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Jury acquits Shiozawa on stabbing charge, deadlocks on assault

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

After two days of deliberation, a jury Sept. 1 acquitted Troy Shiozawa, 24, of stabbing his two-year old step-daughter and deadlocked on a separate charge of assault on his former wife, Leslie.

Bannock County, Idaho, prosecutors have 20 days to decide whether to re-try Shiozawa on the remaining charge. The decision came after a number of experts, including a state forensics examiner testified that the wound to the baby was consistent with an accidental stabbing.

Kent Shiozawa, Troy's father, said that the family declined a settlement in which Troy would plead guilty to one count of domestic battery and serve six months in jail. Prosecutor Mark Murphy gave Shiozawa until Sept. 13 to accept the settlement or face another trial.

"We are not about to compromise now," said Shiozawa.

Troy's father said that he has been contacting the FBI, Justice Department and state attorney general's office to investigate the conduct of the prosecutors involved in his son's case. So far, he has not received any help from these agencies. Bail for Shiozawa was initially set at one million dollars, which was later ruled unconstitutional and reduced to \$50,000. He was also held in jail after his arrest for 2-3 days without the opportunity to talk with anyone or consult with an attorney.

"I have exhausted the resources given to us. I don't know what else a person can do. I have explored everything. I've talked to the FBI, the Justice Department and the attorney general's office. I don't know how a person deals with a situation where they can run and do whatever they feel like with no recourse," said Shiozawa.

Leslie Shiozawa said that she is disappointed with the verdict and hopes that prosecutors will re-try the remaining charge.

"I lost some faith in the system, but I know he'll have to answer for what he did some day," said

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Mineta resigns

Congressman to take job with Lockheed as VP

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

In news that has stunned the Japanese American community and his San Jose constituency, Rep. Norman Mineta announced his decision Sept. 11 to resign from Congress after more than 20 years.

Mineta, 63, who formally made the announcement in front of his family's San Jose home-stead, is leaving Congress to become CEO of the Transportation Systems and Services Division of Lockheed Martin Corp. in Washington, D.C.

"This is not a decision I take lightly. But for me, I see this as a great new opportunity to build a better society," said Mineta.

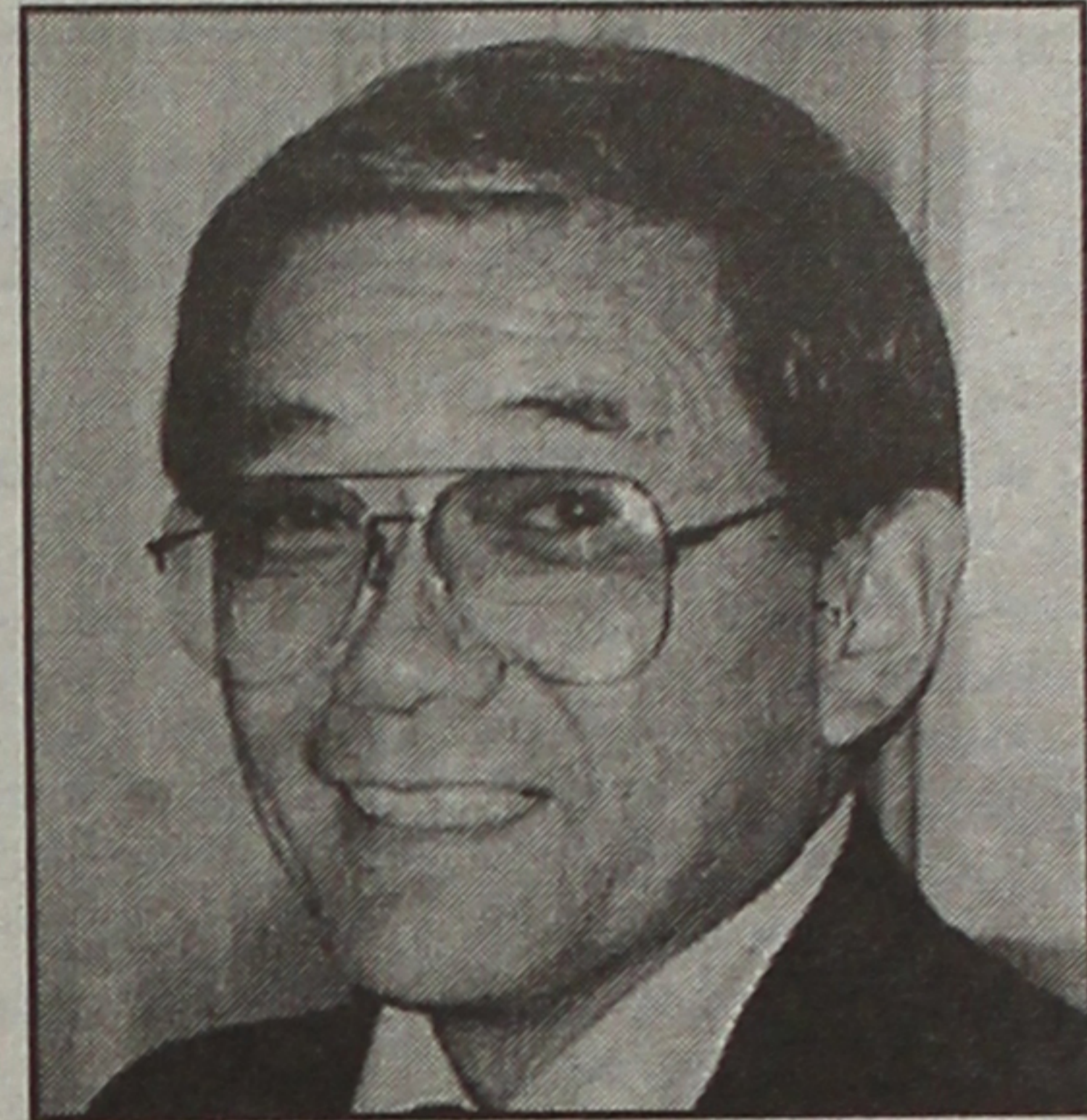
Mineta leaves Congress in the middle of his

term. His resignation will become effective Oct. 10. The 11-term congressman rose to become chair of the powerful House Committee on Public Works and Transporta-

tion in 1992 during the 103rd Congress, becoming the first Asian American to chair a major Congressional committee. Mineta also turned down the position of transpor-

tation secretary in the Clinton Administration. Losing his committee chairmanship after the Republican Party took control of Congress, Mineta remained the ranking Democrat on the committee.

A San Jose native, Mineta started his political career in 1962 when he became a member of the San Jose Human Relations Commission. In 1971, Mineta became the first Japanese American mayor of a major U.S. city and



Clinton meets MIS vets

After President Bill Clinton gave his VJ Day memorial address at the Punchbowl ceremonies, he shakes hands with white-shirted Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Nisei veterans who were especially seated in the front rows below the podium.

was first elected to Congress in 1974. Mineta has also served as president of the San Jose Chapter, JACL and most recently addressed the JACL National Council at the 1994 Salt Lake City convention when he spoke on behalf of same-sex marriage.

Surrounded by friends and family, Mineta harkened back to his family roots in the San Jose-area, crediting his parents with instilling in him values of community service.

"Illness forced my father to give up farming in 1918. In 1920, he began the Mineta Insurance Agency over on Sixth Street. It was a small business that was rich in its commitment to this community. And it was here, in this community, that my parents built our family.

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Proposed cuts in legal immigration opposed by three APA organizations

Three Asian American organizations are urging their members to protest "the drastic reductions in legal immigration numbers called for by Rep. Lamar Smith's (R-Texas) immigration bill, HR 2202 (previously HR 1915).

The three groups are the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA).

On Sept. 19, the House Judiciary Committee is expected to mark-up HR 2202, also known as the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995. "It is extremely urgent that the APA community contact their members of Congress before and during House debates on the bill to let them know how detrimental HR 2202 will be to the APA community," said Vicki Shu, OCA's immigration project coordinator.

If passed, HR 2202 would slash legal immigration numbers by a third, in part by eliminating most of the family reunification categories, according to organization spokespersons. The categories targeted for elimination are: the first, unmarried adult children of U.S. citizens; 2B, unmarried adult chil-

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Singular

Some 400 strong came to Costa Mesa, Calif., Sept. 1-3, for the 7th annual JACL Singles Convention. Featuring everything from serious workshops to light and entertaining social events and foodfare, the event drew young and old alike to mingle and make new friendships. JACL President Denny Yasuhara provided opening remarks and actress Nobu McCarthy, at right, was the keynote speaker... Story and photos, pages 4-5.



Photos: JEM LEW



Departure leaves void for JACL

Filling a leadership void. Now that Rep. Norman Mineta has announced his intentions to leave Congress, what will happen to Japanese American legislative issues?

Leigh Ann Miyasato, JACL's Washington consultant, said that Mineta's departure leaves a void in Asian American leadership.

"He is impossible to replace. Norm has been such a strong leader whenever we needed him. We're happy for him, but it's depressing for us.

"It's a sad time for us. We are really going to have to think about who our allies in Congress are going to be now. There are still other Asian Pacific Americans in Congress, but our contingent is small," said Miyasato.

With recent court rulings making thousands more Japanese Americans potentially eligible for redress payments, Miyasato said that getting additional funding will be difficult.

"Norm was instrumental in getting redress passed. His depart-

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MORE ON MINETA—JACL officials comment on departure, a retrospective of Mineta's career, text of his announcement.—pages 6-7, 9.

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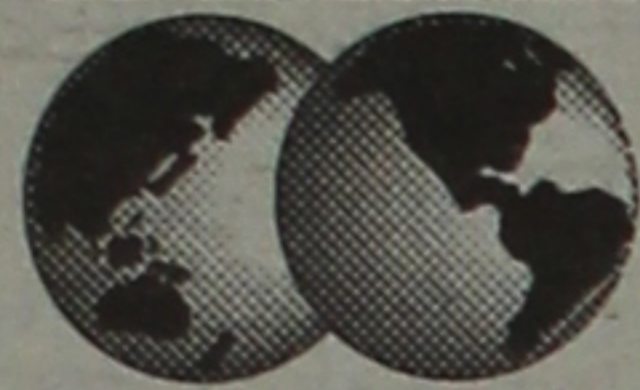
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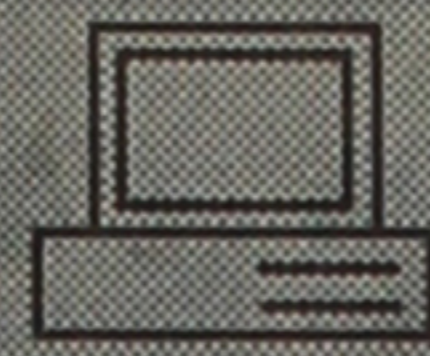
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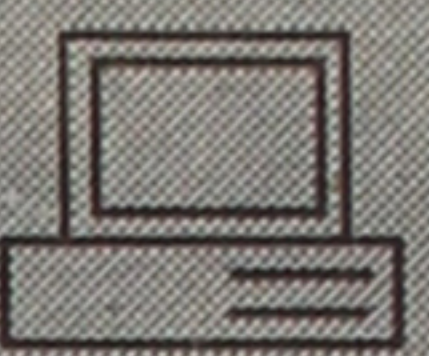
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JACL calendar

Eastern

NEW YORK

Thu. Sept. 21—JACL-Hunter College Asian American Studies Program panel, "A part of the family—Lesbians, bisexuals and gays in the Asian American community," 7 p.m., Hunter College West Room 217; info: JACL 800/513-8813.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Sat. Sept. 30—Annual Keiro-kai potluck dinner, 5-8 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.; info: Lily Okura 301/530-0945.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall DC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

CHICAGO

Sun. Sept. 17—JACL-JASC community picnic, noon, Cook County Forest Preserve, Bunker Hill picnic area grove #5; info: Cynthia Sakoda Acott 312/736-1332. NOTE—If rain: JASC Bldg, 4427 N. Clark, tel. 275-7212.

DAYTON

Sun. Sept. 24—General meeting and program 2-6 p.m., info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252.

TWIN CITIES

Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner; open to any visitor; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall MDC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

SAINT LOUIS

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 14-15—International Folkfest, Queeny Park's Greensfelder Center in West County, info: International Institute of St. Louis 314/773-9090.

NorCal-WN-Pac

Community calendar

Midwest

CHICAGO

Wed. Oct. 10—Nuveen Forum, Conversations on Culture & Identity in America, 8-10:30 a.m., The Field Museum, Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605; info: 312/922-9410 ext 530.

CINCINNATI

Sat. Oct. 7—"Focus on Japan" teachers' workshop, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky., info: Cincinnati JACL, Marie Matsunami, 513/451-2604.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE AREA

Thu.-Sun., Sept. 21-24—'95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle Art Museum; info Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msg.

Sun. Oct. 22—White River Buddhist Temple annual Harvest Bazaar, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Temple, 3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn, info: June Nakano or Rev. Shinseki, 206/833-1442

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Through Oct. 2—Smithsonian Travelling Exhibit Opening: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, 702/382-4443.

California

EASTBAY

IMPORTANT

All JACL and Community calendar items must include the following information: what, where, when (date, time), phone number(s) and contact person.

CONTRA COSTA

Sun. Sept. 17—Annual family BBQ, noon-3 p.m., Miller Knox Regional Park, Point Richmond, Seagull site; info: Natsuko Irei 510/237-8730.

Sat. Sept. 23—A cultural celebration: Kids' Day, 1-4:30 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church; info: Ted Tanaka 510/234-1639.

JAPAN-TOKYO

Chapter Board on the 1st Tuesday every month (unless it falls on the 1st or the 2nd day), Union Church, info: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431. Open to all members.

Tue. Nov. 28—Election meeting, Union Church, info: Ted Shigeno.

LAS VEGAS

Sun. Oct. 15—19th annual Luau, St. Viator's Community Center; info: Dean Kajioaka, chair, 702/366-1528.

RENO

Sun. Sept. 17—Fish fry potluck, Bingo, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St., info: Grace Fujii c/o Cynthia Lu 746/2631.

Sat. Oct. 21—Casino night, Lou's Village; Mark Kobayashi, chair, 408/295-1250.

SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., National JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

Sat., Sept. 16—JACL's AIDS Memorial Grove work day, Golden Gate Park; info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

Wed., Sept. 20—San Francisco mayoral

candidates' night, JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., S.F., info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.

SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; '96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays, info: 408/295-1250.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 24—Picnic, noon-4 p.m., Shoreview Park, info: Mary Jo Kobata 415/593-7358, Kate Motoyama 415/574-6676.

STOCKTON

Sat. Sept. 16—24th annual JACL-Anheuser Busch golf tournament, 10:30 a.m. first teeoff, Van Buskirk Golf Course; info: Calvin Matsumoto 209/931-1826.

Fri. Sept. 29—Investment for the Ages, 7 p.m., Buddhist Temple; info: Dr. John Fujii 209/957-9315.

Sun. Oct. 8—"Let's discover the silver legacy in Reno," 7 a.m. bus departs from North Stockton Branch Union Bank, Pacific Ave. and Robinhood Drive (by K-mart), RSVP Sept 30; info: Teddy Saiki, 209/465-8107.

WEST VALLEY

Sat., Oct. 7—Keiro Kai dinner, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Buddhist Church Annex, San Jose Japantown, info: Yu-Ai office 408/294-2505. NOTE—Seniors free of charge, others \$15 per or \$25 couple.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Sept. 9—DC Meeting, Selma Japanese Mission Church; info: Regional office-Patricia Tsai 209/486-6815.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Oct. 1—5th Biennial Recognitions luncheon, 12 noon, Torrance Marriott, info: Carol Saito 213/626-4471.

API LAMBDA

Sun. Sept. 17—General meeting in L.A., info: May Yamamoto 310/355-8363.

Ota 818/797-8839.

Sun. Sept. 24—Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center inaugural, 9 a.m., 222 S. Hewitt St., L.A., info: Frances Sugiyama 213/626-2279;

Sun. Oct. 1—Orange County Sansei Singles/L.A. Asian Ski Club picnic, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., El Dorado Park West, Studebaker Rd. between Spring and Willow St., Long Beach; info: 310/921-5803. NOTE—Look for big yellow Ski Club banner and signs with "LAASC" or "OCSS".

Sat. Oct. 7—East San Gabriel Valley Aki Matsuri, 1-9 p.m., Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, West Covina; info: 818/960-2566 (Tue-Fri a.m.)

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Oct. 1—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Stella Takahashi 510/524-5708.

