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Nikkei Group Honors Frank for Redress Efforts

By Laurie Mochidome

LOS ANGELES — According to the two California congressmen, passage of the Japanese American redress bill through the U.S. House of Representatives could hardly have taken place without the help of the Jewish congressman from Massachusetts.

Sharing this observation, some 200 joined Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) in honoring Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) at a reception, held Jan. 30, at the Yamato Restaurant.

Frank, who chairs the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, started the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 rolling in the House by moving H.R. 442, out of his committee, as well as the full Judiciary Committee. During the bill's climb to its ultimately successful House vote on Sept. 17, 1987, he continually offered his support, even though, as his colleagues stated, he was not "driven by any constituency" in his fight to redress the surviving internees of the U.S. camps during WW2.

Recalling events which led to the September vote, Mineta stated: "In the start of the 100th Congress when we started with Barney as the chair of the Subcommittee on Administrative Law, he had one intent—that was to get the bill out."

Matsui, crediting Mineta as well as Frank with the redress bill's success, spoke of the indifference and hesitation he and Mineta had faced while trying to pursue the legislation with two other subcommittee



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MANY THANKS—Rep. Barney Frank accepts a handshake and an award of appreciation on behalf of the JACL from National JACL President Harry Kajihara.

chairs.

Describing Frank's leadership in bringing the bill to the House floor, Matsui told his colleague, "You have done more for the Japanese American community than you will probably ever realize. Because as a re-



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THANKING FRANK—Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) was saluted by the Southern California Friends for Redress for his efforts in the passage of H.R. 442 in the House. The reception took place at the Yamato Restaurant in Century City Jan. 30. (l-r) Rep. Norman Mineta, Co-Chair George Ogawa, JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara, JACL National President Harry Kajihara, Rep. Frank, Co-Chair Marleen Kawahara, Rep. Robert Matsui and Master of Ceremonies George Takei. Frank holds the award presented by JACL.

sult of what you have done, my father, my son and I will be able to talk about this issue as freely as we talk about anything else."

Hypocrisy of U.S.

Frank's reasons for supporting the redress legislation boil down to a concern about the U.S. government not practicing what it preaches regarding human rights.

"If the president approaches this the way I think he ought to," said Frank, referring to the legislation still to go to a vote in the Senate, "what he'd understand is that... we've taken a position in the world as a forceful nation which speaks out for human rights. So our ability to do that is impeded to the extent we ourselves don't live up to that."

"A number of nations in the world now and historically have used war and the threat of war as an excuse to abuse people's rights," Frank continued. "As did we in WW2." Stating that "no country is perfect, he nonetheless told the Japanese Americans in his audience, "You have given this country a chance to do a very important thing. It doesn't wipe out the memory but... it gives people of the world an example of how to behave."

Walter-McCarran Act of 1952

Another issue which concerns Frank is a provision of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952. The act had been supported by the JACL because it removed the racial bars to naturalization previously denied Japanese immigrants. However, it was severely criticized for, among other reasons, its immigration quotas, which were later amended. Today, the act still draws fire for its provision which allows the U.S. government to exclude any aliens it feels might "engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public

interest, or endanger the welfare, safety or security of the United States."

Noting that this law has been used against political figures who pose no threat to national security, Frank has already introduced an amendment to deny entry only to those with clearly criminal intentions.

Possible Vote in February

Grayce Uyehara, who introduced the man of the hour, updated listeners on the Senate side of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987. The JACL-LEC executive director said that S. 1009 could possibly go to a vote on the Senate floor the first week of February with all 75 co-sponsorships intact.

Awards and Accolades

Those who appeared at the reception to present Frank with numerous resolutions and recognitions were California State Senator Art Torres, Carson City Councilman Michael Mitoma, Gardena City Councilman Mas Fukai, Torrance City Councilman George Nakano and JACL National President Harry Kajihara.

Also honoring the congressman were representatives from the offices of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo, California Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, Congressman Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), California Assemblyman Richard Floyd and California State Senator Ralph Dills.

The event, which was emceed by Actor George Takei, was sponsored by the Southern California Friends for Redress. Organizations comprising this group include the JACL-LEC, PSWDC JACL, National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, the Japanese American Democrat Club of Los Angeles and the Manzanar Committee.

dent Gary Tadano called for Mechem to apologize for the remark.

Mechem has been criticized in the past for remarks about Blacks and other minorities and for cancelling Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a state holiday. He was recently charged with six felony counts in connection with a \$350,000 campaign loan.

Inouye Rescinds on Overseas Schools

WASHINGTON — Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), who was recently criticized for an \$8 million dollar appropriation for Jewish schools in France, announced Feb. 1 on the Senate floor his decision to rescind the appropriation by asking a colleague in the House to introduce legislation overturning the appropriation.

"I continue to believe that what I have done is appropriate, but to fight the criticism and to prolong the controversy in order that I might win vindication would risk a further loss of public confidence in the Senate," said Inouye.

The \$8 million dollar rider, attached to last December's omnibus spending legislation, was to aid parochial schools for North African Sephardic Jews living in France. Inouye sought the money as a legitimate way of helping refugees, although the U.S. and French governments and the United Nations do not classify the North African Jews as refugees.

Part of the criticism also came from those who believe the appropriation was connected to a \$1,000 dollar campaign contribution in 1985 to Inouye from a representative of Ozar Hatorah, an organization that aids Jews from North Africa. Responding to these charges, Inouye said, "I was disappointed, hurt and angered by the accusation that I had supported the earmarking because of a \$1,000 contribution to my reelection campaign. Never before have I been accused of taking 30 pieces of silver."

Inouye also answered critics who accused him of "sneaking" the appropriation on the stopgap funding bill, saying, "I did not sneak a pet project of a campaign contributor (into the bill). I do not behave that way... I was not aware of any opposition from unnamed State Department refugee officials. Only after the president signed the bill into law did these officials—under a cloak of secrecy—begin to make their spurious charges."

Cop Shoots, Kills Asian Man

NEW YORK — The family of Vuthikrai Thienvanich, who was shot to death by a transit officer, has retained an attorney to investigate the exact circumstances of the killing. Thienvanich (a.k.a. Fung Bun Chung), 41, a fifteen-year resident of the U.S. from Thailand, was shot five times after apparently attacking transit officer Nelson Bracero with a knife shortly before 9 a.m. on Dec. 12, 1987.

According to the family's attorney, Eric Poulos, "We have been forced to hire our own pathologist and private investigator in order to insure that the truth be known." CAAAV Co-Chair Monona Yin added, "As in the deaths of Michael Stewart, Eleanor Bumpurs, and many police

assaults on people of color, none of the officers were ever convicted. Minorities can't trust the criminal justice system to protect their interest."

death, the Medical Examiner's Office had not released a complete pathology report, the Brooklyn District Attorney had not questioned any witnesses and the grand jury had not been convened.

Mini Liu, of the New York-based Coalition Against Anti-Asian Violence (CAAIV) which believes the Transit Authority may be covering up Officer Bracero's role in Thienvanich's death, raised concern because of delays in progress in the case. As of one month after his



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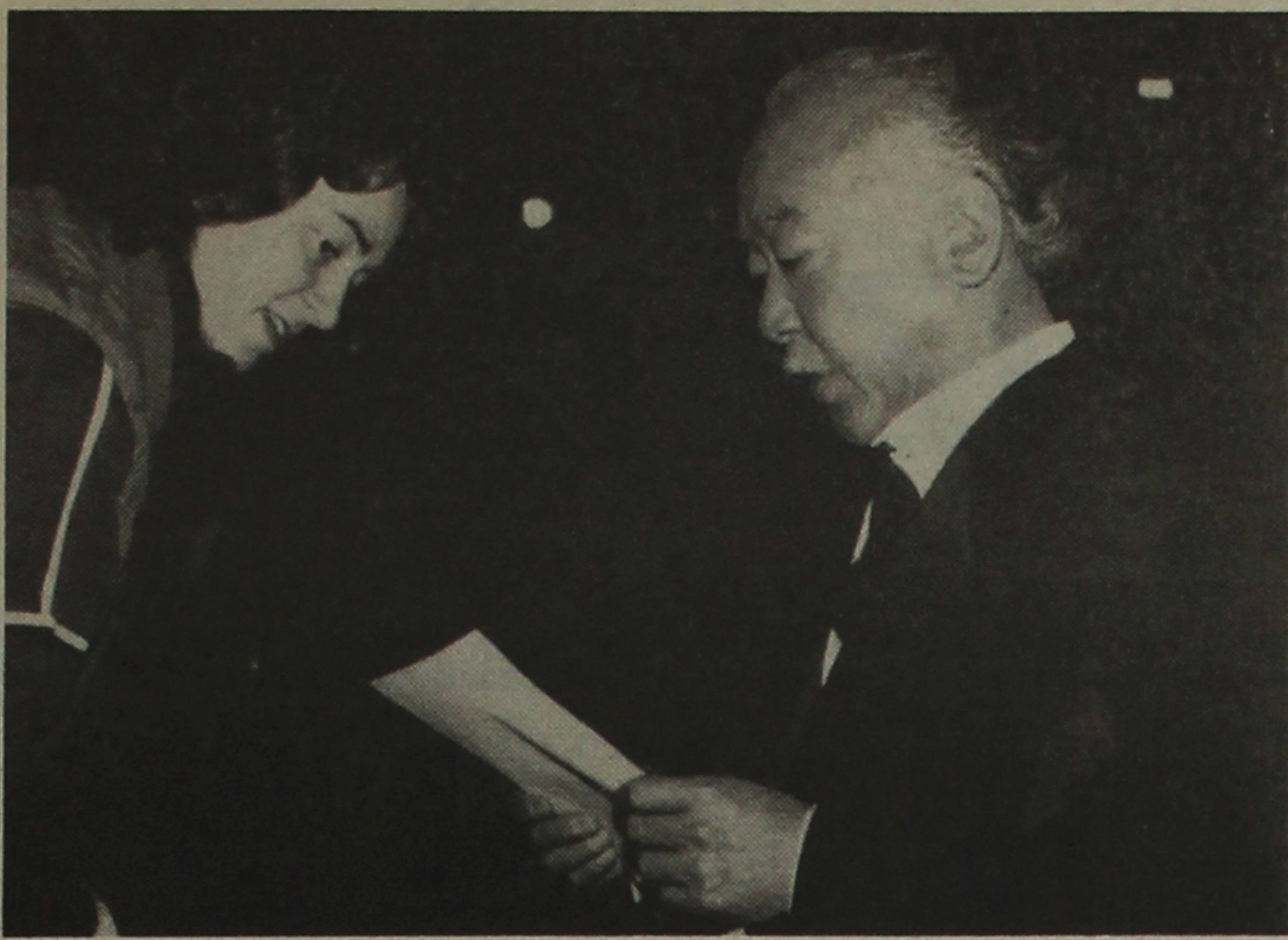
JANM NEWS—The Japanese American National Museum installed 1988 officers at a banquet held Jan. 30 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. (seated, l-r) Chieko Chen, v.p., Long Range Planning; Mikio Tanimura, v.p. Human Resources Development; Bruce T. Kaji, president; Kay Inose, v.p., administration; Young O. Kim, v.p. nominations. (standing, l-r) Dr. Takashi Makinodan, v.p. Program; Rep. Norman Mineta; Rep. Robert Matsui; Awardee James M. Wood, chairman, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Los Angeles; Audrey Noda, staff stand-in for State Sen. Art Torres; H. Cooke Sunoo, project manager, Little Tokyo CRA; Paul Bannai, v.p., Facilities; Fred Y. Hoshiyama, v.p. Financial Development. Not pictured: Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley; Henry Ota, secretary; Y. B. Mamiya, treasurer and new Museum Director Irene Hirano.

