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Family, Friends Remember

Yasui Services Held in Oregon Birthplace

by Robert Shimabukuro

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — "We have come here today to tell the stories, to remember the joys, to carry on the message and the power and the witness of Minoru Yasui." With those words, the Rev. Barbara Upp of Asbury United Methodist Church began the Dec. 5 memorial services for the civil rights activist who began his life in this farming community 70 years ago and died in a Denver hospital Nov. 12.

Yasui's Tenacity Cited

More than 150 people joined in the celebration of Yasui's life, which Upp likened to that of a prophet, citing Yasui's courage, tenacity and unwillingness to give up. He had "the heart of a prophet," she said, "the heart of one who says 'I will not give up that justice will be done.'"

Upp also eulogized Yasui's "tremendous gentleness" along with his faith and his "passionate desire for justice."

JACL Vice President for Public Affairs Cherry Kinoshita, childhood friend and former JACL National President Kumeo Yoshinari, and Yasui's *coram nobis* attorney Peggy Nagae all emphasized Yasui's unrelenting desire for justice and his "never quit" attitude.

Requests for Assistance Denied

Kinoshita said it was ironic that even though in 1942-43 JACL turned down his requests for assistance in his case, calling him a "self-styled martyr," Yasui worked hard for JACL, formed the Mile-Hi Chapter and served as a Tri-District representative, redress chair and LEC chair.

He was a tireless worker who traveled many miles for a cause he believed in, said Kinoshita, even though his health was severely impaired.

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Black-Asian Dispute

No Agreement Reached After D.C. 'Summit'

WASHINGTON — A Dec. 4 summit between the owner of an Anacostia carry-out and the leader of a protest against his business failed to resolve the nine-week dispute that has come to symbolize Black-Asian tensions in the area.

Councilwoman Nadine Winter (D-Ward 6) drew up a written agreement and set up the meeting at a Chinatown restaurant. Mayor Marion Barry was among those who attended. Everyone was expected to sign the document, under which Cheung Hung

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Photo by Robert Shimabukuro

Homer Yasui (left) talks with KATU reporter Troy Roberts during press conference on Minoru Yasui's WW2 case.

Gov't Seeks Dismissal

Rights Groups Pledge Support For Yasui Case

by Robert Shimabukuro

In a two-page brief, U.S. government counsel Victor Stone moved Nov. 26 to dismiss the *coram nobis* petition of Minoru Yasui, citing Yasui's death on Nov. 12.

The brief, filed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, asked the court to render moot Yasui's request for a full evidentiary hearing on his 1943 conviction for violating the WW2 curfew for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Press Conference Held

Yasui family members and supporters said at a Dec. 4 press conference in Portland, Ore., that it was important that "Min have his day in court."

In an emotional appeal, Dr. Homer Yasui said that his brother's dying wish was that his case be pursued until the "bitter end."

"Min is gone," continued Dr. Yasui. "For those of us survivors, we must dedicate ourselves to carrying on to pursue his fight for justice."

Bev Stein, speaking for the Oregon Rainbow Coalition, called the late Yasui "a model for those of us working for a just society," and pledged to continue the struggle "against injustice and for legal redress as a tribute to Minoru Yasui."

'Last Opportunity'

Stevie Remington, executive director of the Oregon chapter of American Civil Liberties Union, commented that it was important that the Supreme Court rulings in the Gordon Hirabayashi and Yasui case "not be permitted to remain the supreme law of the land [which could be] cited as precedents during another wave of hysteria. The Yasui case presents our last opportunity to reverse that decision."

She added that there is "some precedence for keeping a case open when it would otherwise be moot," citing the Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* ruling, which permitted abortions, as an example.

In that case, "You could move for dismissal because the baby had been born, or [pregnancy had been terminated]," she said, "but because of the importance of the issue, the court decided not to declare it moot."

'Min's Dying Wish'

Yasui's attorney, Peggy Nagae, issuing a statement from Eugene, Ore., pledged to continue the case.

"Min's dying wish was to have this injustice corrected so that it would never happen again to anyone else," she said. "The government should not be allowed to sweep this under the rug as if it never occurred. Min felt that a judicial declaration that there was misconduct was crucial to

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Koreans Protest Japan's Fingerprinting Laws

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — About 100 Korean Americans picketed Dec. 8 outside the Japanese Consulate as part of an effort to draw attention to the treatment of Koreans in Japan.

Led by a group of drummers and carrying placards in Korean, Japanese and English, the protesters marched for an hour in front of the Kajima Building in Little Tokyo. Their slogan was "Stop apartheid in Japan."

At issue was the Japanese government's practice of requiring all non-Japanese residents to carry proof of alien registration at all times. Each certificate includes one of the bearer's fingerprints and must be renewed every five years.

The more than 670,000 Koreans in Japan, the majority of whom were born and raised there, make up that country's largest minority group. Many regard the fingerprinting as a form of official discrimination, and in recent years some have stood trial for refusing to be fingerprinted. Koreans have protested against discrimination in education, employment and other areas as well.

Nakasone's Remarks

Koreans, along with the Ainu of Hokkaido and members of the Burakumin underclass, have also taken exception to remarks by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, who stated in October that Japan has no minorities as defined by the UN Covenants on Human Rights.