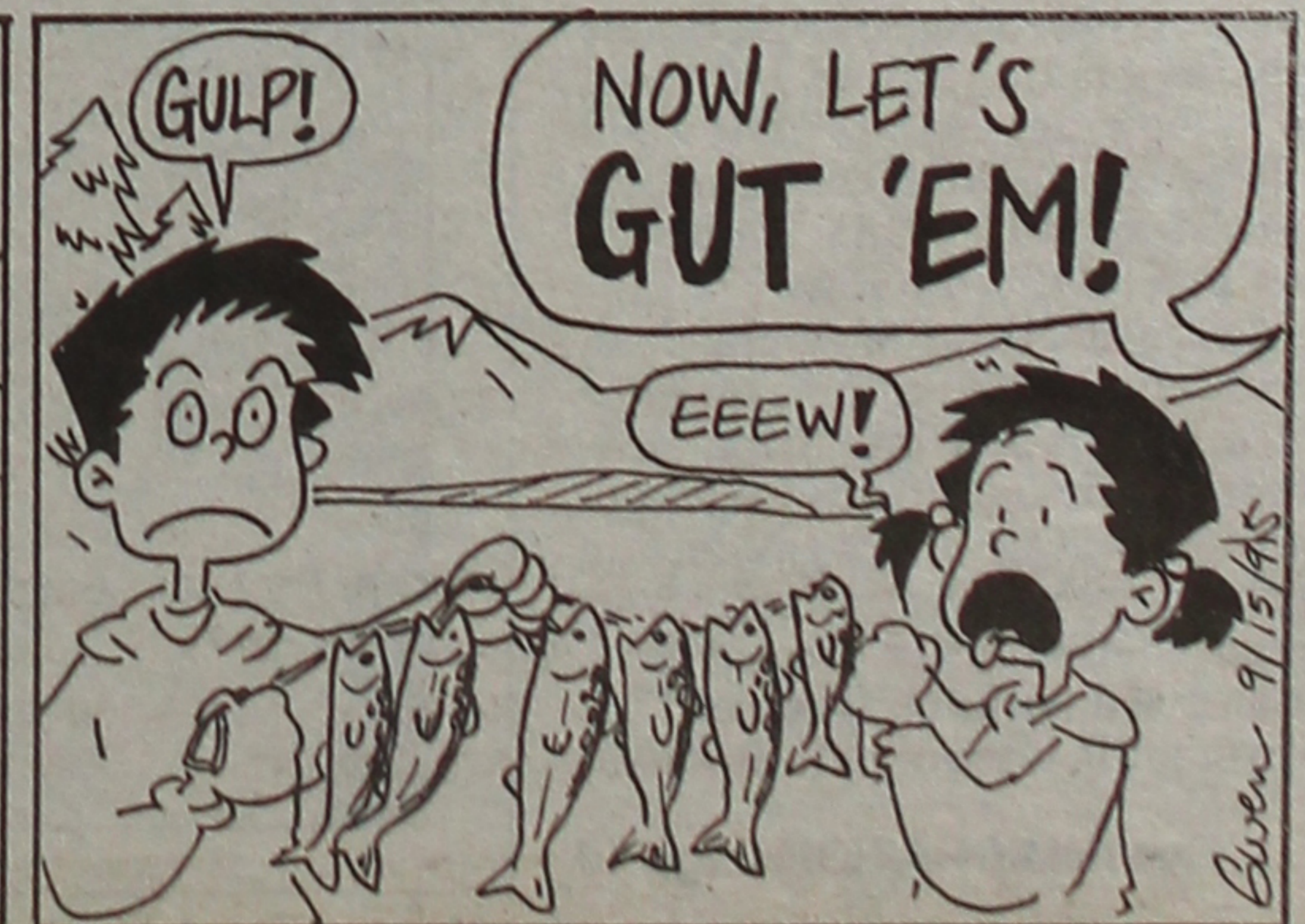
SAN JOSE

Mon.-Tues. Sept. 18-19—Yu-Ai Kai/JA Community Senior Center conversational Japanese classes, beginning (6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays) and intermediate (6-7:30 pm. Mondays), for 10 weeks; regis info: Anthony Chung, Yu-Ai Kai 408/294-2505.

SAN DIEGO

Sat., Oct. 14—Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego annual meeting, 11:30 luncheon, Southwestern College Dining Facility, 900 Utah Lakes at E. H St., info: Jeanne Marumoto Elyea 619/690-1151, Elaine Hibi Bowers 610/421-3525, Ben Segawa 619/482-1735.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka



National dialogue

By KARYL MATSUMOTO
JACL Interim National Director

Highlights from headquarters

On behalf of JACL I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Leigh-Ann Miyasato for her extraordinary contributions to JACL. Her ever-efficient and dignified presence in Washington, D.C., has allowed JACL to maintain visibility and continuity on Capitol Hill. As you may or may not know, Leigh-Ann was the temporary Washington, D.C., representative and she has recently accepted a position with the newly formed Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute. The good news is that Leigh-Ann has agreed to work for JACL on an as-needed basis (up to 10 hours per week) until we can find a replacement. Again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Leigh-Ann. JACL is truly indebted to her for her efforts.

Financial

The business manager, Clyde Izumi, has automated our checking system. Accounts payable, checks, and corresponding envelopes are now in place and are handled in simplified and efficient transactions. For you accounting types, we no longer hand write checks or make handwritten entries in the general ledger! Relative to the independent audit, all concerns have been resolved and the letter of representation has been signed. With luck, Grant Thornton will have the final copy ready for us so we can print it in the next *Pacific Citizen*. Clyde and I have been preparing figures for the budget committee's 1996 budget.

Membership

We have finally linked the two membership computers so multiple transactions can occur. By the end of the month, data entry of membership renewals will be current, and Interim Membership Coordinator Amy Yamashiro informs me that we'll be able to generate the long-awaited reports for membership chairs. Checks for first-quarter rebates are in the mail!

Programs

The 1995 Scholarship and

Awards Program has been completed and as previously promised, 1996 scholarship brochures and applications will be on time and available in October.

FYI: We currently have 200 scholarship requests from prospective applicants and 50 from educational institutions. In addition to organizing headquarters, Administrative assistant Stephanie Roh has begun the groundwork for the oratorical competition to be held at the San Jose Convention.

Regional offices

These offices continue to work with ongoing projects such as redress, affirmative action, germane legislation on local and national levels, and discrimination complaints.

Central California District: Patricia Tsai developed a district internship program to recruit local college students to oversee their scholarship program and develop/promote district and office educational materials.

Midwest District: Bill Yoshino continues to provide historical background and administrative support to the national operation while coalition building with the Asian American Institute, the sole pan-Asian organization in Illinois devoted to research, public policy and advocacy.

Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District: In addition to working on the upcoming 1996 Youth Conference and the September 16th ORA meeting at headquarters, Patty Wada was instrumental in working with the California JACL offices and other groups for the successful passage of SB911, a bill that will strengthen current hate crime laws in California. (Word has it that Gov. Wilson intends to sign the bill.) This is the type of legislation that JACL should be working on a national level. Perhaps we can get other states to introduce/strengthen similar legislation.

Pacific Northwest: Kip Tokuda hit the ground running and is working with a minority executive directors committee to plan for a statewide advocacy network. He also met with staff of a

local television station to discuss a possible show centering on an intergenerational perspective of the Japanese internment.

Pacific Southwest District: In the absence of a regional director, Carol Saito has been holding down the fort and is currently working on the district's upcoming meeting in Las Vegas and its Fifth Biennial Awards Luncheon.

Miscellaneous: Top priority has been given to recruiting a PSW regional director and a Washington, D.C., representative. We have put together a draft position paper on affirmative action and have begun work on the 1996 convention with the San Jose Convention Committee and Jim Miyazaki, vice president of operations.

Mechanism for fund-raising are being set in motion for the convention as well as the 1996 Youth Conference scheduled for February. If anyone out there can help us raise money for either of these events, please give me a call!

Wish list

The saying goes, "If you don't ask, you don't get!" This being the case, if there are any chapters or members out there just itching to assist headquarters in its catching up to the 20th-century, we are sorely in need of equipment which by most standards is considered basic but which we consider a luxury.

Because of JACL's current financial constraints, we have been quite conservative relative to equipment purchases. The following items did not make the priority list but if we had them it would certainly improve our efficiency and services to members:

- HP LaserJet 4+: Because of the time needed to run reports (e.g. chapter rosters, memberships renewed/non-renewed, etc.) a printer with the speed and capacity to run overnight would increase both available computer time and report processing.

- 486 computers: What a treat!
- Large Capacity Hard Drive: One of the two membership computers has almost reached its maximum storage capacity.

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How to conduct a meeting

National, JACL, offers this series of informational tips to help chapters and districts in facilitating meetings. In this outing:

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING A MAIN MOTION:

I. Obtaining and assigning the floor

A. A member rises when no one else has the floor and addresses the chair, "Mr./Madam President," "Mr./Madam Chair," or by other proper title

1. In a large assembly, the member gives his/her name and identification.

2. The member remains standing and awaits recognition by the chair.

B. The chair recognizes the member by announcing his/her name or title, or in a small assembly, by nodding to the person.

II. How the motion is brought before the assembly

A. The member stands and makes the motion: "I move that (or 'to') . . ."

B. Another member, without rising, seconds the motion: "I second the motion" or "I second it" or, even, "Second."

C. The chair states the question on the motion: "It is moved and seconded that (or 'to') . . . Are you ready for the question?"

III. Consideration of the motion

A. Members can debate the motion.

1. Before speaking in debate, members obtain the floor as in "I" above.

2. The maker of the motion has first right to the floor if he claims it promptly.

3. All remarks must be addressed to the chair.

4. Debate must be confined to the merits of the motion.

5. Debate can be closed only by order of the assembly (2/3 vote) or by the chair if no one seeks the floor for further debate.

B. The chair puts the question (puts it to vote).

1. The chair asks: "Are you ready for the question?" If no one then rises to claim the floor, the chair proceeds to put the question.

2. The chair says: "The question is on the adoption of the motion that (or 'to') . . . As many as are in favor, say 'Aye.' (Pause for response) Those opposed, say 'No.'" (Pause for response)

C. The chair announces the result of the vote.

1. "The ayes have it, the motion is adopted, and . . . (indicating the effect of the vote on ordering its execution)," or

2. "The noes have it and the motion is lost."

JACL Singles Convention

In communicating, it's what you see that really counts

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

We spend 80 percent of our lives accumulating knowledge for a variety of purposes.

Yet, sadly, we spend less than 2 percent of our time learning how to communicate that knowledge.

But Gary Collins, an expert in the field of non-verbal communication, didn't come to the JACL Singles Convention just to bring this woeful message. He came to help everyone learn how to focus and zoom in on that process of communicating to an audience.

Finding the words is one thing. Finding effective ways to present those words is another. In other words, non-verbal communication is everything.

When it comes to presentations, Collins said effective communication rests of that great pillar known as credibility. He told the JACL singles audience that "it's just like dating. Credibility is important in speaking."

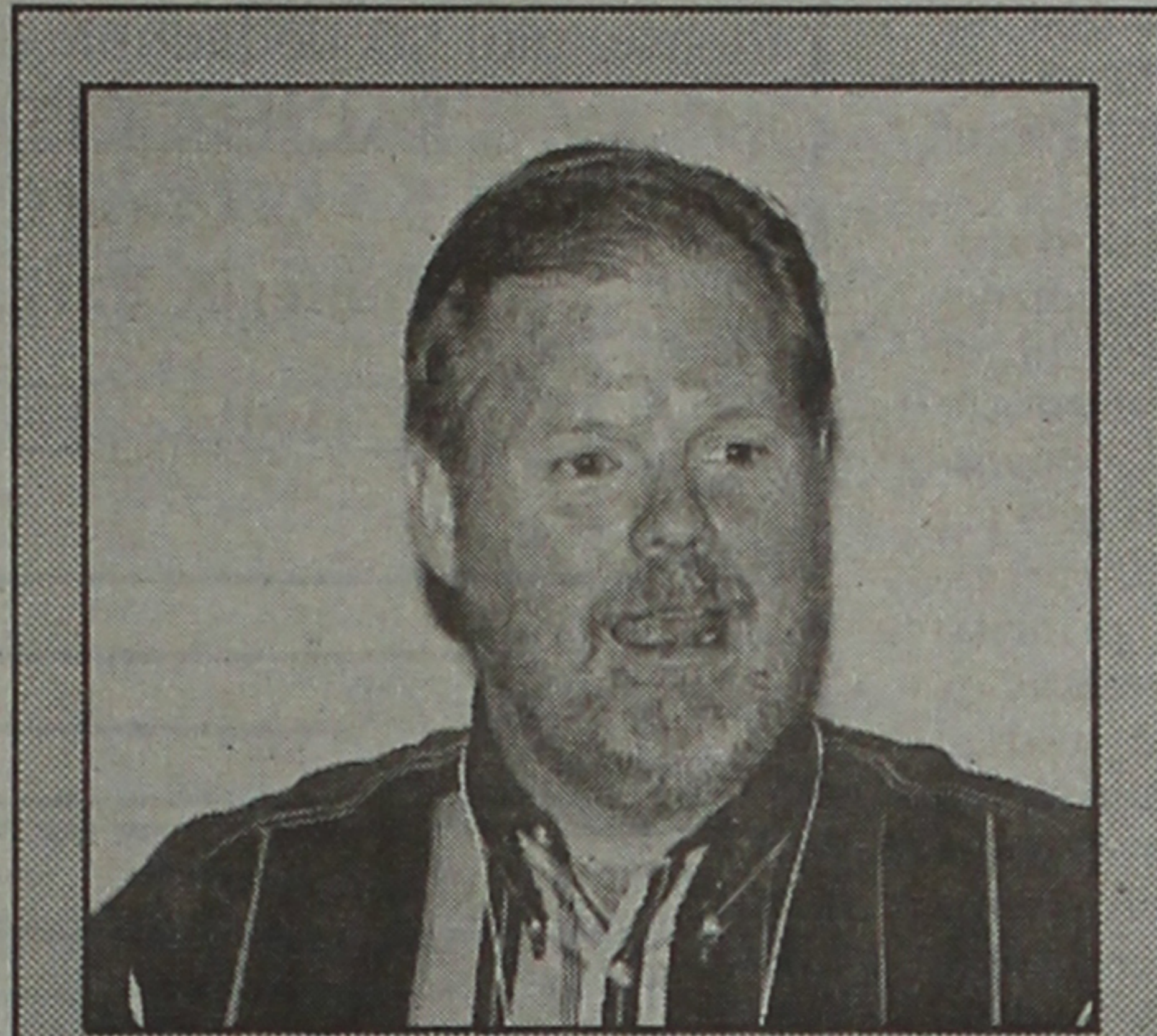
The speaker said that four factors are considered in a presentation: trustworthiness or believability; verbal or the words you use; tone or vocal impression; and visual or eye contact, body language, dress and appearance.

In referring to a study by a noted scholar, Collins said, "The number one factor is visual. It is critical."

In the study, the visual factor accounts for 55 percent of communication; vocal, 38 percent, and verbal only 7 percent.

Basically, he said, "People want to know, 'Are you safe or not safe?'" And that sense is often communicated by nonverbal means.

To make the best delivery, Collins said, a good speaker makes



PROFILE: The Rev. Gary Collins

The Rev. Gary Collins is an executive consultant with Decker Communications, a San Francisco-based communications consulting company. He has created youth programs throughout the state and lectured on adult career programs to groups of people as large as 3,000. He graduated with a B.A. in political science, obtained his master of divinity, DDS, at Berkeley Theological Union. Born and raised in the San Francisco area, he now lives in Palos Verdes, Calif., with his two children.

the best pitch by employing SHARP strategies: Stories, Humor, Analogies, References and quotes, and Pictorial aids.

With plenty of his own SHARP, he waved his arms in generous gestures to show the crowd how important it is to show people a sense of openness. "Don't close down [your body]," he said. "Don't get smaller. Don't be nervous. Don't hold it in. Instead, release it, release that nervous energy."

More tips:

■ **Posture:** Be balanced, Collins said. Give a sense of energy by leaning slightly forward, not backward.

■ **Movement:** It's great to move around, he said, but don't pace nervously.

■ **Involve people:** Connect with them, bring them into the presentation.

Even more important is facial expression. "Don't look like a dead fish," Collins said. "Smile at people. They'll smile back. Make sure your eyes are expressive."

Interestingly, Collins noted that eye contact varies among cultures. In North America and Western Europe the time limit is three to six seconds, he said. In Latin America it is longer.

In Asia it is shorter.

In speaking, the expert said that pausing is an effective device. "Pausing raises retention by 38 percent," he said. "You break information into chunks." He cautioned, however, that speakers should use pauses without "non-word fillers" such as "uh" or inappropriate spacers such as "okay" and "you see."

In closing, Collins, in tune and true to his talk, opened his arms, smiled, and said: "Be natural, be yourself. Move effectively."

Photos: JEM LEW

Discovering the self: It's a matter of harmony

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

She asked the key question: "Is the outside the same as the inside?"