'Round Eyes' Remark Draws Fire

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham, known for putting his foot in his mouth, did it again when he said the Japanese got "round eyes" when discussing golf.

The remark was made Jan. 11 at a speech to the Phoenix Kiwanis Club while Mecham talked about a

trip he made to the Far East last year, during which he presented a golf club to a Japanese executive. Mecham was quoted as saying, "Their eyes really light up when you say we've got over 200 golf courses in Arizona. My goodness, golf courses. Suddenly they got round eyes." Arizona JACL Chapter Presi-



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"OHARA"—Pat Morita, star of ABC's "Ohara," checks some last minute details with an assistant director before calling it a day. Morita was on location for the series right outside the P.C. offices on Jan. 29. Morita stars in the new movie *Collision Course* along with Jay Leno.

Matsui to Speak in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) will be the featured speaker at the Day of Remembrance program on Feb. 20, 2 p.m., at the Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street. The program is sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR).

Matsui will give an update on the status of the Civil Liberties Act of 1987. In addition, the program will include a presentation by Tsuyako Kitashima, a former internee and NCRR coordinating committee member, a performance by the San Jose Taiko Group and a candlelighting ceremony to commemorate the internment.

For more information, contact Tsuyako Kitashima at (415) 922-1534.

Bills Backed by Matsunaga Approved

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has announced that his proposal of a five-year, \$27.4 million dollar program to expand and enhance educational opportunity for native Hawaiian children was approved in December by the U.S. Senate as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Improvement Act of 1987.

In remarks delivered on the Senate floor, Matsunaga called the native Hawaiian education programs, included in Title X of the education bill, "the culmination of ten years of study and effort designed to address the unique problems of native Hawaiian children."

Matsunaga said that under the legislation federal funds would finance the use of the Kamehameha Elementary Education Program, a model curriculum for native Hawaiian children, in selected public schools with high Hawaiian enrollment. The money would be used to train teachers, pay for support services and continued research and development of better programs for this purpose.

The Senate bill would also provide funds for family-based early childhood educational programs and special help for Hawaiian children with learning disabilities or other handicaps.

In addition, the program includes two demonstration programs, one to meet the needs of gifted and talented children and another which would provide fellowships to native Hawaiian children who wish

to pursue higher education or advanced degrees.

Matsunaga pointed out that education programs are of particular value to native Hawaiians because their population is relatively youthful, with nearly one-half of all native Hawaiians being under 25 years of age. He also noted that there is a high dropout rate of native Hawaiian high school students.

The member of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, who chaired hearings on the Elementary and Secondary Education Improvement Act in Hawaii last May, additionally told his colleagues that other programs of the act were also having an impact in Hawaii, particularly those providing supplemental instruction in English.

"Hawaii is a state with large populations of new immigrants whose children have either a limited grasp of English or who come from backgrounds of limited educational opportunity," said Matsunaga.

Measure Protects Consumers

Another measure introduced by Matsunaga which recently won approval by a Senate Committee was legislation designed to protect the American consumer by establishing much-needed, stricter control over the distribution of prescription drugs manufactured in the United States.

Matsunaga told the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, which unanimously approved his legislation, that drug diversion is "one of the

most pernicious problems facing the American consumer."

"Although the American system of testing and manufacturing drugs is one of the safest in the world, consumers purchasing prescription drugs can no longer do so in full confidence that such drugs will be safe and effective," Matsunaga said.

According to Matsunaga, who chairs the Finance Committee's Subcommittee on International Trade, loopholes in the pharmaceutical distribution system permit prescription drugs to be diverted out of the normal distribution chain into a gray market where they may be mislabeled, improperly stored and even counterfeited. In some cases, the senator says, drugs were shuttled around the world, relabeled and resold to unsuspecting consumers.

"In some cases such shipments of drugs had been sitting for weeks on a dock in a third world nation, or stored in the diverter's attic without regard to sanitation or necessary refrigeration," said Matsunaga. "In many cases, the products' effective date had expired."

The senator said the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987 "is intended to close some of the loopholes in the existing law which permits such practices." The act would prohibit the reimportation of American drugs sold abroad, except in a bona fide emergency; prohibit the selling or trading of drug samples and the resale of drugs purchased by health care institutions and charities; and require wholesalers to disclose the sources of drugs they purchase.

Matsunaga also said that Congress' intent that small business not be disproportionately affected by audit provisions and civil penalties has been included in the Senate's draft report along with other clarifications.

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Documentary on U.S. Internment Camp

'Topaz' Available on Video

SANTA FE, N.M. — "Topaz," a documentary about the U.S. internment camp which held Japanese Americans and legal resident aliens during WW2, is now available for preview, rental or purchase on videotape. The video, running 58 minutes, comes in both 3/4" tape and VHS formats.

Utilizing carefully chosen historical photographs and film footage, including clandestine footage shot by a prisoner, the documentary features contemporary interviews with

former prisoners. Interviews with Edward J. Enis, a member of the Justice Department during WW2; Mine Okubo, a New York artist and former prisoner; and Yoshiko Uchida, author of *Desert Exile* highlight the educational documentary.

The video can be purchased for \$135, rented for \$55 or previewed upon request. Orders should be directed to: Onwest Media, P.O. Box 5766, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5766. For more information, call (505) 983-8685.

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Physician Honored for 48-Year Career

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Sakaye Shigekawa's 48 years as a general practice physician, including more than 10,000 successful deliveries, were honored Jan. 6 at her 75th birthday party hosted by the board of directors and staff of Queen of Angels Clinic and Family Care Center.

Joining physicians and other mid-Wilshire medical specialists attending the celebration were admiring patients, including two-generation families of mothers delivered by Dr. Shigekawa, who came with their children who were also delivered by the good doctor.

Dr. Shigekawa, or "Dr. Shiggy," as she is affectionately known, re-

ceived her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California and her medical degree from Loyola University's School of Medicine in Chicago. She returned to Los Angeles to begin her medical practice, but was interned at the Santa Anita Assembly Center during the Evacuation. In the few months she remained at the center, Dr. Shigekawa delivered the babies at the camp.

Appealing her transfer to a permanent internment camp, Dr. Shigekawa wanted to volunteer as a military physician. But she could not meet either the height requirement of five feet or the weight re-

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P.C. in Microfilm

Copies of the Pacific Citizen in microfilm are available. While the first reel features scattered prewar monthly issues from Vol. 1, No. 1 (dated Oct. 15, 1929) through March 1942 (the eve of Evacuation), plus the entire run of weekly issues of 1942 from June through December, the remaining years are contained in 25 reels. This 26-reel set is available at \$840.

The 1987 reel is available at a \$32 pre-publication price if ordered before March 31, 1988. Cost after that date will be \$42.

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Matsui Sponsoring Conference

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) announced Jan. 25 that he will be sponsoring a small business conference in cooperation with the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce. The day-long workshop will be designed to help area entrepreneurs expand their business opportunities on local, national and international levels.

The conference will be held on Feb. 19 at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1100 14th Street. Workshops and panel discussions will run from 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. in the Convention Center's Yolo and Solano rooms.

"Finding new customers and expanding existing markets has long been a priority for area small businesses," Matsui said. "This conference will be designed to focus on

the practical aspects of how Sacramento businesses can expand these opportunities on local, national and international levels."

The conference will include panel discussions on cutting through government red tape and obtaining government contracts. Individual counseling sessions will be available with the guest speakers as well as with representatives from federal government purchasing offices.

In addition, the conference will feature a special workshop on how small businesses can increase trade with foreign countries. Business and trade experts from Canada, Japan, Taiwan and other countries will discuss their nation's trade policies. Other featured speakers will include federal and state officials who will discuss the practical mechanics of securing approval to engage in business with foreign markets as well as the advantages of special incentive programs.

"U.S. trade may be on the upswing, but small businesses are still very reluctant to expand their markets abroad," Matsui said. "The opportunities are there for many area manufacturers. All we need to do is get the information out. That's what this conference is all about."

For more information about the conference, contact Matsui's Sacramento office at (916) 551-2846 or his Washington, D.C. office at (202) 225-7163.

NJAHS in Search of a Logo Design

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) is holding a contest in search of a logo design which reflects the broad purpose and goal of its organization. The contest, which awards \$200, is open to all interested individuals, except NJAHS paid staff and members of the administrative committee and the board of directors.

The logo should reflect the ethnic heritage of the organization, as well as its Americanism. In a written statement, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, NJAHS vice president, says: "Americanism can be expressed in many ways. For ethnic minorities, their relationship to the majority may go through several phases. What form it takes depends upon many factors. One is the sense of our own self worth and pride. The other is the time we live in."

"Accommodation is not the ultimate solution to entering mainstream America," Uyeda continued. "Ethnic diversity is an accepted norm in America. Its acceptance, and the working together for a common good are the cornerstone of America's greatness. A sense of need to constantly wave the American flag can also be a sense of insecurity. Japanese Americans should be beyond this phase in know-

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NEW CONSUL GENERAL—Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) and members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors welcomed new Consul General of Japan Hiromoto Seki to Los Angeles on Jan. 6. (l-r) Michael Antonovich, Deane Dana, Hahn, Seki and Pete Schabarum. Seki replaced Taizo Watanabe who is now in Washington.

Jerome Camp Holding Reunion in California

TORRANCE, Calif. — Former internees of the Jerome Relocation Center in Jerome, Arkansas, are invited to participate in the second Jerome Reunion, to be held on Oct. 7-9, at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

For more information, call Buddy Kasai, (213) 342-0765; Frank Omatsu, (213) 687-4527; or Ben Tagami, (213) 323-6510; or write to Tagami at 1050 W. 184th Street, Gardena, CA 90248.

