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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woo Backs L.A. Council Candidate

LOS ANGELES — Councilman Mike Woo, the first Asian American on the City Council, announced on Jan. 19 his endorsement of Assemblywoman Gloria Molina for the Feb. 3 special election for the City Council's 1st District seat. Also seeking to represent the predominantly Latino district, created during last year's redistricting, are Larry Gonzalez, Leland Wong and Paul Da Yung Moore.

"I am confident she can unite people of all backgrounds, and that she will serve them well," said Woo. "Gloria Molina is clearly the best qualified candidate, regardless of ethnicity." Molina has already been endorsed by council members Pat Russell, Joel Wachs, Joy Picus and Marvin Braude.

Congressional Roster Omits Asians

NEW YORK — A breakdown by the New York Times of the 100th Congress by race, gender and other categories does not include that body's Asian Pacific American members.

The charts, which appear in the newspaper's Jan. 5 edition, describe the Senate as 100 percent white, despite the presence of Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii), and the House as 92 percent white, 5 percent Black, and 3 percent Hispanic, with California Democrats Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui and Hawaii Reps. Patricia Saiki (R) and Daniel Akaka (D) unaccounted for. The source of the data was the Congressional Quarterly.

JA Wins Martin Luther King Award

NEW YORK — Karl Akiya was one of eight recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during ceremonies held Jan. 14 at NYC Technical College, the New York Nichibei reports. The awards, given to individuals who have "emulated the non-violent, humanitarian values for which Dr. King lived and died," were presented by Assemblyman Roger Green and Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins. Akiya was honored for his work in the areas of redress, labor organizing, nuclear disarmament and civil rights, said Adeyemi Bandle, Green's chief of staff.

The event—the second annual Musical Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.—was sponsored by the New York State Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, which was created by legislation sponsored by Green in 1985.

Fire Destroys Sac'to Center; Nursing Home Is Unaffected

by Robert Tokunaga
Hokubei Mainichi

SACRAMENTO — A brick shell is all that remains of the Asian Community Center at 2200 6th St., which was almost totally burned out by an early morning fire on Jan. 2.

But the fire has not dashed the center's hopes of accepting in mid-February the first patients of the recently completed Asian Community Nursing Home, located several miles from ACC, said Fred Takayasu, administrator of the nursing home.

"The building was a total loss, but other things were salvaged," said Takayasu. "Our biggest loss was a copy machine, but most of the office equipment and furniture were saved."

Financial Report

"Some financial records were burned, but only on the edges," he emphasized, contradicting earlier reports that the center may have lost a financial audit report necessary for the licensing and opening of the nursing home.

Preliminary reports from fire department investigators discount arson as the cause of the blaze. All indications point to a

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Asians Overrepresented?

UC President's Statement Adds to Admissions Debate

In a Dec. 10 interview reported by the Associated Press, University of California President David Gardner told the San Diego Union's editorial board that overrepresentation of Asians in the UC system—they make up more than 20 percent of undergraduates but are only 6 percent of California's population—may require changes in admissions criteria so that enrollment will more accurately reflect the state's population.

Those comments did not sit well with Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action in San Francisco, who saw both the original San Diego Union story and the shorter AP story.

'Too Many Asians'

"His comments reflect what many white people feel in the state of California: there are too many Asians in the University of California system," he said. "What really disappoints me is that at no time did he say that the state should be happy that so many Asians are getting in."

But Gardner said in a recent interview that AP had misinterpreted his comments.

A resolution adopted by the state Legislature encouraged affirmative action, Gardner said. Colleges were asked to reflect the ethnic diversity of high school

graduates in college student bodies. If, for example, 15 percent of high school graduates were Hispanic, the same percentage of college undergraduates should also be Hispanic.

The problem, he said, is that the resolution was made "without reference to UC eligibility."

Only 6 percent of Hispanic high school graduates are eligible for UC admission, compared to 4 percent of Blacks, 16 percent of whites and 26 percent of Asians, according to 1983 estimates from the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

"The resolution I mentioned takes no account of those differences," Gardner said. "If you just take the high school graduate pool without reference to UC eligibility, you make comparisons that are not relevant." Followed to its logical conclusion, he added, the resolution would lead to ethnic quotas, which he staunchly opposes.

'Out of Synch'

He said the resolution should be reevaluated because it is "out of synch" with the actual ethnic breakdown of UC's student body.

Der argued that the legislation was intended to encourage affirmative action, not to impose a cap on enrollment for any ethnic

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Marutani to Receive Civil Liberties Award

by Sumi Kobayashi

PHILADELPHIA — William M. Marutani, former judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, will be honored at the fifth annual Civil Liberties Award Dinner Feb. 11 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, 16th and Vine streets.

Civil Rights Achievements

Marutani is being honored for his civil rights achievements, including his participation as an attorney working with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in the fight against racial discrimination in the South; his service on the national Commission

on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; his various judicial opinions, such as the decision which permitted girl students to enter an all-boys public school in Philadelphia; and his efforts on behalf of the Asian American community.

He has been an active member of JACL for more than 40 years and has served the organization in a multitude of positions from the chapter to national levels. Most recently, he was elected national vice president for planning and development at the 1986 biennial convention in Chicago. His "East Wind" column appears regularly in this publication.

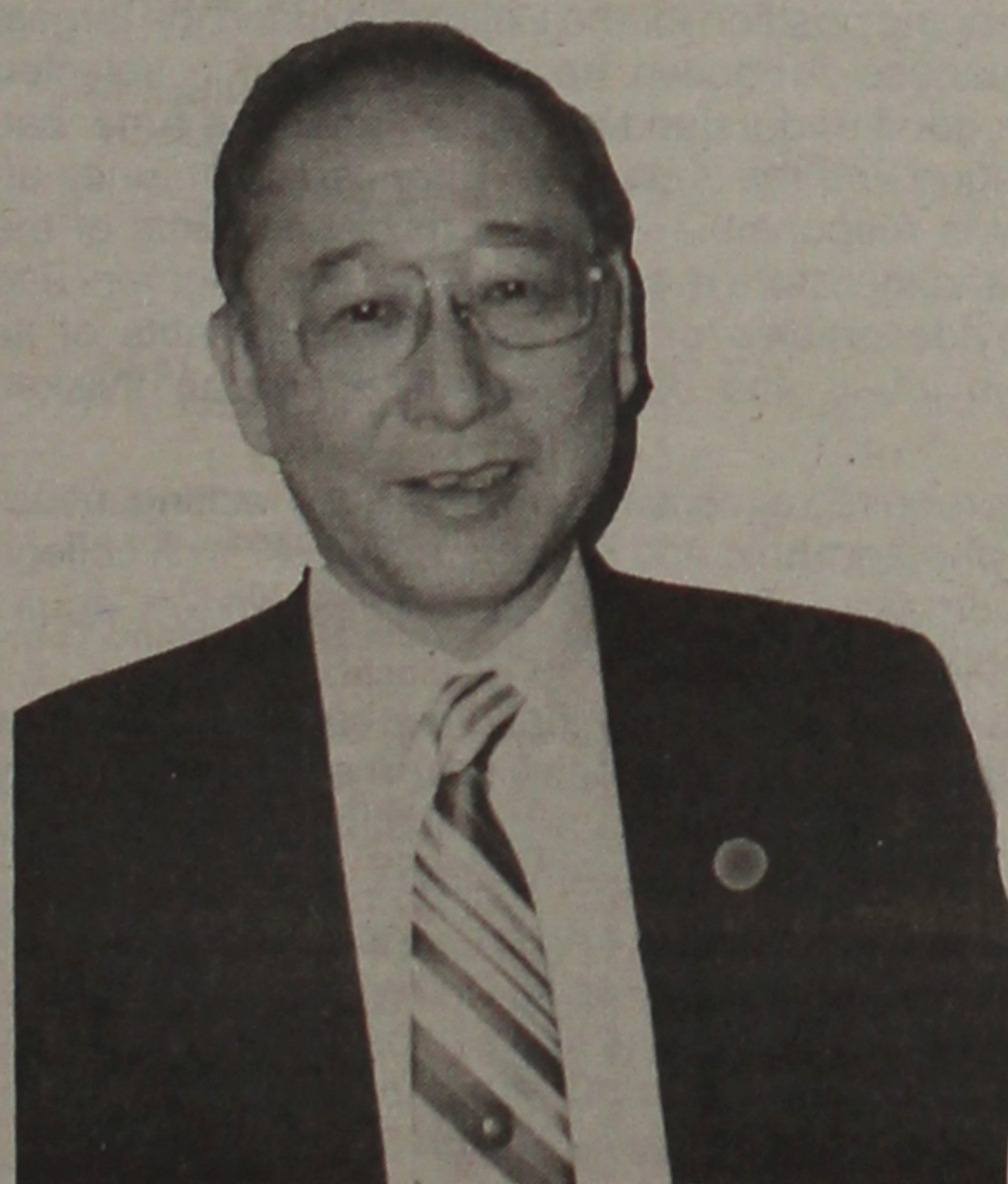
Supreme Court Case

One of his most notable accomplishments was becoming, in 1967, the first Nisei attorney to argue a civil rights case in the U.S. Supreme Court. As such, he successfully presented oral arguments in opposition to anti-miscegenation laws in the case of *Loving vs. Virginia*.