To find out, psychotherapist Nancy Tashiro presented her audience of JACL Singles Convention attendees with a personality trait inventory test. This would answer the question and fulfill the title of her talk—"Who Am I, Understanding the Self."

As the audience filled out the lengthy questionnaire, Tashiro told them, "There's no right way to do this. There's no good or bad. This is to determine who you are."

Just who you are depends on a couple factors, Tashiro says. Innate traits are those qualities which make up a person's temperament. "It's the raw material and it doesn't change."

Personality, on the other hand, is what persons make themselves to be.

From these two factors emerge the question, "Is the outside the same as the inside?" And further: Do we see a personality that is true to temperament?

The answer for Asians, Tashiro said, is often no. In Asian culture, pride blocks the outside from matching the inside. Asians are not taught to express negative feelings or expected to share problems. "It's our cultural baggage," she said.

To unload this is a matter of "congruence." That means integration and balance among our physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual beings, the psychotherapist said.

Enter here the inventory test to find out how we're doing.

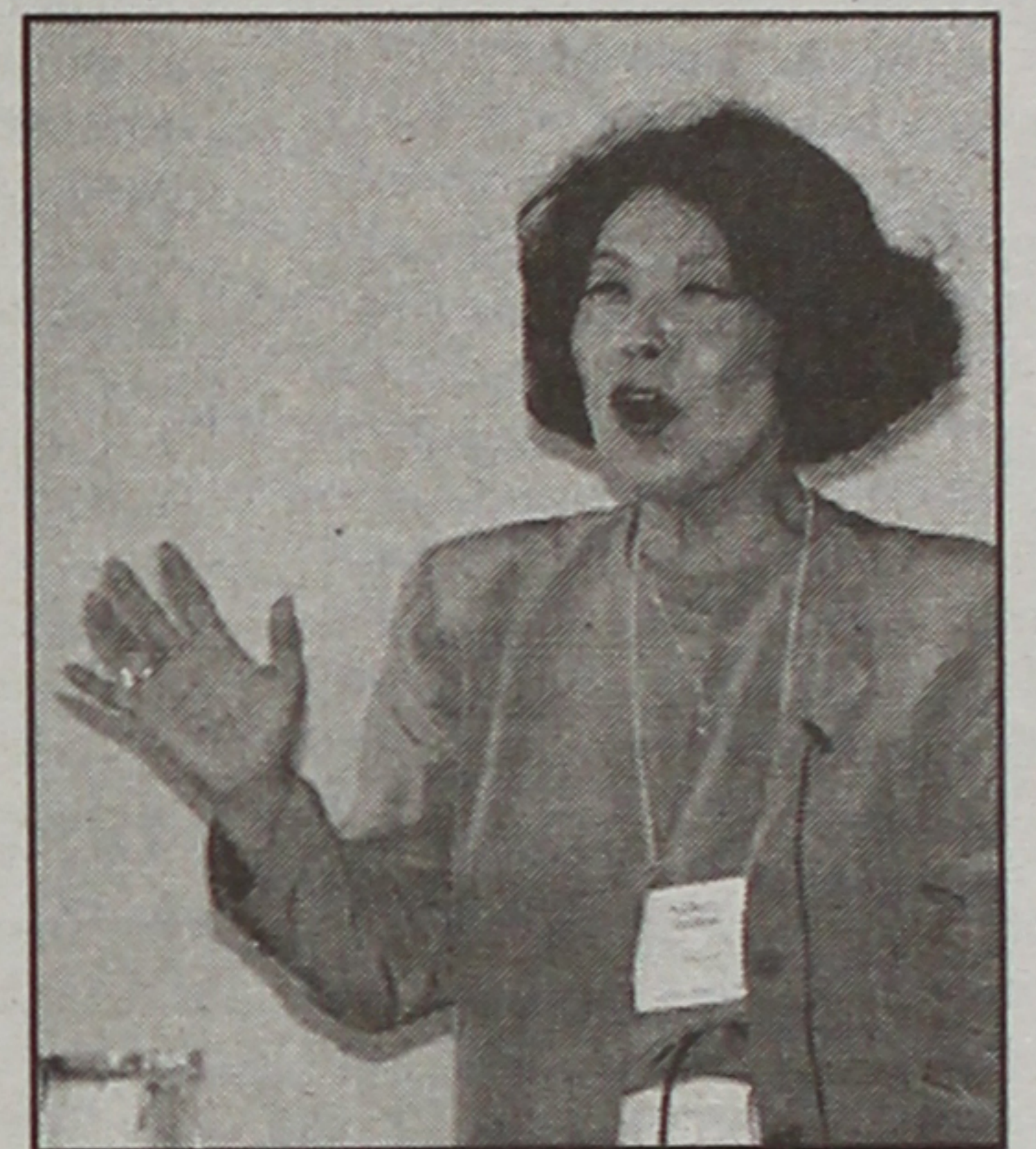
On the inventory, a person must indicate qualities that most fit their personality in terms of strengths and weaknesses. Once tallied, a pattern emerges which places most people with tendencies in four categories:

■ **Sanguine-Popular:** These are party people, Tashiro said. They are looser, they tend to let go and have a good time. Their weakness, however, is that they tend to overcommit

and forget. Some might call them flaky.

■ **Choleric-Powerful:** These are people who get more done than most; they have goals, they're focused. Their weakness is that they tend to want things done their way. They are often controlling. They want things done yesterday. They can intimidate.

■ **Melancholy-Perfect:** These are the hard workers, Tashiro says. They are detail oriented. They take life seriously. They can turn a compliment into criticism. They are often backup people to choleric-powerful types because they usu-



PROFILE: Nancy Tashiro

Nancy Tashiro is a psychotherapist with a private practice in Longmont, Colo. She enjoys public speaking and conducting workshops and seminars. She is the mother of three children.

ally work behind the scenes. They don't need credit.

■ **Phlegmatic-Peaceful:** These are cool, calm, collected people. They are often mediators, negotiators; they hate conflict. They often appear aloof, lazy, unexcited about anything. They look like pushovers but they're not, she says.

Once scores are added up, a person discovers a pattern or combination of traits. A choleric-melancholy person, for instance, is a very powerful person, Tashiro said.

But if a person's scores reveal an unnatural combination it means that individual is "masking." It means the outside doesn't match the inside. Examples of these are choleric-phlegmatic or sanguine-melancholy. They don't go together. It means these individuals are trying to be something they are not, Tashiro said.

"Strive for balance," she said. "Seek harmony. Be who you are born to be."



Makeover

In Cinderella fashion, actress Nobu McCarthy (middle, left photo) did makeovers on volunteers Miyako Kadogawa and Nob Yamane during the workshop on "Transformations." McCarthy showed where she would be making changes in each of the volunteers in preparation for the dance that evening. "Self image is so important," said McCarthy. "It is not just what God gave you or what you wear. Beauty is a total thing."

In photo above is the "after" look.

What do men and women want of each other?

Panel says expectations answers, vary

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

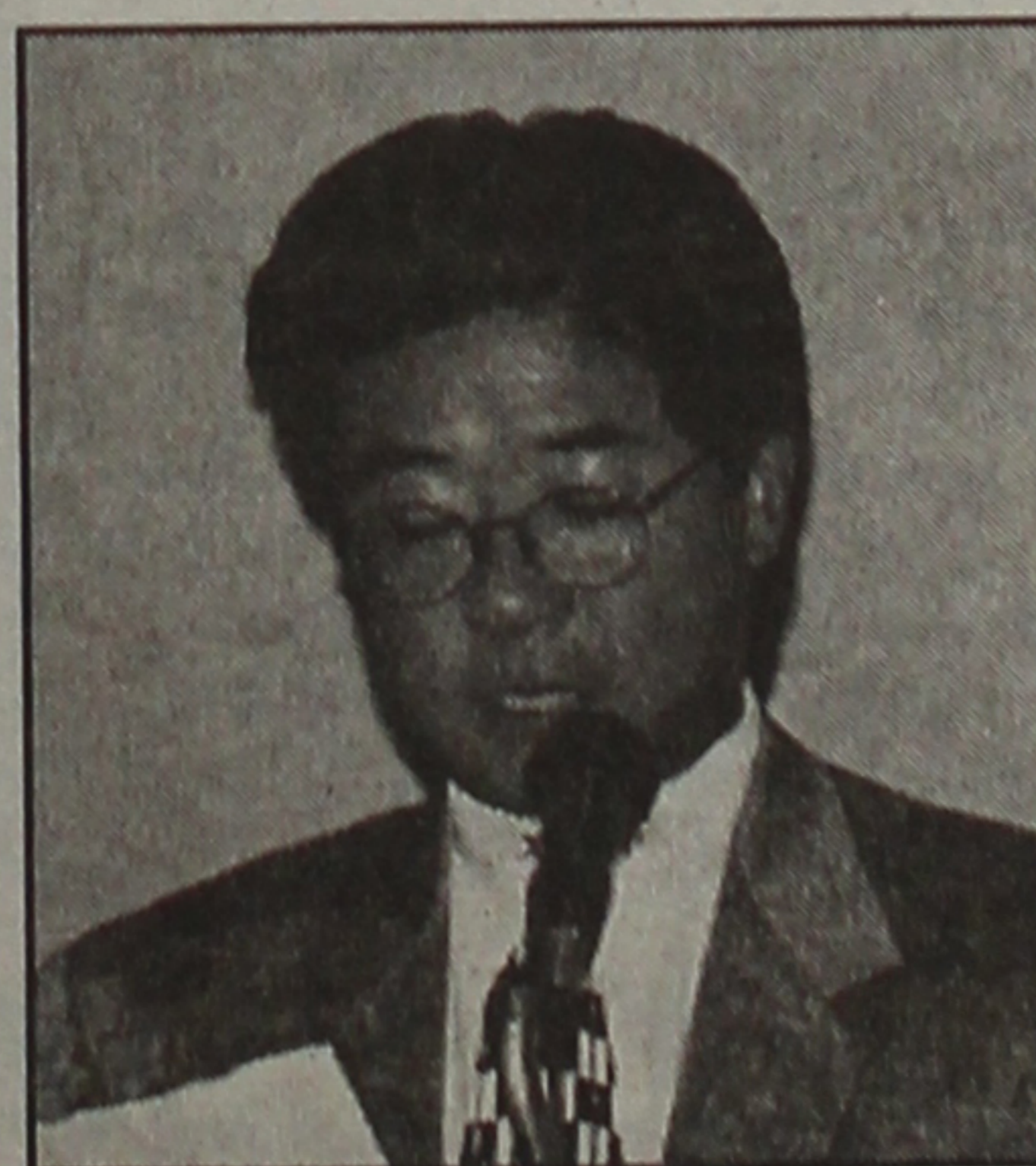
"What do men need, what do women want?" A panel, comprised mostly of Sansei men and women, at the JACL national singles convention tried to answer the question.

Moderator Harvey Hanemoto, supervisor of social psychiatric work at Fresno County Mental

Health, said that men and women look for different things in a mate. Citing a published top ten list, Hanemoto said the top three attributes that men in their 30s are looking for in women are sexy, gorgeous, and a nice dresser.

However, "Women look for more substantial things," said Hanemoto. "Things like security, what kind of father he would be, companionship, a good provider."

"You know why it's so hard to find someone? You women are all looking for that same one man. And the men are all looking for that same one woman. We're all fours and fives, thinking we're sevens, looking for tens."



PROFILE: Harvey Hanemoto

Hanemoto is the supervisor of social psychiatric work for the Fresno County Mental Health organization. He has been a therapist, programmer, director and administrator of mental health for Fresno State University, where he also earned his M.S.W. degree. He has been in the field for 20 years.

The panelists included Janice Nii, Grace Masuda, Greg Marutani, Sam Matsumoto and Toshi Ito. The panelist were asked to describe themselves and then to list desirable attributes in a potential mate.

Asked to describe herself, Nii said, "I think that each one of us is a diamond in the rough when we're born. As we mature we gain more and more facets, and the more facets we have, the more brilliant we become." Nii said she is looking for someone who is supportive, has a positive attitude, a sense of humor and is chivalrous.

Marutani said that men have to

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JACL Singles Convention

Want charisma? Just be yourself, says speaker

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

Photos: JEM LEW

Charisma is that ethereal quality that seems to ooze. It is that certain undefinable magnetism and aura.

That's the popular concept, anyway. But that's not exactly how neurologist Richard Greene defines the term.

"The concept of charisma is not just glamorous. It's not just something that gets us [the right] woman or man or job," Greene said. "It is who we are as human beings. Every single human being has the capacity to be charismatic. Charisma is merely being fully who you are."

In other words, it's a matter of being ourselves. When we are, we are charismatic.

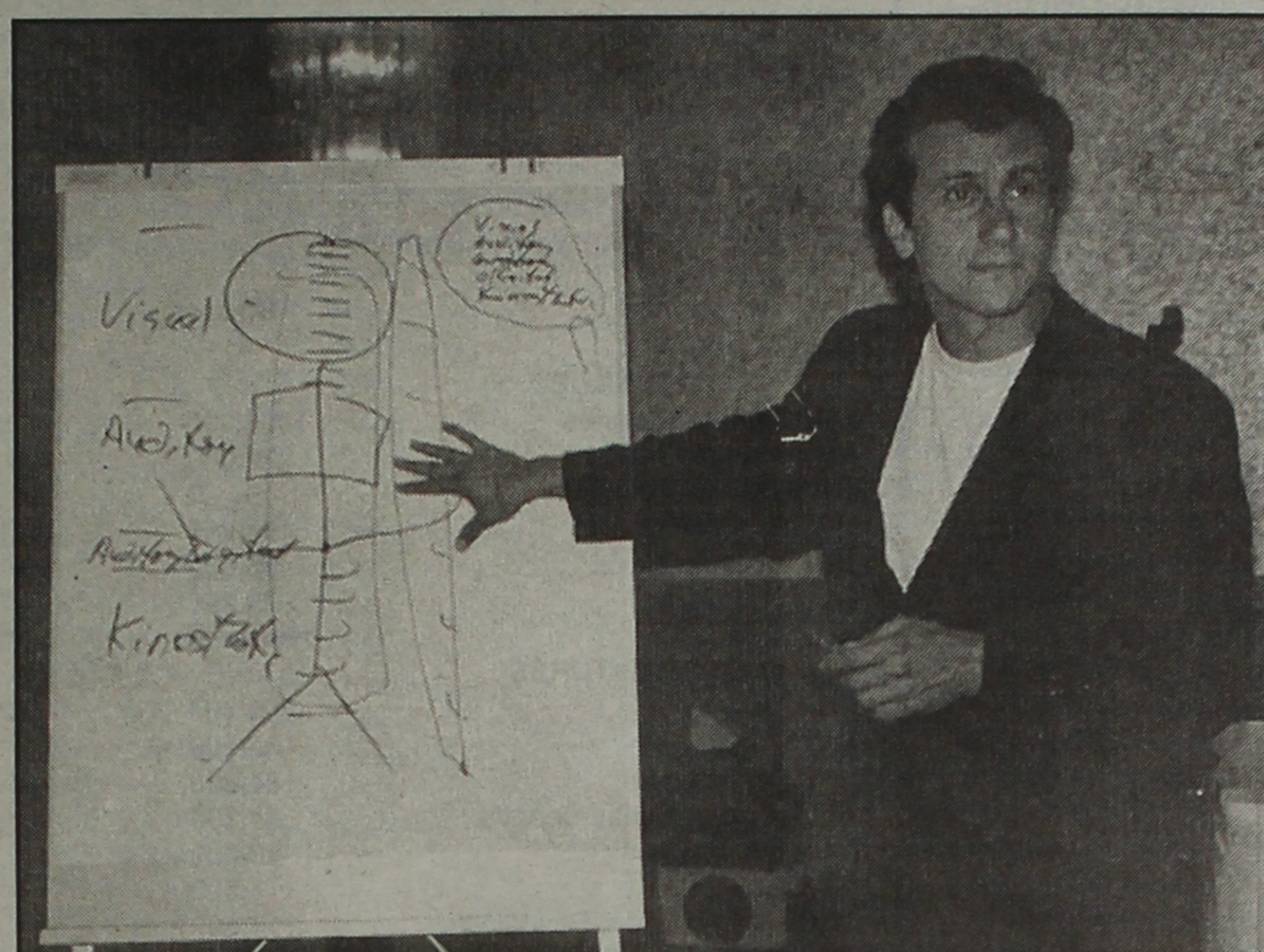
Greene asked audience members to recall when they have felt charismatic. When there is an electrical connection, charisma, like a light bulb, charges the atmosphere around us.

The problem, which often plagues Asians, is that people "push down the wattage in their light bulbs," Greene said.