According to Woo-chul Lee, vice president of Korean Federation of Los Angeles, the rally was scheduled to coincide with a meeting between Nakasone and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who left for Japan on Dec. 7 to discuss human rights and trade issues with government and business leaders.

The International Campaign for Human Rights for Koreans in Japan invited Jackson to speak at a rally in Osaka on Dec. 10.

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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

A banner is displayed as 100 Korean American demonstrators march in front of the Los Angeles Japanese Consulate in Little Tokyo.

Food Bank Director to Retire; Helped Needy for 10 Years

by Robert Shimabukuro

PORTLAND — June Tanoue, outgoing director of the Interagency Food Bank, is definitely an optimist, a Pollyanna. She would be the first to admit that. The question is: How does she do it?

She works in what she herself calls "one of the most economically depressed areas in the country," where the agency she oversees moves a half-million pounds of food each month to people needing emergency food supplies, and where the unemployment rate hovers around nine percent.

Naturally Optimistic Person

"Well," she replied, "I tend to be a naturally optimistic person. I think that there is hope if each of us realizes that we can make a difference and we go for it. Basically, it's as simple as that. Otherwise, there's no hope. I've also learned what's possible and what isn't over the last 10 years."

Tanoue is resigning from her post after 10 years on the job and



Photo by Robert Shimabukuro
June Tanoue at KINK studios.

three days after the food bank dedicates its new 20,000-square-foot warehouse Dec. 12 with a multi-cultural ceremony of food abundance.

Ten years ago, the food bank had a staff of two people and a few volunteers who collected

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JA Museum Gets Donation From Couple

LOS ANGELES — The Japanese American National Museum recently received a gift of \$25,000 from Manabi and Sumi Hirasaki of Camarillo, Calif.

After a visit to the JANM offices, the Hirasakis were so impressed with the project that they immediately pledged their gift.

Said Mr. Hirasaki, "There's a lot of work that's being done, and Sumi and I want to help in some way."

A 21-year resident of Camarillo, Hirasaki is a grower and a board member of the Driscoll Strawberry Association, headquartered in Watsonville. He believes the importance of the project is "to preserve the Japanese experience and culture, and to preserve it as only a museum can."

"We know that this museum is going to happen," said Mrs. Hira-



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

'KURISUMASU' GREETINGS — Shogun Santa of Japanese Village Plaza led the Children of the World Parade on Nov. 23 in L.A.'s Little Tokyo. Children from schools and clubs throughout the downtown area took part in the parade, which ended in front of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. Downtown JACL was one of the contributors.

saki. "and we also know that this is a very important time to support it—at the very beginning stages."

In accepting the gift, JANM project coordinator Nancy Araki said, "The generosity of Manabi and Sumi comes at the critically important time when we are establishing not just the permanent site of the museum, but the programs, the funding sources, and all of the activities that go into planning for

a world-class establishment."

In 1986, JANM received \$1.75 million from the State of California and the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency toward the renovation of the old Nishi Hongwanji temple building in Little Tokyo as the museum site. The 50-year lease of the city-owned building is in the final negotiating stages.

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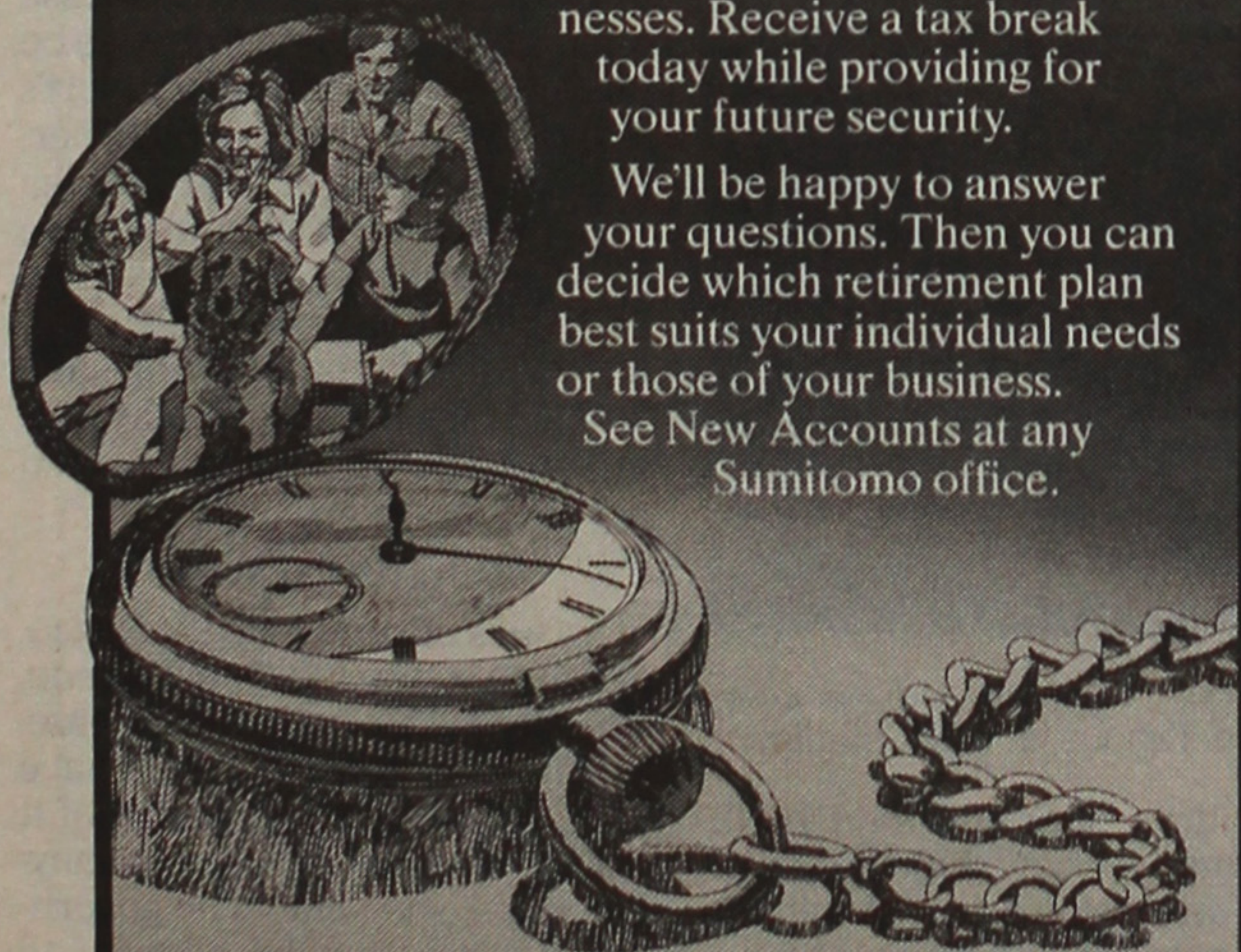
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YASUI SERVICES