Regular dinner tickets are \$50 per person. Individuals wishing to contribute more may purchase tickets in the following categories: Friend, \$150; Sponsor, \$250; Donor, \$500; Patron, \$1,000; Sustainer, \$2,500; and Benefactor, \$5,000 and up. Business sponsors may purchase a table for 10 for \$1,500.

Those who cannot attend the dinner but wish to make a contribution to enable students to attend the event are asked to send their donations to the Marutani Student Fund, American Civil Liberties Foundation, 21 S. Fifth St., Suite 680, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Attention: Fran Farley. Checks should be made payable to the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Pennsylvania.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the ACLF, (215) 592-1513.



Anti-Cambodian Violence Protested in Massachusetts

REVERE, Mass. — Recent incidents of violence sparked a protest, organized by the Coalition on Racial Violence Against Cambodian Americans in Revere, on Jan. 10.

About 300 Asians, Blacks and whites marched from City Hall to the site of a Dec. 25 fire on Shirley Avenue that left 23 people, 21 of them Cambodian, homeless. The Revere Fire Department said on Dec. 30 that the fire had been deliberately set. A similar fire left 36 Cambodians homeless in July 1985.

Series of Attacks

The estimated 2,000 Cambodians living in Revere have been plagued by a series of attacks in recent years, including arson and attempted arson, the throwing of rocks and trash cans, beatings, stabbings, and three killings.

Among members of the coalition formed in response to the violence are Cambodian Community of Massachusetts, Cambodian American Friendship Association, Asian American Resource Workshop, and Khmer of Revere, Inc.

"We want to send a message to the residents of Revere, to public officials, and to the general public," said coalition member Samath Chap, "that the Cambodian

community will no longer tolerate acts of violence against us. All we want is to be good neighbors and to share in the life of the Revere community."

Action by City Urged

During the rally, the coalition asked the city to establish a police unit to investigate civil rights violations and racially motivated crimes, and a police training program about stereotypes and attitudes toward Cambodians. Arson prevention measures by the Fire Department and assistance for fire victims by the Housing Authority were also called for.

Mayor George Coella and Secretary of Public Safety Charles Berry gave promises of assistance at the rally.

William Waxman, co-principal of Garfield Elementary School and a member of the governor's advisory council on refugees, urged parents to avoid "festered a cancer [of racism] in your own child."

Rally organizer Sunna Som said that since moving to Revere in 1982, "I have heard many times, 'Cambodian, go home.' It is depressing to me. We are hungry to seek peace in our neighborhood."

—from a report by Boston Globe

Gov. Waihee's Choices

Three Hawaii AJAs Named to Administration

HONOLULU — Gov. John Waihee has selected three Japanese Americans as department heads for his new administration.

Edward Hirata is Director of Transportation, Russel Nagata is head of the state's Accounting and General Services department, and Yukio Takemoto is Budget and Finance Director.

In making his announcement, Waihee said, "I have sought people with the experience and capability to do the job and a strong commitment to public service." He described his new cabinet as "changemasters, action-oriented and forward-thinking."

Hirata, 53, was most recently a vice president at Hawaiian Electric Company. Since 1969, he has served as managing director, manager and chief engineer for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and director and chief engineer for the Public Works Department. He recently ended his term as Adjutant General for the U.S. Army.

Nagata, 35, has worked for the state since 1974. He has been director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs since 1984 and was a deputy attorney general from 1976-78.

Takemoto, 47, has been direc-

tor of campus operations for the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1985. He served as a member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board for 10 years. Prior to that, he was chief clerk of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and senior financial analyst.

Among those named to the governor's staff were James Yasuda, executive officer; Harold Matsumoto, special assistant; and Carolyn Tanaka, press secretary.

—from a report by Hawaii Herald

Deaths

Jiro Tani, 77, a staff member of the Kashu Mainichi in Los Angeles, died of a heart attack Dec. 29. He was hired by Sei Fujii at the Kashu in 1933 and headed the Rafu Shimpo's advertising department after the war, retiring in 1977. He later returned to the Kashu, where he worked in the advertising and editorial sections.

He is survived by wife Kay Kyoko, son Kohji, daughters Judith Kazuko Wong and June Tani, four grandchildren, and sister Toshiko Hayashi.

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Bookshelf

Bridge of Love

by John Tsukano (Hawaii Hosts, Inc., 434 pp., \$39.90)

Tsukano, a WW2 veteran and a frequent contributor to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, recounts the story of the Nisei from Hawaii who joined the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and of their Issei parents. The book includes several photos, wartime newspaper articles, excerpts from diaries, letters to and from soldiers, speeches, military citations, and a list of the soldiers who fought in Europe. Also covered is the impact of Nisei military service on Japanese Americans in the postwar period. For information, contact Hawaii Hosts Inc., P.O. Box 8591, Honolulu, HI 96830; (808) 521-7279.

War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War

by John W. Dower (Pantheon Books, 412 pp., \$22.50)

In exploring the racial nature of the Pacific War, the author draws on songs, slogans, cartoons, propaganda films, secret reports, and official documents and delves into atrocities committed by both the U.S. and Japan to show how centuries-old patterns of racist thought led to their wartime behavior. Dower also briefly discusses the effect of WW2 propaganda on the U.S. government's treatment of Japanese Americans and on its present trade relations with Japan.

For the Record

The Asian Ski Week in Aspen (Community Calendar, Jan. 2-9 PC) will take place Jan. 23-30, 1988, not 1987. We regret any confusion the error may have caused.

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The 1986 Holiday Issue box-score figures have been revised as follows: Chicago 256" (not 352), East L.A. 180" (not 160), Mile-Hi 240" (not 340), and Reedley 142" (not 132). The new display total is 8,170" (not 8,336), 101.66 percent over the 1985 total of 8,036".

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UC ADMISSIONS

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group. It does not prohibit UC from admitting a student body that is 26 percent Asian, he said. "So why is he saying 'overrepresented'?" Der asked. "The connotation is that we have enough of them and we shouldn't have any more of them."

Gardner acknowledged that Asian students are "the most UC-eligible ethnic group in the state" although they comprise a small fraction of the high school population. "They are enrolling in ever larger numbers," he said.

At the same time, UC's efforts to "seek out and encourage young Hispanic, Black and Native American students to enroll... are beginning to pay off," he said.

According to Gardner, the result is "not so much a problem as a complication, because we're dealing with success and not failure."

'Enormous Pressure'

In the last five years, applications to UC have jumped dramatically, putting "enormous enrollment pressure on UC" and straining its resources, Gardner said. "The problem is most evident at Berkeley and UCLA."

"The Asian American community, seeing this, is concerned that the result will be downward pressure on their numbers."

Other ethnic groups are "concerned that the university's affirmative action efforts not be diminished, but reinforced," he said.

Some whites are also unhappy because "a significant number... are turned away from Berkeley and Los Angeles, where they would have historically been admitted on their grades."