Babies have 100-watt charisma because they have nothing to inhibit them from being themselves. It's culture that shuts us down, the author and lecturer said.

As humans we seem to thwart even the chemistry part of charisma. Greene talked about neurologist programming, which focuses on the brain in terms of visual, auditory and kinesthetic factors. "There is a mind-body connection," he said.

Visual people stand out, he said. This type is not prevalent among the Japanese or Japanese Americans, he added.



PROFILE: Richard Greene

The speaker is an attorney and a lecturer for governments, institutions, and corporations in 17 countries on six continents to presidents and prime ministers, corporate executives and sales people. He received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, his law degree from USC, and is a master practitioner and trainer in neurolinguistics.

Auditory people are often visionaries, creative thinkers, people who can communicate and conceptualize. A corollary to

this type is the auditory-digital person who is very analytical, Greene said. These are often scientists or, for instance, someone

like William F. Buckley who is able to articulate political and social concepts. Japanese Americans are very much included in this category, he added.

Kinesthetic people are "touchy-feely" people, Greene said. Examples are the late actor-director Orson Welles and operatic singer Luciano Pavarotti. Japanese Americans are definitely not among this type.

Actually, Greene said, we are all born with visual, auditory and kinesthetic qualities. In Japanese culture, however, being expressive and creative is often disdained. The speaker noted that the phrase "be quiet" [otonashii] typifies the Japanese culture. Further, the Japanese are taught that to express emotion in public is improper. "In Paris, it is; in Japan, it isn't," Greene said. The kinesthetic quality among Japanese is also "weeded out," he said.

To illustrate these types, Greene referred to prominent personalities and their particular traits. Jesse Jackson, for example, is a visual and kinesthetic person; O.J. Simpson's lawyer Johnny Cochran is also, but Greene said that he is not an auditory person capable of deep analysis; and Marcia Clark is a strong visual person.

Among presidents, Greene noted that John F. Kennedy had all three qualities, which made him one of the most famous examples of charisma. Clinton, he added, also possesses all three qualities. Ronald Reagan is a visual and kinesthetic type of person but definitely not auditory, Greene said.

"How many Japanese Americans have the full range of qualities," Greene asked

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Get social: open up—smile

A self-described "smileologist," Joan Sakyo shared personal experiences and showed how to be more social and outgoing during the workshop, "You can do it," at the JACL singles convention.

"You can change your life from the inside out. It takes 50 people you meet to find three that you're going to be attracted to," said Sakyo. "You have to talk and be friendly to find out if you're going to be compatible."

But, Sakyo said, being outgoing and open goes against what many Japanese Americans are taught.

"Many people are looking for the perfect man or perfect

woman. The biggest obstacle is our belief system. We all have a fear of strangers," said Sakyo. She advised that when entering a room we should "smile and say I belong here."

She gave a number of tips upon meeting people for the first time. She said that the worst question to ask a person is, what do you do for a living?

"That question instantly labels you. Also, don't



PROFILE: Joan Sakyo

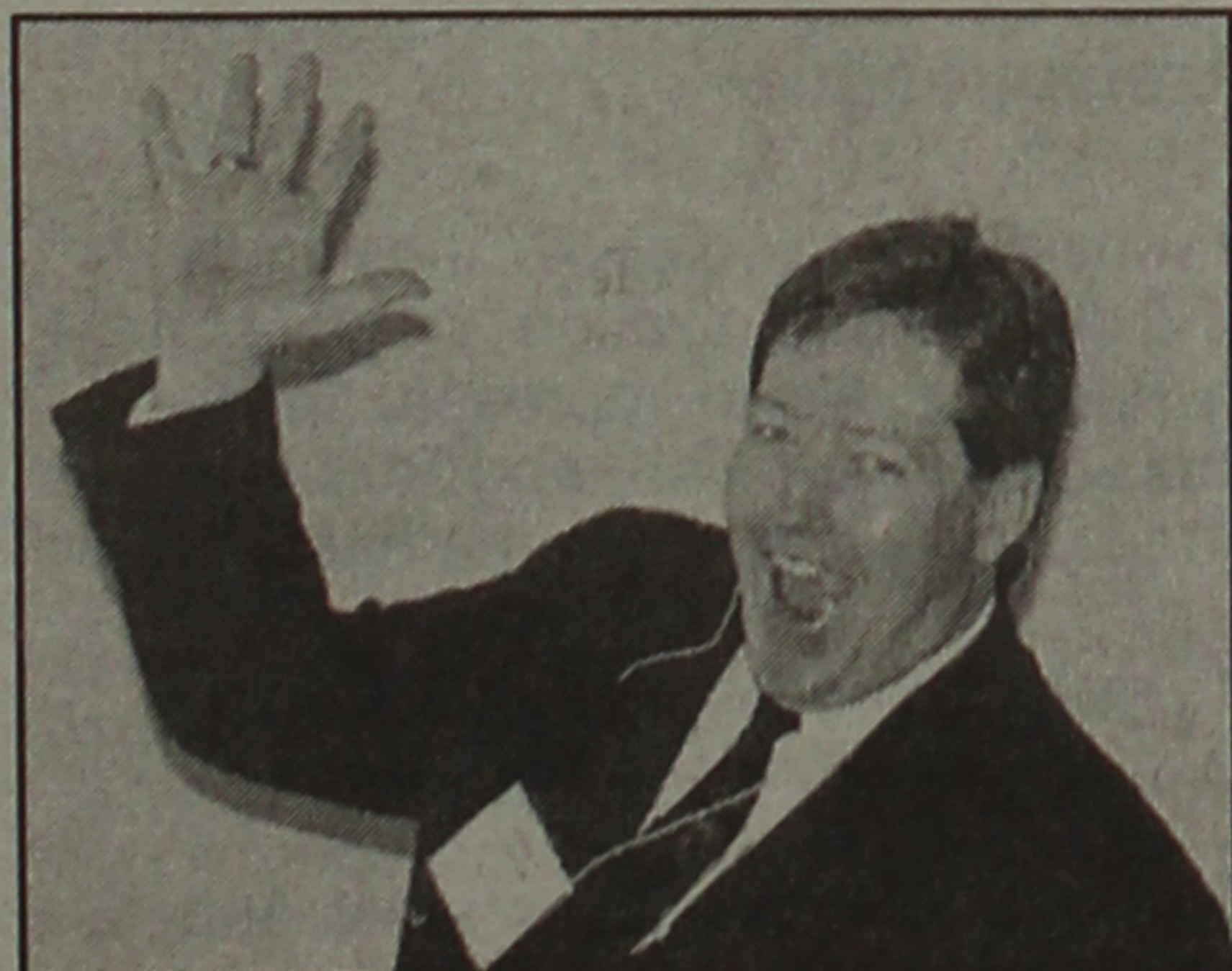
Born and raised in upstate New York, Sakyo received her teaching degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She has taught for the U.S. Department of Defense in Japan and Germany and worked 10 years in personnel for AT&T. She served three years as president of San Francisco Asian Singles and is a founding member of Tri-Valley Chapter, JACL. She is presently a realtor in Pleasanton, Calif.

discuss your inner child or how bad someone else has treated you."

Sakyo said that before she attended her first JACL singles convention she was very shy, but the experience opened her up to new possibilities. "The convention ten years ago made a huge difference in my life.

"Open yourself up to discovery. Take responsibility for making it happen," she said.

Making more of memory



PROFILE: Patrick Hunter:

A self-made entrepreneur and founder of Emerald Vision Business Educators, Hunter is a corporate speaker and trainer in sales, marketing, customer service and communications.

What's your name? Where did I put my keys?

If you have problems remembering such things, Patrick Hunter says the way to enhance memory is to create mental "file cabinets" to store information into long-term memory rather than short-term memory.

Hunter took participants at the JACL national singles convention on Sept. 2 through an exercise in which the group picked a list of 15 random words. Hunter showed how to recall the list and its exact sequence by creating a mental image of the word and placing it in an emotional context. To the amazement of the audience, he was able to perfectly recall the list, backwards and forwards.

"The mind is like a muscle. If you don't use it, you lose it. You have to review to make it a long-term memory," said Hunter.

To remember names, he said to think about what you feel about the persons and write their names down immediately after you meet them so that the names become part of your memory.

"Attitude has a great effect on remembering names. Most people say that they're terrible at remembering names. You have to say to yourself, I'm great at remembering names," said Hunter.

Someday your frog will come

By RICHARD SUENAGA
Editor

Cheer up, all you frogs who think you live in a world of princes and princesses.

You have as good a chance at being lovable and loved as anyone else.

But first you've got to stop believing in this fairytale nonsense.

The truth: we're all frogs; we all have warts.

With that, the Rev. Kenneth Fong delivered his rebuff to the

eulogy to frogs and sermonized about "How To Become a More Lovable Person" to those who trekked to the JACL Singles Convention in Costa Mesa, Calif.

"You can be a more lovable frog," Fong said. "Deal with your warts, your frogness, then you'll be more lovable, attract healthier people."

To get into the real world of romance and relationships requires you to assess your growth. It means dealing with yourself, your weaknesses. "To what degree am I in denial about who I really am and what I really need?" Fong asked.

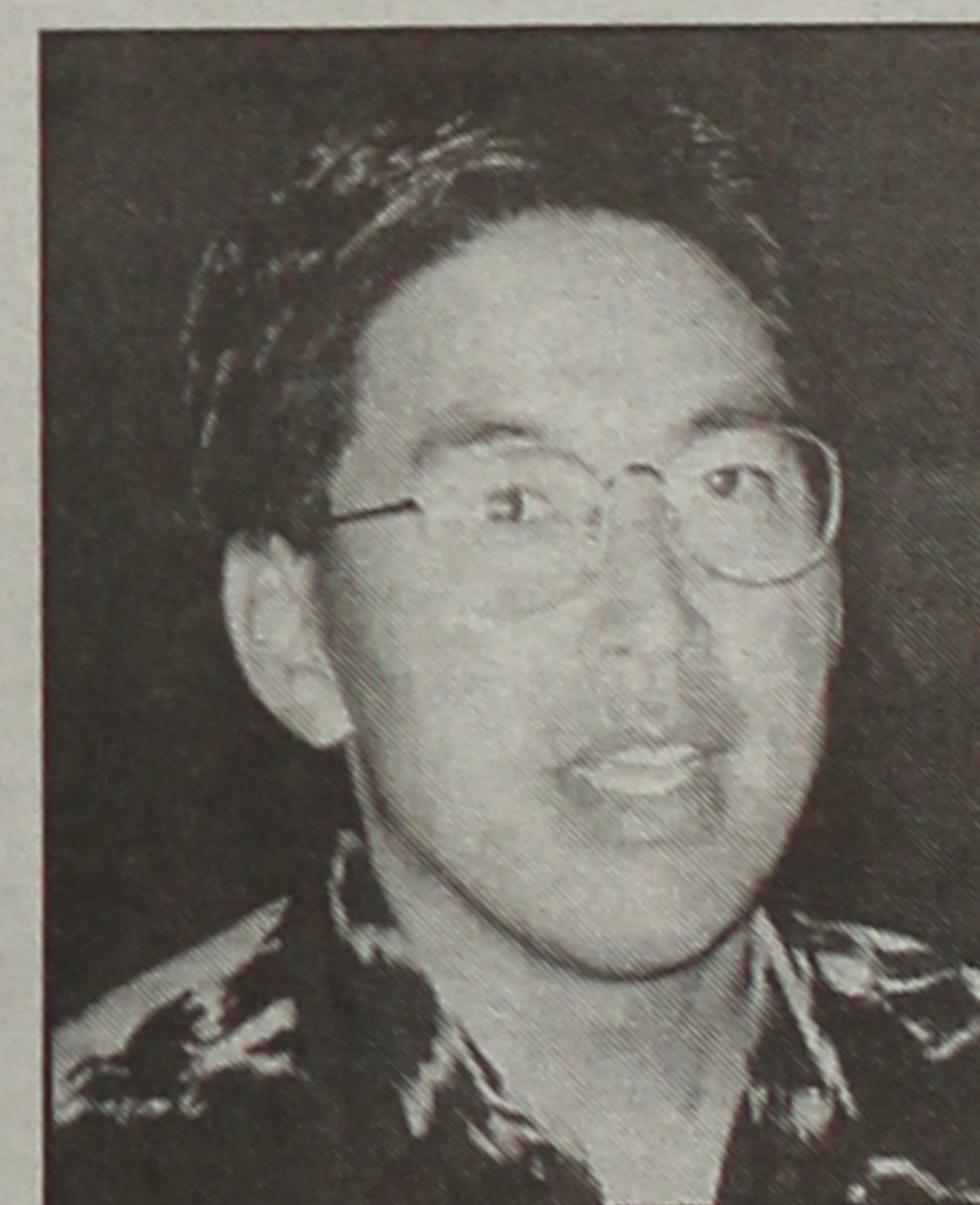
The worst thing is to become your own fantasy—or end up marrying one.

From here, Fong took his audience through a litany of lovable tips, taken from noted experts in the field. Here are highlights:

■ Being lovable is based on a person's ability to love. Fong said it's not "Who can I convince to love me?" but "Who am I able to love?" The emphasis here is to work on yourself rather than waiting or merely wanting.

■ To be a "love-able" adult requires bonding to others: This is developing the ability to create emotional attachment to another person—more specifically, to relate to another on the deepest level.

■ Boundaries, or separating from others, is necessary as a realization of personal identity, Fong said. This establishes who we are and who we are not. For Asian Americans this is often difficult because culturally they are not raised to become



PROFILE:

The Rev. Kenneth Fong

The speaker graduated from U.C., Berkeley, in biological sciences, American Baptist Seminary of the West, and Fuller Theological Seminary with a doctor of ministry degree. He is the pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Rosemead, Calif.

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"Hard work. A belief in the United States. The love of family. The love of community. These are among the legacies I inherited as a child. And it was as a child, as a 10-year-old boy, that forces from beyond our family and this valley tore at the heart of my legacy," said Mineta.

A long-time champion of Japanese American issues, Mineta co-sponsored the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which granted redress to thousands of Japanese Americans interned during World War II. Recently, he served as chair of the Asian Pacific American Congressional Caucus Institute. In the spring, he sharply criticized Sen. Alfonse D'Amato for racial remarks against O.J. Simpson trial judge Lance Ito. Mineta, who was interned at Pomona and Heart Mountain with his family when he was ten, spoke of the passage of the redress bill as one of his proudest achievements in Congress.

"I've also fought tirelessly for civil rights for all Americans and long enough to see a great injustice redressed with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988—which I had the privilege to sign on behalf of my colleagues, and which lifted the stigma of shame shouldered by Japanese Americans for more than 45 years," said Mineta.

He spoke about the effects of the internment on his family. Mineta said, "After the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941, the lives of Japanese Americans were then attacked not by the Empire but by the United States government. Within months more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned without accusation, without trial and with callous disregard for the protections promised every American by our great Constitution.

"It was not until 1945—on Thanksgiving Day—that we could return to San Jose. But here in San Jose, the support and welcome we had known before the war remained overwhelmingly warm. We were truly home again, and glad of it," said Mineta.

Early in his congressional career, Mineta was considered as a potential speaker of the House. He lost a bid in 1982 to become House whip.

Speaking to the *San Jose Mercury News*, Mineta said that he made the decision to leave Congress Sept. 6 after being approached by Lockheed in June.

"This job is really going to marry the transportation issues that I've

dealt with, with the high-technology issues that I'm familiar with," said Mineta, who also said that the new position would not involve lobbying.

Mineta's departure is the latest in a string of resignations and retirements by prominent state and national Democratic leaders. The congressman denied that the Republican takeover of Congress had anything to do with his decision. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that rumors about Mineta's retirement had been circulating in Washington and Santa Clara County for several weeks and that Mineta was increasingly frustrated by the current political climate.

"I think the Democrats are in a very good position because the overreach of what the Republicans are doing is going to be felt by the public. But is there going to be a reversal in the 1996 elections? I don't think so," said Mineta, speaking to the *Mercury News*.

Mineta said he felt it was time for him to return to the private sector where he started his career working in his father's insurance firm. "There are, of course, many public policy challenges facing our nation today—environmental, technological, social, and international. But part of the challenge and responsibility of public service is to know when to turn back the mandate of the people to the people—even though it may not be at the time we normally set aside for elections.

"For me, this is that time," said Mineta.

Gov. Pete Wilson has 14-days to call a special election to fill Mineta's vacancy. Republican Karin Dowdy, trustee, West Valley Mission Community College, had already announced her intentions to run against Mineta during the next elections. Among the names being discussed as potential candidates is Mike Honda, supervisor, Santa Clara County. The district, which has been redrawn twice since Mineta's first election, is 46 percent Democrat and 38 percent Republican and the open seat is expected to be highly contested.