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Yoshinari told of Yasui's childhood and the influence of Yasui's father Masuo, who was a model to all the Nisei in the Hood River Valley. The elder Yasui believed that Nisei should remain loyal to the land of their birth and concentrate their efforts "into becoming good Americans and fulfilling the obligations thereof," according to Yoshinari.

"I remember as a kid," continued Yoshinari, "when Min and I would put on boxing gloves and go a few rounds. We'd start out as a friendly bout. But next thing you know, we would be in a slug-ging match. Although I was older than Min by some three years, Min would never quit or give up."

Nagae gave perhaps the most moving tribute to Yasui, calling him "my hero, our hero." He experienced both the joy and sorrow of being a leader, she said, holding on, through solitary confinement and throughout his life, to a vision that "those who followed would not be judged by the color of their skin, but would be judged on their own merits."

'Love of Democracy'

"For the love of democracy, he chose to speak out," Nagae said. "For the love of equality, he continued to struggle. He was willing to put his liberty at stake and he realized that justice is not handed out — given freely — especially to people of color."

Yasui's niece Robin, reading the family statement, called Yasui "a patriot and a voice of conscience," and expressed the family's appreciation for the support and encouragement given him over the years.

The memorial service was followed by a reception which combined elements of a wake, reunion and homecoming as family, friends and associates of Yasui recalled their experiences. But it was indeed a celebration of Yasui's life, for, as Nagae commented, the Hood River boy, the lawyer, the leader, the fighter with a spirit not to be dampened by political realities, had finally come home to rest.

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A Personal Message From The Youngest Generation.

Oct. 1, 1986

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donate my allowance of \$1.00 to
the Japanese - American Museum.
Even though it's such a small amount,
I hope it can help the museum.

Your friend, Grant

This is the letter that eight-year-old Grant Sunoo sent to the chairman of the Japanese American National Museum after attending a fund-raising event in which a restored copy of the silent film, "The Dragon Painter," starring Sessue Hayakawa, was shown.

There were two reasons we found this message so touching.

First, because the dollar that Grant contributed represented a whole week's allowance to him, the donation showed his willingness to make a genuine sacrifice in order to help make the museum a reality.

And, second, his dollar indicated that even someone as young as Grant could appreciate the importance and significance of the museum. In a way the Japanese American National Museum is being created to document and preserve the contributions and experiences of the older generations for Grant's generation as well

as those to come. So it was particularly significant that Grant wanted to contribute to fulfilling the promise that the museum holds for him and the entire community.

So far we have been very successful in attracting both the large and small contributions necessary to ensure that the museum will become a reality. We've already secured the former Nishi Hongwanji building in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, as a site, and we have architects and designers at work creating the plans to convert the building into a world-class repository of the Japanese American experience. The State of California, The City of Los Angeles, as well as many voluntary contributors have donated generous funds to give us a lift-off. And the National JACL has endorsed us.

But there is still much to be done. It's an important and big job and we need your financial and moral support in order to succeed.

We ask that you follow the lead set by eight-year-old Grant and contribute a week's "allowance" so that our unique heritage, culture and history can be preserved and showcased as a vehicle for promoting better understanding among all people.

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Vision 2000



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Harry Kajihara

On Nov. 7, 1986, I enjoyed the gathering in Fresno sponsored by the Central California District, honoring those who served as district governors from 1950 through 1985.

The past governors attending the reception included Tom Nakamura, Tom Nagamatsu, Robert Kanagawa, all from Sanger; Hiro Mayeda, Tom Shimasaki, Stanley Nagata, Maude Ishida, all from Tulare County; George Abe from Selma; Mikio Uchiyama from Fowler; Tokuo Yamamoto from Clovis; and Fred Hirasuna, Ben Nakamura, Frank Nishi, Izumi Taniguchi and Peggy Sasashima Liggett, all from Fresno.