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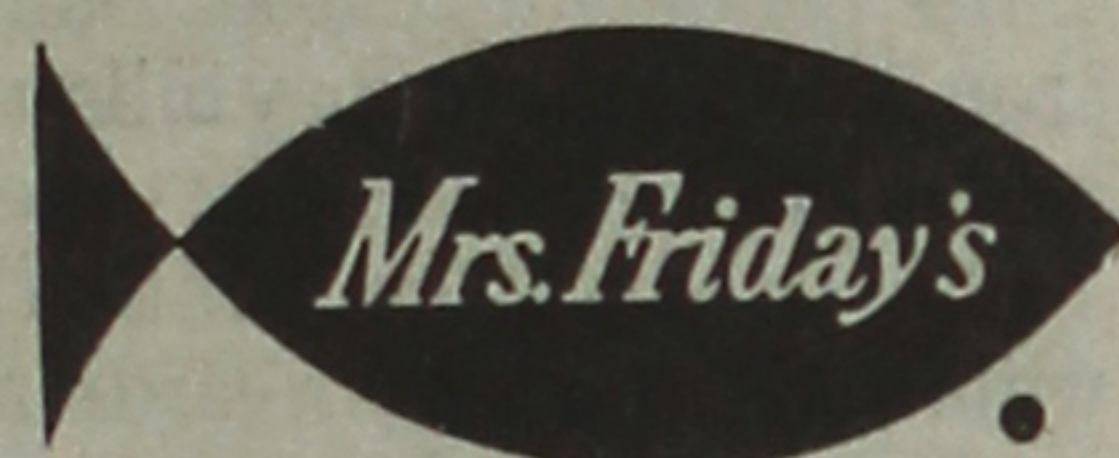
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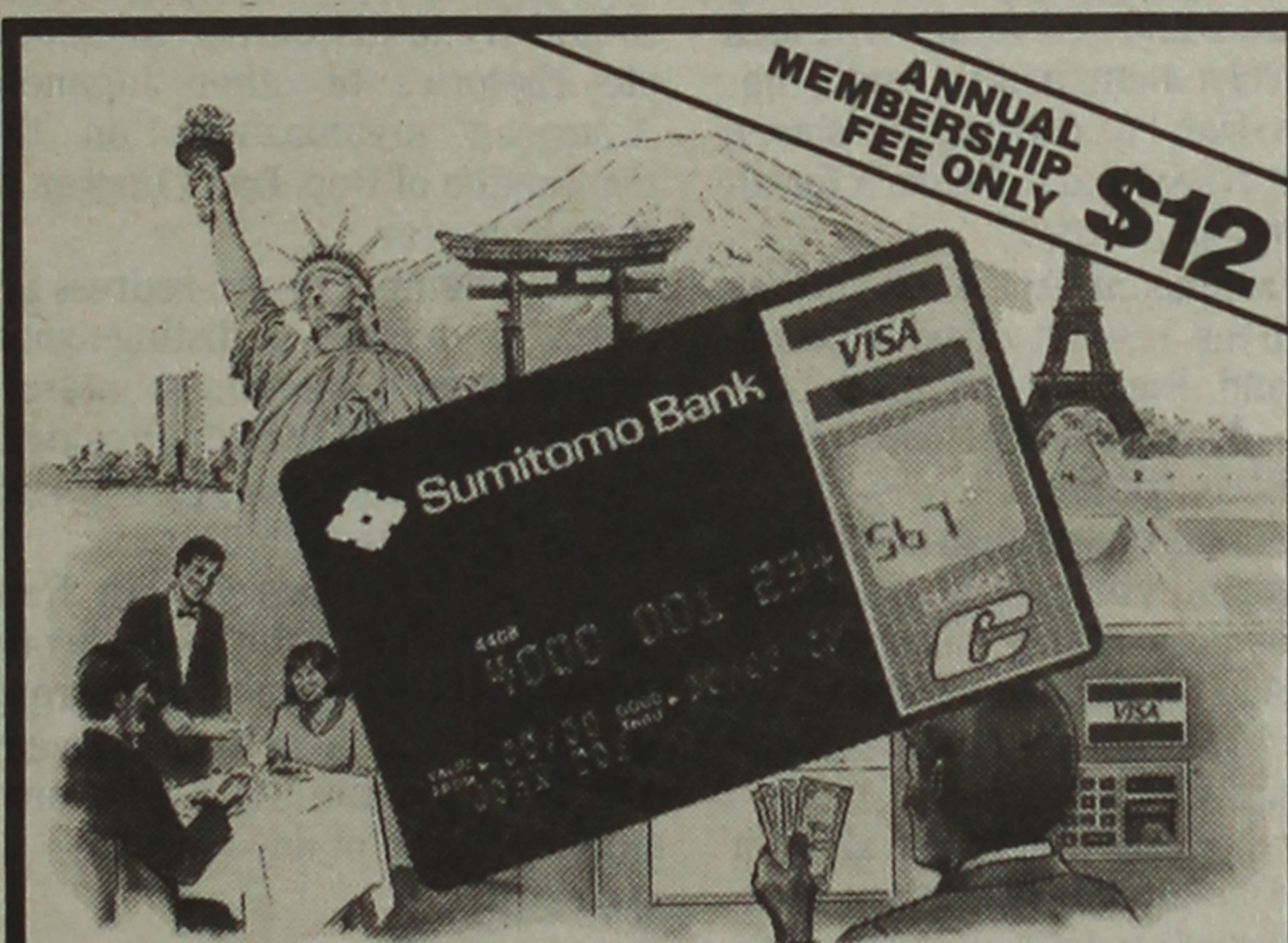


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MESSAGE FROM THE GEN. MGR. / OPERATIONS:

1987: Good News Again

LIVING within our means has been the aim of the Pacific Citizen under the Guideline of being "self-sufficient." That manifesto is not imbedded in the JACL constitution, but it was the most persuasive reason before the National Council in 1952 to relocate the P.C. from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. Otherwise, we would have been adjacent to National Headquarters at San Francisco — a query that has been raised from time-to-time at later national conventions. Furthermore, the prospect of P.C. "making money" so that funds could be used by National Headquarters had also surfaced in the early days of P.C.-in-Los Angeles. This has happened, if we go back a number of years. There were times when P.C.'s surplus in the Headquarters account was not transferred to our checking account. Of course, there were times when Headquarters came to our rescue.

The good news found in the 1987 P.C. financial statement, (subject to revision), just released by our bookkeeper, Mark Saito (his P.C. stint goes back at least decade when he came on as a part-timer operating the Cheshire address-label equipment and is now about to graduate college in accounting), shows another "plus" balance on a cash basis — about \$15,000 as of Dec. 31, 1987, compared with \$1,200 as of Dec. 31, 1986.

Mark has been maintaining the P.C. books in recent years, one of them being a rather complex format used in small newspapers and customized to our schedule: it suggests subscription and advertising rates based upon cost of operation. The subscription rate is figured out after averaging out how much a single copy costs, then multiplying it by the number of issues per year for *Cost per Year*, which was: 1987—\$10.74; 1986—\$11.35.

A year ago as the National JACL Board was about to meet (it's meeting again next weekend—Feb. 13-15), we worried about the cost per year as the 1986 cost per year had exceeded the \$11 JACL subscription rate for 1987-88 ordained at the Chicago convention. Had P.C. followed its course of a 50-week schedule through 1987 in face of rising costs in printing and postage, we might have gone into the hole by \$15,000 and subsequently warned the Board. We had to revert to a previously-tried 45-week schedule to "to stay in business."

The cutback involves publishing every other week four times between 4th of July and Labor Day and the week before the Holiday Issue. But once a month except January, there will be a 12-pager, which makes up for the pages skipped in the midsummer.

It was a tough decision to make with all that interest on the progress of the redress bill through the House last year — but rightfully, no one on the JACL Board could offer to cover whatever the loss the P.C. might incur at the expense of another JACL project.

Here are the numbers at a glance:

	'87 Act'l	'87 Budg	'86 Act'l	'86 Budg
Number of Issues	46	45	50	50
Number of Pages	534	540	624	536
INCOME: PC Generated	207,666	265,000	228,837	265,000
JACL Subscriptions	229,553	222,000	200,590	222,000
Total Income:	437,219	487,000	429,407	487,000
EXPENSES: Reader Costs	255,836		257,032	
Advertising Costs	165,686		170,468	
(Unaccounted)	9		653	
Total Expenses:	421,511	(86.9%)a	428,153	88.3%)a
BALANCE:	15,708		1,254	
Subscription Total:	23,033	(5.32%)b	21,869	
JACL Members	21,032	(4.71%)b	20,085	
Non-Members	2,001	(12.2%)b	1,784	

(a) Percentage of Actual Total to the Budget Total.

(b) Percentage of Subscription Increase over 1986 Total.

CIRCULATION: Mailed	1,078,762		1,110,822	
Office Use / Spoils	16,528		21,521	
Total Pressrun	1,095,290	(2236)c	1,132,343	(2270)c
Circulation Average:	23,452	(\$10.74)d	22,217	(\$11.35)d

(c) Cost per Copy—Reader Costs divided by Pressrun.

(d) Cost per Year—Cost per Copy times Number of Issues in the year.

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN SUMMARIES:

Payroll / HQ	148,458	(35.2%)e	163,229	(38.1%)e
Admin / Office	61,000	(14.5%)e	58,493	(13.7%)e
Comp / Typesetting	14,710	(3.5%)e	14,088	(3.3%)e
Presswork	53,059	(12.6%)e	52,593	(12.3%)e
Labels / EDP	29,126	(6.9%)e	23,691	(5.5%)e
2nd Class Postage	101,628	(24.1%)e	96,000	(22.4%)e
Misc	13,529	(3.2%)e	20,057	(4.7%)e

(e) Percentage of Expense Item to Overall Total.

From the above table, then, we can discern how much it cost to get the P.C. printed and mailed per year in 1987: \$10.74. In 1986, it was \$11.35. Pairing the costs (\$22.09) and splitting it comes to \$11.05 per year for the biennium—just 5 cents over the \$11 JACL rate. That nickel multiplied by the number of P.C.s to JACL households (21,032 + 20,085 = 41,117) amounts to \$2,055.85 which might be interpreted as P.C. helping the organization.

There are other findings by calculating and comparing costs. Payroll / HQ shows less staff in 1987; office, which includes advertising, and composition-typesetting were about the same. Presswork was up slightly, even though the pressrun was slightly under—indicative of the slight rise in cost of switching in July 1986 to a slightly larger tabloid page. At the time the switch was made, we stated that the slightly larger tabloid provided us with the equivalent of about another page of space at the pre-switch level.

This concludes our brief financial report for the year. It will accompany our annual request with local city and county agencies for welfare exemption on property and business taxes. ■

New Chapter Reflects Area's New Ethnic Consciousness

MUSUBI

by
Ron
Wakabayashi



is taken as matter of fact.

The mainland experience is quite different, although the increase of Asian American populations on the West Coast may well have an impact on that in future years. On the mainland, there is the episodic need to explain that you speak English very well because you were born and raised here. There is the need to counter well meaning compliments that "your people make great cars."

Hawaii, too, is changing. The Asian American population there is becoming more diverse, as it is on the mainland. The Islands are demographically moving from a non-majority population state to one with a white majority, due to an influx from the mainland. Changing demographics means changing social relationships. With movement

toward a white majority population, ethnic consciousness in Hawaii is likely to take a new shape, one that is far more open and related to the kind of historic role that the JACL plays on the mainland. In fact, the creation of our newest chapter, on the Big Island of Hawaii, is directly reflective of this kind of change.

Another change that is quite noticeable is generational. Hawaii Nisei are a bit older than those on the mainland. The Sansei are clearly part of the governing structure. Governor Waihee and Lt. Governor Cayetano are representative of this kind of generational change in Hawaii's infrastructure. In the Hawaii legislature, the presence of Sansei legislators is clearly visible. The Majority Leader in the Hawaii House of Representatives, Tom Okamura, convened an informal gathering during which we had the opportunity to discuss the shift in generations that is being felt.

The interests and profiles of Americans of Japanese ancestry on the mainland and in Hawaii seem to be moving closer together in this period of our history. If this trend does bloom, the effect on the JACL ought to be significant.

Letters to the Editor

Lungren Okay

I am supporting Congressman Dan Lungren's nomination as state treasurer and would like to take this opportunity to explain why.

I have known Dan Lungren and his family for many years, and throughout our long acquaintance he has proven himself to be a man of excellent character and integrity.

Over the years, we've worked together on numerous projects for community organizations. We currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach, which assist minority and disadvantaged youths. Through his involvement in this and other groups, Dan has consistently shown his compassion and concern for all segments of society.

In Washington, D.C., where he has earned the respect of both Democrats and Republicans, Dan Lungren works hard to effectively represent his constituents.

Rep. Lungren was instrumental in passing fair immigration reform, and has consistently called for increases in support of assistance programs for California's large refugee community.