"What he is really saying is that whites want to establish a floor below which they will not fall," said Der. "Asians just want the opportunity to compete fairly."

In 1985, the Asian American Task Force on University Admissions, alerted by a disproportionate drop in Asian enrollment in 1984, charged that UC Berkeley rejected highly qualified Asian applicants through discriminatory admissions standards. Alameda County Superior Court Judge Ken Kawaichi and San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing headed the task force. The Justice Department said last year that it would look into the issue. UCB administrators have denied that any problem exists.

"If people think there's a problem, then there's a problem," commented Gardner, adding that if nothing else, the university is "having trouble communicating to people what we're doing."

He declined to comment on specific UCB admissions policies. "I'm responsible for overall policy... The administration of policy is the campus' responsibility... they exercise considerable discretion."

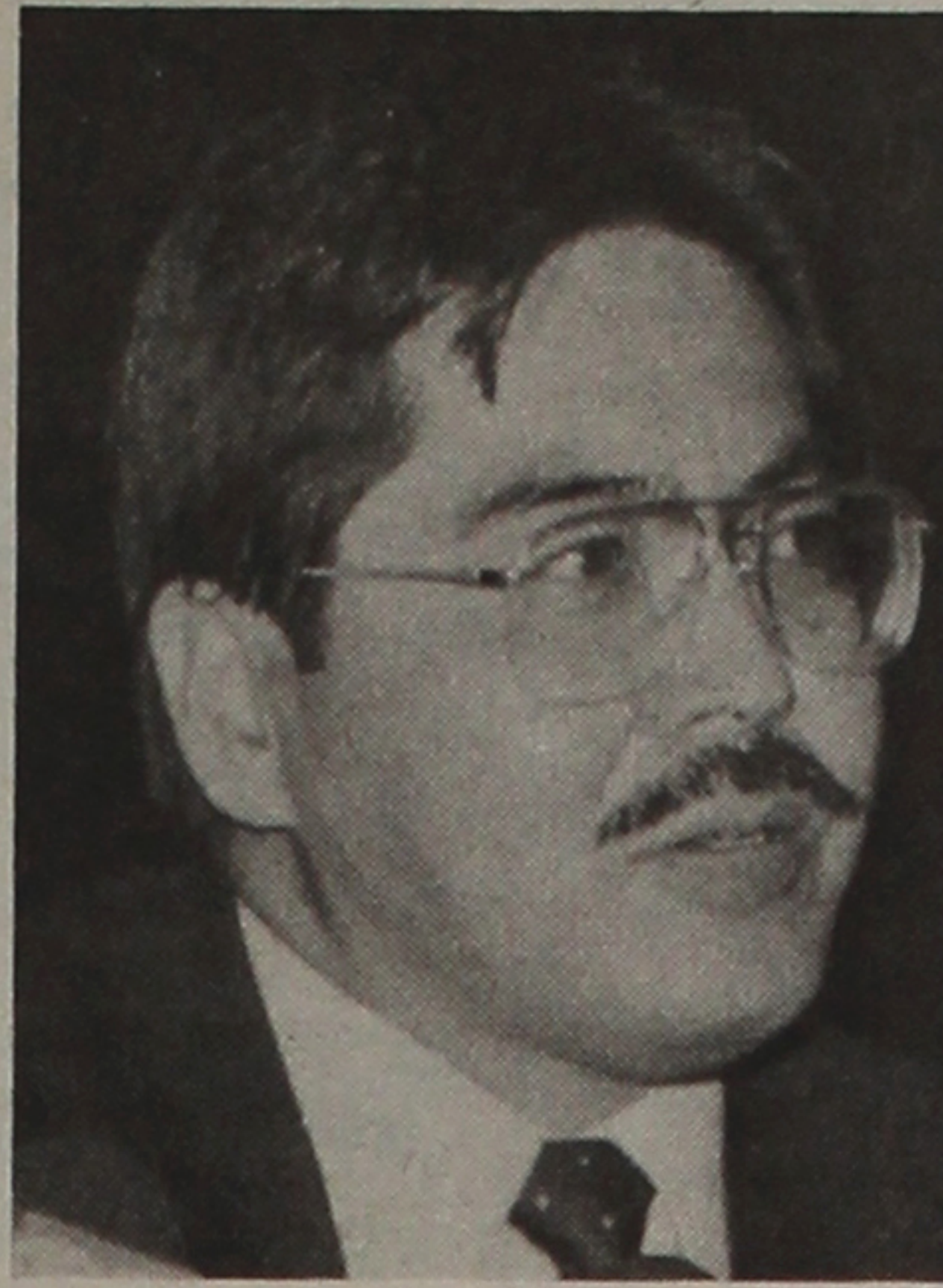
While UC "will find a place for all UC-eligible high school students," he said, "it may not be their first choice."

If the UC system wants to serve the top 13 percent of students, Der responded, "a lot of Asians are in the top one-eighth. Asians have proven time and time again that they have a higher persistence rate."

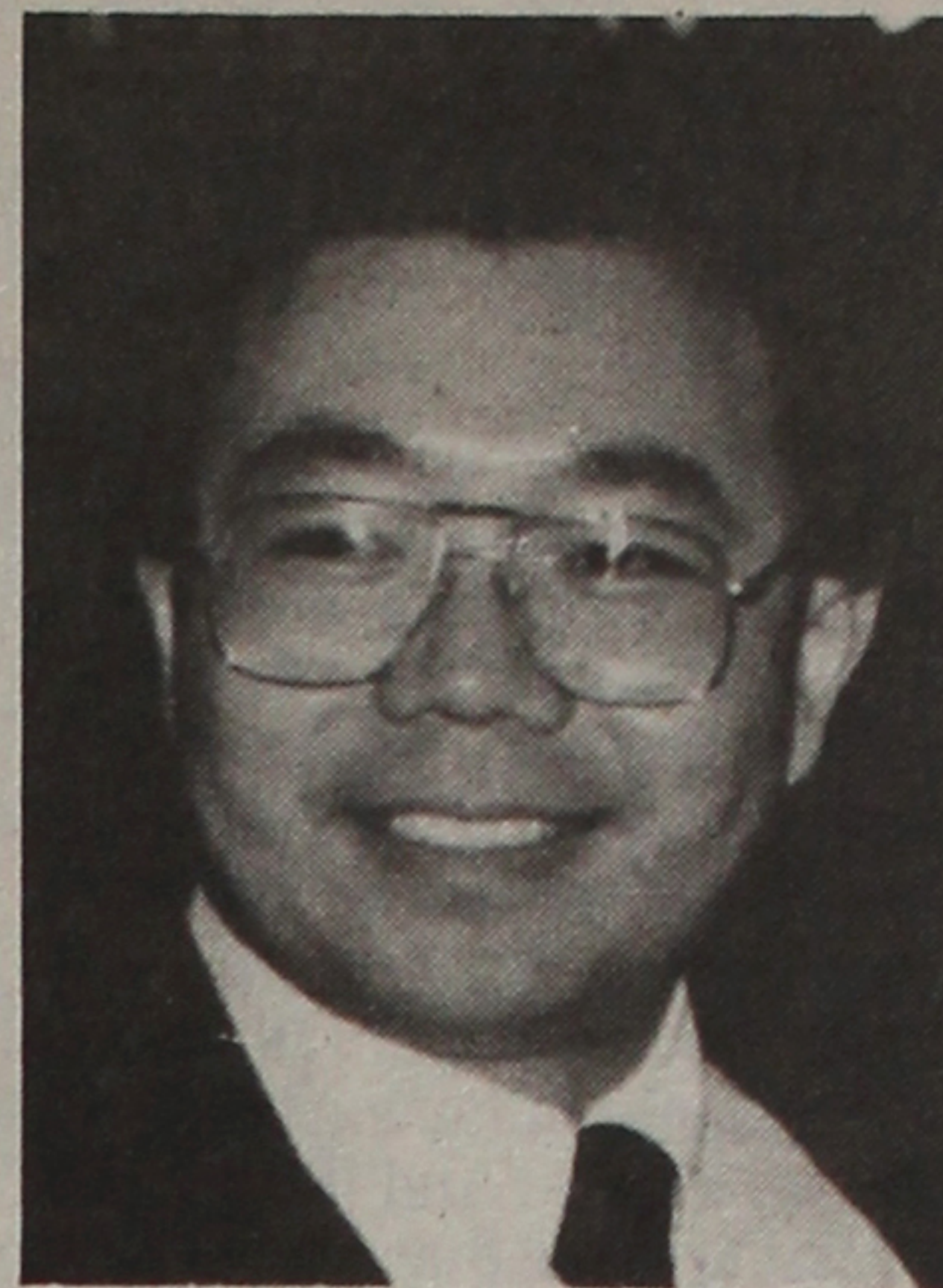
If budget constraints have caused UC to seek out students who will finish in four years, it should be enthusiastic about admitting Asians, he added.