Other past governors honored, but not present at the reception, included Johnson Kebo, Sanger; Kenji Tashiro, Tulare County; James Nagatani, Delano; Robert Okamura, Parlier; and Jin Ishikawa, Hiro Kusakai, James Kubota, Tony Takikawa and Tony Ishii, all from Fresno.

The next day, I attended the CCDC 37th annual conference. The theme was "A Call to Action." The two workshops, "You and Your Aging Parents" facili-

tated by Dr. Satsuki Tomine, professor at Cal State Fresno, and "Anti-Asian Violence" with panelists Patti Chang, Art Venagas and Robin Wu, were both timely. Since these two workshops were held concurrently, I was only able to attend half of each.

The afternoon workshop, "Vision 2000, JACL Goal Setting," was of particular interest to me. The workshop, coordinated by Dale Ikeda, dealt with discussion and thoughts on goals for JACL in areas of civil rights, community service, membership recruitment, fund-raising and relations with National JACL. All recommendations and ideas will be documented in a report which will be forwarded to the National Board, according to Mae Takahashi, CCDC governor.

I believe JACLers have either thought about or heard others ask: What after redress for JACL? I have thought about this too. JACL must have goals.

The Sansei will soon be taking over the reins of JACL. Consequently, they need to be major participants in the formulation of future organizational goals. The Nisei, with historical knowledge and experience, should also continue to contribute. And, I believe that the best way to establish future goals is for all district conferences and meetings to include workshops that discuss JACL objectives and increased dialogue between Nisei and Sansei for a better exchange of views, similar to the "Vision 2000" workshop.

Coming Attractions

by Lynn Sakamoto-Chung



Once again, the holiday season has crept up on us, throwing off its summer disguise of last week's 80-degree-plus temperatures, and suddenly Christmas is less than two weeks away.

Most people are spending their time and money in crowded shopping malls, stuck in one of one-too-many traffic jams or braving an endless line at the post office as they wait for one of two clerks to get to them.

And we at the PC are busy working on our Holiday Issue. Soon you will be able to enjoy the wealth of articles, poems and short stories that have flowed into our office since we first began asking for submissions in October.

This year's theme, "Japanese Americans: A Model Minority?" evoked a wide spectrum of responses from our readers. As an

example, "A Memorial Service is Not a Story" by prize-winning author and playwright Momoko Iko examines one woman's self-discovery as a Japanese American and as an American woman in her transition from teacher to writer.

David Mas Masumoto's short story "Western Temple," winner of this year's American Japanese National Literary Award, takes a disturbing look at what can happen when Japanese and American cultures and values clash.

In addition, we have received several introspective and probing editorials and essays on the pros and cons of being labeled a "model minority."

Also to be included in our Holiday Issue is the story of Josh and Alice Tsujimoto, a retired New York couple who packed their bags and moved to Bangladesh as farmers and teachers.

The heartwarming story of their unselfish dream in many ways captures the true spirit of Christmas — the spirit we hope to share with all of you at this special time of the year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



Dr. Yasuo Sasaki, who now lives in Berkeley, sent me a slim little volume of his verse recently. It is called *Village Scene/Village Herd*. Perhaps he would be surprised to find his poems called wryly charming, but I found them so. For example, this one titled "Freeway Signs":

*The freeway's approach to the City
is heralded by signs of
Suzuki Honda Yamaha
you're not at the outskirts of Tokyo
it's any American City you name*

And this one, titled "Insanity":

*Refusing to fight and kill
this man is excused by reason of
insanity
another man for murder
is excused for reason of same.*

Who is Yasuo Sasaki? To refresh my memory of Sasaki and other early-day literary figures among Japanese Americans, I turned to my book *Nisei* and found this paragraph:

"In Los Angeles a group of Nisei in the early thirties banded together and published a quarterly literary magazine. They called themselves the Nisei Writers Group and their magazine 'Leaves.' Yasuo Sasaki and the late Carl Kondo were the editors. The magazine was mimeographed and hand-bound, and distributed to a small but appreciative list of paid-up subscribers, mostly in Southern California, but as far away as Seattle, Arizona and Colorado. Some of the contributors were Chiye Mori, Toyo Suyemoto and Lucille Morimoto, who wrote poetry, and writers Eiji Tanabe, Ambrose Uchiyama, Larry Tajiri, Mary Oyama, Bunichi Kagawa, Edo Mita, Kondo and Sasaki. They wrote short stories and sketches about everyday Nisei life, and also translated contemporary Japanese literature. The poems were mostly romantic, reflecting both general and Nisei emotional reactions to the problems facing young people. Remarkably, few were morbid... Sasaki went on to earn an M.D. as well as a Ph.D. in biochemistry, and is in general practice in Cincinnati."

The only clue to the contemporary Yasuo Sasaki is contained in the book's "After/Thought" by George Kauffman. I quote:

"One of the joys of living in Berkeley is to discover your neighbor is a poet. One day I received a postcard postmarked 'Zagreb' from my across-the-street poet Yasuo Sasaki, a retired medical doctor, age 73. I was not aware he had left (he comes and goes all the time). There is little room to write on a postcard (as we all know) yet he was able to come up with a deathless line: 'No great distinction here in Zagreb in contrast to the ingrained genius of Vienna or of Kafka and others in Prague. Life, even without great distinction, is moving, interesting, exhilarating, so why continue to diminish it?' Others of us would write 'Having a wonderful time. Found a marvelous B & B.' But not Doc. He is a poet, you see, and once a poet always a poet."