Although you won't hear about it much, Dan Lungren was also a leader in the effort to establish a commission on the study of the internment of Japanese Americans. In fact, he co-sponsored the bill which established the commission, and was the only member of Congress who became a member.

After years of working on this issue and analyzing the different ways to provide redress, he came to feel that payments to individuals were not appropriate. However, he supports creating a \$50 million education fund to help future generations guard against such atrocities.

I know from my personal relationship with him that Dan Lungren's opposition to individual reparations payments is not racially motivated. And while I strongly disagree with him on his position, I know that he is very sensitive to the concerns of all Asian Americans, and would make a first-rate treasurer for all Californians.

JOHN E. KASHIWABARA, M.D.
Long Beach, Calif.

Wakabayashi's Lungren Rap Wrong

Does JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi actually believe that his statement: "Lungren represents

someone that slapped the community in the face ... " (P.C., 1-8) is in accord with the JACL motto, "Better Americans in a better America"?

His condemning Rep. Dan Lungren for wanting to "pay bills we can afford, rather than the ones we should be paying" sounds as if living within one's means is a cardinal sin.

I hope that older heads in the JACL, including the columnists, would point out that Sansei leaders should try to live up to the high standards of conduct set by the Issei and Nisei.

Because the JACL is considered to represent our ethnic group, it should try to discourage intemperate rhetorics of other Japanese American organizations on the nomination of Rep. Dan Lungren as state treasurer.

Such attempts by pro-redress activists to defame a distinguished congressman more than counteract the thousands of letters to President Ronald Reagan urging him to sign the redress legislation.

Many of us disagree with Rep. Lungren's stand on the issues in one way or another. However, it is wrong and illegal for a non-partisan organization like the JACL to become a political arm of any party.

MAS ODOI
Torrance, Calif.

NCWNP Against Lungren

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Lungren Confirmation Hearings at the California State Assembly.)

The organization I represent wishes to inform the select committee on the office of the state treasurer that it opposes the confirmation of Dan Lungren to the position of state treasurer.

During our review of the candidate's qualifications, our initial concerns were centered around his opposition to legislation which will provide reparations to Japanese Americans who were thrown into concentration camps during World War II. However, a closer examination reveals that a civil rights organization such as ours has good reason to be concerned.

Specifically, during his tenure in Congress, Mr. Lungren has opposed legislation which has sought to promote the cause of civil rights in this country. Specifically, he:

- Voted against the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1984, stating that other federal laws made it unnecessary.

- Voted to eliminate the Legal Services Corp., which provides legal representation for the poor.

- Voted against the 1980 Fair Housing Act Amendments to strengthen fair housing laws.

- Voted against imposing sanctions on South Africa.

- Voted against legislation which ensured minimum benefits for Social Security beneficiaries.

Mr. Chairman, as we approach the year 2000, California will be the first mainland state in which non-Whites will be the predominant population. This means California will require, among other things, a treasurer who demonstrates sensitivity to a multi-cultural and ethnically diverse society. Mr. Lungren's voting record does not demonstrate that sensitivity and we urge you to reject his confirmation.

MOLLIE FUJIOKA
Governor, NCWNP-DC

JACL Should Address Lungren Issue

I am a new JACL member and have just received my first issue of the *Pacific Citizen*. During this time, I have learned that the National Board of the JACL refused to take a stand on the confirmation of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court when it was a major issue. To me, it is just downright inexcusable for a so-called civil rights organization to not publicly demand the rejection of a man who once described the Civil Rights Act of 1965 as unconstitutional because "it discriminated against those who are prejudiced against Blacks." A man with such twisted logic did not deserve to be seated on the Supreme Court and was justifiably denied. Too bad that the National JACL did not see fit to put its stamp of approval on the Anti-Bork Coalition.

Now we have another issue that is deeply disturbing to a number of Californians and Japanese Americans: the confirmation of Representative Daniel Lungren to the Office of State Treasurer. This is a man who tried to gut the redress bill of any compensation and consistently made references to the "Magic" cables during the House debate on September 17—implying that Japanese Americans may have been disloyal during the war. Such attitudes show an insensitivity towards Japanese Americans to say the least—especially when one takes into con

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Why Inouye?

Each year the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPAA) Media Awards recognizes feature films and episodic television for "efforts to create balanced and realistic images of the Asian/Pacific in the media, and for providing equal employment opportunities for the Asian artist in front of and behind the cameras."

Despite bright spots, Hollywood has done a poor job of portraying Asian Americans and Asians realistically. AAPAA's Media Awards are help counteract the trend.

AAPAA will bestow its 1988 Lifetime Achievement Award upon a man for "his impact as a powerful and positive role model." This year's choice Sen. Daniel K. Inouye.

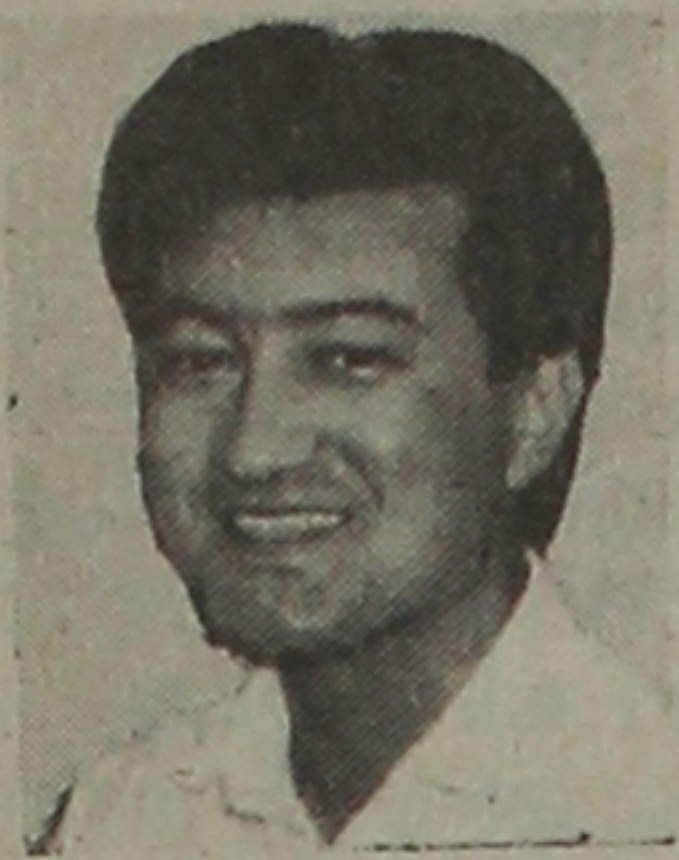
Daniel K. Inouye is a great role-model. His background as a WW2 hero alone verifies this. His leadership in the Senate furthers his standing.

However, AAPAA is stretching things by giving Sen. Inouye this award. It's awards are for TV shows and movies. Inouye is a senator, not an actor. His job puts him in the spotlight, but he is *not* an entertainer; he is *covered* by the media, which is different.

AAPAA is in a bind. Because of Hollywood's poor track-record, there aren't many Asian/Pacific

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George Johnston



Americans to present with Lifetime Achievement Awards.

There are, however, a few people for whom the award might be more appropriate. James Shigeta made a number of movies a few years ago without pandering to negative stereotypes; or, how about Mako, a busy actor who also devotes much of his time to Asian American thespians at the East West Players? Such an award could boost their careers.

Perhaps AAPAA could introduce a posthumous award. Sessue Hayakawa, Anna May Wong, Bruce Lee, Jack Soo and many others didn't get recognition they may have deserved while living. But giving Sen. Daniel Inouye the AAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award is like giving heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson an award for pro-wrestling.

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN BOOKSHELF:

Japanese American Soldiers

■ **Unlikely Liberators, The Men of the 100th and the 442nd.** Masayo Umezawa Duus. University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, HI 96822; \$19.95 hard.

The original script of this book appeared as a series of eight articles in the leading Japanese monthly magazine *Bungei Shunju* in 1982. The translation into English is the work of Professor Peter Duus of Stanford University.

Masayo Duus is an author with acute sensitivity and knowledge of human feelings and behaviors. Her research is extensive. Her descriptions are eloquent.

Born during World War II, she studied in Japan and has researched the Japanese American experience in the U.S. for over two decades. With intimate knowledge of Japanese Americans, she has been able to effectively convey the significance of their experience to the people of Japan.

Hawaiian, Mainland Nikkei

The book begins with the formation of the Japanese American unit in Hawaii who are later joined by volunteers and draftees from the mainland detention camps. The clash between Hawaiians and the mainlanders in training is both amusing and revealing about their differences.

Before the 100th Battalion went overseas, Gen. Eisenhower was asked and he turned down the Japanese American unit for his command. Gen. Mark Clark, however, did not hesitate. Soon, all the commanders wanted the Japanese American soldiers fighting for them.

The basic decision to use Japanese American soldiers in combat was not on the lofty words of President Roosevelt that, "Every loyal American citizen should be given the opportunity to serve this country." The Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall and others saw the idea as an excellent "propaganda" tool for the U.S. against the Axis power.

Expendable Soldiers?

The question that came up in the mind of many Japanese American soldiers in combat is also addressed. Were they being pushed into particularly dangerous situations as an "expendable" unit?

At times, even white officers of the 100/442nd wondered. Major Caspar Clough, 100th Battalion commander at Cassino, refused an order from the regimental commander which he perceived as impossible and suicidal. He was relieved of his command. His successor agreed with his assessment.

A similar question came to the men of the 100th/442nd in the Vosges where they lost more than a third of the men in accomplishing their objective of rescuing the Texas "Lost Battalion" and were then ordered to continue advancing, without a rest, on another mission.

'Price Is Too Costly'

Reverend Masao Yamada, a 442nd chaplain, wrote to his friend Col. Sherwood Dixon on the staff of the War Department in Washington: "The price is too costly ... because the burden is laid on the combat team when the rest of the 141st is not forced to take the same responsibility."

Colonel Dixon replied: "The best troops are called upon to do the hardest fighting ... In a critical situation he (the general) can't take chances with anything less than the best."

Dixon was right. In Italy, Gen. Mark Clark used the Japanese American troops as a spearhead unit in difficult combat missions. And the Japanese American units came through with flying colors.

Extensive Perception

What distinguishes this book from just another chronology of the war is the author's understanding of the motives, the agony, the fears, and the anger behind the Nisei soldiers' actions.