Gardner said he hoped to find solutions in as "fair, reasonable and non-political a way as possible." But, he cautioned, "These are complicated issues and I don't want to simplify them because that would mislead people."

—from reports by East West



Ron Wakabayashi



Stewart Kwoh

AP Democrats Recommend Five for Rights Commission

WASHINGTON—The National Democratic Council of Asian and Pacific Americans has decided on five Asian Americans it will recommend to President Reagan for appointment to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

On the list are:

- Manoranjan Dutta, professor of economics at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.;

- Stewart Kwoh, executive director of Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California in Los Angeles;

- Ron Wakabayashi, national director of JACL, headquartered in San Francisco;

- Kung Lee Wang, one of the founders of the Washington, D.C.-based Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA);

- Chia-Wei Woo, president of San Francisco State University.

According to NDCAPA ex-

ecutive director Susan Lee, all of the proposed candidates have said they would consider an appointment if one is offered.

The five are being recommended for a Democratic slot on the eight-member commission. The panel can have no more than four members of either party; four commissioners are appointed by the President and four by Congress.

Because of increasing concerns about racial violence and other civil rights issues affecting Asian Americans, some members of the community think the presence of an Asian on the commission would be beneficial.

Others feel that because of the controversy over the ideology of the Reagan appointees and steps taken by Congress to cut its funding, the commission has lost credibility.

SACTO CENTER

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problem in the house's approximately 60-year-old electrical system, according to Takayesu. The fire is believed to have started in the back laundry room.

Started in '70s

ACC was started in the mid-1970s with the purpose of establishing a nursing home for the city's elderly Asians. It has since developed other projects, including a nutrition and day-care program for the elderly, employment training, and English as a second language classes for Southeast Asian refugees.

The center's temporary headquarters is an office at Asian Resources Program, an organization that serves the city's refugee population.

The burned-out building which housed ACC is located near downtown Sacramento, across the street from Southside Park in what was once the area with the city's largest concentration of Japanese Americans.

Over the past 30 years, the JA community has moved out of the area and is now concentrated primarily in the southern portion of the city.

New Offices

ACC is following the JA community. It had planned, even before the fire, to move into offices in the new 99-bed nursing home, which is located in south Sacramento's Greenhaven area.

Takayesu said that the programs provided by ACC have been suspended due to the fire, but the center hopes to begin them again as soon as it has settled into its new offices.

The center does not expect to lose any money because the office equipment and furniture were insured, Takayesu added.



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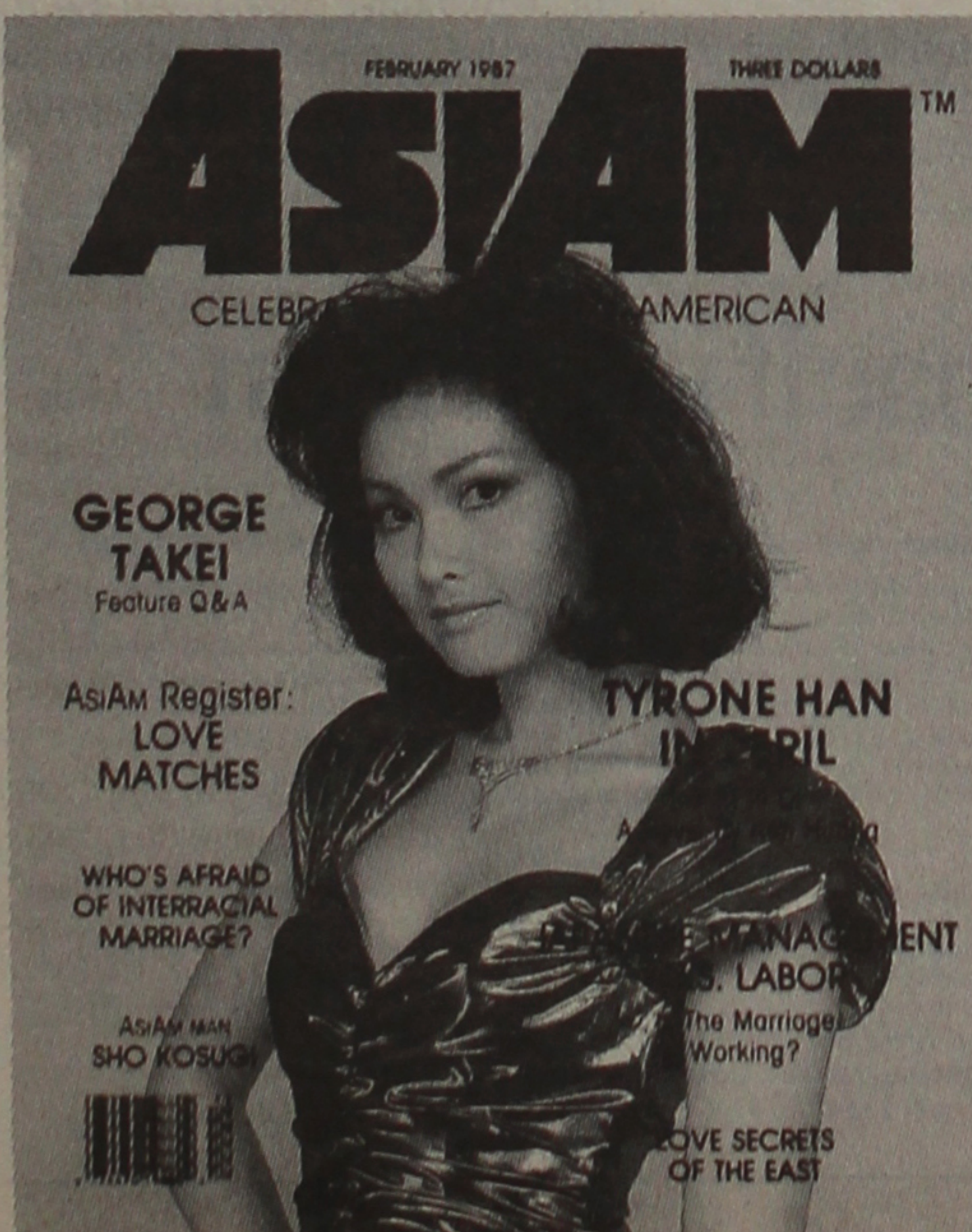
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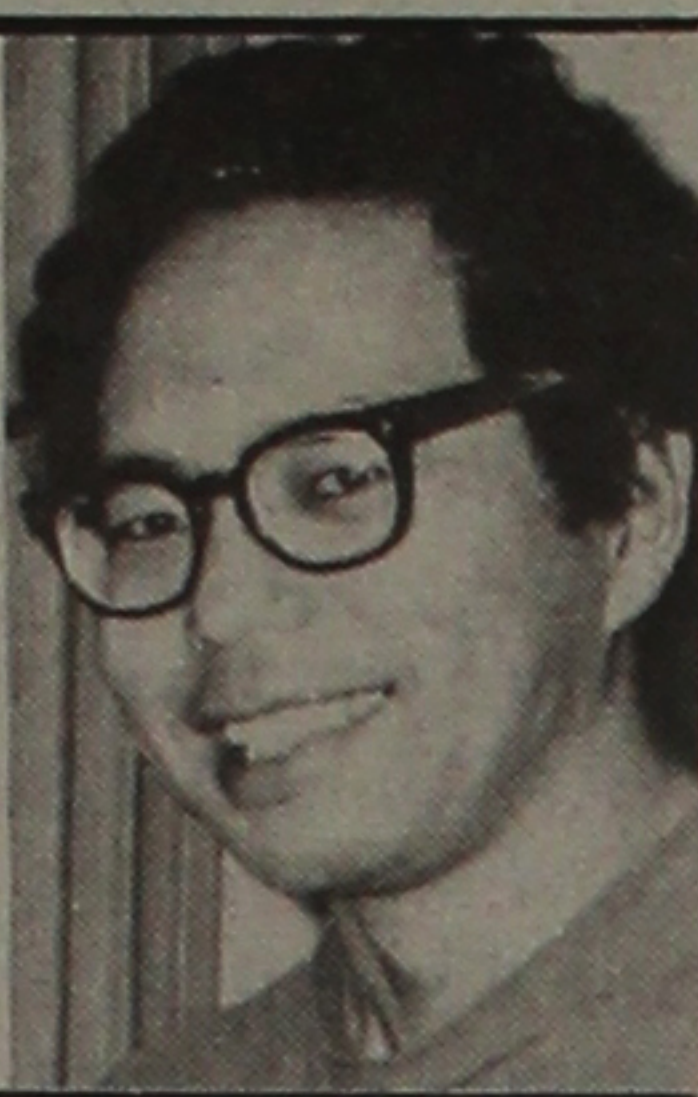
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"Wake up, dad, time to go!"