In one passage Sasaki writes: "The seventies and eighties are leaving us. Will the new century on its way be much the same, if we are all still intact? Our insurance is the inheritance and health of human values and our redemption science and poetry."

Yasuo Sasaki, both scientist and poet, also sees the bitter sweetness of the "Sad Hippie":

*He could not grow
his own hair
and so he had
to buy a wig.*

An AFSC Committee

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



THIS PAST WEEKEND I attended my first meeting of the National Community Relations Committee of the American Friends Service Committee, composed of more than 30 individuals from varied backgrounds, interests and areas of the country. For me, coming as I do from what is essentially an isolated and orthodox perspective, it was, as they say, an eye-opener.

Being among a group of people who have a dedicated history of personal, active involvement in addressing the issues and needs of our society; people who are motivated by noble instincts and who spoke of issues that I had never been aware of; people who are unselfishly committed to promoting understanding and to the betterment of other's lives—I felt most inadequate.

I LISTENED TO concepts that I did not comprehend, including several about which I questioned and had reservations. The criminal justice system in our country

and the 200th anniversary of penitentiaries; gay and lesbian rights; the anticipated impact of the recently enacted immigration laws relating to "guest workers," undocumented persons; our government's policy (indifference) toward Native Americans; the "Maquiladora" work along our borders with Mexico; anti-Asian violence; "economic rights"; etc., all served to jolt the psyche of this American.

AS I SAT, listening, in the assemblage held at the main offices of the AFSC, my mind drifted back to 1942 and I wondered about the discussions held by members of the AFSC some 46 years ago when the subject of the evacuation of some 115,000 Issei and Nisei was being considered. If I were present at that conclave as a non-Nisei, what would have been my thought process, my views, and what position would I have taken? Most importantly, would I have had the courage to speak out—as the AFSC did—against what was a blatant injustice? It was a sobering and humbling thought.

AND SO, THERE I WAS in the year 1986, in the very offices of the AFSC, being exposed to new, seemingly complex and not easily understood (for me) issues, grappling with unfamiliar concepts that were beyond my everyday concerns. I was puzzled, dis-

turbed, and contemplating and holding mental reservations, while mindful that those who spoke were speaking from the heart as dedicated people.

Among those present were people working to alleviate the conditions among Native Americans within the reservations that dot the map of our country; those working among Mexican Americans and braceros; those serving people who have run afoul of the justice system (some 528,000) to whose count I had contributed in the past by placing them behind prison bars; and those seeking to relieve the poverty and hopelessness that pervades many segments of our society, including Appalachia.

The task seemed so overwhelming that I wondered whether anything meaningful could be accomplished. Or was that the question by which the task was to be evaluated? I'm not sure. I have yet much listening and much learning to do.

THIS AFSC COMMITTEE will be gathering again in mid-February and then again in May of next year in Philadelphia with folks coming from all parts of our land to report, to recommend and to formulate programs.

In some future columns, I hope to share some of these concerns with you.



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Letters to the Editor

I Was There

The articles on the Manzanar Riot that appeared in the Nov. 7 PC are misleading. The following is my own eyewitness account of events that took place in the early days of the Manzanar concentration camp.

Numerous camp-wide mass meetings were held to discuss the future of the Nisei. The burning question was: "What are we going to do, support America or Japan?" The meetings were free for all, no restrictions imposed. Pro-Japan leaders made the most of the situation, making fiery speeches. They wanted to be interned as honorable POWs.

The shortage of sugar and beef was merely an issue that they subsequently capitalized on.

Needless to say, they were outvoted by those in attendance. Isolated, they soon resorted to force and violence to silence their opponents. Many personnel cooperating with the WRA authorities

were ambushed and beaten in a bloody mess. The co-op store was set afire. Since no one claimed responsibility, no arrests were made. The camp was at times vigilante-controlled.

They distributed pro-Japan leaflets and even engraved slogans in huge Japanese characters on the concrete embankment on the high ground behind the camp—slogans such as "Down With America and England" and "Long Live Imperial Japan."

Throughout the entire period, none of them ever uttered a word about the violation of our constitutional rights. Yet 40 years later, their die-hard sympathizers openly claim that all this was done in the name of democratic struggles for constitutional rights.

Only JACL leaders brought up the constitutionality of the evacuation, but said, "We will fight to rectify wrongs done to us in the postwar period. We are now at war. We have to first prove our

loyalty."

Thanks to these leaders and those who subsequently took up arms for America, we Japanese Americans are where we are today.

JAMES ODA
North Hollywood, Calif.

Nihongo in the Camps

In the Oct. 17 PC article "Broadening Our Scope" by Lynn Sakamoto-Chung, I read with considerable interest the statement that "... language constraints were placed on Japanese Americans interned behind barbed-wire fences during WW2."

I was in three camps (Merced, Amache, and Crystal City) between May 1942 and March 1946, during which time I was in grades 4 to 7. In all three camps I took Japanese language lessons in addition to regular English school.

