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Matsui chides Hayakawa for Dec. 7 anti-redress speech

WASHINGTON—In a letter demanding an apology, Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) expressed his disapproval of a Dec. 7 speech made on the U.S. Senate floor by Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.), which warned Japanese Americans against seeking financial reparations for the losses they suffered during the World War II evacuation.

Hayakawa, who is retiring from the Senate, told a nearly deserted Senate chamber that persons of Japanese ancestry have become "almost a privileged class" in America in terms of education and wealth. Among American ethnic groups, only Jews have equaled this record, he said.

Hayakawa reminded the senators of the 41st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and cited the fact that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians would soon release its findings and recommendations at the end of this month.

The senator noted that a "redress committee" has urged the federal commission to recommend making nearly \$3 billion in cash payments to Japanese Americans who were interned.

Hayakawa reiterated some of the remarks he made at the CWRIC hearing held last August in Los Angeles, in which he was jeered by Nikkei present in the audience.

He told the Senate members last week, "My flesh crawls with shame and embarrassment" when considering the demands made by Nikkei seeking redress.

He noted that although the relocation camps were "dreary places," they "were not concentration camps" because "WRA officials worked hard to release their internees not to be sent to gas chambers but to freedom..."

Matsui Responds

In reaction to Hayakawa's speech, Matsui sent a letter to the senator dated Dec. 9, which read in full:

"I am extremely disappointed by the remarks you made on Dec. 7 regarding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. You do a disservice to all Americans who share our ancestry by distorting the reality of that blemish on American history.

"At a time when all of us should be trying to educate our fellow citizens about the grave injustice of internment, you are allowing yourself and the high visibility your position gives you to be used by those who would try to excuse that unconscionable action against thousands of loyal Americans of Japanese descent.

"Your remarks seem to paint a picture of a leisurely, tranquil life in the internment camps for the masses who were uprooted from their communities and in many cases, virtually robbed of possessions. By your account, the internment was almost a blessing in disguise, a vacation for Japanese senior citizens. Yet, about your own escape from internment because of your residence away from the West Coast, you say, 'I was living in Chicago, thank goodness.'

"In your eagerness to attack the proposals for monetary payments to those who were interned, you are jeopardizing the progress made by the Commission on Wartime Relocation (and Internment of Civilians) in raising the consciousness of all Americans about this tragedy.

"Your comments risk feeding the prejudice of the apologists for the internment, who will rejoice in quoting your remarks in an effort to reduce the whole redress effort to a matter of personal greed.

"The question of monetary redress is certainly open to debate and admittedly no consensus has been reached, but it should not cloud the overriding goal of teaching our citizens about the terrible effect of internment on a tremendous number of Japanese Americans.

"Your ill-considered speech on the Senate floor contributed nothing at all to a responsible dialogue on this issue, an understanding of which is so important to all Americans.

"By impugning the motives of the redress committee and others who seek redress, you have made it that much more difficult to rectify this dark chapter in our history.

"I call on you to apologize for this outrageous statement and to help make a positive contribution to the effort to educate current and future generations about this injustice so that nothing like it can ever happen again in our democracy."

Dymally introduces NCRR redress bill

WASHINGTON—Not waiting for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to release its report and recommendations, Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally of California introduced two redress bills Dec. 8 in Congress.

One bill calls for a community restoration fund, while the other asks for individual reparations of \$25,000 each to the actual evacuee, or if deceased, the surviving spouse or children. It is estimated that at least \$3 billion would be needed to cover the losses to individuals evacuated and interned in relocation camps, according to Dymally.

"I am fully aware they (the bills) have no chance of passage in the (congressional) special session," Dymally said. "However, one of the objectives is to create public discussion and an awareness of the injustices. I hope, also, that the staffs of the appropriate committees will study the legislation during the recess, and finally, I want to give the sponsors an opportunity to organize support for passage during the regular session when I plan to re-introduce them."

Miya Iwataki, legislative committee chair of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), had worked closely with Dymally in the drafting of the legislation.

CWRIC to release findings Dec. 20

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is scheduled to announce the results of its findings on Dec. 20. The CWRIC's findings, however, may not include its recommendations, which will be issued early in January.

Legislation is also pending in Congress to grant an extension of at least six months to the CWRIC.

New textbook rules announced in Japan

TOKYO—Education Minister Heiji Ogawa announced Dec. 1 new criteria for screening Japanese textbooks, intended to ease friction with Asian nations which had protested "whitewashing" of earlier textbook accounts of Japanese military.

Ogawa said the committees' adventures before World War II, which screened textbooks for the Education Ministry should give "necessary consideration to the promotion of international understanding and cooperation in dealing with recent historical events between Japan and its neighboring Asian nations."

However, Ogawa's statement avoided any direct comment on passages that raised the ire of Japan's neighbors, principally the ministry's "guidance" that the Japanese word meaning "invasion" be changed to the more ambiguous word meaning "advance" in describing Japan's invasion of China. That alteration, along with several others involving China and Korea, created a diplomatic imbroglio that shook the government of Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki last summer.

China and South Korea charged that revisions in high school text books toned down accounts of Japan's wartime crimes and were a precursor to a revival of Japanese militarism.

The minister also said that the process of screening new textbooks should be moved up by one year to 1983, and that "appropriate" changes should be made in the texts.

Meanwhile, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa said the government informed the embassies of China and South Korea about the new criteria. He expressed hope that the two countries will eventually understand Japan's position regarding the textbook issue.

The new measure was taken following a recommendation made by the ministry's Textbook Authorization and Research Council on Nov. 16.

U.S.-Japan trade: showdown nears

TOKYO—Finding solutions to the issue of strained U.S.-Japan trade relations will be one of the major concerns of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone when he visits President Reagan in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 18.

The U.S. government Dec. 4 had issued an ultimatum to Japan demanding responses to a series of specific trade complaints, warning that the answers "will have a significant influence on U.S. government policy."

Deputy U.S. trade representative David R. Macdonald said that deadlines have been set requiring Japan to respond to some of the U.S. complaints by Jan. 1 and others by next spring.

Any indefinite response would be regarded as a negative answer, which the Reagan Administration would take into consideration in deciding "what trade actions need to be taken" by the U.S., he said.

Protectionism Threat

Macdonald had warned earlier this month that the U.S. could impose such protectionist measures as time-consuming lot inspections of Japanese auto imports. For example, all Japanese automobiles coming into the U.S. would be subject to inspection by lots for compliance with U.S. safety and environmental standards, and self-certification by the Japanese manufacturers would not be accepted.

Macdonald told Japan that "it is no longer a viable policy for Japan to retain lot-inspection practices on imports (into Japan) while Japan is shipping \$12 billion worth of automobiles to the United States on the basis of self-certification."

He also pointed out that Japanese electronics companies cannot continue to sell their products to the U.S. telephone industry while Japan's government-run Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. fails to purchase U.S. products "actively."

Macdonald said his statement Dec. 4, which came after the fourth

round of trade talks, "was an appeal to the basic sense of fairness of the Japanese people."

"They cannot expect us to be discriminated against in favor of their own domestic producers while they enjoy benefits in our market," he noted.

Something Will Give

"It's a situation which simply cannot continue. Something is going to give there one way or the other," commented Macdonald.

The American demands also concern the relaxation or elimination of quotas and tariffs affecting the import of beef, citrus fruits, tobacco, metal baseball bats and other items.

"The American position in respect to beef and citrus is that there should be a phased liberali-

zation" of import quotas, Macdonald said.

He acknowledged that political considerations made the issue a thorny one for the Japanese but added that easing beef and citrus quotas "is not as politically impossible as it is sometimes made out to be."

Japan Reacts

In reaction to the American complaints, Nakasone instructed his Cabinet Dec. 7 to compile responses to the U.S. ultimatum on trade policy by the time he visits Washington.

Calling trade frictions with the U.S. and the European Economic Community "the government's top pending problem," Nakasone instructed Jun Shiozaki, director

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Marine stands trial in auto death of Japanese students

SAN DIEGO—The murder trial of Marine Sgt. George Biddy began Dec. 6 with descriptions of crunching metal, bodies hurling through the air and victims dying on the street.

The Honduran native, 25, is charged with killing three Japanese college women and their American guide; and injuring six others July 29 at the border crossing into Mexico, following a previous hit-and-run accident.

"Some of the bodies were hurled in the air; others were pinned against the guardrail, and some were struck on either side of the car," Deputy District Attorney Robert Able told the jury. "One body slid from the hood of the car after it finally stopped."