A *Mercury News* editorial praised Mineta for his "uncommon diligence and skill."

"His career path of insurance agent, San Jose City Council member, San Jose mayor, member of Congress, and now corporate executive couldn't be more mainstream," said the Sept. 12 *Mercury News*. "But from the upper floors of the political establishment, Mineta never lost sight of his boyhood years in a World War II internment camps where Japanese Americans were held."

JACL Budget vs. Actual

As of July 1995

This is the first of a series of financial updates which will be published in the *Pacific Citizen* on a quarterly basis, according to Karyl Matsumoto, JACL interim national director.

"Since we have passed the halfway mark, this update not only reflects income and expenditures as of July 31, 1995, but projections for the remainder of the year," Matsumoto said. "As

you can see, even though we have held current expenditures to the revised \$1.2 million budget, liabilities incurred in 1994 will leave us in a deficit position at year's end.

"We have reviewed various alternatives and the resultant projections reflect a realistic and conservative approach to our finances for the remainder of the year."

	Budget	Actual To Date	Remaining Budget	Year-end Projection
REVENUE				
Membership Revenue	805,000	559,426	226,000*	785,426
Investment Income	226,000	76,358	149,642	226,000
Fund Raising Revenue	0	14,601	30,000 ¹	44,601
PC Revenue	154,256	114,883	39,373	154,256
Donations	85,000	24,745	17,675*	42,420
Total Revenue	1,270,256	790,013	462,690	1,252,703
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	609,400	295,662	235,000 ⁴	536,662
Payroll Taxes	52,100	29,948	22,152	52,100
Health Insurance	31,656	22,064	9,592	31,656
Retirement & Fringe Benefits	54,300	16,802	9,500 ²	26,302
Contract Services	13,000	17,509	6,500 ³	24,009
Awards	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Dues, Subscription, Periodicals	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Equipment Rental/Maint.	6,000	3,697	10,000 ⁵	13,697
Postage & Delivery	30,000	11,049	18,951	30,000
Printing & Copying	17,600	2,264	15,336	17,600
Office Supplies	10,000	4,601	5,399	10,000
Telephone	17,000	16,167	833	17,000
Books & Publications	0	0	0	0
Editorials	13,500	1,356	12,144	13,500
Advertising	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Composition/Presswork	36,000	31,358	4,642	36,000
Circulation & Mailing	110,000	61,113	48,887	110,000
AV/Photographic Material	0	0	0	0
Allocation to Districts	88,200	53,943	15,300 ⁷	69,243
Meetings & Conferences	10,000	8,597	1,403 ⁹	10,000
National Board Meeting	10,000	5,531	4,469	10,000
National Convention	3,000	2,549	3,000*	5,549
National Board Member Expense	4,000	283	3,717	4,000
National Committee Expenses	3,000	286	2,714	3,000
Maintenance	19,000	7,788	11,212	19,000
Utilities	12,000	5,588	6,412	12,000
Contributions	0	250	0*	250
Prepaid Insurance	30,000	13,840	16,160	30,000
Interest Expense	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	11,000	6,668	4,332	11,000
Scholarship/Student Aid	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Programs	15,000	0	5,000*	5,000
Reserve Fund	12,000	19,099	5,700 ⁶	24,799
Personnel Recruitment Cost	0	1,164	6,000 ⁸	7,164
Commissions	4,000	2,127	1,873	4,000
PC Legal Settlement	12,000	8,000	4,000	12,000
Rent & Utilities	33,000	27,028	19,306 ⁷	46,334
Total Expenditures	1,270,256	676,331	513,034	1,189,365
Total Revenue over Expenditure		113,682	-50,344	63,338
Beginning		61,210	118,884	61,210
Prior period		-20,820	-50,000	-70,820
Chapter rebates		-35,188	-55,000	-90,188
Ending Balance		118,884	-36,460	-36,460

*adjusted to current projections

1-Annual Giving program scheduled for October

2-Temporary staff receive no fringe benefits

3-Includes fees for 1995 audit and severance settlement

4-Downsizing of HQ staff plus hiring of National Director, DC Representative & PSW Director by year end

5-Purchase/Upgrade equipment to automate the operation

6-Americans with Disabilities Act improvements and painting of SF JACL building

7-Costs of the DC office, including rent, are paid directly by HQ rather than through district allocations

8-Additional costs are anticipated to fill current vacancies

9-Includes travel expenses for Bill Yoshino during the first half of the year.

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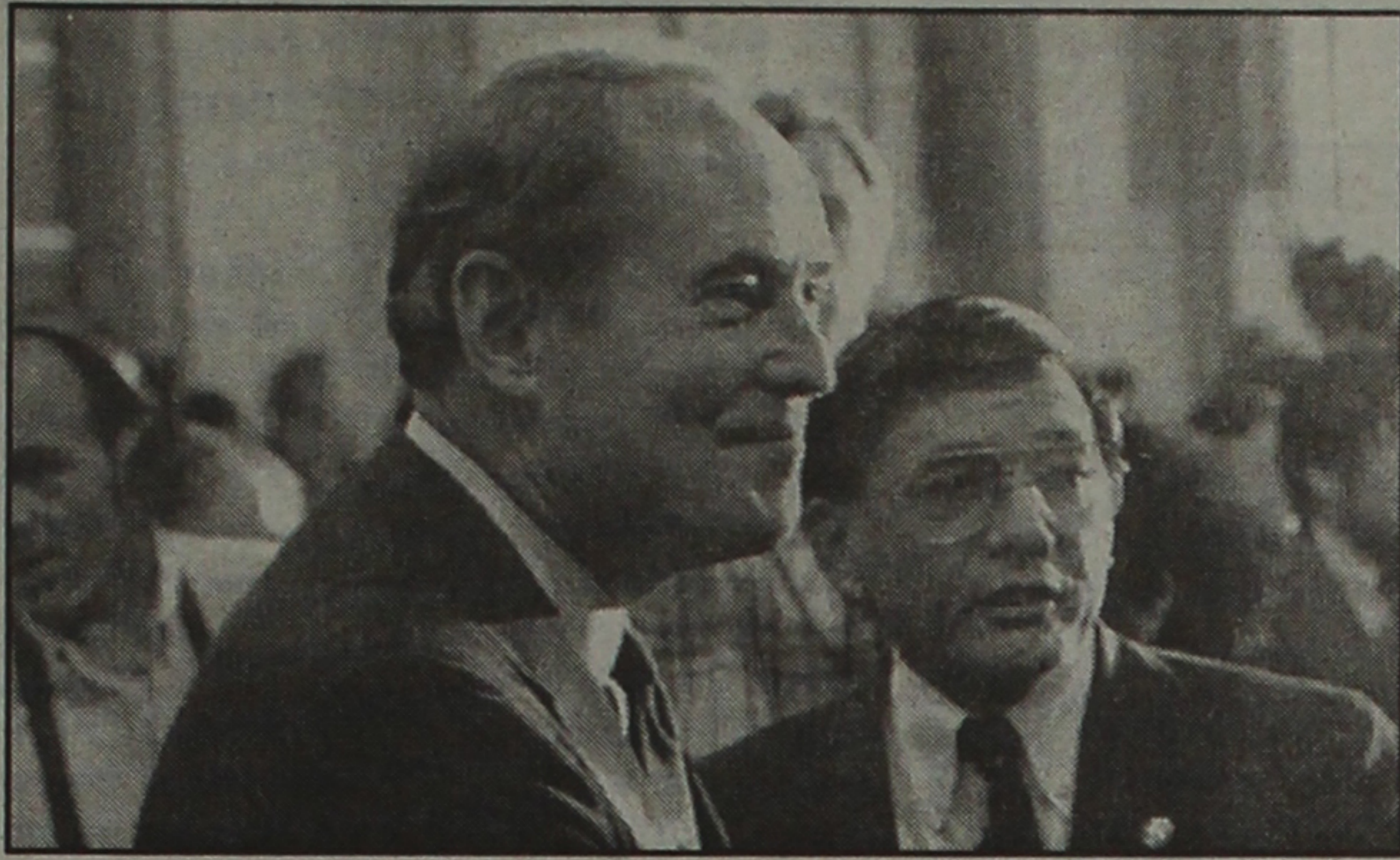
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EXTENDED DEADLINE



Rep. Norman Mineta, right, with then U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh after presentation of the first redress checks to nine Japanese Americans on Oct. 9, 1990 at the U.S. Department of Justice.



Mineta meets with former Speaker of the House Carl Albert in October of 1976. In background is Tip O'Neil.



In his early political career, Mineta is at his desk as mayor of San Jose in May of 1972.

Signs of his times

Population

1970 Census: 13th Dist. total 466,988: 80% white, 16% Latino, 1% Japanese.
1990: 15th Dist. total 572,360: 76% white, 10% Hispanic-origin, 11% Asian, 2% black.

•"Should he not run, the district would probably be competitive between the parties."
—*Almanac of American Politics* 1994.

Mineta: Looking back on a 20-year career

In a 20-year career, Norman Y. Mineta, one of only a handful of Asian Americans who have successfully run for office, established his name as a force in American politics at all levels, from San Jose, Calif., to Washington, D.C.

Not only has he served in a variety of political offices, but in Congress served on a number of key committees. Mineta has been instrumental in a variety of causes, including those of the Japanese American Citizens League. Here are highlights of his career:

ARMY: 1953-56 (Korean war, Military intelligence officer)

JACL: San Jose Chapter president, 1959-60; Nisei of the Bienium, 1967-68

BUSINESS: Owner, Mineta In-

PROFILE: Norman Y. Mineta

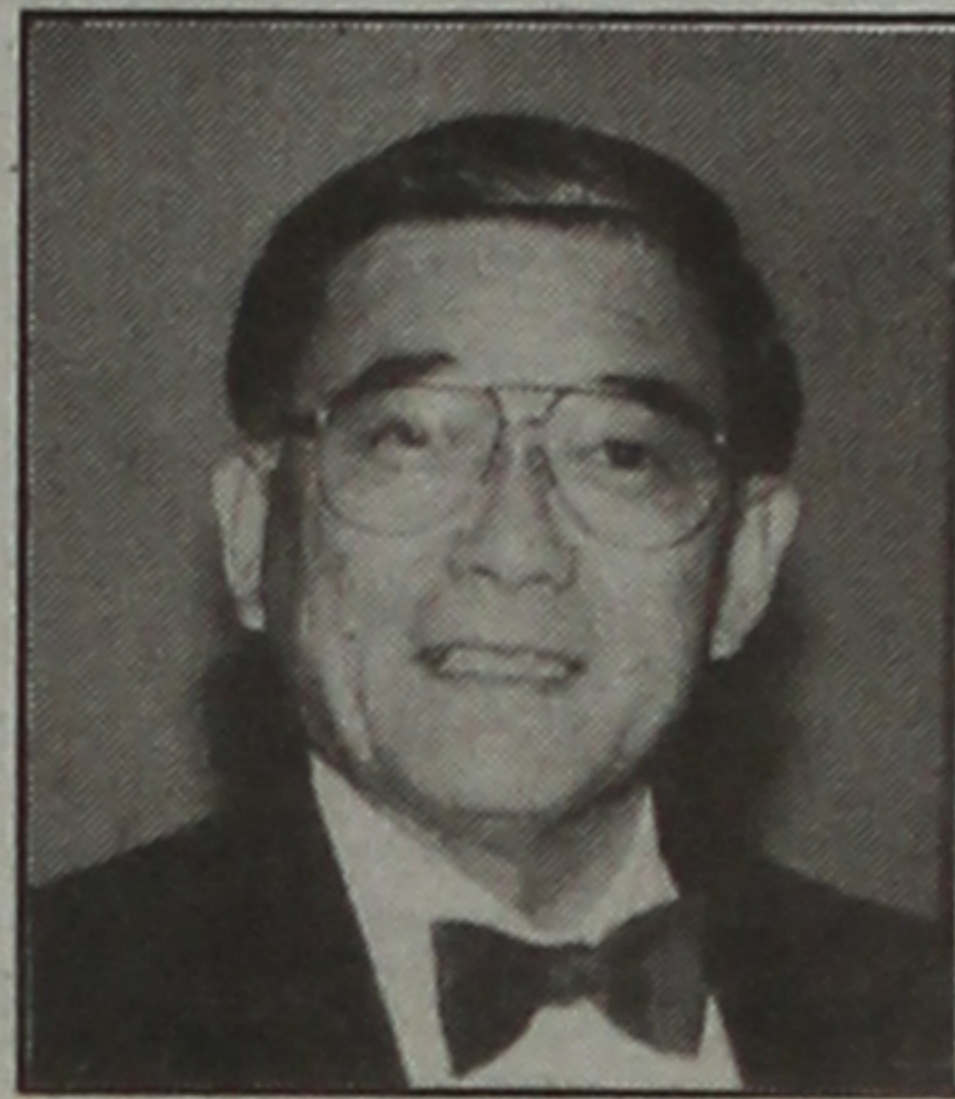
BORN: Nov. 12, 1931, San Jose, Calif.

CAMP: Interned at Santa Anita Assembly Center, 1942 and Heart Mountain WRA Relocation Center, 1942-45

EDUCATION: Univ. of California at Berkeley, B.S. 1953

RELIGION: United Methodist

FAMILY: Wife, Danealia, sons (by first marriage) David and Stuart, stepsons Bob and Mark.



urance Agency, 1967-90 (established by his father Kei in 1920)

IN SERVICE: San Jose city council, 1967-1971; San Jose vice mayor, 1969-1971; San Jose

mayor, 1971-1974; Smithsonian Institution, board of regents, 1979 to present; Santa Clara University, board of regent—SCU honorary Doctor of Public Service, 1989

Congress

—Elected Nov. 1974 (13th Dist.), succeeded Republican Charles Gubser who decided to retire. Newly-elected freshmen comprised the so-called Watergate Class.

(In 1976, he was re-elected with more than two-thirds of the vote, running more than 20% ahead of Jimmy Carter.)

—Given high ratings by labor and unions.

—Lead sponsor of the Japanese American redress bill, 1988

—Post Office-Civil Service committee, 1975-76

—Budget committee, 1977-82

—Select Committee on Intelligence, 1977-84

—Policy & steering committee

(D), 1981-84

—Deputy whip (D), 1982-present

—Science, space & technology committee, 1983-92

—Public Works and Transportation, 1981-present; chairman 1993-1994 (the first Asian American to chair a major House committee); committee renamed in '95 the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

—Founding member and elected chair, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, 1993-present.

—Resigns his seat effective Oct.

10, 1995, to be senior VP and CEO, Transportation Systems Division, Lockheed Martin Corp., Washington, D.C.

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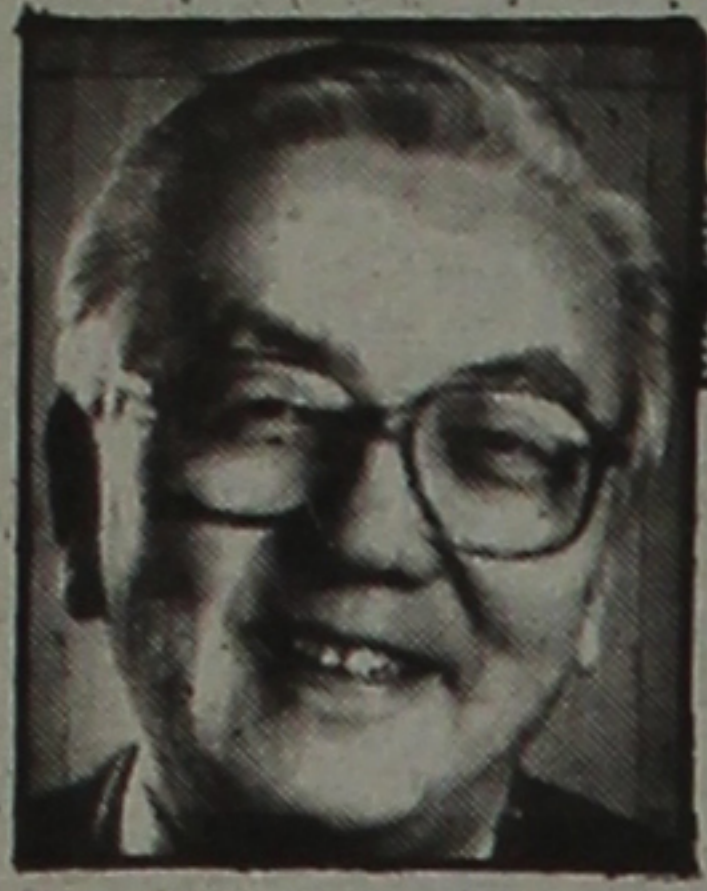
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Who will follow in Mineta's footsteps?

Whatever the real reason for Norman Mineta's recent decision to give up his seat in Congress for a big job in private industry, one point is clear: The era of the Nisei generation in national politics is nearing its end.