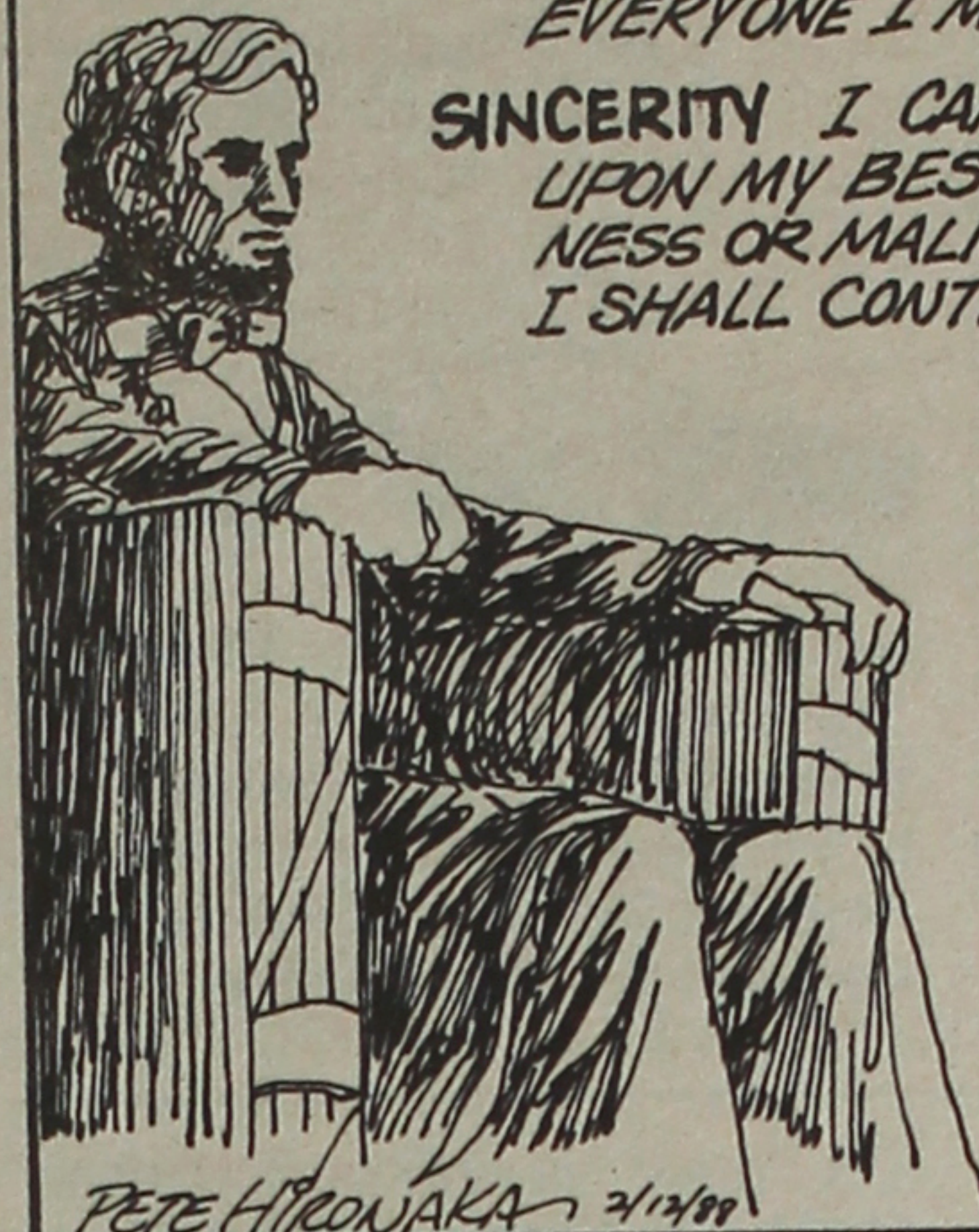
Masayo Duus' deep and extensive perception also reveals about the war itself—a cold calculated chess-like game played by generals, often with their egos at stake. The mechanical response of the foot soldiers, however heroic, if often reduced to their primordial survival behavior. This is war, the author seems to be saying. It is not glorious. It is, however, realistic.

The war veterans will recall their vivid memories of the battles. Non-vets will realize what sacrifices the soldiers are called upon to make. Both will understand the horrors of war, and its debasing of human values.

—Clifford Uyeda

Clifford Uyeda is a retired pediatrician, past National JACL president, and is active with the National Japanese American Historical Society.

TODAY'S WORDS TO LIVE BY:



HONESTY I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO DEAL WITH EVERYONE I MEET CANDIDLY AND HONESTLY.

SINCERITY I CAN ONLY SAY THAT I HAVE ACTED UPON MY BEST CONVICTIONS, WITHOUT SELFISHNESS OR MALICE, AND THAT BY THE HELP OF GOD I SHALL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

ACCOMPLISHMENT HE WHO DOES SOMETHING AT THE HEAD OF ONE REGIMENT WILL ECLIPSE HIM WHO DOES NOTHING AT THE HEAD OF A HUNDRED.

PATRIOTISM LIVING, BRAVE, PATRIOTIC MEN ARE BETTER THAN GOLD.

PEACE WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE; WITH CHARITY FOR ALL...

A Human Perspective

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



with me. It turned out that he simply wasn't as impatient as I was.

TAKE FOR EXAMPLE, participating in the "March on Washington" back in August 1963. Perhaps it is not widely known that Mike was a key promoter and organizer for JACL participation in that now historic event. Yes, pretty tame stuff by today's standards; but a quarter century ago, a group of Nisei participating in a march carrying placards? (By the way, how many and how often do Nikkei do that today, let alone 25 years ago?) In fact, so sensitive was the subject and the planning, that a special meeting was convened away from either coast and held in Omaha, Neb.

Were it not for Mike's firm encouragement, a number of us timid souls would not have marched. But we did, and we're a little proud that we did. One small step...

AS POLISHED A speaker as he is, I learned that it wasn't as easy as he made it appear. During those

lean years when Mike was JACL lobbyist working for the figurative peanuts while performing miracles, he often "went to the Hill" to testify before various committees on behalf of civil rights for the Issei and their progeny. Dick Akagi worked with Mike in those dismal days, and I never forgot Dick telling me about how Mike often came back from one of those sessions "at the Hill." This seemingly self-assured advocate returned to the humble quarters of the "office," and headed right for the bathroom—to vomit.

Was he nervous? Did he have "butterflies" in his stomach?

I RECEIVE NEWS from various sources, including Japanese Canadians in our northern neighbor. They told me how Mike went up there to help them organize some years ago, to encourage them. Few people may know about that in the U.S. But I daresay even fewer know that only a few months ago, upon being invited by the Japanese Canadians to come help, Mike went up there notwithstanding his somewhat precarious health.

THESE ARE BUT just a few insights of a person whom I've come to deeply respect, differences and all. Yes, we continue to have some, but they're small ones. The big ones he's resolved.

Meet the Honorable Seki and Yanai

Two of the Japanese foreign ministry's more important American outposts are the consulates general in San Francisco and Los Angeles. A huge volume of Japanese business pours through these port cities and many Japanese firms have offices there. The number of employees at these consulates general outnumber the staffs at many Japanese embassies in national capitals.

It stands to reason, then, that the men chosen to head these two offices are career diplomats of considerable promise. The consulates general in San Francisco and Los Angeles are a stepping stone to more important assignments for those who perform well during the two-plus year tenure at these posts.

Witness what has happened recently. Late last fall Taizo Watanabe was promoted from consul general in Los Angeles to envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Japanese embassy in Washington. "In plain terms," he explained in a letter to friends, "that means I am now the deputy chief of mission in our embassy."

Early in January, Tatsuo Arima, with a Ph.D. from Harvard, was rotated from the consulate general in San Francisco to Tokyo. His new assignment is director general of the North American Affairs Bureau, a key post in setting Japanese policy toward the United States and Canada. Hiroshi Kitamura, consul general in San Francisco several cy-

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



cles back, also moved up to chief of the North American Affairs Bureau when he left the Bay Area post. Now he is deputy foreign minister, the top career position within the ministry.

During their assignment in San Francisco and Los Angeles the Japanese officials have many opportunities to meet and get to know Japanese Americans. With the exception of Honolulu, this is true to a lesser degree in other American cities where consular offices are located—Anchorage, Seattle, Portland, Houston, Kansas City, New Orleans, Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and New York—because there are fewer Japanese Americans.

Sometimes one may wonder why Japanese consular officials are invited to functions like a JACL banquet, and seated at the head table. The practical reasons should be obvious. It's all part of a getting-to-know-you learning process, whereby Japanese officials are made aware of Nikkei concerns, talent and accomplishments. The result of these contacts becomes in-

creasingly more important to both Americans and Japanese as the officials move up the diplomatic ladder.

Hiromoto Seki, who has served previously in Washington and the consulate general in New York, is the new consul general in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of Tokyo University school of law and entered the foreign service in 1958.

Arima's successor in San Francisco is Shunji Yanai, with previous assignments at the United Nations, Paris, Indonesia and South Korea. He was a 4-year-old in Bogota, Colombia, where his father was chief of the Japanese diplomatic mission, when war broke out in 1941, and was evacuated to the United States prior to being returned to Japan. So, in a very broad sense, he too is an evacuee.

I hope other Japanese Americans are, as I am, looking forward to meeting Yanai and Seki.

For the Record

The article entitled "Seattle Arranging National JACL Golf Tournament" (page 8, 1-22-1988 P.C.) gave the wrong contact address. It should have read, Bob Sato, 1501 E. Lynn, Seattle, WA 98112.

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The article entitled "NOC Holding Day of Remembrance" (page 6, 1-29-88 P.C.) gave the wrong date. It should be Feb. 21, not Feb. 12.

Report of Latest Donors

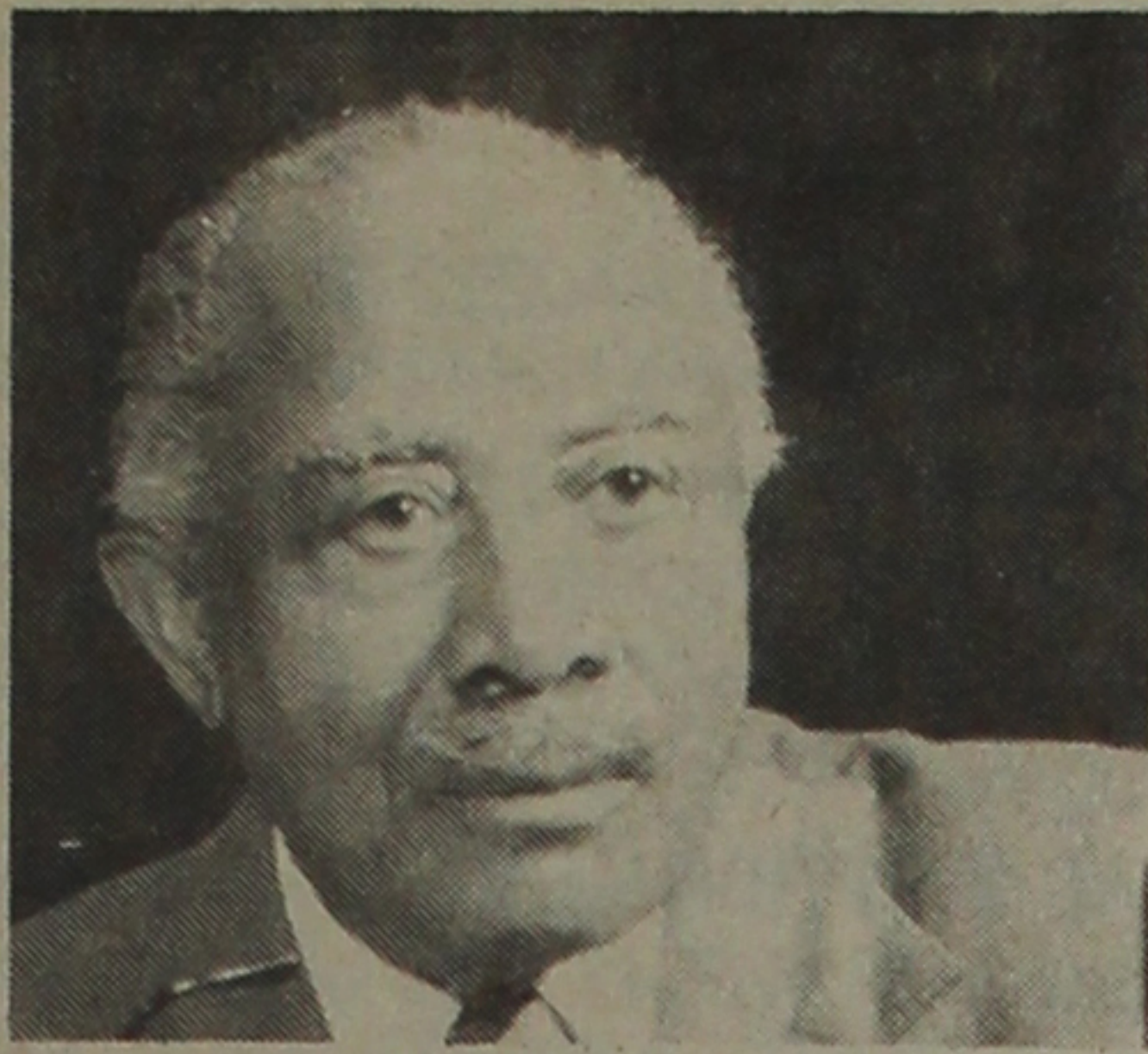
Defeat of Case Ends Fund Drive

PORTLAND, Ore. — The United States Supreme Court on Nov. 30, 1987 denied the petition for a rehearing on the writ of certiorari in the case of Minoru Yasui vs. the United States. All remedial appeals have been exhausted, and the case has reached its final conclusion, ending in a legal defeat for Yasui.