The women who died in the accident had just stepped off a tour bus and were preparing to walk across the border to spend the day in Tijuana. They were 19-year old Japanese students Chikako Takagi and Magara Kondo both of Tokyo; Eriko Miyata of Kanagawa-ken and their American adviser Marion Low, 29.

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Claim forms for JA former Calif. state workers issued

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Patrick Johnston's office has begun sending claim forms to those Japanese Americans who are eligible for compensation under Assembly Bill 2710, which was signed into law by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. on Aug. 17.

A list of those eligible claimants was printed in the PC Dec. 3, and Priscilla Ouchida, aide to Assemblyman Johnston, noted that claim forms should be filed as soon as possible after Jan. 1, 1983.

Ouchida will be available to answer any questions regarding the forms, and she may be reached at (916) 445-7931 Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (PST).

The claim forms must also be notarized and free notary services, provided by Johnston's office and community organizations, will be offered at the following locations on the specific dates and times

indicated:

LOS ANGELES

Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Rm. 208, Gardena (Jan. 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.);

East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 West Puente, Rm. 6, West Covina (Jan. 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.);

JACL PSWDC Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles (Jan. 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

CHICAGO

Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 North Clark St., Chicago (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. call Rev. M. Nambu at (312) 275-7212 for appointment);

JACL MDC Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago (Jan. 8, 12n to 4 p.m. call Bill Yoshino (312) 728-7170).

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Japan may have 1st test-tube baby

TOKYO—Japan's first test-tube baby will be born next fall if the fetus grows successfully. It will be born at the Tokushima University Medical Department.

Studies are being carried out on test-tube babies at various universities in the country, including Tohoku and Keio universities.

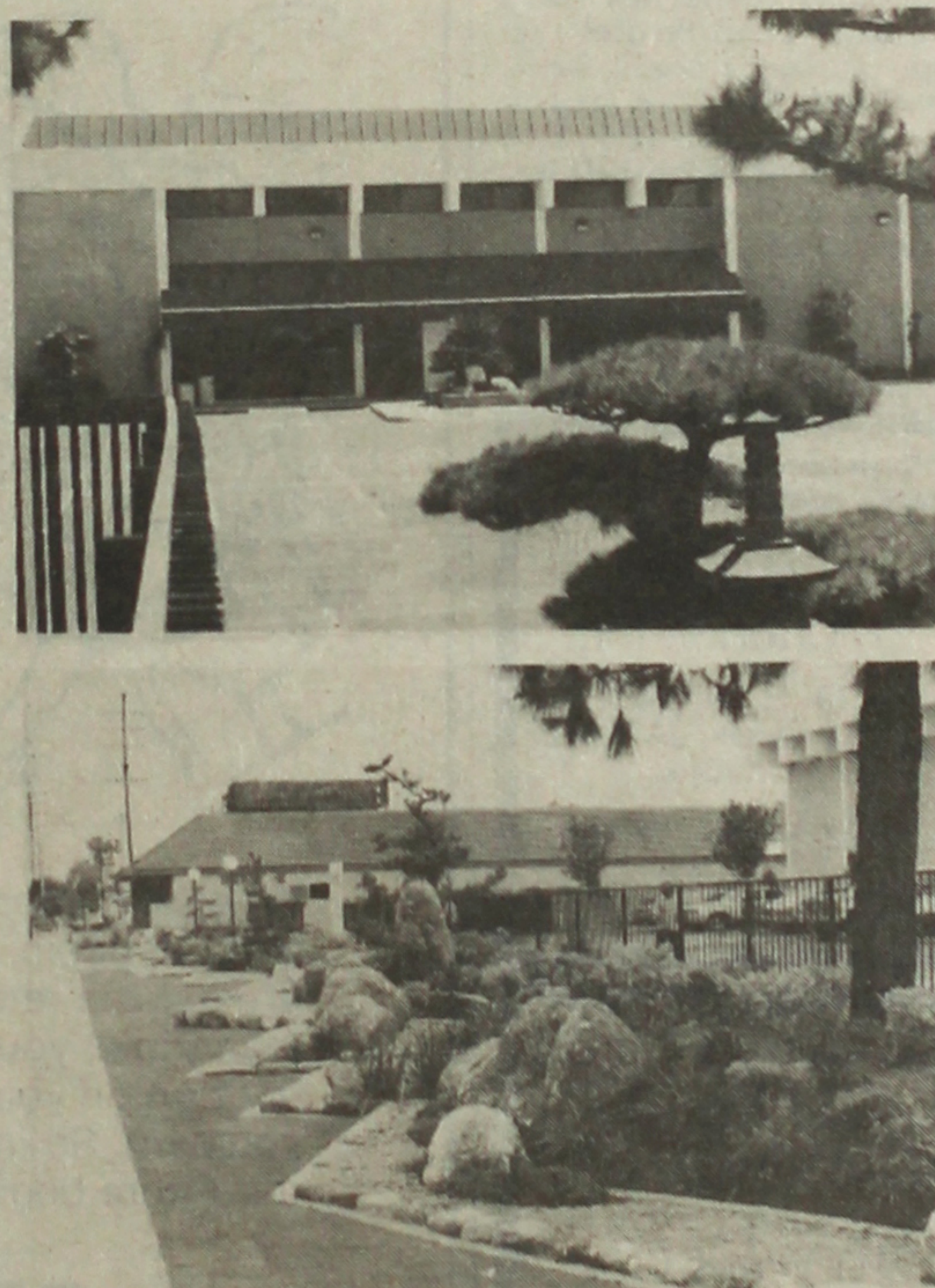
So far, about 10 test-tube babies have been born since the first case in Britain in 1978.

In Japan, some attempts have been made to implant fertilized

ova in the uterus, but no reports have been made on the implantations and other related matters.

Takahide Mori, professor at Tokushima University, formed a six-member team in April last year, and they learned the clinical techniques for test-tube babies in Australia.

The first clinical application will be done on a 33-year-old woman who has no other possibility of becoming pregnant.



AWARD WINNER—The Orange County Buddhist Church recently won the First Place Humanitarian Award from the California Landscape Contractors' Association. The Multi-purpose building (top photo) and Japanese garden (bottom) was created with the help of Larry Morita & Sons Landscape Co., Mike Kato Landscape Co., Kinya Hira and church members.

Hawaii's 1st JA office-holder dies

HONOLULU—Sanji Abe, the first American of Japanese ancestry elected to Hawaii's territorial legislature, died Nov. 26 at the age of 87.

Abe won a seat to the Territorial Senate as a Republican in 1940. A native of Hawaii, Abe had been registered as both a citizen of the United States and Japan. He was a veteran of World War I and prior to his entrance in politics he was a police officer and territorial sheriff.

At the outbreak of World War II, however, Abe was arrested and interned for 19 months in Hawaii for possessing a Japanese flag. Unable to attend the 1943 session of the senate because of his in-

carceration, Abe resigned from office and never again ventured into politics.

He is survived by six children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild. #

