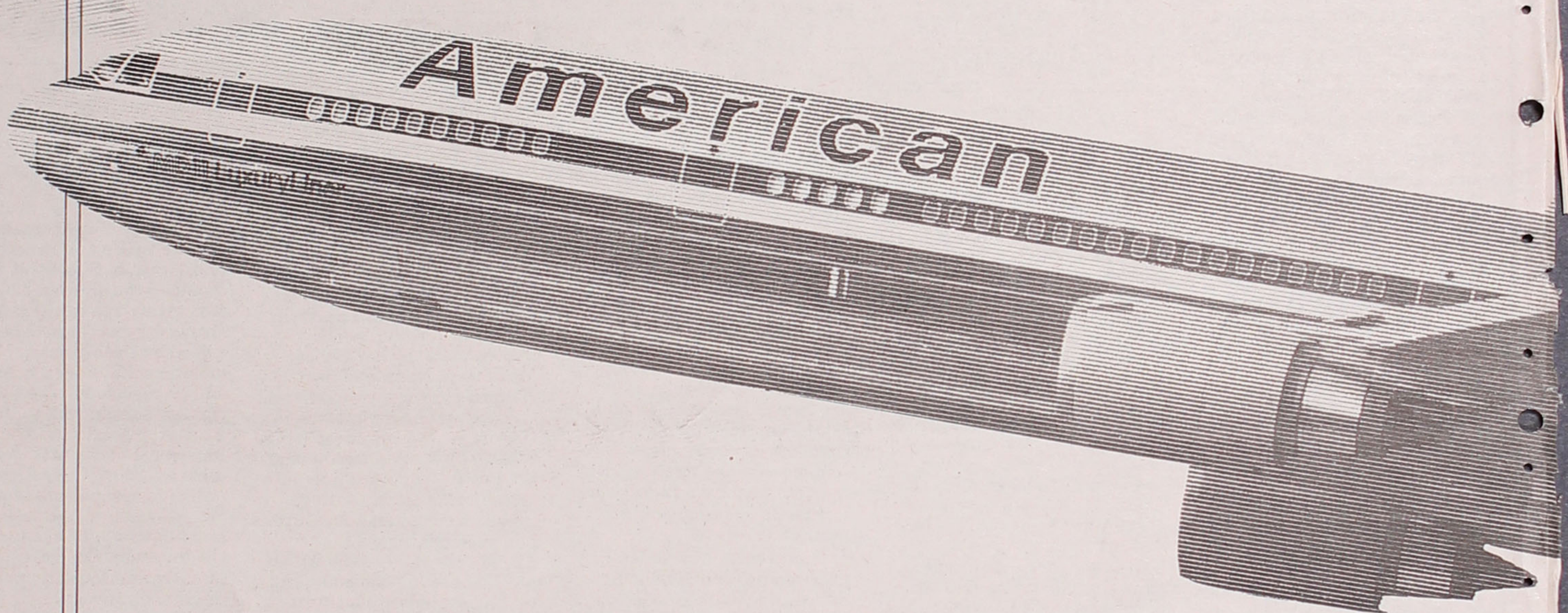
CHICAGO—The Chicago Nisei Post 1183, American Legion, will dedicate a memorial monument at Montrose Cemetery opposite the Japanese Mutual Aid Society mausoleum at the traditional Memorial Day services on Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m.

The memorial, constructed under guidance of the Nisei Post

members and Nikkei landscape architects, includes a variety of Japanese floral, rock and wood, granite benches and paths. The mausoleum has also been refurbished for the occasion.

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## Opinions

From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Professor Tatsumi's Japanese Class Remembered



When I was a young, young youngster growing up in Seattle, we lived for a while in a very small two-story house near 16th and Yesler Way. Our family occupied the first floor and the Nisei Tatsumi brothers had the upper floor.

My recollection is that the oldest was Alfred, or Albert, who had served in World War I. I remember admiring his photo in U.S. uniform. Next was Jiro who was studying voice and became a professional singer. The fourth brother was Walter who was nuts about cars. Years ago I remember reading a newspaper story about Walter coming back to the States after having been stranded in Manchuria during the war.