A Democrat first elected to the House of Representatives in 1974, Mineta has served well his California district (the San Jose area), his nation and Japanese Americans. His resignation announcement on Sept. 11 said he would become a vice president at Lockheed Martin Corp., a major aerospace contractor, where he will head its transportation systems and services division.

Mineta brings to the job experience on Congressional committees dealing with public works and transportation, aviation, space and technology. But his influence, if not his know-how, was diminished when Republicans took control of the House. Among knowledgeable Japanese Americans he earned everlasting gratitude by carrying the ball for Redress.

The first Nisei to be elected to Congress from the mainland, Mineta is 63 years old. He has spent one-third of those years in Washington. Senator Dan Inouye of Hawaii, who became the first Nisei in Con-

gress in 1959, will be 74 years old when his term expires in 1998. Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink is 68. Congressman Robert Matsui, first elected in 1978, is in his prime at 54. Of the other Nisei who have served in Congress, Patricia Saiki lost both a bid for the Senate and governor of Hawaii, and Senators Spark Matsunaga and S.I. Hayakawa are deceased.

They were not solely "our" representatives in Congress. They served their entire constituencies, but it was nice to have friends to talk to in high places.

At this point in history one must wonder about Matsui's intentions. In his unflamboyant way he is one of the Democratic party's luminaries in the House where his know-how on fiscal matters is respected. At one time he had ambitions for a Senate seat. With his background as an attorney, there would appear to be many financially rewarding opportunities should he decide to leave elective office or is displaced by term limitation laws.

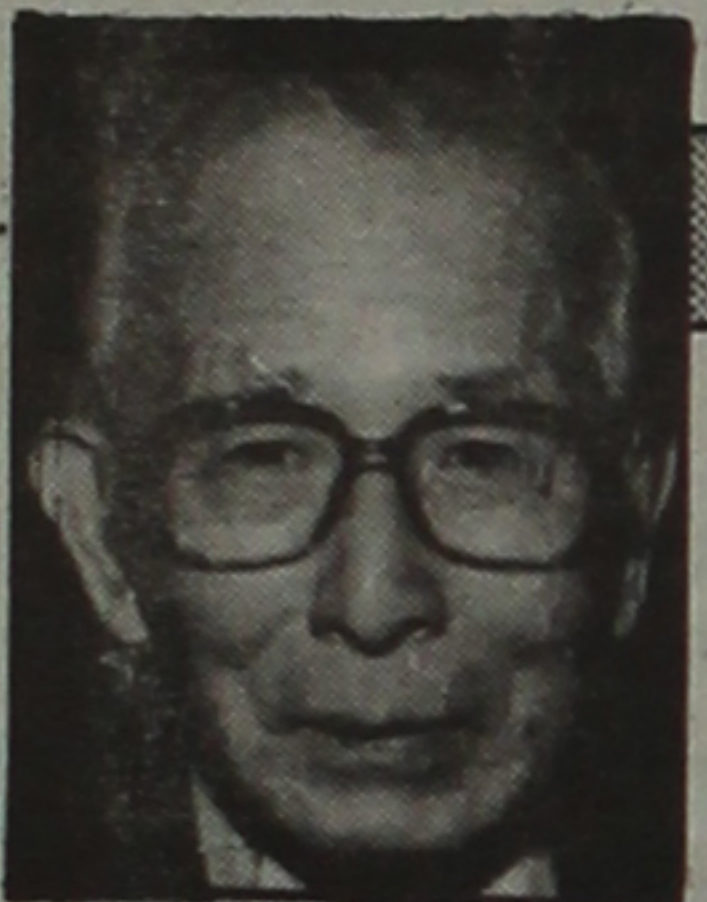
Who is there among Japanese Americans to take the places of the men and women who first broke into the national political arena? Certainly no one among the Nisei comes to mind. The survivors of

that generation are deep into their sunset years.

And among the Sansei and Yonsei? If there are any with great promise paying their dues at lower levels of elective office, their names have yet to become household words. If and when they reach Congress in the unforeseeable future, it will take years for them to work up the seniority ladder to important places in the committees where key decisions are made. Aside from Matsui, the influence of Japanese Americans in Congress is unlikely to be felt for decades, if ever, after the next few years.

Several questions cry for answers. Has Japanese American integration reached the point where ethnic representation in Congress is no longer imperative? What was the reason for the failure of Japanese Americans to follow the political trail blazed by their pioneers? Did the vast effort expended on the triumphant Redress campaign drain the community of the energy needed for political pursuits? And if there is merit to this last question, when if ever will that energy be restored?

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JIN KONOMI

A governor's revolt against bureaucracy

On May 7, 1947, Japan adopted its new postwar constitution and formally proclaimed itself a democracy. In the 47 years since this momentous event, how has Japan fared as a democracy? Have the Japanese lived democratically-happily ever after? Alas, the answer is "No!" Economically, the Japanese have been reaping the benefits of democratic society. Culturally, they benefited from material prosperity. Having been freed from the yokes of military dictatorship—thanks to the Allied occupation—however, they are now serving a new master: bureaucracy, a monstrous, totally autonomous body of pompous, arrogant, yet utterly inept. Look at their bungling after the Kobe earthquake—civil servants who have a stranglehold on the people through their licensing and permit granting-powers and rule their daily lives through ukase and administrative decrees. Most of the bills in Parliament emanate from cabinet departments and administrative agencies. Most of the top brass are promised and do move into cushy sinecures with big corporations with which the government has dealings.

Please be warned that the above diatribe is entirely mine, expressing my strong prejudice. But you may find a few tiny kernels of

truth in it.

As the most regulated people among the advanced nations of the world, the Japanese have begun to fret lately, and though it's none of my business, I have been fretting with them. So the sweetest news recently to come from Japan was that of the grandest revolt against the entrenched business-bureaucracy complex, being waged, by of all people, the new governor of metropolitan Tokyo, yet!

This is the story as it unfolds.

If you remember, former Governor Suzuki of metropolitan Tokyo, during his term of office, had bulldozed through his pet plan to hold the International Cities Fair (*Sekai Toshi Hakurankai*) in Tokyo during his 5th term (he was confident he would be re-elected) as monument to his 20 years of reign over the biggest megalopolis in the world. Personally, I suspect some sort of sweetheart deal between the Department of Construction and the General Construction Corp., with the governor between, but it is strictly a suspicion. At any rate, Suzuki's confidence was bigger than his popularity. In a resounding demonstration of unhappiness with the governor's development plan, the citizens of the metropolis rejected him in the last election and chose as new gover-

nor Aoshima Yukio, a writer and a total outsider to politics. One of the stoutest planks in his campaign platform was his promise put a stop to further development to Tokyo Bay, to curb the insatiable grab of the bureaucracy-industry complex (Department of Construction and giant construction companies in this instance). Naturally, this meant the cancellation of the Bayside Auxiliary Civic Center on a landfill, and the International Cities Fair projected for the site.

In an emergency session, the Metropolitan Council resolved by a 100 to 23 vote to complete the ex-governor's plan. But Aoshima was adamant. On May 31, he notified the Met. Council that he would not go back on his campaign promise, "in order to wipe out the people's distrust of government," and he swayed the council to adopt his decision as official and final.

Aoshima's audacious stand seems to have the full support of the people. The Citizen Forum 2001, comprised of some 90 non-governmental organizations announced:

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Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif.

Letters

American Express proposal to JACL criticized

As professionals in the insurance and securities business, we are patently offended by the blatant move by American Express to buy their way into the Japanese American community. ("MDC Reports," *Pacific Citizen*, Aug. 4-17, 1995). Tempted by the potential market of Japanese American families, they want to become the single source of planning for the entire organization. Why? As stated in the same issue of the PC, the 1990 census shows JA families have an average income over \$60,000.

To tap into this market, American Express representatives are waiving the possibility of income for the chapter and a huge \$180 million carrot of funding available, but what are we giving up in return?

From a purely business aspect, the \$3 per attendee "contributed" to JACL by American Express is a minuscule amount to pay for qualified prospects that have agreed to come to a seminar. Professional seminar organizations charge thousands of dollars to get potential clients of this caliber to similar meetings.

Their statements contradict themselves: After they say that "The American Express name is not used in these sessions," they say, "We get name recognition as advisors—we're trying to establish our name as a by-product of this."

When will we see the actual written proposal? We believe that before JACL sells its contacts to any other organization it should need the approval of the National Council.

We would like statements from American Express covering:

- What are the potential conflicts of interest for the parties concerned:
 - District Gov. David Hayashi
 - Any national officer or staff member
 - Are any fees being paid to anyone?
- How much of the \$180 million has been given to AP organizations?
- Realistically, how much would be available to JACL?

We all give of our time to our local JA community in a number of ways without asking for blanket endorsement of our professional services. We do what we can on our own time and if business comes our way, it is because people get to know us as individuals, not because we have bought their names or farmed the lists we have available to us.

Douglas Urata

Torrance, Calif.

Stuart Tsujimoto, CFP

Torrance, Calif.

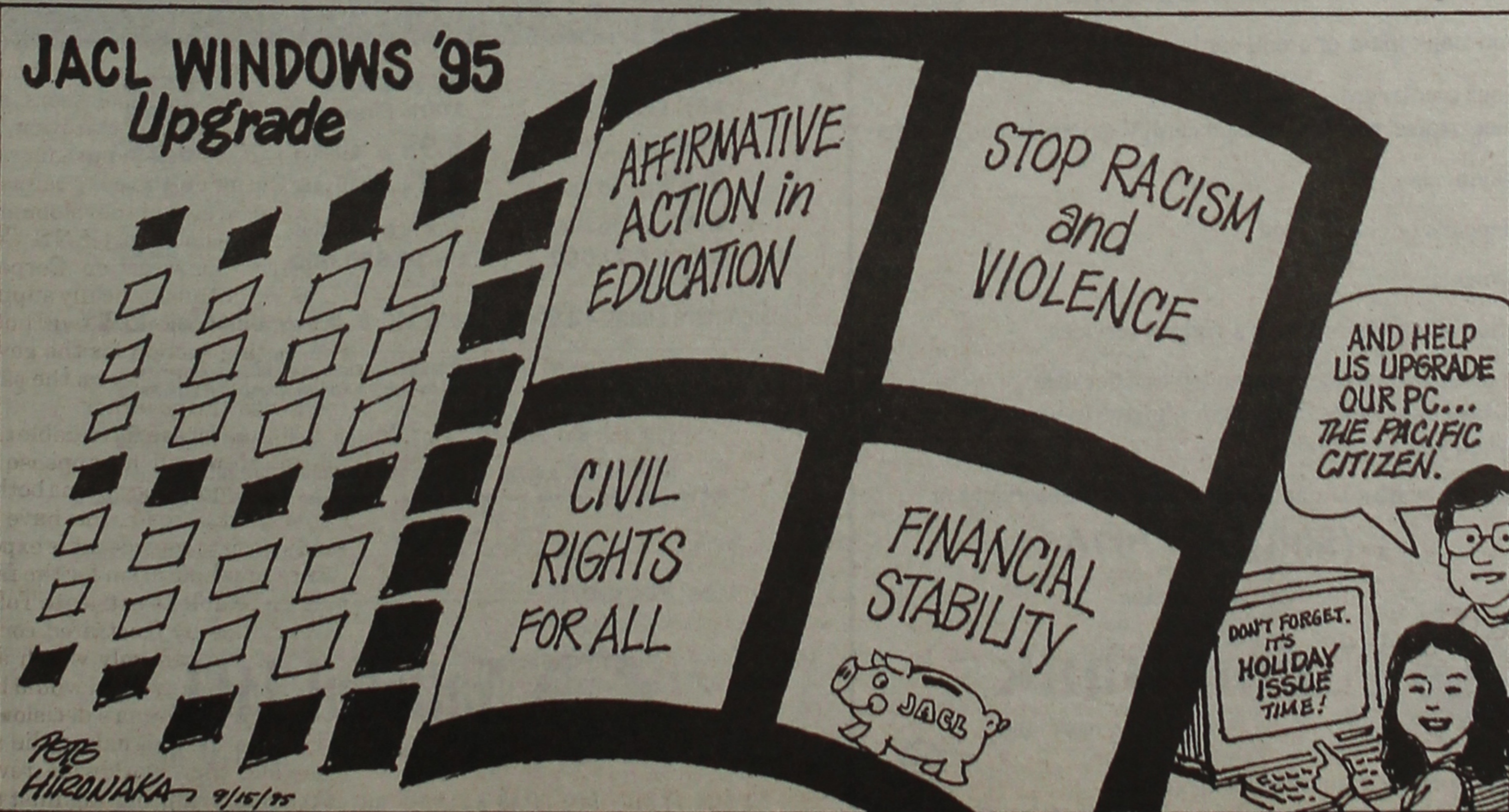
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JA community reacts to Mineta resignation

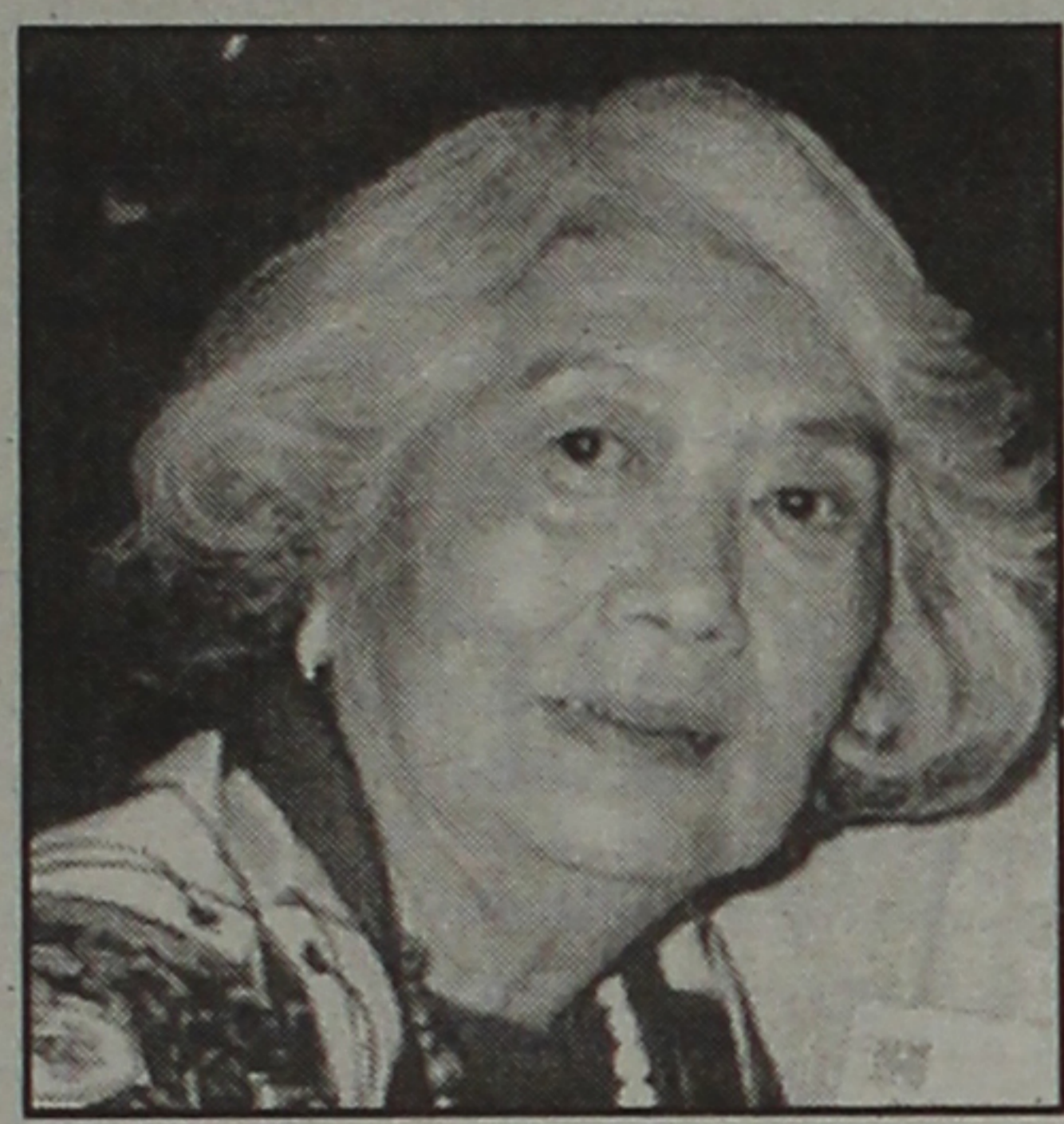
In his 21 years in Congress, Rep. Norman Mineta represented not only his constituency in San Jose, but also a nationwide constituency of Japanese Americans. As news of Rep. Norman Mineta's surprise resignation Sept. 11 spread throughout the Japanese American community, JACL members expressed admiration for the congressman and shock and sadness over his departure.