Accordingly, the administrative board of the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund drive committee announced that the drive terminated at the close of the working day on Dec. 31, 1987.

The committee wishes to report that as of Dec. 21, 1987, a total of \$71,500 in contributions were received during the fund drive, which commenced on July 1, 1987, under the sponsorship of National JACL. Expenditures are expected to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for mounting the fund drive itself; in addition, however, legal research fees, duplicating, telephone calls, postage, etc. have amounted to \$17,088. A complete financial report is expected to be made available, probably within two to three months after the termination of the fund drive, since the figures just presented are tentative.

The Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund Drive Committee wishes to express our deepest gratitude to the over 2,000 persons and organizations which contributed to this most

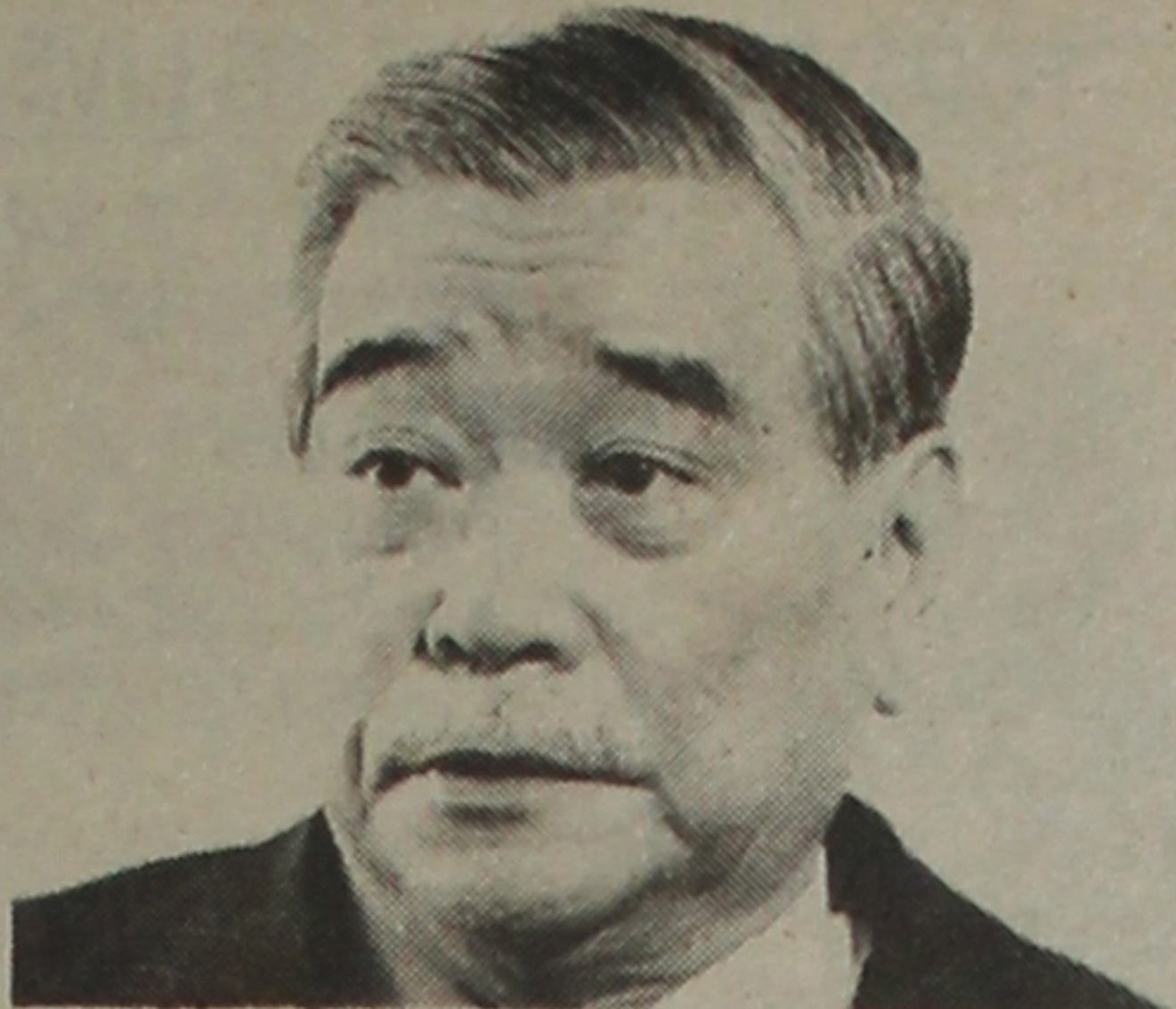


Lindsey

► **Gilbert W. Lindsay**, (Ninth District Little Tokyo's councilman on the Los Angeles City Council celebrated 25 years of service as a city father in January. He will be honored Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel.

worthy cause. In addition, to those scores of persons who allowed the committee to use their names in the fund drive letterhead and literature, our deepest thanks. We wish to thank the Pacific Citizen for graciously printing the names of the donors, and for keeping the readership aware of the progress of this drive. Finally, to the many people who actually did the work, and to those who supplied this committee with their considerate opinions on various topics relating to this drive, our profound admiration and appreciation.

A final listing of the donors who contributed during the fund drive will appear in a subsequent issue of the Pacific Citizen. The following



Hanamura

► **Nihachiro Hanamura**, 79, executive vice chairman and president of the Keidanren in Japan, will receive a "Pacific Pioneer" award May 19 from the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

lists those persons/organizations who donated before July 1, 1987:

Elaine Akagi, George Akiyama, M/M Masaji Akiyama, M/M Nobu Akiyama, Miyoko Aoyagi, Shun Aoyagi, M/M Fred Aoyama, M/M Harry Aiki, M/M Art Arita, M/M Taro Asai, M/M Minor Azuma
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The Jealous Society

By Saburo Kawamoto

Film critic

Maimichi Shimbun

Japan's tightly knit, self-contained society stresses consensus and conformity to group norms. People who stand out from the crowd are regarded with a mixture of suspicion and envy. Today, many Japanese youngsters are returning home after prolonged stays abroad to find that they no longer fit in; their "un-Japanese" attitudes make them strangers in their own land.

That was the theme of "Belonging," a drama aired recently by the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), the public television network. A Japanese teen-ager, Tomoya Yano, returns from Florida, where his father, an employee of a large trading company, is assigned. When Tomoya enters the eighth grade here, he is bullied continually for being "different." Unable to readjust, he eventually returns to the United States.

"Belonging" is a heartrending indictment of this society. Bullying, of course, is not confined to returnees. Children have often been harassed by classmates for minor manifestations of individuality. But when a young Japanese is tormented so badly he prefers to live in another country, things have gone too far.

The story opens with Tomoya's arrival in Tokyo after seven years away. His parents are still in Florida and he lives with his grandparents. Tomoya is preparing for the

entrance examination to a good high school, the key step to a prestigious college.

In the United States, Tomoya learned he had to assert himself and express his opinions clearly in order to make friends. But at his Japanese middle school, these qualities become a liability. Students there are taught to suppress individuality and adhere to group values. Peers are expected to act and think alike; rugged individualism is considered egocentric and antisocial.

Tomoya, unable to shed his hard-earned sense of self and assume a group identity, experiences acute culture shock. His classmates, all dressed in standard middle-school uniforms, are angry when he insists on wearing a blazer. His flawless English pronunciation sets him apart from the others in English class.

Referring to Tomoya as "the weird Japanese," his classmates take their revenge. He is teased mercilessly about his foreign ways. Finally, they gang up and physically assault him.

Tomoya's dilemma points to a larger problem of Japanese society. We brag about our pluralistic values and cosmopolitan society, yet we fail to practice what we preach in our daily lives.

Pressures for conformity are overwhelming and leave little scope for the pursuit of personal goals. Doing your own thing is a breach of social

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NEW YORK — The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) presented its first Asian Pacific Heritage Week Nov. 16-20 at City University of New York Law School at Queens College. Events included a lecture by law school Professor Philip Tajitsu Nash, titled "Asian Pacific American Perspectives," a film festival and a bulletin board display featuring Asian American topics.

One of the highlights of the week was the lecture given by Nash, a member of the board of directors of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund who has taught Asian American studies at Yale.

Nash focused on the experience

of Asian and Pacific Americans in the United States, the history of anti-Asian movements, the exclusion acts, legislated and judicial discrimination and the U.S. concentration camps of WW2. He placed the struggles of various groups in the context of other Third World peoples' struggles, both at home and abroad.

APALSA students catered the event, and helped with the discussions that ensued.

Films shown at the festival were rented from Third World Newsreel with funding from the student association at the law school. Entries coincided with the themes of the

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■ Feb. 20—The 5th Annual Asian American Coalition of Chicago Lunar New Year Banquet, Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont Ballroom, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. 6:30 pm, Cocktails; 7:30 pm, opening ceremonies and dinner. Tickets: \$25 ea. Info: Mrs. Suchitra Surapiboonchai, (w) 312 962-5053, (h) 321 371-8730 or Dr. or Mrs. Panom Phoungcherdchoo, 312 698-3470.

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present—Feb. 14—"Zen Through the Ages: Paintings from the Sanso Collection," including 39 Japanese ink painting created by or for Zen monks from the 14th through 19th centuries. Montgomery Gallery, Pomona College campus, corner of Bonita and College Avenues in Claremont. 1-5 pm daily. Free. Info: 714 621-8146.

■ Present—Feb. 21—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei*, 8 pm Sat.; 7:30 pm Sun. The Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood. Call for reservations. Tickets: \$10. Info: 213 466-1767.

■ Feb. 5 & 6—The 9th Annual Journalism Opportunities Conference for Minorities. For college juniors & seniors, recent graduates and profes-

sionals, Davidson Conference Center, University of Southern California. Info: Lourdes Cordova Martinez or Connie Rivera, 213 743-7158.

■ Feb. 6—Second anniversary memorial service for Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka, 5 pm, Nishi Hongwanji, 5 pm. Special Guest: Lorna Onizuka. Info: 213 295-7541.

■ Feb. 7—First general meeting of 1988, Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles, 5879 Washington Blvd. (at La Cienega). Buffet Brunch: \$4. Info: (day) Patrick, 213 626-67600; (eve.) Dean, 213 662-5496.