All this comes to mind because the third brother, Henry Saburo Tatsumi, died the other day in Seattle at age 94. He was best known as Professor Tatsumi. At the University of Washington he was a pioneer in teaching the Japanese language to Americans.

Henry worked up a series of lessons which were published weekly in Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier,

a little four-page weekly that struggled to survive through the 1930s. One of my duties on the Courier was to read proof of the type that Johnny Funai set on a weary old Linotype machine. At that time I didn't have much interest in the Japanese language and that may have contributed to my inability to make much sense of Henry Tatsumi's Japanese lessons. That should have been a warning, but I didn't heed it.

A few years later, at the University of Washington, I learned I would need a foreign language to qualify for graduation. I got the idea that if I enrolled in Professor Tatsumi's class, I could somehow slip through and meet my foreign language requirement.

I took a year of Tatsumi's language classes and they were the most difficult courses I encountered at the U. of W. By the second semester he had us translating newspaper articles with the aid of a dictionary. Without the help of a very smart and sympathetic Nisei girl named Shuko Yoshihara Hara, I would have flunked out. As it was, Col. Kai Rasmussen interviewed me for possible enrollment in the Military Intelligence Language School during the

war and promptly told me to forget it. (Tatsumi taught in the Navy's language school.)

Henry Tatsumi would have been proud that while I was a dunce in his class, later on when it became imperative to know Japanese I learned to speak it fairly well. Henry was intensely serious about teaching Japanese, but not without humor. One of the few things I remember about his classes was a joke.

"I will make a statement," he would say, "and you must respond by saying 'Nebraska.'"

"There is a state in the central United States whose capital in Lincoln." Response: Nebraska.

"I have a lollypop." Response: Nebraska.

Professor Tatsumi would laugh hilariously while the class looked blank. Then he would explain that "neburaska" in Japanese meant "will you let me lick it?"

Some years ago I wanted to write a profile on Henry Tatsumi but by then Alzheimer's had begun to take hold. And now the professor is gone and it is too late. Too late. That is a sad refrain about the Nisei generation. ☐

## Letters

### PC letter policy

Letters should be brief and are subject to editing. Please sign your letter but make sure we are able to read your name. Include mailing address and telephone number. You may fax letters to 213/626-8213 or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Pacific Citizen, 941 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90013.

### Seeks funds to defend fired college official

As a student and member of the Third World Student Coalition at Cal Poly Pomona I wanted to explain the situation on campus and the importance of community involvement in helping us address the issue of campus police misconduct against minority students on campus: On April 12, 1990 the Third World Student Coalition protested the continuing racially discriminatory practices of the campus police towards minority students and the sanctioning of these practices by the outright refusal of the administration to address and correct these practices.

G. Akito Maehara was the Coordinator of Immediate and Intermediate Outreach for the campus. He was a staff person and advisor to various students groups. He supported us, the students, by marching with us, on April 12, 1990. He supported us because he agreed with the principles and positions we raised, but as a result of his participation he was wrongfully fired, in July of 1990. The administration says that it was his incompetence, but we do not understand how this is possible; especially since prior to his participation, he had received commendations for his work and a promotion and a pay raise just ten days before the April 12, 1990 protest. In the week following his participation in the protest, he began receiving negative personnel actions against him, which led to his termination. The timing and sequence of these events lead us to believe that his termination was retaliatory in nature. A review of his personnel file will substantiate our claim.

Mr. Maehara, a.k.a. "Aki," and the Third World Student Coalition, now desperately need your help. Aki is in the process of filing a lawsuit against the university administration because they violated his rights to freedom of association, assembly and speech. We, the students, feel that this lawsuit is more than just about Aki. We feel that it symbolizes the struggle we all face in trying to affirm our basic rights, such as free speech. However, if Aki does not raise \$20,000 by the June 3, 1991 filing deadline, then he must drop the lawsuit and the administration of Cal Poly Pomona will be allowed to continue its oppressive practices against all people on campus—faculty, staff, and students. The support committee has raised \$4,000 towards this goal and Aki has already invested \$7,000 but we need your help to sustain this case. So we ask of everyone who reads this letter to make a tax deductible donation, of any amount, to Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund (APLDEF) c/o G. Akito Maehara.