● Government

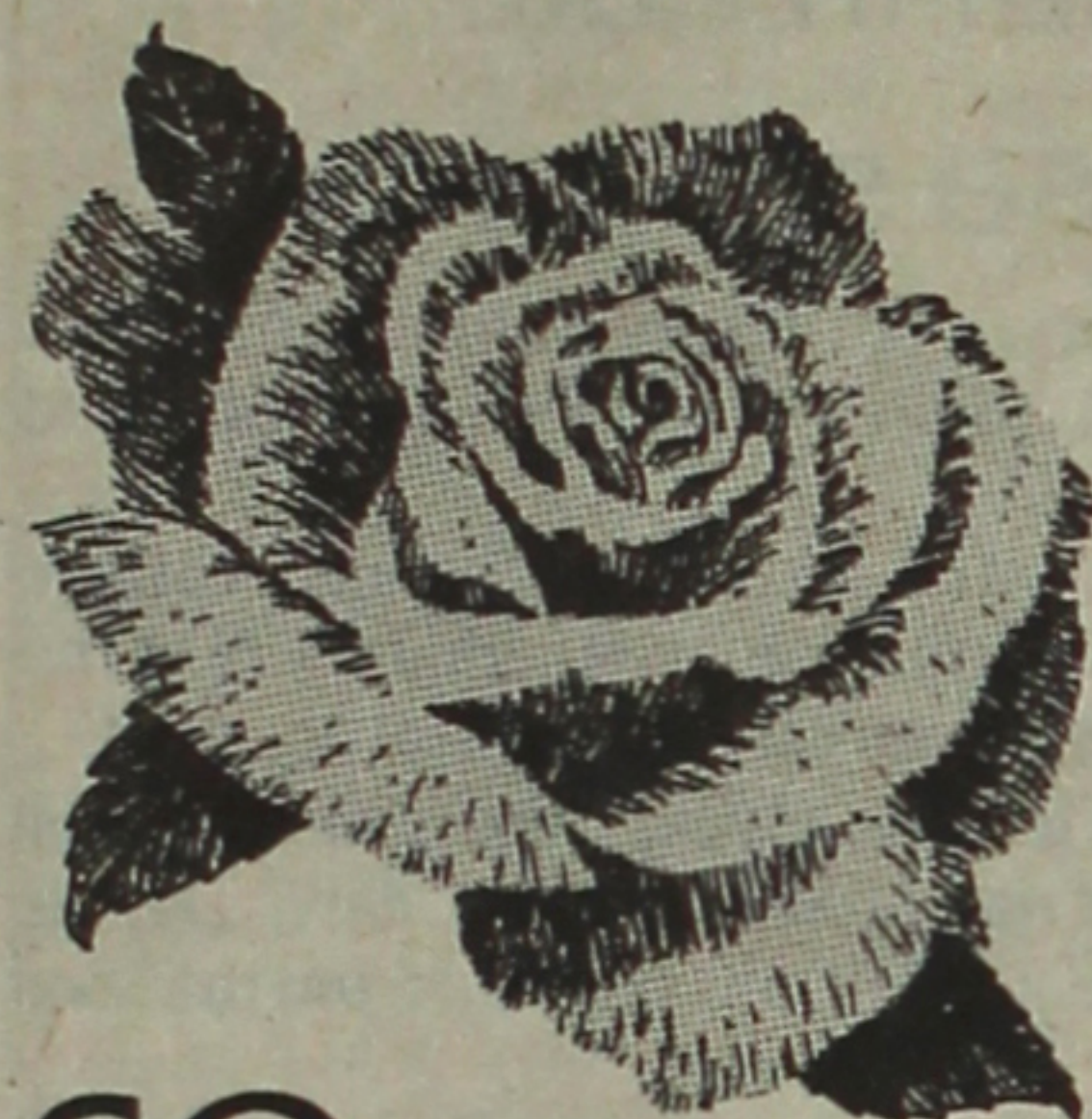
The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco named Togo Tanaka of Los Angeles to the Board of Directors of the 12th District Headquarters Federal Reserve Bank. Tanaka, now in his fourth year as a Los Angeles branch board director, begins his new term Jan. 1. He is chairman of Gramercy Enterprises and has also chaired the Methodist Hospital Foundation of Southern California. Tanaka was also the pre-World War II editor of the Rafe Shimo English section, and most recently served on the board of the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency.

● Organization

Dr. Edwin Yamauchi, Professor of History at Miami University (Ohio), has been chosen as president of the American Scientific Affiliation for 1983. The ASA is an organization of 2,500 scholars who seek to integrate findings from the natural and social sciences with their Christian faith.

Dr. Yamauchi is the first historian to head the organization since its founding in 1941, and has served as the consulting editor on history for the Journal, the ASA's publication. #

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A-bomb survivors to seek Hibakusha research bill

SAN FRANCISCO—Kanji Kuramoto, chairman of the Committee for Atomic Bomb Survivors in the United States is currently building support for legislation to study the plight of the American bomb victims.

"We believe that the study and research on hibakusha would benefit not only Americans, but all peoples, therefore, the CABS is planning to submit a bill to ask for

the actualization of such a report," explained Kuramoto.

CABS' decision to introduce the research bill comes after more than a decade of unsuccessful attempts to have Congress pass a bill providing medical benefits to victims of the World War II atomic bombings who now live in the United States.

"For the hibakusha," Kuramoto stressed, "the war still exists, and

the fact remains that their demands have been ignored for 10 years."

Kuramoto, who has been lobbying for legislation to assist American victims of atomic warfare

since 1971, recently issued his latest plea to the Japanese American community for support of CABS research bill which will be introduced in the next session of Congress. #

Community News

Kimochi Home gets \$3,000 from JAL

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japan Airlines Corporation recently donated to Kimochi, Inc. \$3,000 towards construction of Kimochi Home. Shinzo Suto, Regional Manager of JAL, presented the check to Hisao Inouye, Chairman of the Kimochi Board of Directors, Benh Nakajo, Kimochi Board member and JAL Senior Sales Representative, and Steve Nakajo, Executive Director of Kimochi, Inc.

JAL has made previous donations to Kimochi. Their total contribution is now approximately \$5,000 in addition to their support of various Kimochi events and fund-raisers. Suto was recently a participant in the 1st Annual Kimochi Home Golf Tournament where a clock donated by JAL was given as a door prize; and Mrs. Suto is a volunteer at the Kimochi Nutrition Program. #

Photography class offered at JACCC

LOS ANGELES—A photography class will be conducted by Patrick Nagatani, artist-in-residence under a program funded by the California Arts Council at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

Nagatani will guide participants in photographically exploring Little Tokyo—its people, its street life and its activities.

Nagatani's workshops will be

held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. The workshops on Little Tokyo will be held from January 3 through 26. Other workshops centered on Gardena and Nisei Week are planned for the summer of 1983.

Since there is an enrollment limit of 10 for these workshops, participants are urged to sign up at the JACCC as soon as possible. A 35 mm camera and a working knowledge of its usage will be required.

There is no fee for the workshop, although donations to the JACCC (tax deductible) are encouraged to help meet the matching grant from the CAC.

Application and information materials are available at the JACCC Office, Room 505.

Wesley UMC offers mochitsuki Dec. 28-30

SAN JOSE, Ca.—The Wesley United Methodist Church will hold its annual Mochitsuki on Dec. 28-30. Orders will be taken during the day from 9-3 at the church office, 566 North Fifth St. (408) 295-0367 from Dec. 13-27. Komochi is \$1.50 a pound, Okasane is \$4.00 a set and Noshimochi is \$5.50 each.

Members of the church would like to express their sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. John Ozawa, owners of Shuei-Do Manju Shop, who donated the equipment and lent their expertise to make this annual event possible. #

New Year's Eve fest set by legal group

SACRAMENTO—This New Year's Eve, Asian Legal Services Outreach will host a benefit dance, "New Year's Eve '82—A Celebration," on Friday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at 7031 South Land Park Drive.

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. All proceeds will benefit community services provided by Asian Legal Services Outreach in Sacramento. For further information call (916) 444-2826. #

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JACL set for CWRIC report

SAN FRANCISCO—With the Commission on Wartime Relocation due to release its findings in Washington on Dec. 20, the JACL National Committee for Redress has arranged to send its chairman Min Yasui to attend the press conference scheduled that day by the CWRIC.

JACL Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri will report to National Headquarters to provide whatever pertinent information the JACL should be aware of. National HQ will then alert the regional offices to pass on information and to brief them on the conference.

An official JACL statement will

be prepared by Dec. 20 and sent to the regional directors. JACL redress director John Tateishi noted that the League will try to obtain a copy of the CWRIC report and Yasui is expected to select a team of evaluators to read and analyze the document, so that the JACL can form a position statement from it.

The regional offices will also be asked to compile a list of individuals who can be referred to if the news media wish to contact persons who went through the camp experience. Regional offices will handle local media; Yasui and National President Floyd Shimomura are expected to handle major media. #

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AT REDRESS FORUM—The Peninsula Redress Committee and the Asian American Activities Center of Stanford University held "Japanese Americans Seeking Redress: A Forum to Address Remedies" on Nov. 13 at Stanford University. Among those participating were (l to r): Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative; Jan Yanehiro of KPIX-TV; Harry Hatasaka of the Sequoia JACL; Ron Wakabayashi, JACL National Director; and Judy Niizawa and Doug Ota, PRC co-chairs. (Story, Pg. 6) #

'Asians in America' series to be held by MDC chapters

CHICAGO—The JACL Midwest District Council Human Rights Committee announced Dec. 1 that it will sponsor a series of summer courses for college students and high school seniors entitled "Asians in America," which examines various topics on the Asian American experience.