I peeked out from under my electric blanket, looked out the window to a foggy, dimly lit street. Dark. Took a step out of bed and was rudely brought down to reality by the ice-cold floor touching my bare feet.

Mira was going back to school after her winter break, while I was getting back into taking her to school after a two-year hiatus in Los Angeles. Mira, you see, has a 7:20 a.m. class. "Zero-period," it's called. And at that hour, it feels like zero hour.

At 7 a.m. in Portland at this time of the year, it's still dark. Dark and cold. After a two-week holiday vacation of rain with only one sunny day, the weather had turned clear and cold. Very cold, with morning fog.

"Dad," Mira called from the car, "do you have a scraper?"

"A scraper?" I asked myself. "She's got to be kidding. This is a Los Angeles car."

"We'll wait for the defroster to melt the ice," I suggested to her. For some reason which escaped me, she found this suggestion extremely amusing.

As I walked out to the car, I noticed that there was ice on the car, ice on the road, and cars were going slow, even for Portland. Frozen fog. Great. Obviously, we're going to be late, I informed Mira.

She comforted me. "It's all right, I'm already late," she said. Welcome back to Portland, Bob.

After a two-year stay in Los Angeles, I decided to return to the Pacific Northwest for personal reasons. Looking back over my employment with Pacific Citizen and JACL, I must admit that while

there were some trying and frustrating times, the overall experience was interesting and educational. And I did meet a lot of very conscientious and helpful people.

I would like to thank the many who wrote and/or verbally expressed their appreciation and support for the paper. It was admittedly quite flattering to receive so many letters. And it was most interesting to me that a lot of those flattering comments came from Nisei women.

I would also like to thank the PC staff for their support during the past two years. Hopefully, the financial situation at PC will stabilize, the PC Board will provide a more focused direction, and JACL in the future will not be so defensive about information which needs to be disseminated.

Most of all, readers should direct comments about the paper to their PC representatives as well as the editorial staff. Too often in the past, staff and board members received totally contradictory feedback, making it difficult to synthesize those comments into a coherent plan.

As for Portland, things haven't changed much in two years. Over 16,000 people left Oregon last year in search of jobs elsewhere. A lot of my woodworking friends have gone out of business, and the pace is a lot slower than Los Angeles.

Driving into Portland on Interstate 5 the weekend before Christmas, it seemed odd to be on a freeway with only two other cars coming into Portland. This was at 10:30 at night; I don't remember a time in L.A. when I saw only three cars on a major freeway.

As for Portland's small-town mentality—it was curious how people in Portland knew about my plans before I did, it seems. "Hey, Bob, I heard you were going to move to Seattle," or "I heard you were going to get married and live in San Francisco," or the best one of all, "What's this I hear about you getting a grant to spend six months in Hawaii?" I wish. Right now I could go for that. It's 27 degrees outside.

JACL — Its Importance and Aspirations

by Tom Arima

There is no Nikkei organization like JACL. It has always been in the forefront of Nikkei concerns. Without doubt, the history of Nikkei in the United States would have been vastly different without it.

In the course of its history, JACL has done much. Furthermore, it has stimulated and spawned, either directly or indirectly, various Nikkei organizations of specific and particular interests which have benefited the Nikkei community.

In its endeavors, it has brought attention to important and significant developments regarding civil rights and Nikkei concerns, and has stimulated wider interest and activity in these areas. In addition, it has done much to improve the human condition of the Nikkei.

Assuredly, much more can and should be done. However, it is deeply believed that further achievements cannot be realized without an ever dynamic national organization such as JACL.

With these sentiments firmly in mind, the Contra Costa JACL is planning to activate a 1000 Club group whose primary objectives will be to promote the importance and aspirations of JACL, and to communicate and gain input and support for some of its major concerns.

The major concerns include redress, solidarity and membership. With regard to redress, the focus of the new 1000 Club group can best be exemplified by:

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- L — Legislation

Passage of the redress bills now in the 100th Congress is imperative.

Other concerns are aging and retirement, U.S.-Japan relations and anti-Asian violence. And each of these is becoming more and more of a primary concern.

Arima, a Century Club life member, has been named to head the Contra Costa 1000 Club. Assisting him on the steering committee are Dr. Roy Hamaji, Masa Sato, John Shinagawa and Yoshio Tokiwa, all 1000 Club members.

THE YEAR OF PROLIFIC CREATURES



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Who Do We Think We Are?

by Paul Shinkawa

This is probably the fate of anyone who writes too many letters to the editor: I've been asked to contribute a twice-a-month column to discuss questions about and problems with JACL membership.

In an article I wrote last fall while a National Board member, I suggested that a regularly published Pacific Citizen column be established to provide a forum for discussing membership issues. At the time, I envisioned a column which would solicit questions and ideas from members and publish them in the form of a dialogue between members. The columnist would act as moderator or editor, to see that the discussions remained constructive and on track.

Open Forum

By openly discussing the problems with membership with all of the members present, we might be able to come to a better understanding of why membership is declining and what we should do about it. Note that I have not yet claimed to have any solutions to the membership decline, only that I feel there is a very serious problem and that an open forum is a necessary first step.

Perhaps the first thing which ought to be looked at is why anyone, Nikkei or otherwise, would want to be a member of JACL in the 1980s.

Emphasis of Organization

JACL is open for full membership to all adult American citizens, regardless of ethnic, racial or cultural background. However, it is quite obvious to any member that the overwhelming interests of most of the members involve a great deal of emphasis on Japanese American issues. That is, issues that involve Americans whose ancestry is at least partly traceable to immigrants from Japan.

JACL is promoted today as primarily a civil rights organization, the myriad of cultural, social and

educational programs it offers being mainly a means for fundraising, promoting ties between members, and educating the rest of America as to how Americanized the descendants of Japanese immigrants have become. Yet, there is more to JACL than the national membership brochures suggest.

'Better Americans'

For example, JACL was once very much involved in making better Americans out of Nikkei. Education of Nikkei was once as important as educating everyone else about Nikkei. After all, our motto is still "Better Americans in a Greater America." There are still parts of JACL which believe and practice this. Some chapters still begin every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and close it with the JACL Anthem. The National Board does not.

The topic I would like to explore in the coming weeks is the organizational identity of JACL. What do we think we are? What do we want to be? And what are we going to do about it? If we can arrive at some kind of understanding as to what JACL really is to us, perhaps we will have a chance at explaining those concepts to those who are not members. After all, those people are the ones we want to recruit into the organization.

Send in Suggestions

I would very much like to hear from readers about the following questions: What is JACL to you? What do you want it to be? How do you think we should go about it? Please send your letters to Paul Shinkawa, P.O. Box 14405, Austin, TX 78761. If you do not want an idea attributed to you, please say so in the letter and you will remain anonymous. I hope that I will receive enough of a response that I will be unable to personally answer any letters. Please do not expect a reply.