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Christine C. Hattori-Kaneshige  
Third World Student Coalition coordinating committee member,  
Cal Poly Pomona

### More tribute to Mike Masaoka

I was deeply moved by Grant Ujifusa's remarks on the WWII Nisei soldiers and the success of Redress (P.C. April 26, 1991).

Those too young to remember those dark days need to be made aware of the loyalty and bravery of the Nisei G.I.s that made Redress possible.

And he mentioned Mike Masaoka. Those young soldiers needed him to get their stories out so the nation would recognize their patriotism and dedication. My extended family has always been taught to admire Mike Masaoka for his leadership during the most difficult time.

It is good to have public notice made of the Redress fight by Senators Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga. I like to know such things and am thankful for all who came to our aid then and now.

In addition, I suggest we should reread the WWII chapters in Masaoka's book and also in "JACL in Quest of Justice" to appreciate which individuals and groups really helped us. For instance, one states that while most JACL members were penniless in camps, the Intermountain District Council, youngest and smallest of the Districts, carried the load for all of us.

Mrs. Atsuko Kusuda  
Madison, Wis.

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BILL MARUTANI

### NAPABA Lawyers



I HAD HOPED to attend the convention held last fall in Houston, Texas, but because of the schedule of my law practice, I was unable to do so. It was the second annual convention of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), a non-profit national organization of Asian Pacific American attorneys—the time for establishment of which, if not overdue, is most certainly appropriate. The goals of NAPABA are reflected in the outline of programs articulated by its current President, Harry Gee, Jr., an attorney practicing in Houston. These are: anti-Asian violence, inter-minority conflicts, civil rights and "glass ceilings" as well as promotion of economic opportunities for the membership.

Each and all, noble goals.

ATTENDED BY SOME 300 participants, the gathering attracted a number

of noteworthy folks including a number of governmental officials, both state and national, as well as the President of the American Bar Association itself. Several Fortune 500 companies sent representatives from their law departments. (Brings to mind when I wrote to the legal department of Sears' national office, they didn't even bother to send a letter of rejection. So times have changed, for the better.)

SPEAKING OF PROGRESS, I noted that there is an Asian judge, Judge Hannah Chow, in Harris County (Houston) Texas. So east of the Rockies, she joins our own Judge Ida Chen (Philadelphia) who won a full ten-year term on the Court of Common Pleas. I believe there is yet another woman jurist in New York, but adequate information has not been received. I did note that in my home state of Washington, they now are blessed with its sixth Asian American jurist, Judge Mark C. Chow who joins

Judges Chan, Ishikawa, Tuai, Mamiya and Kondo.