The first of the series will be hosted by the Twin Cities JACL Chapter on July 11-16, 1983, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The course, East Asian Studies 3868, will be taught by Dr. Nobuya Tsuchida and is designed to acquaint Sansei and Yonsei with the historical and contemporary experience of Japanese Americans.

Enrollment for the course will be limited to 30 students, and all participants are expected to stay in one of the on-campus residence halls under the supervision of a dorm adviser. Total cost of the program, excluding travel ex-

penses, will be approximately \$254; for more info call Dr. Nobuya Tsuchida at the University of Minnesota (612) 373-7917 or 373-7954; or MDC Regional Director Bill Yoshino in Chicago (312) 728-7170.

PSW redress chair slated for TV show

LOS ANGELES—PSWDC redress chair Harry Kajihara will appear on the KTLA (5) television program "Gallery" hosted by Sumi Haru, on Monday, Dec. 27, 6:30 a.m. The topic of the program will be the JACL and redress. #

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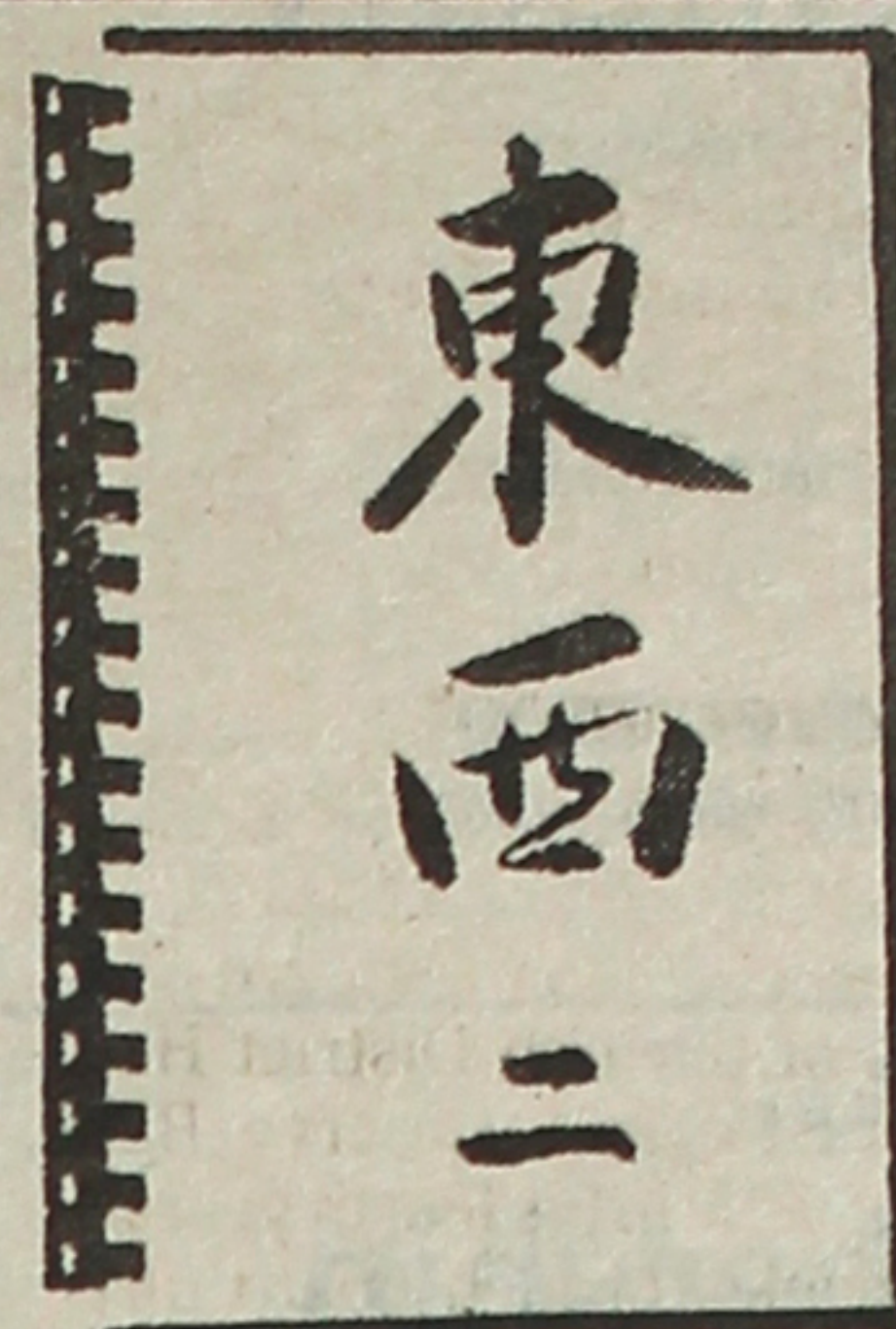
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## Membership Drive Needed

Los Angeles

As the PC Board Chair I am extremely concerned about Los Angeles membership and the lack of a strong membership drive program. With membership continuing to drop over the past five years (hopefully in 1982 we have stopped or at least slowed the downward trend), in 1983 we must start increasing membership. Hopefully one of these years JACL will be able to attract outside income through wills and trusts or grants but until that time we are almost totally dependent on membership income. The reason I am concerned as the PC Board Chair is that our budget along with everything else suffers when membership drops and in order to improve, expand, and increase PC income, having adequate funds to implement these ideas helps facilitate the implementation.

Somehow we need to motivate the chapters to conduct a vigorous and sustained membership drive throughout the year now that membership is on an anniversary basis. With the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians' report coming out and the redress campaign giving JACL and Japanese Americans considerable publicity, 1983 is the time to utilize this to promote membership, especially at meetings, fund raisers, and mail or personal contacts. Many people will be interested in the progress of the campaign for redress so becoming a member and receiving the PC is the best way to be informed for around \$30, which is a bargain considering the price of most things today.

Some Districts give awards to the chapters as an incentive to increase membership. The Northern California-Western Nevada District gives a \$100 award to:

- (a) The chapter with the greatest percentage growth over the previous year.
- (b) The chapter with the greatest number of membership increase over the previous year.

The awards are given at the first quarterly district council meeting of the year. The National JACL membership file and the final membership report for the year is used to determine the winners. If each district would sponsor similar contests and try to stimulate a little competition with progress reports at each quarterly meeting, we can increase membership. Other awards could be given to the top individual producers or other variations to suit the district. Let's try to get back up over the 30,000 mark; it can be done.

The Nisei are finally turning over the leadership of this organization over to the Sansei and frankly I'm very impressed. The President, National Director, National Program Director, National Youth Director, Washington Representative, two Regional Directors, PC Editor and several District Governors are Sansei and all excellent leaders. This doesn't mean that the Nisei who are still in leadership positions or advisors aren't excellent people or that the organization doesn't need the expertise and participation of the Nisei. It's just nice to know that the future of JACL will be in good hands. #

## U.S.-JAPAN

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of the Economic Planning Agency, to act as the Cabinet's coordinator in compiling responses to the American complaints.

Nakasone also told Shiozaki to work with Masumi Ezaki, chairman of Liberal Democratic Party committee on international trade problems, to obtain the ruling party's support for the planned responses. Twice this year, the Japanese government has announced trade reform packages.

Other Japanese government officials said Japan's solution would include a new package of measures relaxing import restrictions. Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe told U.S. Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Allen Wallis that "the new Japanese cabinet considers U.S.-Japanese relations most important and will try to resolve pending issues in a practical and constructive manner."

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## Letters

### Long Range Planning

Editor:

The long-range planning report of 1982, prepared under the able leadership of Lillian Kimura, was most impressive...and it reflects the difficulty of the task, so much so that no one as yet has been willing to occupy that chair.

It wasn't easy to coordinate membership opinions and interface them with external environment, assumptions and implications. It is a rather fascinating report where one runs into identifiable opinions of Mike Masaoka as well as Alvin Toffler, and reflects an ambivalence from the differences of the East and West coast members.