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Letters to the Editor

In Search Of...

I am a Nisei who relocated to Salt Lake City during the last world war. Fortunately, I was able to continue my education at the University of Utah.

During those very difficult days, I received several letters of valuable information regarding schools elsewhere in the United States, along with encouraging words, from one Trudy King. This person was most likely an employee of the U.S. government and assigned to take care of stranded Nisei students during the war.

It has been more than 40 years, but thoughts have occurred to me to make an effort to get in touch with her, to honor her and express my thanks to her, if at all possible.

If you have any lead to her whereabouts, I would deeply appreciate it.

WALTER W. WADA
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I am trying to contact the following Jerome and Tule Lake former internees and I would appreciate any information from any of their friends or families: Rev. and Mrs. S. Kai, Rev. K. Todorogi and son, Tom Kobayashi, Mr. and Mrs. Akira Shimizu, Mrs. Andy Sugimoto, and Sam Uchida. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

TOKIO YAMANE
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Does anyone know who designed the shoulder patch worn by members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team? I think that George Hanamura, who was from Salinas and was interned in Poston, Camp 11, Block 220, was the designer. I was also interned in Block 220 and I think I remember seeing him drawing the sketch for the patch. Could

anyone confirm this for me?

JACK "HAPPY" YAMAGUCHI
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More Misstatements

The furor over Prime Minister Nakasone's remarks about minorities has calmed down considerably, but new statements have added fuel to the fire.

Soon after his remarks last September, he went on to explain how Japan was a homogeneous society without minorities, a statement which quickly brought cries of outrage from the Ainu and Korean segments of society.

On Christmas Day, Yasu did it again. In a speech in his home district, he said, "Japanese-ish Japanese are respected. People who are like *omajiri* (a mixed rice gruel—i.e., mixed) and whom one is not sure about their nationality are not respected." He further explained that these people are "neither this nor that" (*chuto hanpa*) and that "mixed" meant not only by blood, but in ways of thinking as well. This would include, I believe, AJAs, in that we are a mixture of Japanese and American cultures.

Although racial violence is growing in the U.S., a trend which gets a lot of play in the Japanese media, in reality, racial prejudice is more deep-seated in Japan than it is in the States. Although cases of violence are comparatively rare, one need only be in Japan a short time before seeing how Japanese look upon and treat other Asians, Caucasians, Blacks, and even AJAs.

An insular nation for many centuries, Japan, though materialistically very Western, still remains a rather xenophobic society. Those AJAs who bemoan racial prejudice in the U.S. should be grateful that we still are not as badly off as minorities are in Japan, while keeping up the battle against racism worldwide.

QUINN OKAMOTO
Tokyo

Quell the Anti-Asian Bigotry

The following editorial ran in the Dec. 5 issue of the San Francisco Examiner.

Four-year-old Jay Wakabayashi was playing in a sandbox at the San Francisco Zoo when another child demanded he leave. It was for "white kids only," the fourth-generation Japanese American was told.

To be Asian is to live with hateful graffiti scrawled on Richmond District fences, to hear taunts aimed at elderly Chinese women on Muni buses, or wince at anti-Asian jokes shouted across a Silicon Valley bar. Most slurs are veiled. Some incidents make headlines, such as the killing of a Cambodian refugee by a gang of whites last year in Boston or the violent harassment of Cambodians and Laotians last year in Oakland.

A new surge of racial violence is welling forth against Asians across the country. The federal government reports that the number of attacks on Asians in 1985 increased 62 percent over the year before. Leaders of Bay Area Asian advocacy organizations are rightfully worried. The community at large has remained generally oblivious.

California has a lamentably long history of discrimination against Asians; this sentiment lies deep in elements of the state's culture. The United States fought its last three wars against Asian adversaries. Bigotry has been

fueled by the rivalry of U.S. and Asian national economies, resulting job losses due to the shift of many American factories offshore, and a vast influx of refugees and immigrants. Today, more than 60 percent of all California immigrants come from Asia; in 1961 it was less than 5 percent. San Francisco is about 30 percent Asian American.

Asians are the victims of contradictory stereotyping. Like all immigrants, they come here wanting to adopt the customs of this nation, to work, to educate children, to live well. Instead, Asians sometimes are accused of taking jobs away, and causing crowded schools and housing shortages.

While they tend to be seen as impoverished refugees, some are seen also as spear carriers for rich relatives in Hong Kong. Asians are both admired and feared for their hard work and dedication to education. They now comprise about 25 percent of the student body at the University of California, Berkeley. On the job, they are lauded for their diligence, yet it's no secret that employers in some service industries prefer hiring Asians rather than other minorities, believing they will be more amenable to company discipline.

Competition for Resources

Anti-Asian sentiment is found among other minorities because they are forced to compete for shrinking public welfare subsi-

dies and jobs. Years ago, Asians were criticized as being ghettoized. Now they are accused of block-busting. Some Latinos in the Mission District see themselves being pushed out by Asian real estate investors. Some Blacks believe they are being denied jobs that instead go to recent arrivals from Southeast Asia.

Prejudice once forced Chinese leaders to create a parallel small business economy, which is now perceived as a low-wage cartel in some union and financial quarters. Asians have a responsibility to be sensitive to community-wide concerns in this respect, and the public as a whole should be prepared to reciprocate.

Every individual has a weakness that is subject to stereotype. To appreciate each other, we have to know one another. Today, California high school kids are graduating with less than three weeks study of Pacific nations. University Asian studies and language programs need to be promoted. Bilingual services should be provided when necessary.

The security and civil rights of the entire society are threatened when prejudice is inflicted on one segment of the community. Bigotry is born of fear and fueled by ignorance. Public recognition of the problem must come first, followed by policies aimed at debunking the myths and resolving the issues that are the basis for racial conflict.

Pine Ridge Reservation

EAST WIND

Bill
Marutani



THE SECOND LARGEST Indian reservation in the United States is located in the southwestern section of South Dakota. Known as the Pine Ridge Reservation, it covers some 5,000 square miles and is home to some 20,000 Oglala Lakota people. There is no newspaper, and to serve these people there are but 1,800 telephones. Medical emergencies mean travelling more than 100 miles to a hospital. Unemployment rate is a staggering 72-80 percent. Average income is about \$2,600. Suicide rate is triple the national average. In the past decade, the suicide rate has increased by some 42 percent.

These and other facts and figures were ones to which I was exposed during my first meeting of the National Community Relations Committee of the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee).

IN ONE COMMUNITY where there are some 400 able-bodied adults, just 12 jobs are available. Overall, some 47 percent survive below the poverty level. Alcoholism is so rampant that fetal alcohol syndrome among infants is manifest in one case out of every four. (There's an issue to be addressed by anti-abortion forces who would seek to give a newborn a chance to survive—to prevent coming into this world with a disabling deficit.) Heart disease is the number one killer, particularly exacerbated among these Indian people because survival rate is sharply diminished by distant medical facilities that otherwise might save many victims.

THE ORIENTATION OF medical surgery is subject to scrutiny. Hundreds of tubal ligations are performed at the hospital facility, and have included women under the age of 24. One begins to wonder whether the hospital facilities really do exist to preserve life for the Indian people. At this rate, poverty, alcoholism, heart disease not treated in time, an inordinately high rate of cancer among women, fetal alcohol syndrome and freely imposed tubal ligations may wipe out the Oglala Lakota people in just a few generations, leaving only a precious few for anyone to concern themselves about.

THERE MAY BE a tendency for some of us to simply suggest that the Indian people "take hold" and "pull themselves out" of this vicious plight. But to such espousal, I am reminded of the metamorphosis that overtook an appreciable segment of our own Issei, and also perhaps some Nisei, from our own "reservation" experience during WW2.

If there ever was a fiercely and determinedly independent people, it was our hardy Issei. But after a few years of being wards of the government in the concentration camps known as "relocation centers" in the deserts of the West, I understand that there developed a core of Issei who had become so institutionalized that when the camps were about to be closed, some did not wish to leave. And that was after a few years, compared to several generations among the Indian people.