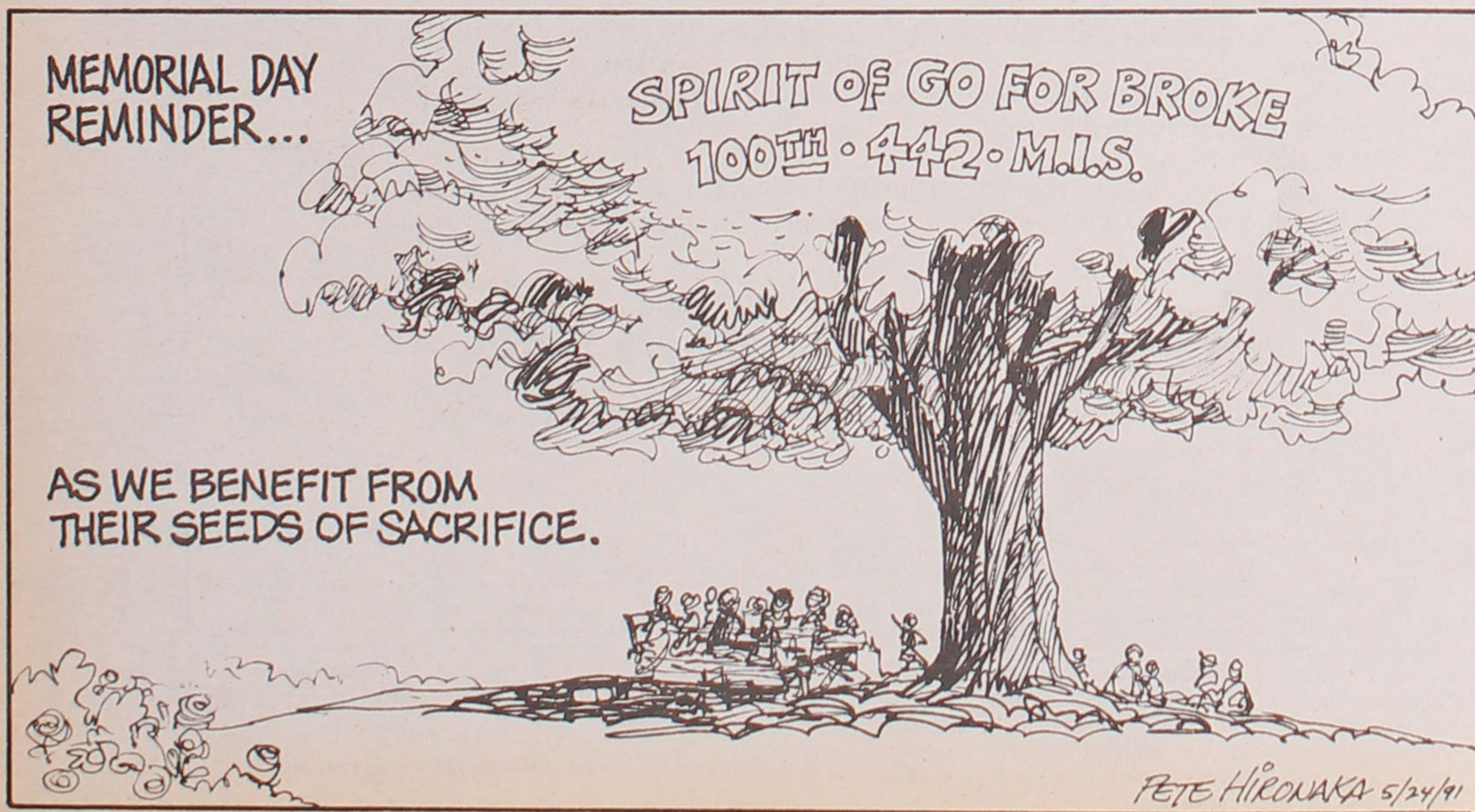
SPEAKING OF SEATTLE, I understand that the next (third) annual convention of NAPABA is to be held in that city from October 31 through November 3rd at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel. The organizing is being spear-headed by the Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW). Peggy Nagae Lum, an ABAW member, is the President-Elect of NAPABA. Interested parties may contact Sharon Sakamoto (682-9923) or Mimi Castillo (624-1913), both at Area Code 206.

Because of a previous scheduling of a trip, I'm afraid I'll be missing this third annual gathering. However, y'all, particularly those of you in the Pacific Northwest area, ought to sign up for a firsthand closeup of a developing phenomenon which can only strengthen the fabric of our society. ☐

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## Fifth-grader Mariko designs game for blind

Special to the Pacific Citizen  
from Ed Suguro

SEATTLE—"Mariko's Game," a game developed for the blind by fifth-grader Mariko Kawabori, 11, of Briarcrest Elementary School in the Shoreline School District, has been published, manufactured by a California firm and is listed in the Oakmont Visual Aids catalog. Over 60 school districts have bought it, according to the Seattle Times "Ordinary People" profile of April 30.

Her mother, Gloria, who teaches in the visually-impaired program in the Edmonds school district, mentioned to her daughter, then 9, that there were few games available for blind children. That didn't seem right to Mariko, a board-game aficionado.

She came up with a memory game (a la "Concentration" though she had never seen the TV game show) that involved matching textures—corduroy, sandpaper or fake fur. All cards are turned over and a player picks two. If they match, the player keeps them. If not, they are flipped back and the next player turns over two and so on. Sense of touch and memory prepares children to learn Braille, Gloria adds.