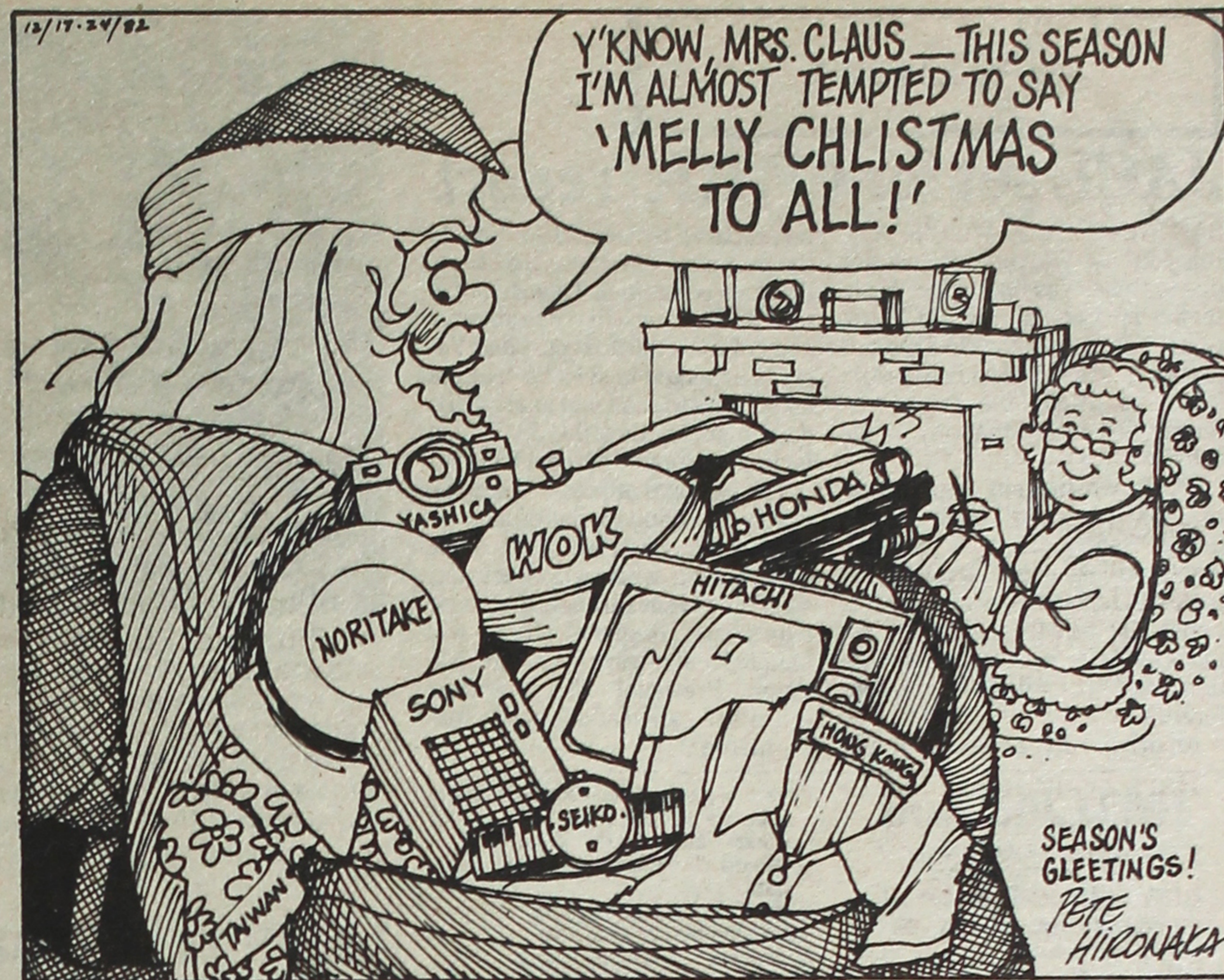
Nevertheless, several things bother me. I find the recommendations to study certain structural changes to be in search of solutions to existing financial dilemma, that portend reduction rather than a "revitalization."

The chair herself admits to a "skewed" report. We on the West Coast are no doubt responsible for that. Might that "skewing" have a built-in bias?

If the National staff and officers have placed seemingly "greater emphasis" on "implementation of the resolutions," that is no slight of the planning report if it is veritably in accordance with the mission and purposes of JACL as the resolutions have also been, in most cases. Responding to the resolutions is carrying out the will of the membership.

There is a wonderful thing happening in this JACL such as we have not seen. There are marvelous programs on topics of relevance being conducted in Seattle, Washington, D.C., West and Downtown Los Angeles and other places that I find exciting. There is a joining-of-hands with other organizations to sponsor activities. There is an earnestness and much activity among involved members in seeking solutions to meet the Redress pledges. The possible resolution of the Redress issue in Congress was not anticipated in this report (through no fault of theirs), yet it is the all-consuming issue at the present time.

The National Board is cognizant of JACL's mission and will not betray the membership of their trust. Certain of its activities have been suspended to lend support to Redress, which now is the "dramatic



issue around which to rally"; the "revitalizing" catalyst that may be the beginning of a more optimistic plan.

If there are procedural suggestions to be followed, we hope that the previous committee will communicate those with the new Board.

MIKI HIMENO  
JACL VP, Planning and Development  
Los Angeles, Ca.

### Redress Forum

Editor:

The public is sitting on the edges of its chairs awaiting the recommendation of the CWRIC in December. Evidence of this was the excellent attendance at the Nov. 13 forum at Stanford University sponsored by the Peninsula Redress Committee. Well over 200 participants, including eight JACL chapters and numerous other organizations were present. The three organizational speakers, Bert Nakano, NCR, Rev. Lloyd Wake, NCJAR, and Ron Wakabayashi, JACL each recounted their respective positions as specified by the planning committee. Wakabayashi was given the same length of time to cover ten years' activities

as were Nakano and Wake. Their incisive talks were much appreciated.

The significance in presenting such forums, I feel, is the fact that the public can be made aware in advance of what expectations are idealistic, extravagant, or even actually reasonable. The featured speaker was Washington lobbyist, Ron Ikejiri. Ikejiri is by now, a highly experienced and unique individual. He works the trenches for the JACL, and Japanese Americans in general. His grasp of the decision making process is keen. More of us need to learn what Ikejiri already knows.

Whatever the recommendation of the CWRIC, we must be ready to proceed. JACL must get its body politic together for 1983. We must educate. We must continue to educate ourselves, and then we must reach out to educate others. We must touch those in decision making positions. We must work relentlessly.

The PRC forum was co-chaired by Doug Ota and myself. We can be fanatic. But this is the result of having to push so hard to get public support, or even response. But once a chord has been struck, we find that the public is willing to hear more. And it wants more.

This process does take time to evolve. The PRC has been meeting for over two years. The attendees have come closer to openly communicating as any group I have belonged to. And the spirit of collaboration is heartening. This sense of cooperative effort needs to be extended.

The forum was an example of a forum in its true sense. It encouraged free give and take between audience and speakers. I believe moderator Jan Yanehiro of KPIX-TV was pleasantly surprised and impressed with the ease at which the almost all Japanese American audience expressed itself. Groups such as the PRC provide an arena for the so-called "quiet American" to shed the negative stereotype.

One recommendation I would like to make is that there somehow be made possible coverage by the PC at such significant events in the future. It would have lent much greater credibility to our observations about the event had they come from an outside objective source.

JUDY NIIZAWA  
Co-Chair, Peninsula Redress Committee  
San Jose, Ca.

## Guest's Column

### JACL Story: Another Review

By RAYMOND OKAMURA  
(From East/West Magazine)

Berkeley, Ca.

*JACL in Quest of Justice* is the third house history of the Japanese American Citizens League written by the perennial house writer, Bill Hosokawa. One might wonder why this latest rendition was necessary since the history of the JACL was already published under the title *Nisei, the Quiet Americans* (1969) and rehashed in *East to America* (1980). In fact, vast portions of the text are taken verbatim from the previous two works. The author seems compelled to tell the same tale over and over, as if endless repetition is the only way to get people to believe him.

Before World War II, the JACL was a young, ineffective organization of little consequence; during the war, they gained ascendancy through the sponsorship of the government; and after the war, they achieved a solid record of accomplishments. Thus, JACL activities before or after the war do not arouse much passion. It is their conduct during the war which causes blood pressures to rise.

There were unavoidable, practical reasons for submitting to the incarceration, but the alternatives were not as simplistic as Hosokawa suggest. The enthusiastic, flag-waving (sic) type of cooperation adopted by the JACL was not the only viable choice. Another approach to the problem might have been to grudgingly comply under protest and carry on the fight in the courts. There are degrees of cooperation; and the controversy is not over cooperation per se, but rather the zealotry with which the JACL cooperated.

The biggest deficiency in this book is Hosokawa's failure to take into account the results of recent research. He discusses the plight of individuals who sought judicial review but does not

indicate how the JACL interacted. Other writers have clearly documented the vehement and active opposition of the JACL to test cases. For example, a Naval Intelligence report shows that the JACL took it upon themselves to crush a budding legal defense committee at the Minidoka Concentration Camp.