The situation was reversed for 1½ years in Crystal City, where I received all my regular school-

ing in Japanese and took English language lessons separately. Also in Crystal City, my father, an Issei, studied German and Spanish in adult classes.

I am curious, therefore, as to what the "constraints" Ms. Sakamoto-Chung refers to might have been.

SACHIO YAMAMOTO
San Diego

It's true that the government didn't try to stamp out the Japanese language; the statement referred to language restrictions during times of internment unrest. At Santa Anita Assembly Center in 1942, MPs confiscated reading matter and record albums in Japanese; that same year in Manzanar, the use of Japanese in public meetings and newspapers was banned in an attempt to deprive Issei and Kibei of political power. — Ed.

In Search Of...

I am making an inquiry in the hope of contacting a fellow camp member I knew at Gila, Ariz., during the WW2 internment. Does anyone know the where-

abouts of Bill Ishida? He served as a bus/jeep driver at the camp. I last saw him in Downtown L.A. in or around 1962. I hope someone can furnish some information.

JEAN HARUYE IWATA
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Can anyone tell me how I might contact surviving members of the late Richard Nishimoto's family? Nishimoto was in the Poston camp during WW2, was associated with Dorothy S. Thomas' evacuation and resettlement study, and worked with her on the book *The Spoilage*. I would especially like to get in touch with either of Nishimoto's two daughters, the eldest of whom was named Akiko.

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JUNE TANOUE

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30,000 pounds of food each month from 10 sources and delivered it directly to 12 agencies.

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"That's much more than when I started, and even five years ago, the number was half that much—about 15,000."

Tanoue blamed the recession of the early '80s and the economic policies of the present administration for the increase. "Things have gotten absolutely worse," she told PC. "There are people who have been unemployed a long, long time."

Speaking softly but earnestly, Tanoue pointed out that we are spending \$800,000 a minute on nuclear weapons while in that same moment, 30 children are dying worldwide because they

don't have enough food. "What kind of society is that?" she asked rhetorically.

Not Rich, But Lucky

The oldest of five children, Tanoue was born in a sugar plantation hospital in Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, where her father worked as a mechanic. "He always assured us, 'We're not in debt and we can eat anything we want.' So in spite of the fact that we were not rich, I always felt lucky. If you're set that way, you're free to do whatever you want."

Tanoue, who admits to being a *nesan* who "probably terrorized my younger brothers," received her bachelor's degree in biology from Redlands University in San Bernardino. She then attended the University of Hawaii School of Public Health, where she received her master's degree in public health nutrition.

She followed a friend to Portland in 1976, volunteered for four months with the Oregon Consumer League, and during that time, organized a national conference on food. The conference brought together "all the different constituencies in food—farmers, nutritionists, and of course, food bank people," said Tanoue. She began her present job in August 1976.

Time for a Change

The multi-talented Tanoue, who has a radio show on KGW and KINK-FM, flies "dancing (as opposed to fighting) kites," acts, and dances ancient Hawaiian hula, feels that it's time to move on.

"I feel proud for what I've done at the food bank in the last 10

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years," she said. "I feel lucky to have been in this position to be able to utilize my energies and what I had to give. And I learned so much. So I have that with me. But I'm not looking back. I'm going forward."

"If I do work," she added, "it will probably be in peace organizing. Food and peace go together. I like living on this planet and I want to continue living on it a little while longer. I don't think I'll be rich."

D.C. DISPUTE

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Chan would sell his store to another Asian owner and relocate to another part of the ward, and the Rev. Willie Wilson would end the demonstrations that have kept the store closed.

Chan, however, surprised the gathering by refusing to sign. He later said, "I will open my store."

Wilson left the meeting first, saying, "We are back to day one." A disappointed Berry said simply, "I tried."

Argument Over Food Quality

The protest at the carry-out on Good Hope Road began Sept. 27, when Chan allegedly displayed a handgun and chased a Black customer from the store after an argument over the quality of the food and service.

Chan pleaded guilty last month to a reduced charge of failure to register a firearm, and will be sentenced in January. But Wilson has maintained that he will keep the store closed regardless of any court decision in the case.

Chan's lawyer, Wendell Robinson, said no agreement was signed because "they all went to sign an agreement and we went to attend a meeting."

At the meeting, Robinson said, he made a counterproposal that would have allowed Chan to re-

open for three months to see if the community would support the store. Wilson rejected that offer, Robinson said.

According to several sources, Winter was assured by restaurant owner Tony Cheng, who hosted the meeting, that Chan would sign the agreement, but Robinson said that neither he nor Chan had agreed ahead of time to anything.

In addition to the principals in the dispute, the meeting was attended by Money Helton, the security director of Wilson's church; the Rev. Man-King Tso, pastor of Chinese Community Church; Bob Bush, representing congressional delegate Walter Fauntroy; and Esther Ho of the newly formed Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs.

According to one person present at the meeting, Chan's refusal to go along with the agreement angered and embarrassed Winter and Cheng, who both apologized to the mayor. "So what am I doing here?" Barry was quoted as saying before returning to budget hearings at the District Building.

Robinson later told Winter there had been miscommunications and that he and Chan would discuss her proposal with a support group of Chinese Americans.