The game won a prize at the Shoreline science fair last year. Mariko has also invented other games, one a deep-sea diver seeking a treasure chest and another, the endangered species game she made for her class about placing a black rhino without being poached to a safe place.

Her mother calls her a "Renaissance girl" with many artistic interests. She practices piano every day, composes and arranges music (one of her compositions for her age group won first place in the district fine arts show), writes poetry and loves art—"It's just fun; you don't have to concentrate, you just do whatever you want."

Her dad, Isamu, is a pediatric cardiologist. Her sister, Kimi, isn't sure what she wants to be when she grows up.

## BILL

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present a draft of the bill to us. Bill Yoshino and I talked about it, went over it with our staff and helped to prepare the final draft.

"But we have to give credit where credit is due. I've known George since 1972 when he first ran for office . . . He's been involved in a number of causes and he's had a close relationship with Japanese Americans for a long time," Nakagawa said.

"He's spoken to the San Francisco Chapter when I've asked him to and he's been active in Redress using his persuasive influence whenever he could. He has been a strong voice.

"In the main, this is his bill. It was his idea to further the education process."

The study would be billed as a "National Historic Landmark Theme Study" on Japanese American history, with the specific purpose of identifying key sites that illustrate the period in American history when personal justice was

denied to Japanese Americans.

In part, the Miller bill reads, "The Theme Study shall identify, evaluate and nominate as national historic landmarks those sites, buildings, and structures, that best illustrate or commemorate the period in American history from 1941-46 when Japanese Americans were ordered to be detained, relocated and/or excluded pursuant to Executive Order 9066, and other actions."

"Basic legal rights and freedoms were denied to citizens of the United States simply on the basis of race. This sad chapter of our history should never be forgotten," Miller said.

"By designating the most significant sites as National Historic Landmarks, the Congress will further recognize the mistakes we made and reinforce our commitment to civil liberties and the constitution."

A hearing on this bill and the bill that would make Manzanar a national historic park was scheduled for May 21 by the House Interior subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands.

## MANZANAR

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Currently, Manzanar is a national historical site.

"It has been almost 50 years since the internment camp was closed. regrettably, vandals and souvenir hunters have taken the physical remains of the camp," Levine said. "And as time passes, it will become increasingly difficult to find people who were old enough to remember being interned, much less those who were old enough to understand the significance at the time. If we act quickly, we can preserve both the

memories and the camp itself, to establish a lasting record of the internment of Japanese Americans, and of the conditions they endured.

"It is my hope that Manzanar will serve as a reminder of the grievous errors, and inhumane policies we pursued during World War II. We must never allow such actions to recur in the future."

Under the proposal the site would include only the main camp. The entire Manzanar reservation encompassed an area of approximately 60,000 acres, with the 10,000 internees housed in a 500-acre area enclosed by barbed wire fences and secured by guard towers.

Americans to translate Japanese war plans into English; Camp McCoy, Wis., where the 100th Infantry Battalion was trained; Terminal Island, Calif., first location where Japanese Americans were forced to evacuate; Bainbridge, Island, Wash., where Japanese Americans were evacuated pursuant to Exclusion Order No. 1; Immigration and Naturalization Service internment camps at Crystal City, Kennedy and Seagoville, Texas, Missoula, Mont., and Bismarck, N.D.

## SITES

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• Other sites: Angel Island, Calif., port of entry for many Japanese Issei; Camp Shelby, Miss., training ground for the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team; Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minn., locations for the Military Intelligence Service Language School where Japanese Americans received Japanese language instruction, enabling Japanese

## Personally speaking

Gardena Valley Boy Scout Troop 719's court of honor awarded **Kris S. Gima** and **Dean Watanabe** their Eagle Scout pin recently at Ken Nakaoka Memorial Center. Scoutmaster **Tosh Nakano** emceed the program. BSA Adventure Council's Silver Beaver awardee **Bruce Kaji** was guest speaker . . . Kris is the son of **Charles & Elaine Gima** of Harbor City, a three-year letterman in track at Narbonne High and currently attending CSU Long Beach. His Eagle Scout project involved protecting the Madrona Marsh environment, especially the federally listed endangered butterfly specie, El Segundo, by planting the Coastal dune buckwheat. . . Dean is the son of **Jun & Charlotte Watanabe** of Harbor City, a four-year honor student at Torrance High and a National Merit Scholar at Harvey Mudd College. His project involved removing the parasitic mistletoe from oak trees at a youth camp in Wrightwood.