■ Feb. 8—"Japan: A Western Perspective," presented at a luncheon by the Foreign Trade Association and the Japan External Trade Organization, Los Angeles Hilton. Speakers: Akira Kojima and Mitsuru Misawa. Reservations: 213 627-0634.

■ Feb. 13—"Back to the '50s" dance, 8 pm-1 am, Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. Tickets: \$10 before Feb. 6, \$15 at the door; send checks to Crystal Palace Enterprises, 4335 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood, CA 90304. Proceeds donated to Asian Rehabilitation Services and the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations. Info: Dick, 213 607-5026.

■ Feb. 19—The 7th Annual Woman Warrior Awards Dinner, the Biltmore Hotel. Sponsored by the Asian/Pacific Women's Network. This year's honorees include Beulah Quo, Marguerite Archie-Hudson, June Kuramoto and Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga. Info: Andrea Ling, 213 748-2022.

NEW YORK

■ Feb. 11—The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Dinner, Silver Palace Restaurant, 50-52 Bowery, New York City. \$50/person; \$100/sponsor; tables, \$500; sponsor tables, \$1,000. RSVP by Feb. 1 for dinner seats. Annual "Justice in Action" Awards to be presented to Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga; Irene Natividad; and Anthony M. Tung. 5:30 pm, cocktails; 6:30 pm, dinner.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ Feb. 7—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 pm, at the home of Mary Matsumoto in Oakland. Info: San Francisco—Elsie Chung, 415 221-0268 or Harry Fujikawa, 415 681-1666. East Bay—Yuri Moriawaki, 415 482-3280 or Yoshiro Tokiwa, 415 223-5463.

■ Feb. 10—The Japan Information Service of the Japanese Consulate General weekly film series presents *Natsuko from Tokyo* and *Secret in the Hive*, 2-3 pm, Kintetsu Building, 1737 Post St., #4-5. Free.

■ Feb. 13—"Shedding Silence," a special event sponsored by the Asian Women's Shelter Project, at the Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park, 8 pm. Host: Janice Mirikitani. Music: Jon Jang and Fred Houn. Tickets: \$25. Info: Valerie Bush, 415 821-4553.

■ Feb. 13—San Francisco Asian Singles Valentine Party/Dance, 7:30 pm, 1840 Sutter St. Appearance by Rich Gosse, author of the book *Looking For Love In All The Right Places*. Dance follows the talk. Cost: \$12.

SEATTLE

■ Present—Feb. 14—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents "The Gambling Den" by Akemi Kikumura, Wed.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; Theatre: Off-Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Tickets: \$10, general; \$7, student-youth/seniors. Info: 206 340-1049.

■ Present—Feb. 14—The Group Theatre Co. presents *Changing Faces*, experiences of Asian American women, by Nikki Nojima Louis, Tues.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; matinees on Sat., Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2 pm; Ethnic Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. NE. Tickets: \$11, Tues.-Thurs. and Sun.; \$13.50, Fri. and Sat.; matinees, \$9. Info: 206 543-4327.

STOCKTON

■ Feb. 14—The San Joaquin Widowed and Divorced Group meeting, 2 pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1239 S. Monroe St., Stockton, CA.

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Calif.).

The event is sponsored by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRP) and the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council. Although admission is free, donations are acceptable. For reservations, write to NCRP at 244 S. San Pedro Street, Suite 411, Los Angeles, CA 90012. RSVP Deadline is Feb. 14.

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Remembering Harold

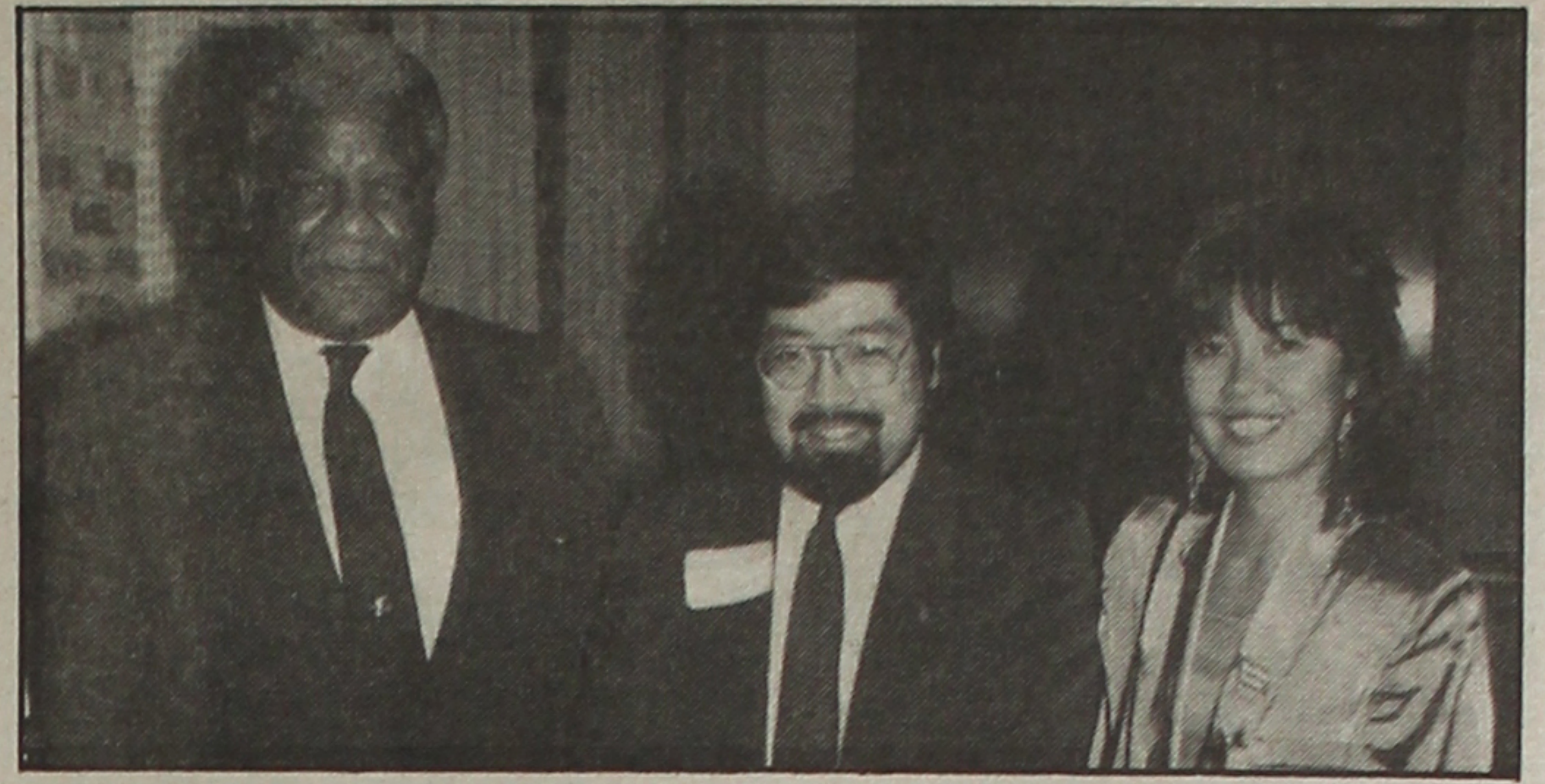
By Paul Igasaki

On Nov. 25, 1987, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington died of a heart attack at his desk in City Hall.

Harold Washington was my boss. He was the first mayor of Chicago to attend a JACL Dinner in our history. When he found out he was the first, he promised to return every year he was invited back. He kept that promise, despite great difficulties in scheduling.

Harold Washington also delivered for Asian Americans in substance. He doubled the rate of hiring of Asians in city employ. He appointed the first Mayor's Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs, and the first Asian American Liaison office. He appointed the first Asians to the Library Board, the Board of Health, and other commissions. He dramatically increased the number and diversity of Asian agencies receiving city grants from social service needs to cultural programming. He hired me as his liaison to the Asian community. He hired Joy Yamasaki (Chicago Chapter Board member) in his Community Relations program. He worked with Art Morimitsu on Veterans Affairs and on the needs of the aged. He did so much for us because he hated prejudice to the extent that he had committed his life to opening doors for those on the outside.

But that is not why I will miss Harold the most. He was one of the most intensely human personalities that I have ever known. He loved people, especially children and the elderly. He remembered a very brief encounter he had with my grandmother months after it occurred at a JACL dinner. But Harold was nobody's pushover. When somebody was doing somebody else wrong, Harold was like an avenging



Chicago Chapter Archives

NOT FORGOTTEN—Late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington stands with then-Chicago JACL President Paul Igasaki and Board Member Joy Yamasaki in a photo taken at the 1984 Chicago Chapter inaugural.

angel.

'A Sense of Pride'

As a minority male, I feel that too often I have been afraid to speak out or be aggressive. As a lawyer, I have had to get over that. But even now, when I prepare to advocate for our community or for some other interest, I am nervous and concerned that there are no flaws in anything I am about to ask. Being with Harold, watching him stand up to those that were willing to grind all the work of the city to a halt to slow the work of the city's first Black mayor, I felt a sense of pride. One should never be afraid to stand up for what we think is right. Harold made me proud. He helped me become stronger in my sense of my own self-esteem. One is not a bad person for fighting for justice, only in running from that fight. If Harold Washington touched me in this way, a middle-class Japanese American raised in the suburbs, I wonder how he touched the poor, Black youth of the inner-city. When everything around you smells of hopelessness, when all you see in the future are unemployed, uneducated, broken adults, how does one avoid thinking

that that is what you deserve?

Harold Washington provided an alternative. The future need not be drug addiction, poverty, and alcohol. It could be pride, courage, and honor. He wouldn't put up with injustice, he would not accept that we were powerless to build a fairer, fiscally-sound city.

'A Complex Man'

Harold was Chicago. I was at a reception he put on for the city's veterans the night before he died. He was joking with everyone there, full of life and his love for people. I have seen the warmth in his eyes and his smile when he met a child, and the respect and affection he felt for senior citizens. But I was also with him when he angrily challenged those that would stand in the way of programs he felt stood for fairness and reform. I'm glad I was on his side. Like our city, our mayor was a complex man, with a tough-as-nails approach to politics; but the most profound tenderness and heart underneath.

We'll miss you, Harold. But we'll carry on. I know you'd want it that way.

Chicago JACL Holds Dinner/Dance

By Jane B. Kaihatsu

CHICAGO — Over 150 people attended the Chicago Chapter Inaugural Dinner/Dance on Nov. 21, 1987, to hear keynote speaker Henry Tanaka, past national president of JACL, and to witness the installation of the chapter's new 1988 Board of Directors.

The dinner was held in the ballroom of the O'Hare Westin Hotel. Program festivities were begun by Toastmaster Jim Fujimoto, who introduced honored guests such as Consul General of Japan Karita and wife, and the Rev. and Mrs. Sunnan Kubose, a Sansei priest at the Bud-

dhist Temple of Chicago.