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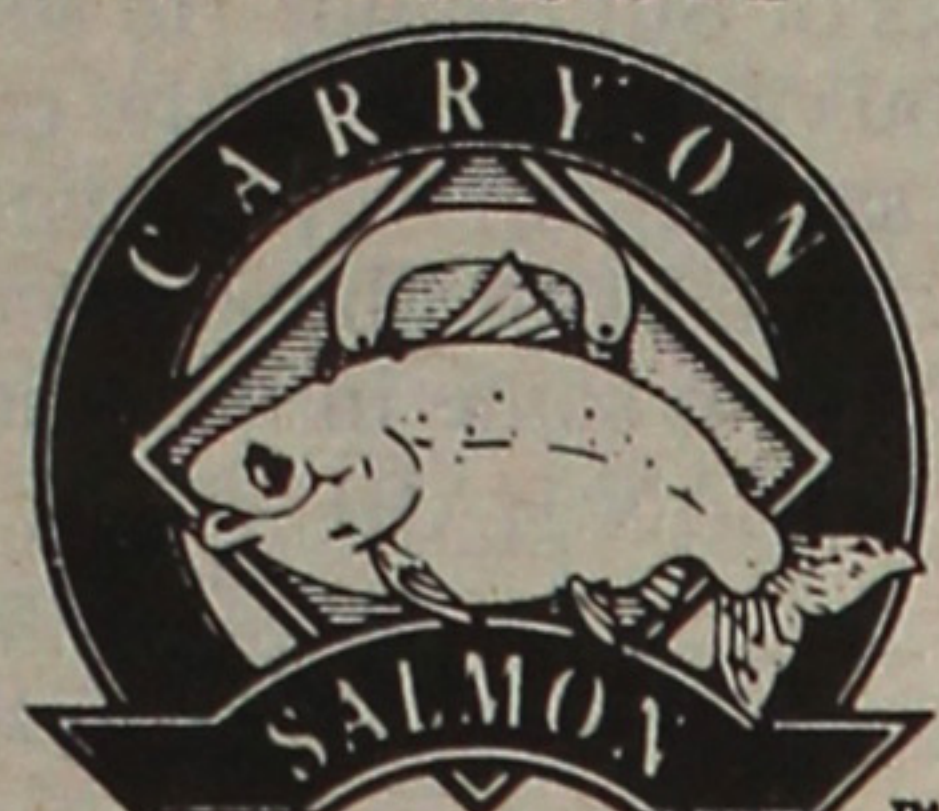
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Community Calendar

Dec. 13-Jan. 17

GARDENA

Dec. 17
Noon

Christmas luncheon for members and friends of J.U.I.C.E. and the South Bay/Long Beach Interagency Council will take place at Asian Community Service Center, 14911 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Bento orders should be placed with Bill Watanabe, (213) 680-3729.

LOS ANGELES

Dec. 17
7-9 p.m.

Forum featuring candidates for the 1st Councilmanic District will take place at Castelar Elementary School, North Hill and College streets. Seven candidates — Lowell Akui, Diane Alexander, Larry Gonzalez, Martin Gonzalez, Gloria Molina, Paul D.Y. Moore and Leland Wong — qualified for the special election scheduled for Feb. 3. Info: Lynne Choy Uyeda, (213) 933-1151.

Thru Dec. 24

"New Roots in American Soil: Indochinese Cultures in California," a photo exhibit on the lives and influence of Southeast Asians in the state, is on display at the City Hall Bridge Gallery, 200 N. Spring St. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 23
10:30 a.m.

George Noda of the Department of Public Social Services will speak on "In-Home Supportive Services for Frail Seniors" at the Asian Human Care Center, 5211 W. Olympic Blvd. Christmas party will follow Noda's talk.

SAN FRANCISCO

Jan. 11
2:30, 3:30 p.m.

The Theater of Yugen will perform "Jaku and the Beanstalk," a Japanese version of the original, at Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. Info: (415) 282-2317.

Dec. 27
Noon

Center for Japanese American Studies will host its annual mochitsuki at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St.

SAN JOSE

Jan. 17
7 p.m.

Asian American Social Club will host "One Night in Morocco," an evening of Moroccan cuisine, belly dancers and exotic ambiance, at the Menara Restaurant, 41 E. Gish Road. Cost is \$18 per person. Info: (408) 289-1067.

SAN DIEGO

Jan. 16

Enhancing Services to Minority Elderly, a project funded by the Administration on Aging for a 17-month period, will hold its first conference. The half-day event will examine Asian Pacific, Black, Hispanic and Native American elderly, and focus on ways in which service providers can help them access senior programs. For information on location and time, contact the project, (619) 234-8008.