An information hotline on environmental services in Los Angeles has been established (800/439-4666 for city residents), according to **Lillian Kawasaki**, recently appointed general manager of the city's Environmental Affairs Department. A community guide was also published with foreign language editions to follow. Copies may be obtained by phone (213/237-0462) free of charge.

**Glenn Horiuchi**, Los Angeles jazz composer and pianist who premiered his "Poston Sonata" at San Diego City College Feb. 9, will perform solo piano at Santa Barbara's annual Day of Music May 25. Info: 805/962-3575. In the group playing "The Poston Sonata" were **Lillian Nakano**, shamisen, and **Francis Wong**, flute. FM radio KPBS taped the concert for later broadcast. Horiuchi has also recorded other pieces: "Oxnard Beet," "Next Step," "Issei Spirit," and "Manzanar Voices."

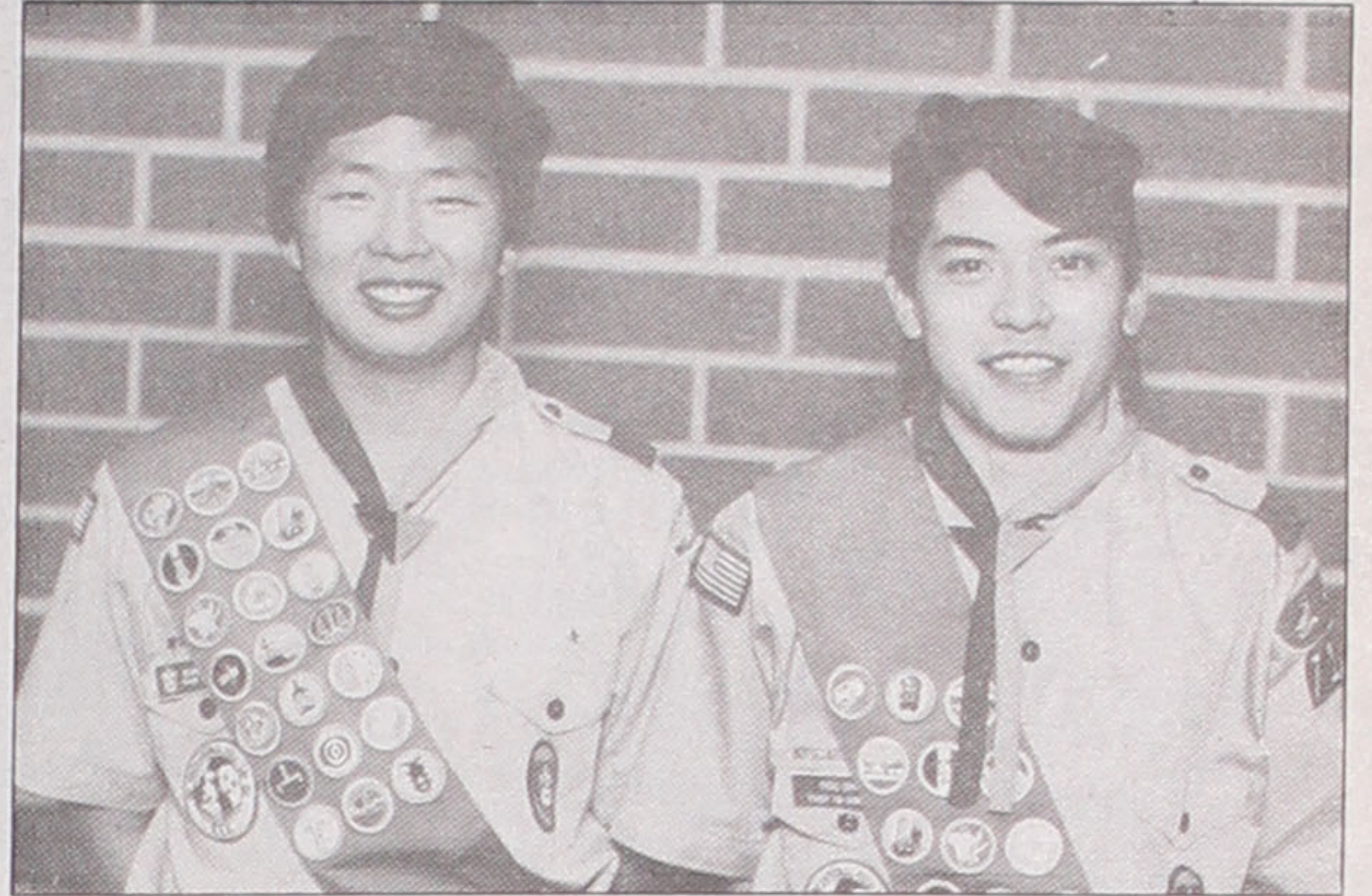
Canon, Inc., appointed **Takashi Kojima**, 51, and **Haruo Murase**, 51, to its Canon USA board of directors at Lake Success N.Y. Both pioneered the company in Japan in the early '60s and have helped diversify and integrate the U.S. subsidiary in sales and administration.