Carl Fujita

Presenting a perspective from Mineta's district, Carl Fujita, president, San Jose Chapter, JACL said, "I was stunned by his resignation. Here's a man who is dedicated to the Japanese American community. It's a great loss, especially to the San Jose community. In the years that I've been in JACL, Norm has always worked for the betterment of the Japanese American community."

Fujita said the chapter has already discussed holding a dinner in Mineta's honor.

Etsu Masaoka



Etsu Masaoka, Mineta's sister and widow of Mike Masaoka, said that she is happy for her brother and proud of his accomplishments.

"He has really served the Congress well. I think it's fine for him to pursue other interests with a clear conscience. He has served his community and public for so many years. Now he's going to the private sector," said Masaoka.

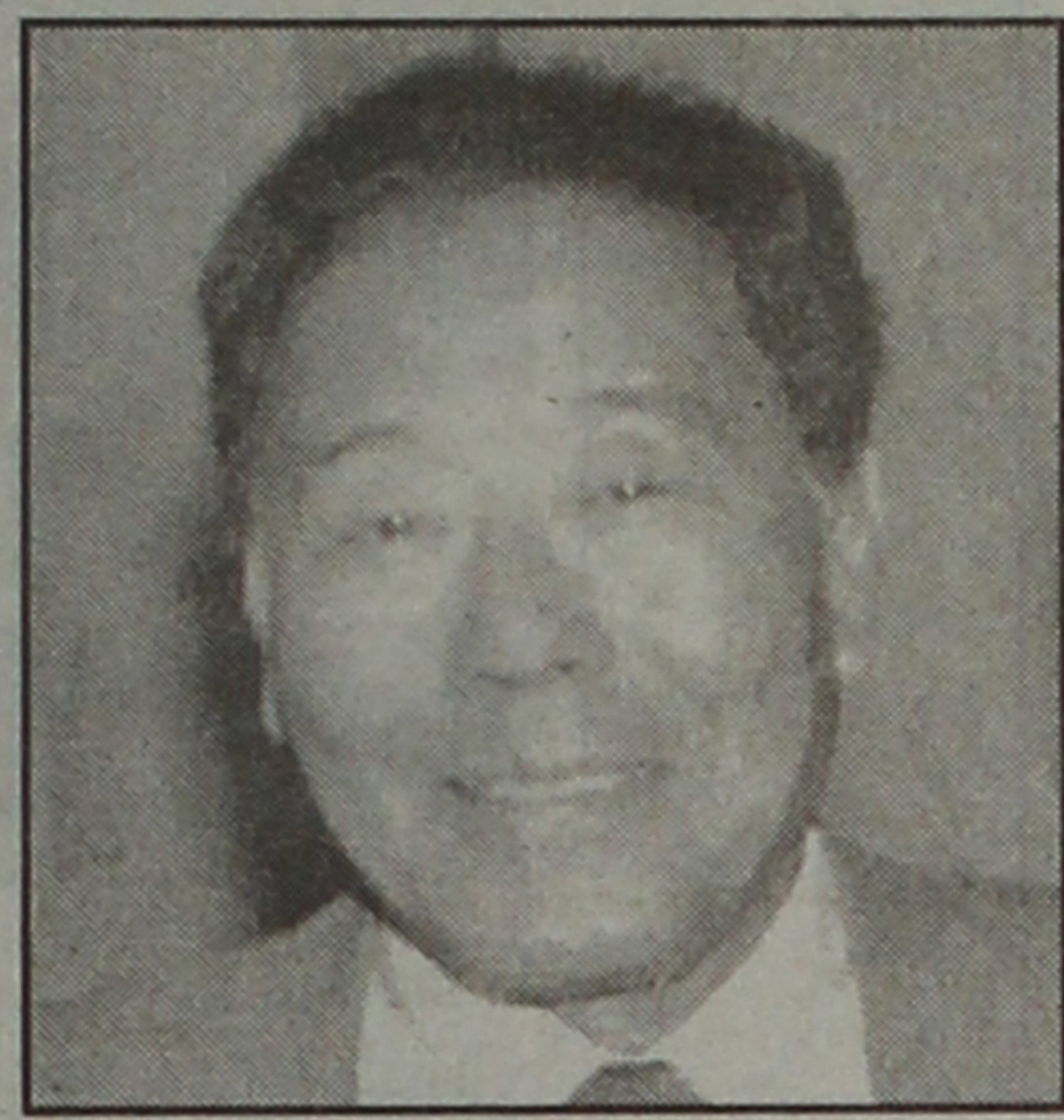
Masaoka said that there would be a gap in leadership, but that it opens opportunities for other Japanese Americans to rise through

the ranks.

"This will lead the way for other Nikkei to run for Congress. I'm sure there are other Sansei and Yonsei in the district, so some good will come of it," said Masaoka.

Members of the JACL Legislative Education Committee, which led JACL's redress lobbying efforts, hailed Mineta and his work in ensuring the passage of redress.

Jerry Enomoto



Jerry Enomoto, chair, JACL LEC, said, "When you look at the different players who were prominent in the redress fight, Norm was one of the big players in Congress. Teaming up with Bob (Matsui), they provided a powerful force in Congress. We would consult with him and he and his staff were always available and helpful."

"He was a strong voice in Congress. It's a tremendous loss for the whole Japanese American community. But at the same time, he is getting a responsible, influential position in the private sector. He's earned it and we can't begrudge him that."

Grayce Uyehara

Grayce Uyehara, who lobbied for redress as JACL LEC executive director, said, "I had the opportunity to experience and observe his political acumen and the respect of his congressional colleagues when JACL Legislative Education Committee campaigned in Washington for the passage of the redress bill. Without his presence in Congress during the five-year campaign, re-

dress for Japanese Americans would not have happened. We are thankful for his untiring efforts to 'secure the blessings of liberty' for all Americans."

Cherry Kinoshita

Cherry Kinoshita, who served as the chair of the National JACL redress committee, said the resignation is "a devastating loss to the Asian American community. The tremendous respect, influence and clout which Congressman Mineta has earned over these many years will be totally irreplaceable."

Both Enomoto and Uyehara noted the conservative shift in Congress and the departure of many senior Democrats.

Speaking from a partisan per-

spective, Enomoto said, "Lately we've been hearing about a lot of prominent Democrats retiring or resigning. We're losing some muscle, which is too bad."

Uyehara said, "As our nation, and particularly Congress, moves away from the obligation of the preamble to the Constitution to 'form a more perfect Union . . . promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,' the announcement of Rep. Norman Mineta's resignation is sad and depressing. He has a proud record of making a difference on issues which promote the general welfare of all Americans."

—Gwen Muranaka

Matsui comments

Reflecting on the resignation of his colleague, Rep. Robert Matsui said that Norman Mineta's resignation is a great loss for the Asian American community.

"Norm's leadership in our community over the course of his 28 years in public office is nothing short of legendary. He leaves behind a legacy that goes beyond the passage of redress or any other legislative accomplishment," said Matsui. "Among Japanese Americans in particular, Norm embodies the best attributes of the Nisei. But to all Americans of Asian ancestry, Norm's legacy will be that of a dedicated, thoughtful public servant who fights for justice and liberty."

Matsui and Mineta worked together on many issues, including the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which granted redress and an apology to Japanese American internees.

Reflecting on the fight for redress, Matsui said, "It couldn't have been without Norm. He was instrumental in developing a piece of legislation which sought to heal without pouring salt into an

old wound. For many Americans, the internment camps were a difficult subject to address, but Norm not only made it possible, but honorable."

With Mineta's resignation, the remaining Asian Americans in Congress are Matsui, Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink, (D-Hawaii), Rep. Jay Kim, (R-Calif.), Robert Underwood (D-Guam) and Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa).

"His departure reminds all of us that true political leadership can make a difference in improving people's lives, and his impending absence heightens the challenge we as Asian Americans have before us in terms of political representation and power," said Matsui.

"Norm's style was the epitome of how Congress can work without partisan bickering. Under his guidance as chairman, his committee maintained a productive, bipartisan atmosphere which is in rare supply these days," Matsui said. "His departure will be noticeable—there will undoubtedly be a gap when he moves on to new endeavors."

VOID

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ture is a big blow. Without him, it's going to be even more of a battle," said Miyasato.

She said that the effect of Mineta's resignation on the confirmation of the redress education fund committee is minimal because the fund committee appointments are handled by the Senate. She said that the resignation of Sen. Bob Packwood, may help move the nominees to the fund committee.

"Packwood's resignation is creating a shuffle in the committee structure," said Miyasato, noting that there has been discussion that Sen. Ted Stevens will move to chairmanship of the governmental affairs committee.

"That would be a favorable shift, because he was a supporter of redress. We hope that there will be some movement on the redress education fund nominees," said Miyasato.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, said, "It's a tremendous loss for all Nikkei. We've really lost a loyal, eloquent speaker on our behalf."

Yasuhara said that Mineta's departure would affect JACL's ability to advocate civil rights issues. The JACL national president described his relationship with Mineta as "warm" and said that the congressman visited the Spokane area a number of times to discuss Japanese American issues.

"To lose someone who has been so involved in civil rights issues is going to have an effect. From our perspective, it's unfortunate that such a key member of Congress is leaving. His seniority, experience and effectiveness are irreplaceable. We owe him a debt of gratitude."

"We're saddened by his leaving. At the same time, we're pleased that he has found a position outside of Congress which is so es-

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Listen to Sansei, Yonsei, reader says

John Nisei, this is Doc. I understand you're havin' trouble trying to remember things. Well, John, you do remember that first, it was your eyes. You weren't seeing things too clearly. Then it was your ears. You couldn't hear what others were saying. Oh (you remember) you just couldn't understand why others were eating the sushi that you thought tasted kind of funny and why others were complaining while visiting the sulphur springs. Finally, do you remember feeling faint in that hot *ofuro* that others were comfortable in?

When age gets to you John, it isn't too late to help your brain. It needs to be exercised and nurtured by feeding it accurate information. Brain is much like a computer, garbage in and garbage out. Perhaps, calm objective reasoning administered at this time will help.

Bur cheer up, John. The bright side is that the brain retains a little bit of wisdom. Can't think of a better way to use that wisdom than to pass it on to Jack and Jane Sansei-Yonsei. It may help them avoid some of the problems you had.

Like it or not John, time takes its toll. The future will belong to the Jacks and Janes. Hey, they may not think and act like you John, but maybe that's cuz their senses are in better shape. John,

if you find it difficult to work with them, you ought to give compromises a chance. But, maybe, if you're not up to it, you should give it up. It's later than you think.

The survival of the JACL as an organization rests with the Jacks and Janes. Please, John, try to remember not to turn 'em off.

Tom Okubo

Sacramento Chapter

Nothing funny about Hosokawa column

Regarding Bill Hosokawa's June 2-15, 1995, column "Internment Exaggerations," there is nothing laughable about a vulnerable two-year-old watching strangers take his daddy away to an unknown destination. While he may not fully comprehend what is happening (few of us did), he can still feel the turmoil, depression and fear of others and know that something dreadful has happened. Further, a two-year-old's whole world revolves around his parents, and the prolonged, hard to explain absence of one of them and the uncertainty of his return can have a devastating effect on the child.

Yes, there may be some exaggerations regarding the Evacuation experience, but this person's testimony probably isn't one of them.

Molly Ozaki

Chicago, Ill.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pacific

Citizen understands your feelings about this very serious period of this country's history and of our community. Bill Hosokawa, perhaps more than most, understands the hardship and injustices endured by Japanese Americans.

In the column in question, I don't believe he was trying to diminish the internment experience, but making a point about excesses—which may in the end serve to weaken its impact in history.

Time to bring families into JACL, says reader

Decreasing membership resulting in limited operating cash flow will reduce JACL's effectiveness as advocates for the Japanese Americans. We have to empower the JACL to do its work by increasing membership which is JACL's life blood.

But every time a drive to increase membership is brought up there's a long discussion about making a new brochure, contacting National, forming a committee and so on. The target population always seems to be out there "someplace." I think the thing to do is to look within one's own family. How many JACL members are there for example in a Nisei family consisting of the father and mother, three married children with several adult grandchildren? Most likely there is only one JACL member since the wife is often not a member. Offspring who are doing well and living in other cities are often not JACL members. In addition the husbands and wives generally have several siblings

who are also non-members.

These well educated, high earning Sansei and Yonsei are scattered all over the USA. Even if there are no chapters locally for example, in Buffalo, Montgomery, Pittsburgh, Little Rock, Orlando, Grand Forks, they could be members of the chapter of their parents or friends.

I think the logical place to recruit is not from some one else's family but from your own. If each JACL member recruits only one member of the family, membership would double. If you can't get them to join just go ahead and buy a membership for the kids, the sibs, etc. That is exactly what ex-president Cressey Nakagawa always promoted, and I have followed his advice. If the married kids don't seem interested at first, don't despair! Once they start reading the PC it might spark some interest. Many are living in plush suburbs with their *hakujin* spouses and are not likely to hear or read about what's happening to the Japanese side of the family. This is especially true if they are 1/8, 1/16 Japanese or even 1/4.

So the bottom line is, if the kids are not interested in joining, the parent JACL member could at least buy a membership for them. There is always the hope that by exposure to the PC they might become interested and aware of Japanese American issues.

Let's change mindsets from looking for members "somewhere" out there to just going ahead and recruiting or buying a membership for someone in the family. Take Cressey's advice and buy a membership for a family member and

become a loyal and active supporter of JACL.

Mike Hoshiko

St. Louis Chapter

KONOMI

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"The governor's decision to honor his public promise to put a stop to mega-expenditure of public funds and excessive developments must be praised. We wish to cooperate further with developments of the Metropolis giving full consideration to environment."

The Emergency Citizens' Network Demanding Stop to the Cities Fair, an organization of housewives and ward supervisors, also came out with the declaration, "To blast the municipal bureaucracy, luxuriating on the cozy collusion between large scale developments and concessions to GENE CON (General Construction Corporation), we enthusiastically support Governor Aoshima. We will not be the rooting section for the governor, but we will play on the same field with the governor."

Aoshima faces a formidable task ahead. How will he appease all the cities and corporations both in Japan and abroad who have already gone to considerable expenditure in preparation for the fair? Will he be able to extricate Tokyo from claims by frustrated corporations? We can only watch and see. In the meanwhile I would like to consider Aoshima's decision as the first rocket signaling the nationwide, then worldwide revolt of the common people against the tyranny of bureaucracy.

Akaka seeks to recognize MIS for war efforts

A move to allow thousands of veterans who served in covert capacities in World War II to finally be considered for highest military honors is "an overdue and welcome step toward portraying the complete history of the wartime effort," according to Colbert Matsumoto, president of the Honolulu Chapter, JACL.

The amendment to the 1996 Defense Authorization bill offered by Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Akaka would require the armed forces to conduct a one-year review of records of military intelligence personnel to determine if they

deserve honors such as the Congressional Medal of Honor—awards that might have been denied them because of the secret nature of their military service.

Among those who would be included in such a review are the 6,000 members of the secret Military Intelligence Services (MIS), which provided essential language and intelligence information to combat units in the Pacific theater during World War II. These MIS members, mostly Americans of Japanese ancestry, have gone unrecognized, in comparison with the documented exploits of the

442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Battalion, according to the Matsumoto.

"As we commemorate the end of World War II in the Pacific, it's time to recognize all Americans who fought to defend our nation's freedom," Matsumoto said. "Because MIS activities remained secret and classified information for decades after the war, those veterans never received the recognition they deserved. Now is the appropriate time to recognize their contributions, and Sen. Akaka's amendment provides the vehicle to do that."

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Talking about men-women relations were, from left, Grace Masuda, Toshi Ito, Harvey Hanemoto, Sam Matsumoto, Janice Nii and Greg Marutani.

that one still isn't looking for a partner. "Sanseis consider us dinosaurs, and I'll take that very proudly. As you get older it gets better. You don't have to worry about pleasing others.

"My list isn't that much different than what the other women said. I'll even take the heavy breathing," said Ito. Attributes Ito added included willingness to take

risks, having high morals, able to forgive and forget, and having spirituality.

Hanemoto said that Japanese Americans need to be more willing to take risks. "Japanese Americans tend to be lower on the risk-taking scale," he said. "If you always do what you've always done, then you're always going to get what you always got."

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learn to listen to and communicate with women. "We've heard that men are from Mars and women are from Venus. Men need to visit Venus once in a while. If you think that you have heard something, ask again to make sure that you got it right," he said.

Masuda said she has found that as she has gotten older she has become less fussy about the type of man she wants.