It's an overwhelming situation that cannot be resolved by rhetoric, including indignant rhetoric. It will require understanding. And action.

A project to improve health care at Pine Ridge is being led by Native American Judy Fairbanks, Health Education Project, P.O. Box 3386, Rapid City, S.D., 57709.

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellows Fund

Membership in the Masaoka Fellows is achieved by individual or corporate contributions to the Mike M. Masaoka Fund, a perpetual fund from which proceeds would annually support the general operations of the JACL, to which Mike has devoted over 40 years.

Contributions to the fund, c/o JACL HQ, are graded as follows: Fellow—\$1,000-\$2,500; Emeritus—\$2,500 minimum; Sustaining—\$200 for 5 yrs; Amicus—Less than \$1,000.

THE 1987 REPORT

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Martha Inouye \$200 (Final).

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Fund Total \$25,300

JACL Income

Report #3: As of Dec. 31, 1986

| Month | Gross | -Rebate | Total |
|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| Jan | 103,373.00 | -898.00 | 102,475.00 |
| Feb | 118,765.00 | -693.75 | 118,071.25 |
| March | 159,814.00 | -626.00 | 159,188.00 |
| April | 87,077.70 | -262.00 | 86,815.70 |
| May | 59,195.00 | -182.00 | 59,013.00 |
| June | 49,435.50 | -178.00 | 49,257.50 |
| July | 45,927.50 | -154.00 | 45,773.50 |
| August | 29,252.50 | -126.00 | 29,126.50 |
| Sept | 38,346.00 | -142.00 | 38,204.00 |
| Oct | 45,503.50 | -166.00 | 45,337.50 |
| Nov | 27,251.00 | -336.00 | 26,915.00 |
| Dec | 30,784.00 | -666.00 | 30,118.00 |
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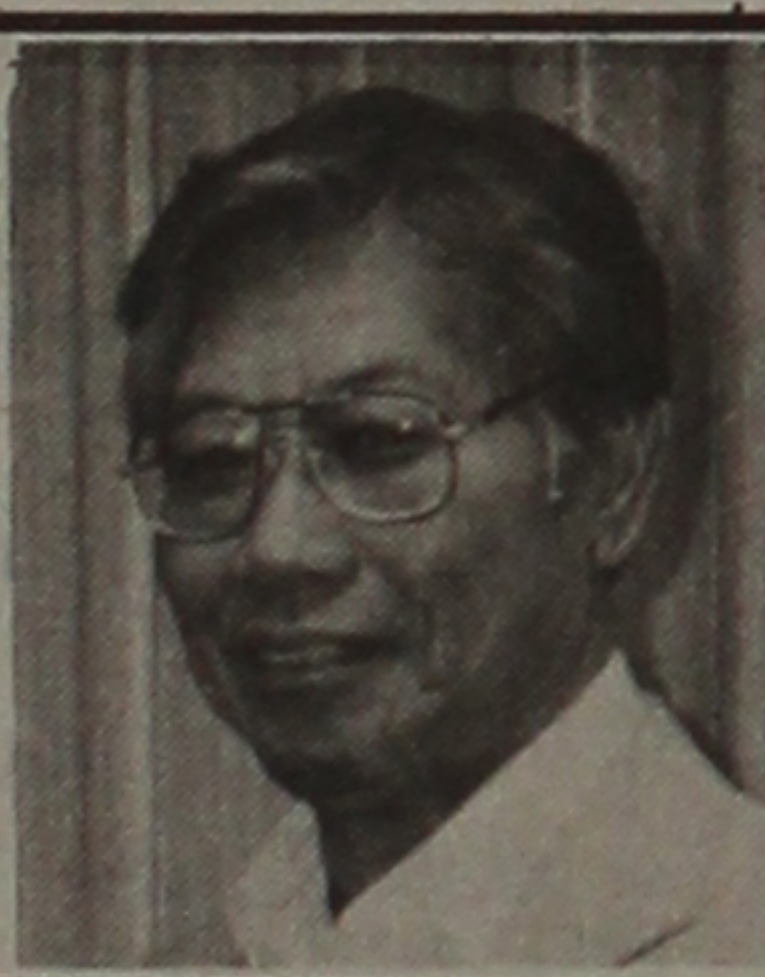
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Thank You!

Reaching Out to a Nationwide Audience

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry
Kajihara



On Jan. 7, I watched familiar faces on the CBS nightly network newscast with anchorman Dan Rather.

The three-minute segment was on a press conference in San Francisco, where a legal brief was submitted arguing for continuation of the late Minoru Yasui's *coram nobis* case. This telecast brought Min's story—which is the Japanese American story—into the living rooms of people across the breadth of the United States.

This newscast was made possible by three factors.

Firstly, because of Min's persevering struggle for and dedication to civil rights, in particular seeking justice for the 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry placed in concentration camps in 1942.

Secondly, the long and dedicated *pro bono* work by the *coram nobis* legal teams, including Peggy Nagae, Kathryn and Lorraine Bannai, Dale Minami, Don Tamaki, Peter Irons, Arthur Barnett, Frank Chuman, Dennis Hayashi, Karen Kai, Russell Matsumoto, Robert Rusky, Don Wilner, and Michael Wong.

Thirdly, and very importantly, the existence of JACL. How much money would have been required to get the information on the Japanese American experience to the nationwide audience that was reached on Jan. 7? And, as individuals, or groups of individuals, could we have commanded the attention of the media? I think not. Herein lies the preciousness of the JACL organization. This is why all of us JACL members must maintain our membership and recruit others to join.

To maintain JACL, membership is needed—yes, your \$30 and \$60 membership dues. As long as visible ethnic minorities exist in our country, civil rights organizations like JACL are important, not only to Japanese Americans, but to all minorities.



VOLUNTEERISM LAUDED — Aki Suzuki (left) accepts KNBC-TV's "Spirit of Southern California" award from Channel 4 weatherman Fritz Coleman. A retired engineer, Suzuki teaches English to Hispanics and Spanish to Blacks at the All Peoples Christian Center in South Central Los Angeles. KNBC aired a segment on Suzuki on Jan. 22.

Taught in Manzanar

Teacher Robbed Repeatedly

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Clive Greenlee, 78, who taught at a wartime internment camp, has been the repeated target of robbers who take advantage of his blindness, the Long Beach Press-Telegram reports.

After being robbed by someone who "did a lot of talking and fooling around before he finally got down to business" at his downtown home Nov. 12, Greenlee was victimized Nov. 23 by the same man, this time accompanied by a partner. Greenlee said there may have been as many as four

robberies since then.

He has called the police after each robbery and changed the locks on his house several times, but he does not want to move. "It just keeps you sick," he said. "But when you meet the inevitable, what can you do?... You can't spend the rest of your life crying about it."

Blinded at age 15 in a gun accident, Greenlee earned degrees at Stanford and UC Berkeley and became a psychologist. He taught Japanese Americans at the Manzanar, Calif., camp during WW2. During the 1950s, he taught at Long Beach City College.