**Dr. Toshio Inahara**, a Portland JACL 1000 Life member, was elected the 1990-1991 president of Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery and recently addressed its annual meeting in Kauai, on "Endarterectomy: the Beginning of Modern Vascular Surgery." A graduate of Oregon Health Sciences University, he completed postgraduate training in surgery at St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, and vascular surgery at Massachusetts General in Boston. He returned to Portland where he has an active vascular surgical practice. His bibliography includes 34 publications and four book chapters. He and his wife, Chiz (formerly of Pasadena, Calif.), have four children.

L.A. County Supervisor **Kenneth Hahn** has reappointed **Sue Watanabe** of Gardena to the L.A. Commission for Children's Services. A retired school teacher and consultant with the Redondo Beach city schools, she is a travel consultant, a member of the Soroptimists, Nisei VFW Post 1961 women's club, and Kalama Hawaii.

**George Kobayashi** was reappointed to the Los Angeles County fish and game commission by Supervisor **Kenneth Hahn**. A Gardena TV/appliance store owner, he is active with the Nisei VFW, Gardena JCI and JACL.

Century 21's "masters" award was won by **Reiko Sakata**, a Walnut, Calif., sales associate who ranked within the top two percent among the 88,000 in the system last year.



KRIS S. GIMA (LEFT) AND DEAN WATANABE (RIGHT)

**Edwin Hiroto** plans to retire in August from his desk at Keiro Services after 33 years where as the CEO he expanded a community hospital for Los Angeles Japanese to a multi-service health-care enterprise for seniors. Keiro search committee (325 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90033) is headed by **Ruth Watanabe** and **Tom Iino**.

**Dr. Reiko Homma True** has resigned from her post in the San Francisco Dept. of Public Health as deputy director of health for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Forensic Services. Since assuming the office in 1985, she established fiscal control over run-

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tians and Jews, and the International Community Council. She is currently president of the Auxiliary to the School of Theology in Claremont, Calif., and is a trustee of that institution.

In addition, Sato was a governor's appointee in 1983 to the California Council on Criminal Justice and to the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She is a past member of the State Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility.

Dr. Hane, the Szold distinguished professor of history at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and author in Japanese history, was nominated by the president for membership on the National Council of Humanities. Requir-

ing approval of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, the nomination for a term expiring January, 1996, was confirmed March 21.

The 26-member council advises the National Endowment for the Humanities, chaired by Lynne V. Cheney, and reviews applications for federal grants in support of educational programs and research in the humanities. It meets four times a year in Washington.

A Hollister, Calif.,-born Kibei and a Poston internee and Army language instructor at Yale during World War II, Hane received his Ph.D. at Yale, was a Fulbright Scholar (1957-58) in Japan, taught at Toledo University briefly before joining the Knox faculty in 1961. His writings include: "Japan: A Historical Survey (1972), "Peasants, Rebels and Outcasts: The Underside of Modern Japan"; and translation of "The Honjo Diary, 1933-1936."