"I started thinking about what I want in a man and I've come up with two things: that he is breathing and that he is capable of heavy breathing," said Masuda.

Matsumoto, agreeing with Masuda, said that he no longer looks for everything in one person. He gave a list of attributes that he likes and used as criteria when he was younger. They included, appearance, sense of humor, sex appeal, sociability, self sufficiency and backbone. "As life goes on, I no longer look for all these things. I may look for one thing," said Matsumoto.

Ito, the lone Nisei on the panel, said getting older doesn't mean

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his audience, "How about Lance Ito?"

Greene, who has been closely involved in the Simpson trial, said of Ito, "He's a little visual. Auditory? Absolutely. Is he auditory-digital? Yes, big time. Is he kines-thetic? Once in a while, but not really."

Then, the ultimate question to each audience member: "Where are you in the chart? How comfortable are you with the three levels? How comfortable are you to be with people who are in these ranges?"

Greene's answer and the message: We should all develop ourselves in all three levels. Don't let culture shut any of them down. These qualities differ in emphasis in different cultures and countries, but they should all be of concern, he said. If you concentrate on one and one only, you will lose the others. To be all three is to be charismatic.

LOVE

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separate, or think in terms of individual behavior. They think in terms of group and are often "shame-based."

■ The next factor is "sorting out and integrating," Fong said. This is a critical stage in becoming an adult because it is the time when we deal with "our flawed humanity." Fong says that the problem is too many people are stuck on a fantasy or ideal view of themselves rather than what is real. "Confessing within loving relationships integrates our good and bad sides, that is, self-reconciliation," Fong said.

■ Okay, so how do you know when you've finally become lovable? According to Fong, you'll know when you've moved out of "one-up or one-down" relationships and into a "peer relationship."

When you reach this stage you

are a "fully mature adult" ready for a meaningful relationship, Fong said.

Frog or not.

DIRECTOR

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● Fax/Modem and E-Mail Program: E-mail offers a reasonable alternative for members' increasing contact and access. Being on-line will also cut down on telephone calls and faxes to and from the *Pacific Citizen*, saving both time and money.

● Scanner: This item would certainly reduce staff time from re-typing reports and information gathered from outside sources.

● Printers: We currently share printers, which means oftentimes we have to move from one floor to another to find a printer not in use.

● Furniture: The furniture in the director's office is literally threadbare and stained. The board conference table and chairs on the first floor are also in the same condition.

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Additional volunteers, student interns needed

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IMMIGRATION

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dren of legal permanent residents;

third, married children of U.S. citizens; and fourth, siblings of U.S. citizens. While approximately 60% of Asian immigrants use all family reunification categories, a majority of Asians waiting to immigrate fall under the fourth preference. Of the 1.59 million people waiting in the backlog under the fourth preference, more than a million are from Asian countries.

"To say that the elimination of the family preference categories, especially the fourth preference, will have a negative affect on the APA community is an understatement," said Angelo Ancheta, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, a member organization of the NAPALC. "In addition to the cuts, nothing will be done to take care of the backlog. Over one million Asians, who have played by the rules and have been waiting for at least 10 years, and who have paid their fees to immigrate to the United States, will now be informed that they no longer will be able to join their families in this country."

Members of the Asian Pacific community should immediately contact their representatives by calling the Congressional Switchboard at 202/224-3121 to protest the elimination of the family preference categories, the spokespersons said.

JURY

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Leslie.

Shiozawa, who has maintained his innocence throughout, has returned to school at Idaho State University where he is getting his degree in accounting.

His father said that the family is preparing for a retrial and is planning to sell some farm equipment to help finance their mounting legal bills.

"We're not in a position financially to fight this thing. We will know by next week whether or not they decide to retry. I think we're going to prepare for the worst and hope for the best," said Kent Shiozawa.

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Excerpts from Mineta's Sept. 11 farewell speech

"My father, Kay Mineta, was a farmer. He immigrated to the United States from Japan in 1902 in search of a better life. He soon began to make that life here in San Jose. He and my mother, Kane, built the house you see behind me. I was born here, in that front bedroom.

"Illness forced my father to give up farming in 1918. In 1920, he began the Mineta Insurance Agency over on Sixth Street. It was a small business that was rich in its commitment to this community. And it was here, in this community, that my parents built our family.

"Hard work. A belief in the United States. The love of family.

The love of community. These are among the legacies I inherited as a child. And it was as a child, as a 10-year-old boy, that forces from beyond our family and this valley tore at the heart of my legacy.

"After the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941, the lives of Japanese Americans were then attacked not by the Empire but by the United States government. Within months, more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned without accusation, without trial, and with callous disregard for the protections promised every American by our great Constitution. . . .

"Each and every day, my neigh-

bors have been welcomed into my offices. I believe that accountability and accessibility are among the two most important standards of public service, and I have tried my best to meet those standards each and every day.

"I am a great believer in American democracy, and I believe that there are few callings to rival that of public service in our society. I believed that when I began my public service more than 30 years ago, and I believe that today. . . .

"Not long ago a member of my staff estimated that over the years I've taken more than 120,000 constituents. . . .

"I can tell you that I have enjoyed little more than I have in

spending this kind of time with my neighbors so that maybe they'd feel the promise of the United States and understand the process of lawmaking a little bit better. And for me, the promises of lawmaking on behalf of my constituents have been fulfilled beyond my dreams.

"As a member of Congress, I've had the honor to write laws to help build airports, transit systems and highways at home and throughout the nation.

"I've had the privilege to help our high-technology industry grow, create jobs and succeed in the international marketplace. I've been able to help build educational opportunities for our young people and to help provide better health care for our senior citizens.

"I've also fought tirelessly for civil rights for all Americans and long enough to see a great injustice redressed with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988—which I had the privilege to sign on behalf of my colleagues, and which lifted the stigma of shame shouldered by Japanese Americans for more than 45 years.

"It has been a good life, and it still is.

"The people of this valley, and since 1992, the people in northern Santa Cruz County have made it so every day with their comments and confidence in me. So I believe it is fair to say that I have been a builder throughout my life. And I wish to continue building for the rest of my life. I believe I will. It is my nature.

"Over the years, I have had offers from time to time to move elsewhere in government or to move into the private sector. I have turned these down—all except one; the last one. I am announcing today that I will leave Congress effective October 10th to head up the Transportation Systems and Services Division of Lockheed Martin.

"This is not a decision I take lightly. But for me, I see this as a great new opportunity to build a better society.

"There are of course, many public policy challenges facing our nation today—environmental, technological, social, and international. But part of the challenge and responsibility of public service is to know when to turn back the mandate of the people to the people—even though it may not be at the time we normally set aside for elections.

"For me, this is that time.

"I believe that I have served my constituents in this community well, and I thank every one of you—from the bottom of my heart and the heart of my family here with me—for allowing me to do so for so very long, and to use my experience to their benefit in Congress. Your interests will still be served and served well before the nation. Our system provides for that.

"For me, this is simply the time to return to my roots in the business community and to work through the private sector to build a better United States. So this announcement is not to say goodbye. It is to say thank you.

"The people of this valley have repeatedly made this son of an immigrant farmer very happy by your faith in my intelligence, in my conscience, and in my honesty. That faith has lasted me and steeled my resolve for decades. It can never be forgotten or repaid.

"And for this I can say only, 'Thanks a million.'"

Longtime Chicago Chapter member Nakagawa dies

Jack Y. Nakagawa, 83, longtime Chicago Chapter, JACL, member, chapter president and a founding member of the Chicago JACL Federal Credit Union, passed away Aug. 24 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Born in Missoula, Mont., he later moved with his parents, brother and three sisters to Seattle where he graduated from Franklin High School. He was interned at Poston, Ariz., left camp early and eventually relocated to Chicago.

Following World War II, he was employed by S.H. Arnolt, Inc., then the largest Midwest distributor of British cars. He first worked in the service department and later became the general manager of the company.

Nakagawa served as president of the Chicago Chapter, JACL, in 1947, and as president of the Chicago JACL credit union serving on its board continuously from 1945 to 1992.

The funeral was held on Aug. 28, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. In lieu of expressions of sympathy, contributions may be sent to the Chicago Chapter, JACL, scholarship fund at 5414 North Clark St., Chicago, IL 60660.

He is survived by his wife Mary, children Carol (William) Yoshino, Terry (Karen) and grandson Taylor Kenji. Other survivors are brother Roy (Los Angeles), sisters Yone Tanaka (Monterey Park), May Suzuki (Irving, Calif.) and the late Mitzi Nomura.

VOID

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teemed. We look forward to working with him in the future," said Yasuhara.

From Headquarters, JACL Interim National Director Karyl Matsumoto said, "Like others, it was with great surprise and a sense of disbelief that the JACL learned of Congressman Mineta's decision to leave government.

"As one of the nation's most powerful Asian American leaders, he leaves a tremendous void that will be difficult to fill. Norm Mineta epitomizes the Japanese American. As the son of an immigrant, he was inculcated with the love of family, community, honor and the ever-pervasive work ethic. He was

interned during the war, graduated from college, served in the military, worked in the family business and then went on to serve in the public sector.

"During his illustrious career, Congressman Mineta fought prejudice and discrimination to become a formidable role model for people of color. He was an ever-present and articulate spokesperson for the Japanese American community and he leaves a tremendous vacuum not only as a consummate politician but as one of the strongest advocates of civil rights. JACL certainly hopes and will look to Norm Mineta to continue his work to address and to speak out on issues on our behalf. JACL thanks him for his accomplishments and many years of dedicated public service."

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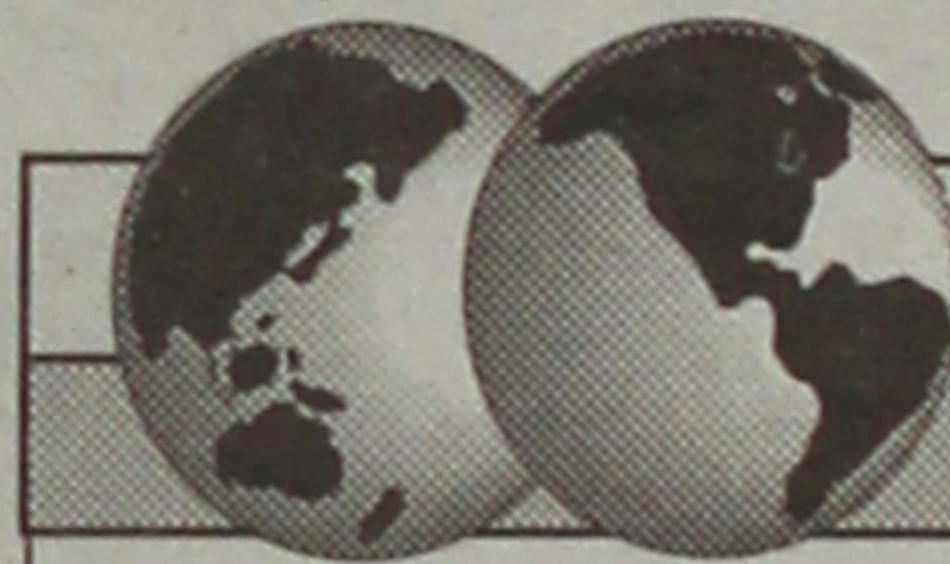
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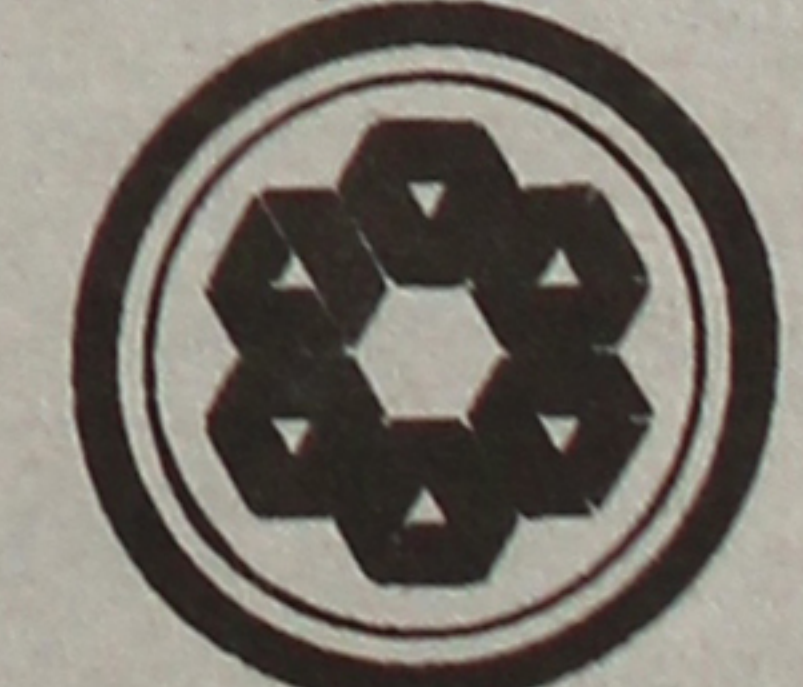
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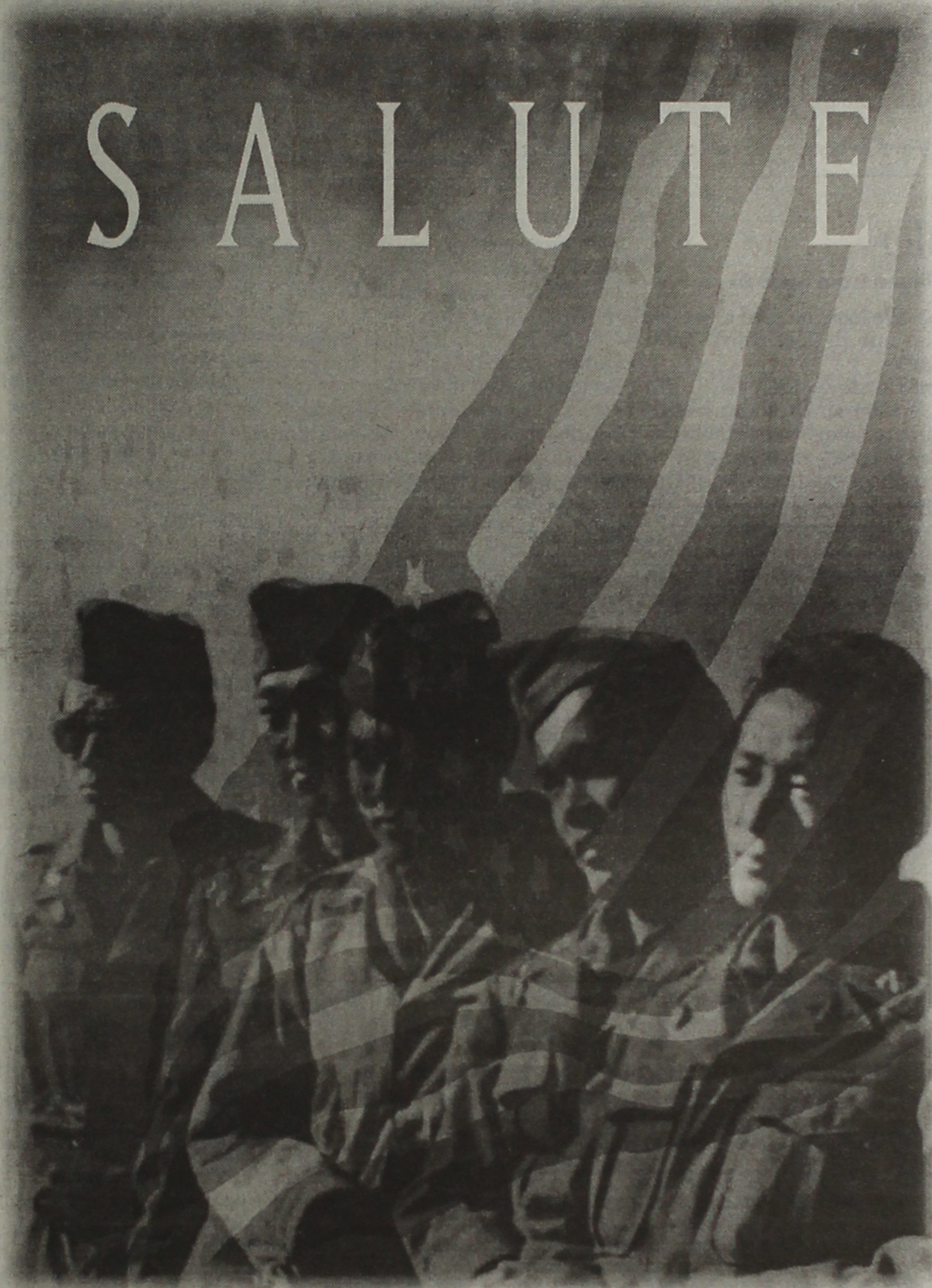
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