Hosokawa covers the beatings suffered by JACL leaders at the hands of fellow inmates, but he ignores the causes for such violence. Some of the unmentioned causes were: (1) complaints about deplorable camp conditions which led to the demonstrations in the first place; (2) deep resentments against certain JACL leaders for becoming informers; (3) animosities created by the presumptuousness of a small, unrepresentative group requesting a military draft for the inmates; (4) bitterness fostered by the ability of JACL leaders to leave the camps almost at will while everyone else remained prisoners.

Scholars who are familiar with the records at the National Archives know that the JACL sent reams of reports and recommendations to the camp administration. Whether or not such action amounted to collaboration is open to interpretation, but Hosokawa appears to be unaware of this crucial evidence. It also appears that he did not bother to read the minutes of the emergency JACL meeting of March 1942, because contained therein is a dumfounding resolution urging the government to use the rationale of "military necessity" to imprison Japanese Americans.

There is no doubt that the JACL played a major role in the development of Japanese America; and an impartial, well-researched history of the organization would have been most welcome. As President Gerald Ford stated in rescinding Executive Order 9066, "an honest reckoning, however, must include a recognition of our...mistakes as well as our...achievements." Unfortunately, Hosokawa betrayed his journalistic background and the *Rashomon* allegory by writing a one-sided account. He had three chances and struck out. #





Denver, Colo  
On the eve of that dismal anniversary, Dec. 7, I read Allan Beekman's new book, the Niihau Incident (Heritage Press of the Pacific, Honolulu, \$9.95). The story is familiar to readers of the Pacific Citizen for Beekman's earlier versions were published in this newspaper.

The Niihau incident was one of the most bizarre episodes of World War II. After the attack on Pearl Harbor a Japanese fighter pilot landed his disabled plane on the island of Niihau, a feudal enclave owned by the Robinson family. Aylmer Robinson, who lived on the nearby island of Kauai, allowed only a few carefully screened employees on Niihau. Most of them were uneducated Hawaiian natives, but among the exceptions were Yoshio Harada and his wife Irene, Hawaiian-born Nisei.

The pilot, Shigenori Nishikaichi, had been told that if he had to crash land on Niihau, a submarine would pick him up. He was knocked unconscious when he put his plane down in a field. One of the Hawaiians pulled him out of the plane, which was not badly damaged, and Harada was summoned.

Harada, who had been born on Washington's birthday in 1903, had lived in California seven years, in Los Angeles and elsewhere, and had never been to Japan. But he spoke to Nishikaichi in Japanese and said he was Japanese when Nishikaichi asked him. Thus did the people of Niihau learn that Pearl Harbor had been attacked. Beekman writes: "Harada listened to the pilot avidly. Nishikaichi, the professional, easily imposed his judgments of the military situation on Harada, the awed amateur. Against the Japanese attack the Americans had put up such a weak defense that they seemed hopelessly incompetent. Aylmer and the American Army were expected to come to Niihau, but they did not come; very likely they were unable to come. Every night the Niihauans were using powerful flashlights to send out distress signals from Mt. Paniau; the American military took no action on the signals. The invincibility of the Japanese forces was obvious..."

"As the local and California, even the federal, government had demonstrated in a hundred ways, American citizenship for the Nikkei was a technicality. Despite American citizenship, they remained Japanese. Though Harada was 17 years older, the 22-year-old pilot gradually gained ascendancy over him. To the confused Harada,

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Biddy, who remains on active duty at Camp Pendleton Marine Base, appeared in court in uniform, with his bride, Silvia, whom he was on his way to meet when the accident occurred.

Able said Biddy was trying to flee across the border after an earlier collision with a Mercedes-Benz when he plowed into the tourists "with wanton disregard for human life."

Biddy's attorney, Barton Sheela III, admitted that his client was driving alone in the Ford Granada with a learner's permit, which required that he be accompanied by a licensed driver.

Sheela said that Biddy's car lost its brakes and steering ability some time during the two collisions; but he didn't know when. "Mr. Biddy can't tell you whether he tried to apply the brakes, he doesn't know," said Sheela.

He said Biddy received a cut on the head and that he tried to run on foot across the border when his car finally came to a stop because "he was confused, he probably wasn't thinking very clearly, all he could think of was one thing. He told the officers, 'I have to see my wife.'"

"The evidence in this case will show that a terrible tragedy occurred, a tragedy arising out of a car accident, a car accident George Biddy had no control over," Sheela told the jury.

Biddy, who was moving his wife from Tijuana, Mexico to Vista on the day of the accidents, is charged with four counts of second-degree murder, four counts of vehicular manslaughter and two counts of felony hit and run.

The 34-member tour group was made up of students from Shoie Gloria Christian Women's College in Tokyo.

Other injuries were 20-year old students Yuko Utsugi, Kumiko Saijo of Aichi-ken and Kiyoko Ohkaiwa and Yuka Shimizu of Tokyo and tour guide Diane Rippe, 40.

## U.S. Attorney General tells of Yakuza

WASHINGTON—A Japanese version of the Mafia is moving in on Hawaii and the western U.S. mainland, bringing amphetamines, prostitution and new gambling rings, Attorney General William French Smith said Nov. 30.

Smith said there is "great concern" within the administration "that this not become another network for feeding drugs into this country."

Smith returned Nov. 10 from a three-week trip discussing drug-control issues with officials in six nations, including Japan, where he said the subject was a proposed mutual assistance treaty.

"We have evidence that Japanese organized crime is becoming active in Hawaii," he said, "buying into legitimate businesses, coming in with tourist groups." He said the criminal group, called the Yakuza, is active "not only in Hawaii but also on the West Coast and even beyond."

The proposed treaty would put a systematic exchange of intelligence information in operation "before the Mafia gets a foothold," Smith said.

## Niihau: Bizarre Episode of WWII

ambivalent from childhood in his attraction to Japan and America, the dedicated pilot was a steadfast guide star. The ideals of the pilot became those of Harada..."

So Harada, the Nisei, joined Nishikaichi the Japanese, in an abortive attempt to seize control of the island. Ultimately, Nishikaichi shot Ben Kanahale, a Hawaiian cowboy who, enraged, picked up the pilot and bashed him against a stone wall. Ben's wife, Ella, pounded Nishikaichi's head with a rock and Ben finished the job by slashing the man's throat. Harada then killed himself with a shotgun.

One might be tempted to agree that the Niihau incident confirmed American fears about the loyalty of Nisei in the event of a Japanese invasion. But Beekman also tells

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



## JACL's Long Range Planning

Philadelphia

AS A FOLLOW-UP to our column on JACL long-range planning, we are pleased to report that a committee\* chaired by Lillian C. Kimura (ex-Chicago now of New York) had been assiduously working under the administration of past-president Dr. Jim Tsujimura; that a report was presented to and adopted by the National Council this past July in Salt Lake City (reprinted in the PC Dec. 10—Ed.). As we had mentioned in our prior column, however, the problem was that we ordinary card-carrying members remained unaware of the fact and certainly unaware of the contents and recommendations of the report.

THE LIMITATIONS OF space will not permit a meaningful summary of the report; however, we shall attempt to share with you some of the conclusions, at the risk of over-simplifying the contents of the report. Under the heading "To Meet the Challenges of the Future" the report sets forth "goals": a membership of 50,000; a strong presence in Washington, D.C.; regional offices having "greater capabilities to mobilize local chapters"; seeking "to play a positive role in U.S./Japan relations"; leadership development; a "diversified financial base to support... JACL's efforts"; "utilization of current technologies for efficiency and better communication"; and "a public relations program which enhances JACL's image as a membership movement dedicated to being 'better Americans in a Greater America' ". The report submits four areas for further study:

1. Go to a triennial Convention cycle;
2. Reconsider the composition of the National Board and the relationship of committees to it;
3. Move headquarters to Washington D.C.;

the story of Jack Mizuha, another Hawaiian Nisei and reserve officer who had been called up for active duty. Lieutenant Mizuha asked to lead a volunteer force to the rescue of Niihau. Among the volunteers in his task force was another Nisei, Ben Kobayashi. By the time they arrived the insurrection was over.

Mizuha went on to serve with distinction with the 100th Battalion, came home to become the new state of Hawaii's first attorney General, and later was appointed to the state Supreme Court.