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## Pledge for seniors



Koichi Amemiya (center), president of American Honda Motor Company, Inc., with Willie Tokeshi (left), Honda vice president of corporate community relations, presents a check for \$5,000 to members of the Gardena City Council for the Gardena Senior Day Care Center. Accepting the check are Mas Fukai (second from left), Gardena mayor pro tem and chief deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Councilman James Cragin (second from right), and Councilman Paul Tsukahara. The company pledges to donate \$5,000 a year for the next five years to the day care center.

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away local and out-of-county acute hospital bed utilization, increased housing and support services for the mentally ill, and expanded the capacity for substance abuse services. After a brief rest, she is expected to return for a new assignment.

Two San Francisco Bay area residents were among those named April 29 as recipients of Japanese government decorations: **George S. Ishiyama, 77**, of Palo Alto, Order of the Rising Sun; and **Yoshitetsu Matsuoka, 70**, of San Francisco, Order of the Sacred Treasure. Los Angeles-born Ishiyama graduated in economics from UCLA in 1936, and is engaged in international resource development and financing as president of Ishiyama Corp., San Francisco, and Japan Resources Corp. of Tokyo, and associated with Shipfield Pty. Ltd. of Brisbane, Australia, BHP-Utah Minerals, Leslie Salt, Pathfinder Mines, Alaska Pulp, Overseas Bechtel, a senior advisor with Industrial Bank of Japan, BankAmerica Corp., Bank of America, and trustee of International University of Japan. Born in occupied Korea, Matsuoka received a degree in economics from Tokyo Imperial University in 1943, saw military service as an officer, headed a trading firm (1945-1951), joined the Maritime Self Defense Force and retired as an admiral in 1974, then served a year as economic advisor to the U.S. military. He moved to San Francisco in 1975 and became principal of Kinmon Gakuen, adviser to Fuji TV and a board member of Nichi Bei Kai.

**Mayor Tom Kitayama, 68**, of Union City became the first announced candidate April 23, according to the *Union City Argus*, for the vacancy on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors caused by the death of supervisor Charlie Santana April 15. If appointed, he is only interested in serving as a caretaker until 1992. He had previously indicated he was not seeking re-election to the Union City council. Supervisor Ed Campbell said appointing the Nisei nurseryman "makes a lot of sense. He's got a great track record." Union City was incorporated in 1959 by residents of Alvarado and Decoto in South Alameda County. Longtime Eden Township JACLer Kitayama was chosen its first mayor by virtue of polling the most votes in the five-member city council election. He has served on the city council since 1959 with the exception of a two-year stint as planning commissioner (1970-1972). A Bainbridge Island native where his family grew flowers, he was a freshman at Washington State College when WWII began and was able to pursue his studies in floriculture, graduating in 1945. The area east of Columbia River (i.e. Spokane, and Pullman, Wash.) was not subject to Evacuation.

**Dr. Kenneth Ozawa**, a Florin JACL 1000 Clubber, received the 1991 Golden Stethoscope Award from the Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society "for service to the community in the finest tradition of the profession." A graduate of Loma Linda University of Medical School, he has been in practice for 28 years, was a founding member of the Sacramento Methodist Hospital medical staff and chaired the local emergency care committee for the past decade. He was honored by the American Red Cross last year as a Man of the Year.

**Dr. Henry Okamura**, president of the Japanese American Optimist Club, founded in Little Tokyo in 1954, accepted the honors for his group, which won the 1989-90 Pacific Southwest Zone Club of the Year and is well on its way to repeat for 1990-1991. **Paul Yamaguchi** was recognized as the district's distinguished secretary.

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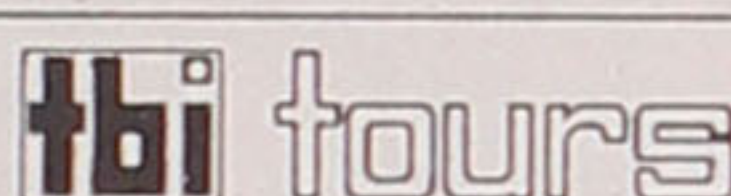
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