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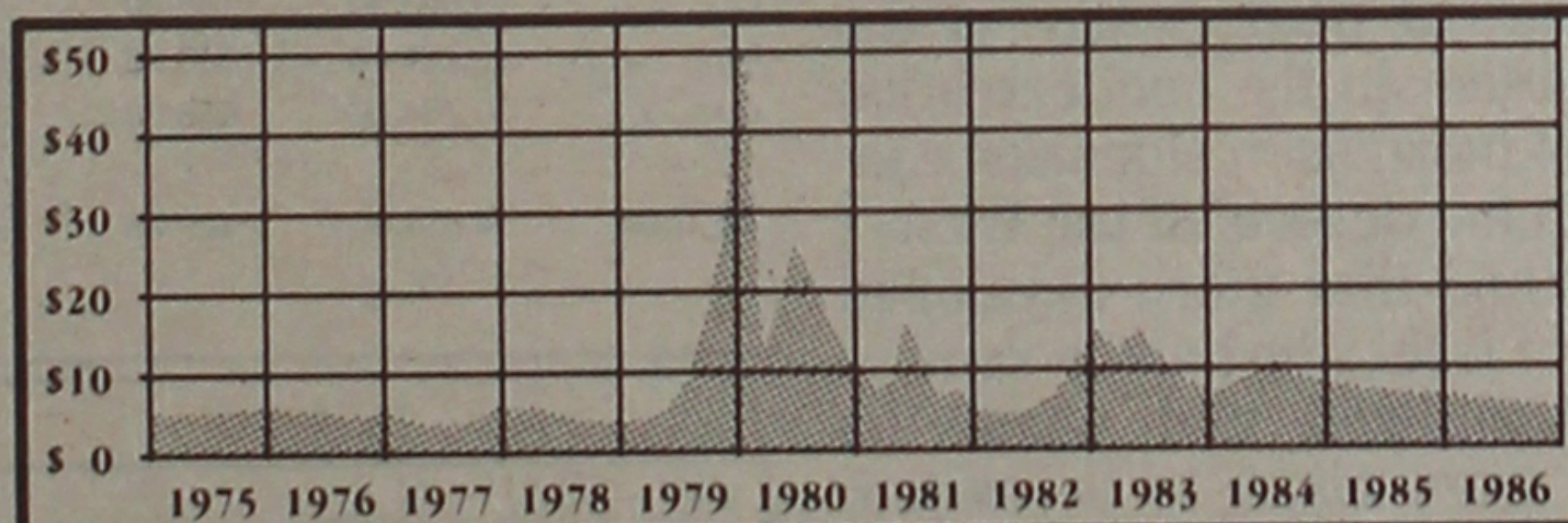


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Jan. 31 — Feb. 21

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LOS ANGELES

Feb. 4 Chinese American historian Him Mark Lai will lecture on "Chinese American History and Using Resources in the Chinese Language" at Castelar Elementary School, 840 Yale St. The free lecture, sponsored by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, honors the publication of Lai's book *A History Reclaimed: An Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Language Materials on the Chinese of America*.

Feb. 6-7 Journalism Opportunities Conference for Minorities will take place at the USC Davidson Conference Center on the university campus. Business recruiters will be interviewing students and professionals interested in newspaper sales, promotions, advertising, marketing and circulation. Conference is being sponsored by the California Chicano News Media Association, the Asian American Journalists Association, the Black Journalists Association of Southern California and the Task Force on Minorities in the Newspaper Business. Further information may be obtained by calling (213) 743-7158.

Feb. 21 Tritia Toyota, KCBS TV news anchor, will be the guest speaker at the installation dinner of the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California at the New Otani Hotel. Tickets are \$25 per person. Info: (213) 326-0608.

SAN FRANCISCO

Jan. 31 Opening of the new office of Friends of Hibakusha, a non-profit peace education organization, will be celebrated with an open house at the new office, 1759 Sutter St. Special guest will be Supervisor Nancy Walker, president of the Board of Supervisors.

SAN JOSE

Feb. 21 Asian American Social Club will host a Sushi Social, Asian Potluck and Game Night at the JACL Building, 565 N. 5th St. Tickets are \$3 per person. Info: (408) 289-1067 or (415) 854-1707.

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Proceeds to Be Donated

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The resource center will serve as a repository for documents, photographs and artifacts which chronicle the contributions of the Nikkei in the Santa Clara Valley.

Nikkei Legacy

Under the direction of Dr. Gary Okihiro of Santa Clara University, the center will collect, preserve and disseminate the legacy of Japanese Americans for generations to come.

"The Spirit of Musashi" pays tribute to that same legacy, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Japanese in America.

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CARSON

• Carson, Gardena and South Bay chapters are getting together for a day of bowling Feb. 15 at Bowl-O-Drome, 21915 S. Western Ave., Torrance. Registration will take place from 1:30 to 1:55 p.m., and games will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Cost for JACL members is \$5.75; non-members, \$ 7.50. Price includes three games, raffle ticket and shoe rental, if needed. Info: Judy Green, (213) 530-2425.

DOWNTOWN L.A.

• Annual installation dinner will take place Feb. 8 at the Okada Restaurant, 517 W. 7th St. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Officers will be introduced and installed by Ken Inouye, PSW district governor. Tickets are \$25 per person. For further information and reservations, contact Mary Nishimoto, (213) 489-6146, or Cindy Ogawa, (213) 739-5273.

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SEATTLE

• Reno Night, the chapter's first fund-raiser for the 1988 JACL National Convention, will take place Feb. 15 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bush Garden, 614 Maynard Ave. South. Info: Jane Kumasaka, (206) 722-5683.

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VENTURA

• Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education candidate Warren Furutani will be guest speaker at the chapter's installation dinner Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn, 450 E. Harbor Blvd. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Info: Janet Kajihara, (805) 983-2612.

District Council Meeting Set for NCWNP JACL

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — This year's first quarterly meeting of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council will take place Feb. 8 at the JACL Hall, Monterey and First streets.

Activities will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and are scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m. Fees are \$12.50 for delegates and \$10 for boosters.

Agenda items include introduction of new chapter presidents and reports by Gov. Mollie Fujiooka, regional director George Kondo and treasurer Nancy Takahashi.

Also on the agenda are reports on the 1988 national convention by Dr. Yosh Nakashima, membership by Ted Inouye, ethnic concerns by Dr. Don Nakahata, district youth by John Yamada and health insurance by Steve Okamoto.

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Asian Carry-Out Reopened; Black Demonstrations End

WASHINGTON — Black-Asian tensions in the Anacostia area appeared to be easing as the Chinese American carry-out owner whose store was closed for more than three months during a series of demonstrations reopened his business on Jan. 10 and a community leader called off the protests the next day.

"I am happy, very happy," said Cheung Hung Chan as he shook hands with longtime customers, took orders for pizza, chicken and Chinese dishes and talked to the press at the Good Hope Carry-out.

The issue began Sept. 27 when Chan was accused by a Black customer, Sarah Carter, of chasing her from the store with a handgun following a dispute over the quality of the food. A witness said that Carter had threatened to "blow the joint up."

The Rev. Willie Wilson, pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, led a series of protests to keep the carry-out closed. Asian-owned stores in predominantly Black areas, he charged, treated customers disrespectfully and took profits out of the Black community.

In November, Chan pleaded guilty in D.C. Superior Court to failure to register a firearm, and on Jan. 6 he was sentenced to 15 months' probation and 100 hours of community service.

On Jan. 11, Wilson announced that the protests would end. "We have successfully demonstrated for over 100 days that disrespect and inferior service can be effectively answered with organized passive resistance," he said in a prepared statement.

"The verdict will be with the people, as I have now fulfilled my responsibility. It will serve no purpose for us to remain on this corner because there are many more pressing concerns awaiting our attention."

But, he maintained, residents

should "totally and absolutely avoid any and all contact with Mr. Chan. He continues to pose a danger and a threat to our community. He should be shunned like leprosy."

The Rev. Man-King Tso, pastor at Chinese Community Church in downtown Washington, was the first customer at the reopening. "Mr. Chan has taken a giant step forward by opening today and by committing himself to make a greater contribution to this community," he said. "This is a new day for establishing and for continuing a good relationship between the Black and Asian communities."

Chan's attorney, Wendell Robinson, said he had met privately with Wilson several times in an effort to reach an agreement. "Mr. Chan allowed Rev. Wilson to use his parking lot to sell Christmas trees and we attended Kwanzaa services at the church. But Rev. Wilson always maintained that Mr. Chan should not reopen, and we always said he cannot be chased from this community."

If a Wilson's group opens a Black-owned carry-out near Chan's store, said Robinson, the community will be served best by the store providing the best quality and value. "We feel that's what the free market system is about," he said.

He expressed interest in working with Wilson toward "making Anacostia a model for making the Black and Asian communities grow together instead of growing apart."

Shirley Tolson, who was returning to work at the carry-out, said she was glad Chan was reopening shortly before the celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday.

"This is keeping the dream alive," she said. "They have always treated me like family here. I am very glad to be back."

—from reports by Washington Post

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Asian Americans are well represented in MIT's undergraduate student body (18 percent in the current freshman class), he explained, but they are underrep-

resented among graduate students in planning.

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