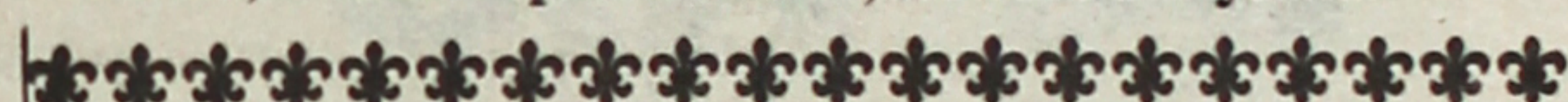
Although the book does not make for easy reading, Beekman has done a lot of digging and undoubtedly is the leading authority on this obscure, astonishing sidelight of war.

"4. Redefine the functions of the regional offices."

IT HAD BEEN, and continues to be, this writer's view that an ongoing long-range planning commission was and is most important to the sustenance and viability of the JACL organization. Any operation, whether it be a complex corporate business or something simple as sailing a boat, requires a plan, a chart. Within the JACL structure of committees, we accordingly have ascribed the highest priority to such a planning commission. Anything less would be inviting an erratic course, inefficiency and even being "dead in the waters."

WE ARE GLAD to learn, and now share some of the information with fellow card-carrying members, that the administration of the past biennium exercised the foresight to establish and activate such a study group. We would assume that the current administration has taken the baton and is now running with it; that a similar study group has been established and is operating.

\* The composition of the "Long Range Planning Committee" is as follows: Chair, Lillian C. Kimura; PSWDC, J.D. Hokoyama; CCDC, Izumi and Barbara Taniguchi; NCWNPDC, Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda; PNWDC, Ted Taniguchi; MPDC, Bessie Konishi, followed by Paul Shin-kawa; MDC, JoAnne Kagiwada; EDC, Dr. Warren Watanabe; Youth Representative, Howard Ishiyama.



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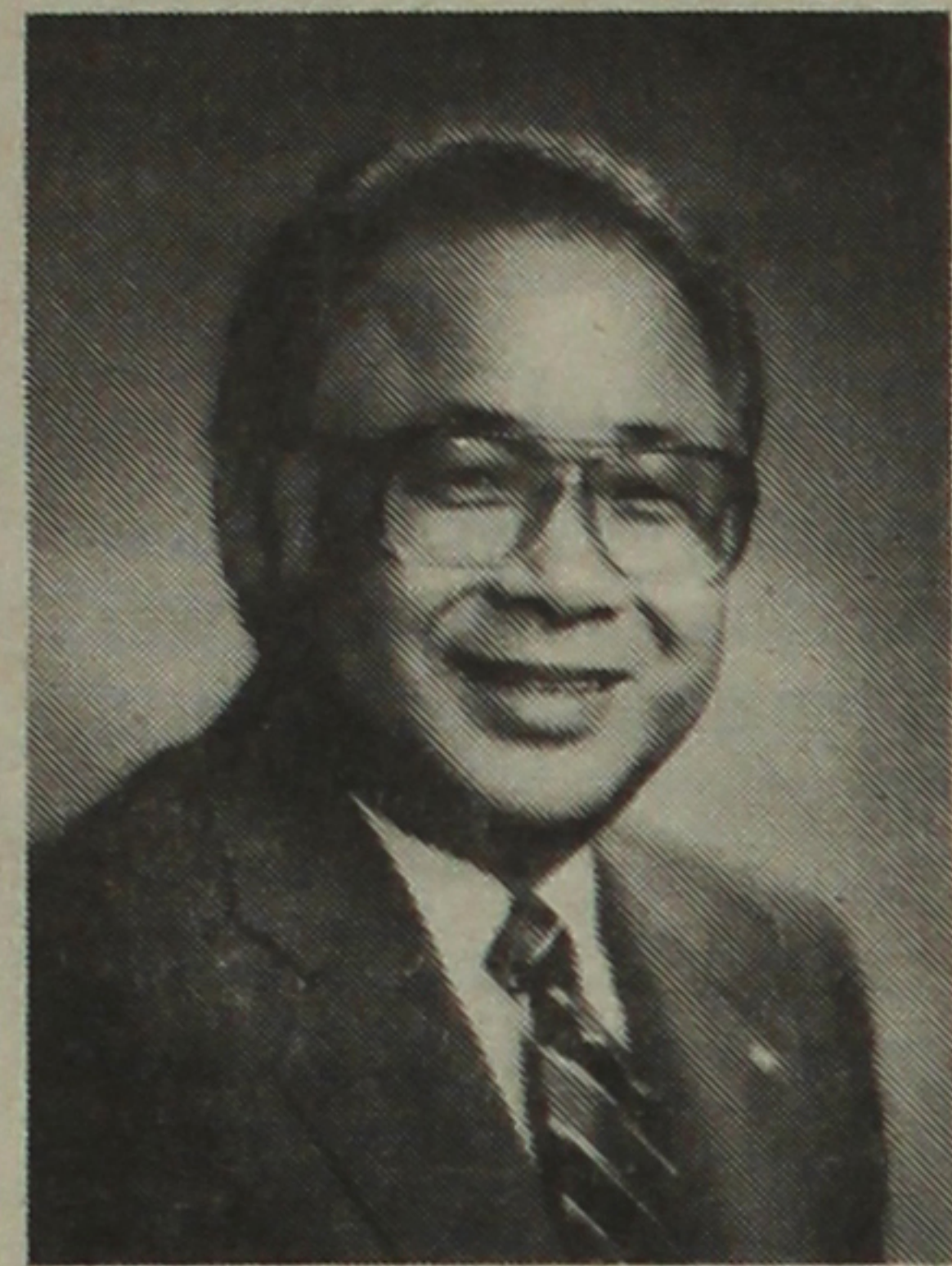
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## Peninsula Redress Comm. forum focuses on remedies

PALO ALTO, Ca.—More than 200 persons attended the redress forum Nov. 13 which focused on remedies, sponsored by the Peninsula Redress Committee in conjunction with the Asian American Activities Center of Stanford University. Television personality Jan Yanehiro of KPIX-TV acted as the moderator and the participants included representatives from three major Japanese American organizations seeking redress.

National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) spokesperson, Bert Nakano, stated that his organization seeks direct individual payments of \$25,000, a \$3 billion trust fund, and overturning the



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legal basis that justified the evacuation.

The National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) representative, Rev. Lloyd Wake, stated that their organization was not waiting for Congress to enact legislation but decided to take matters in their own hands. NCJAR is preparing to file a class action law suit on behalf of the Nikkei who were interned.

Japanese American Citizens League executive director, Ron Wakabayashi, covered JACL's redress guidelines. After the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has made its report, these guidelines will form the basis from which the JACL will draft its position. The guidelines include a recognition by the government of the wrong that was committed, individual monetary compensation, and the establishment of a community foundation which would not only benefit the community but also disburse the funds. A formula has been devised but the exact amount of money involved is not known because the data is not yet available. The money would be paid out over a number of years based on a list of priorities.

The guest speaker, Ron Ikejiri, JACL's Washington representative, stated that the JA community ought to focus in and work toward what they expect from the redress and reparations movement. Redress, he said, is an American issue and it will require leadership from the Nikkei community to bring this message across to the public. Because Japanese Americans do not have the numbers, Ikejiri felt that Nikkei will have to become more visible in the political

process so that their impact would be magnified. He urged JAs to become more politically active in their communities. Notwithstanding the monetary issue, he stated that redress would, in a sense, be attained if through this redress movement, leaders are developed

who are well founded in the beliefs and sensitivities of where they have been. He felt that JAs would have to pull their resources and work together if redress was to be achieved but in doing so, he also felt that the community would become stronger.

**BY THE BOARD: Chuck Kubokawa**



## PANA 1983

Advance notice on PANA activities are hereby presented to the membership. The second PANA Conference will be held in Lima, Peru in 1983 (tentatively July 13-18). The final dates will be determined by the official board by the beginning of next year. The cost for the conference and

particulars will be provided to the official registrants at a later date in January. Persons wishing to attend and who want to be placed on the reservation list should mail in their names and addresses along with a \$100.00 deposit per person to Mr. George Kondo, Deputy Secretary, PANA, at JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

It is important to handle the trip through official channels at JACL National Hqs because it will help to facilitate the signups and coordinations necessary with PANA Headquarters in Lima. In 1981 quite a lot of confusion occurred because everyone did not stay at the official hotel and created operational problems for the host country, and matters, in some cases could not be resolved until a year later. It is requested that everyone attending cooperate and work through our National JACL office as a team.