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Jan. 17
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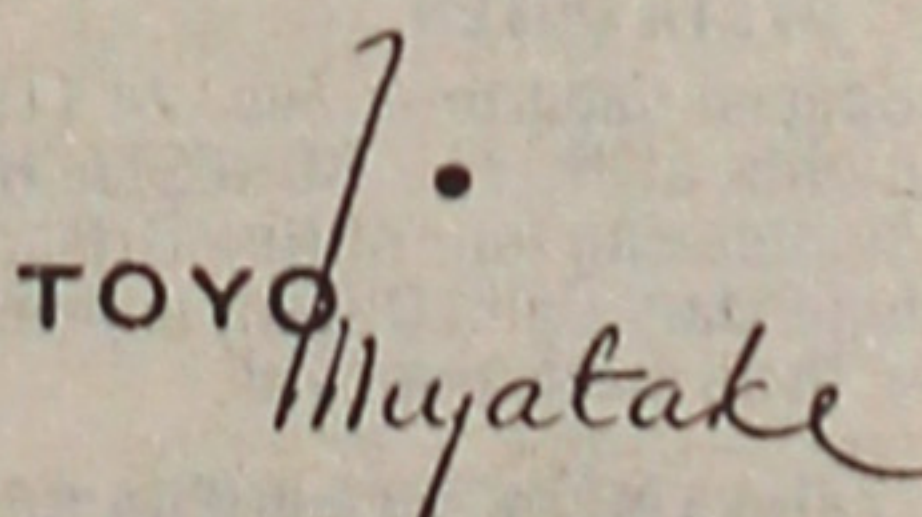
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• Final board meeting of the year takes place Dec. 17 at Prima
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meeting. For information, contact chapter at 316 Maynard Ave. S.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Christmas party takes place Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m., at Alondra Coun-
try Club, 16400 S. Prairie Ave., Lawndale. Cost: \$25 per person.
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SAN DIEGO

• Chapter will sponsor two New Year's Eve parties. One will be
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Tickets: \$7.50. The second takes place at Viscount Hotel, 1960
Harbor Island Dr., with no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner
at 7, and dancing until 1 a.m. Info: Glenn Tsuida, (619) 425-6560.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

• Annual Ding-A-Long Party takes place Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m., at San
Fernando Valley Community Center, 12953 Branford St., Pacoi-
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FRENCH CAMP

• Annual Christmas party for children takes place Dec. 19, 6:30
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Matsunaga to Serve as Chief Deputy Whip for Democrats

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will be the Senate majority's Chief Deputy Whip in the 100th Congress, Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) announced Dec. 1.

Matsunaga will serve as chief deputy to the Majority Whip, Sen. Alan Cranston of California. Twelve deputy whips will work under Matsunaga's direction to monitor floor action and solicit support for leadership positions on legislation.

Elected to the Senate in 1976, Matsunaga was Chief Deputy Democratic Whip in the 99th and

98th Congresses and served in the same position while in the House of Representatives.

When Congress convenes in January, Matsunaga will also assume the chairmanship of the International Trade Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee. He is the second-ranking Democrat on the committee; Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas is the committee chair.

Matsunaga said he looks forward to chairing the subcommittee because international trade will be the "preeminent legislative issue" in the 100th Congress.

Business Donates \$75,000 to No. Calif. Community Center

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) announced Nov. 19 that Nomura & Company had completed its pledge payment to the Vision '80s Capital Campaign.

A check for \$25,000 received by campaign chair Yori Wada brought the grand total of Nomura & Company's contribution to \$75,000.

"I have always supported the concept of a community-owned and operated facility," said company president George Okamoto. "In the past, the community has raised funds for other worthy organizations, but JCCCNC belongs to our community. All of us should point with pride and tell the public that it belongs to us."

He added that public support "makes it possible for Nomura

& Company to share and return our good fortune to the community."

JCCCNC's campaign is raising funds to complete the \$3 million center. The Phase I main building, located at 1840 Sutter St., opened in May. With over \$2 million raised in pledges and donations, the fund-raisers are making efforts to secure the remainder of the funds in order to begin construction of the Phase II community hall/gymnasium in the spring of 1987.

For more information on the JCCCNC, call (415) 567-5505.

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KOREANS IN JAPAN

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which is United Nations Human Rights Day. Another stated goal of Jackson's delegation was to improve relations between Japanese corporations and U.S. minority entrepreneurs in the wake of Nakasone's controversial statement that Blacks and Hispanics bring down America's intellectual level. Jackson was also scheduled to visit South Korea.

David Hyun, board chair of Korean American Coalition, briefly addressed the protesters. "Japan is a great country today," he said. "The Korean people can make Japan respect the Korean people in Japan. I support you."

Sponsors of the protest included Koreatown Development Association, Korean Chamber of Commerce, L.A. City College Korean Student Association, Korean Youth Center, and Korean American Senior Citizens Association.

Reaction From Consulate

After a meeting between consulate officials and representatives of the protesters, Deputy Consul Y. Nakamura said, "We duly conveyed the [protesters'] message to Tokyo."

When asked about the fingerprinting issue, he said, "Korean people are not being treated discriminatory in Japan... Korean people are not Japanese citizens, so you cannot say that... in a legal sense."

Protests were also held Dec. 8 in front of the San Francisco consulate on Post and Laguna, and on Dec. 7 in front of the New York consulate on Park Avenue.

Some Japanese Americans took part in the New York rally, which was attended by about 300 people. Protester Leslie Inaba-Wong called on Nakasone to recognize the rights of Korean residents "as we have called on the American government to recognize our rights as citizens of Japanese ancestry."

Protests against Japan's policies were also planned that week in Chicago, Boston, Seattle, and other major cities.

Asaki Awarded for School Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — George Asaki, president of the state Board of Education, is the recipient of the 1986 Charles W. Willis Memorial Award for outstanding school board service. Prior to his present position, Asaki served as vice president of the board for four years.

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