The purpose of this conference is to:

- 1) Meet with the Nikkei of 11 Pan American countries.
- 2) Discuss common problem areas associated with all the Nikkei of the member countries and possibly help resolve them.
- 3) Establish contact for possible future Nikkei youth activities.
- 4) Learn about the ways of Nikkei life in the host country.
- 5) Promote future joint projects for the Nikkei.
- 6) Exchange information that will be useful for the Nikkei community.
- 7) Promote friendship and understanding between the Nikkei of all Pan American countries.

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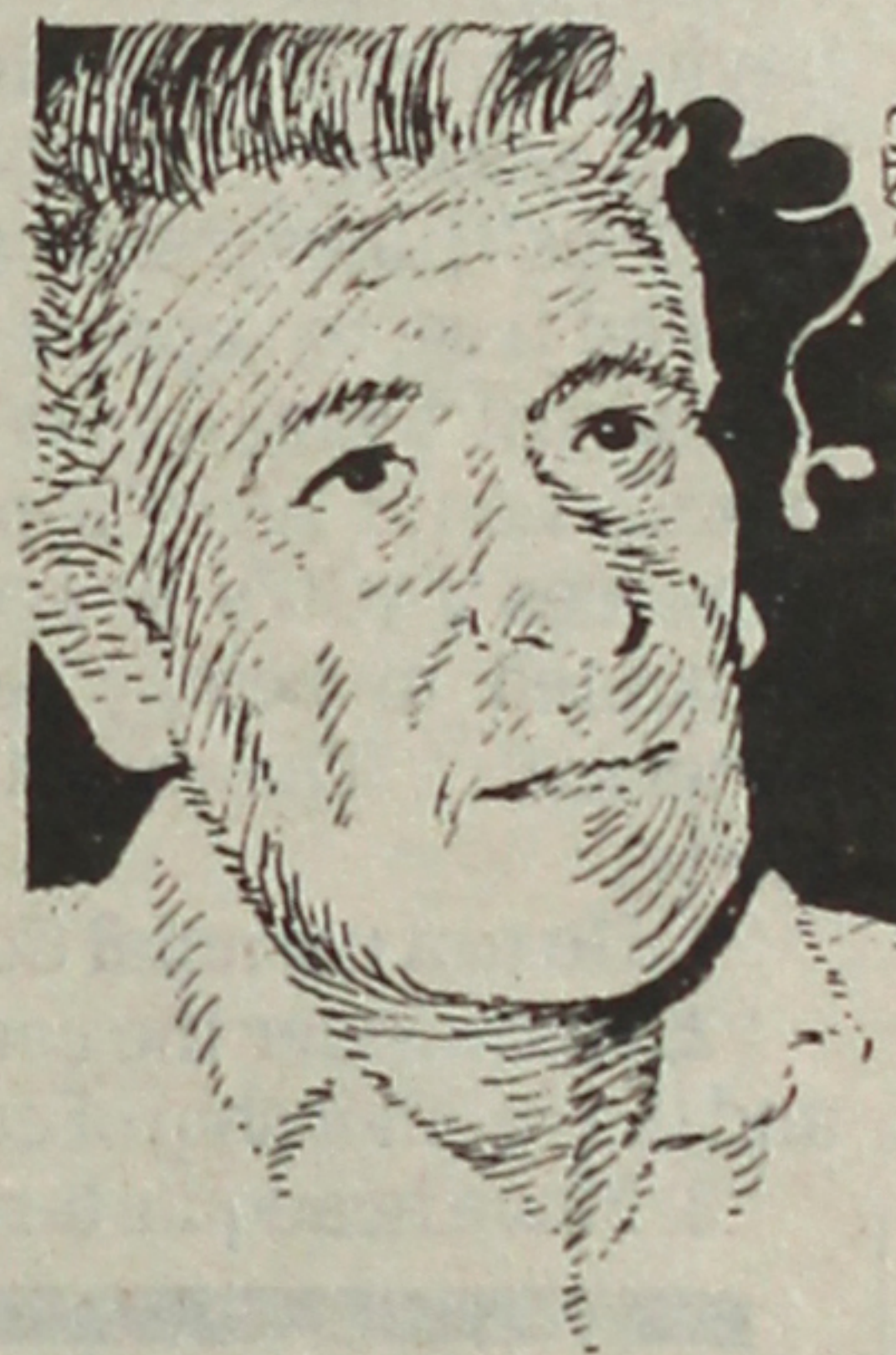
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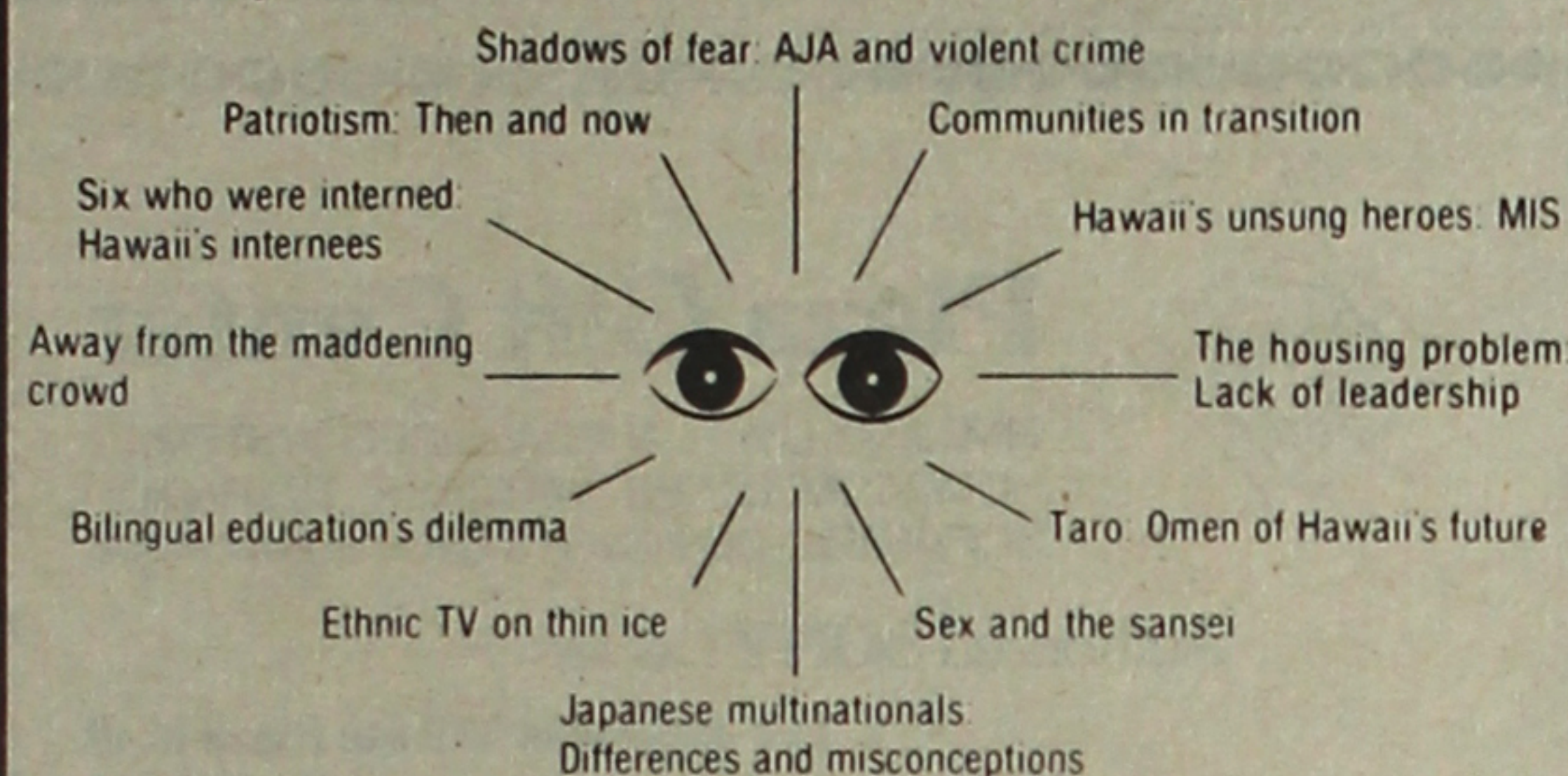
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