After chapter greetings by outgoing Chapter President Paul Igasaki, Henry Tanaka presented his address. His topic, "The Future of JACL," was marked by observations made from his many years of activity with the chapter, district and national level (he was National JACL

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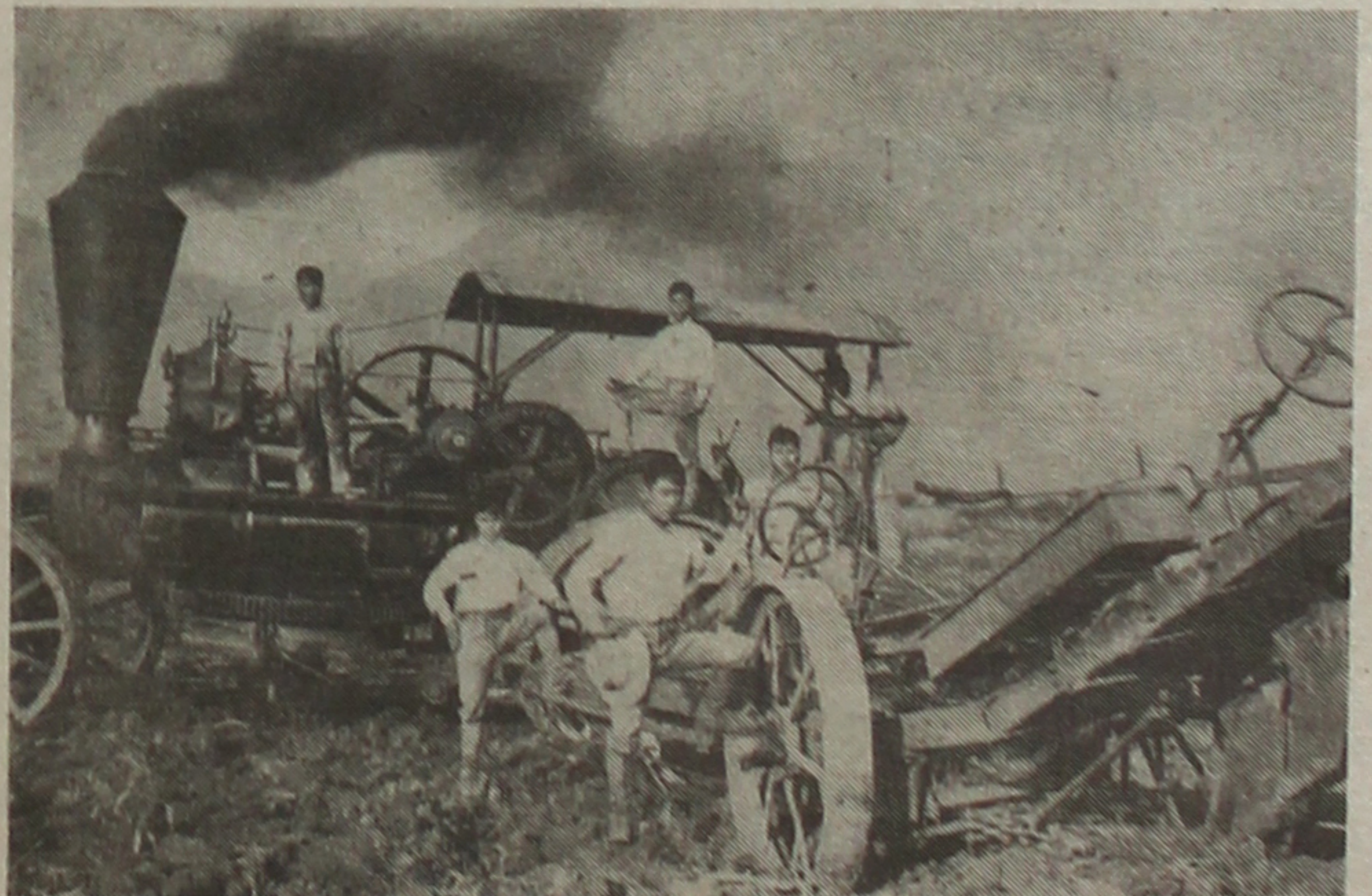
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L.A. CHINATOWN CONSTRUCTION—Construction is beginning for Bamboo Plaza, a \$9.3-million parking and retail center at 988 N. Hill St. in the heart of Chinatown. The facility, a joint venture of the Community Redevelopment Agency and Famco Investments, will provide a 3½ level, 427-space public parking garage built atop a 2-level retail center featuring a variety of shops and restaurants surrounding an open, landscaped courtyard. The \$4.5-million parking facility, funded by the Community Redevelopment Agency, will help ease traffic by providing urgently needed, affordable parking in the heart of Chinatown. Completion is expected in fall of 1988.

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president from 1972-74).

Tanaka outlined several aspects of the organization, ranging from the kind of profile the organization might assume in the future to six current issues which he felt had serious and far-reaching implica-

tions: 1) the Washington, D.C. Office, 2) U.S./Japan Relations, 3) Youth, 4) Cultural Heritage, 5) Proactive vs. Reactive Positioning and 6) Roles of Board vs. Staff.

Tanaka stated that four of the issues were draining and not timely for an organization which needs to "rededicate itself to become truly a human and civil rights organization, consistent with its mission statement: monitor civil rights legislation, advocate the rights of minority groups and participate in activities which help educate the public at large."

Tanaka offered these thoughts:

1) On the Washington, D.C. Office: "The office has a current budget of \$175,000, of which only \$40,000 is supported by JACL funds... If we wish to continue to have a strong pre-

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HERITAGE WEEK

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week, namely celebrating diversity and increasing awareness of the history and politics of Asian Pacific Americans.

"I Told You So" was a collage of imagery, poetry and music about the poet Lawson Inada; "From Spikes to Spindles" documented the fight against employment discrimination in the building trades while outside developers built high-rise condominium complexes in Chinatown in New York; and "Sewing Women" was a biographical exploration of the themes of self-sacrifice, immigration, exploitation, courage, acculturation and survival drawn from an immigrant garment worker's life.

APALSA, comprised of 15 Asian Pacific students, provided information for the bulletin boards and display cases. The topics covered anti-Asian violence, immigration, women's issues, arts & culture, history, stereotypes/model minority, education/affirmative action, and literature.

The group seeks to help diversify the public interest bar by assisting in the recruitment of Asian Pacific Americans to the school and educating its own members and the law school as a whole about Asian Pacific American issues and legal concerns, especially in combating both the perpetuation and the effects of the image of APAS as the "model minority."

The purpose of Heritage Week was both to celebrate and to educate. According to APALSA, recognition of the various Asian Pacific American differences and similarities is a crucial first step in building the alliances necessary to combat both discrimination and prejudice.

Book on Cheyenne Welcomes Submissions

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Japanese Americans with family or business ties to Cheyenne or Wyoming are welcome to submit their stories to Sharon Lass Field, project director of a book entitled *History of Cheyenne*.

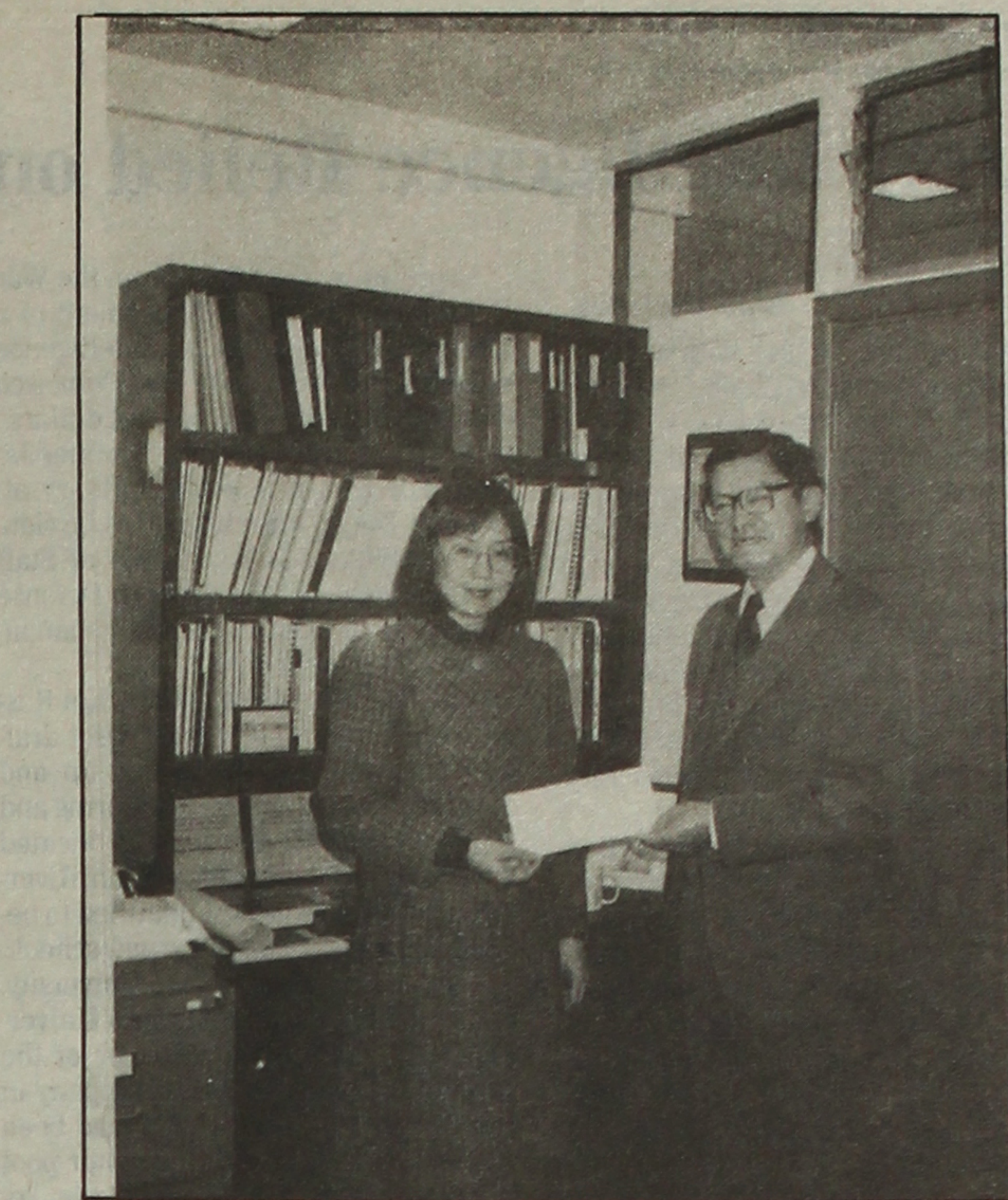
According to Field, the Japanese played an important role in the development of Cheyenne, which has been the hub of railroad, ranching, farming, military and business activities for many years. The publication, which is a project of the Cheyenne Heritage Group, will feature 47 articles on the Japanese experience in the area and will include stories on the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, early "mushroom hunts," and the family and business histories of Japanese Americans.

Those interested in submitting articles or reserving copies of the book at prepublication rates should write to Field at 6511 Merritt Road, Route 3, Cheyenne, WY 82009; or call (307) 632-6676.

Topaz Holding First All-Camp Reunion

SAN FRANCISCO — The first all-Topaz, Utah, War Relocation Authority (WRA) camp reunion will be held Sept. 16-18 at the Burlingame Hyatt Regency Hotel, located near the San Francisco airport. All former residents, employees and administrators of the camp are invited to attend.

Officially called the Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, with a population of 8,000, was one of the ten detention centers established by the War Relocation Authority to house some 110,000 Japanese Americans who were uprooted from their homes on the West Coast during WW2. Topaz was in use from August of 1942 until November of 1945. Named for the Topaz Mountain nearby, this wartime desert town,



\$50,000 GRANT TO JCCCNC—Maira Shek So, executive director of the mayor's office of Community Development presented a \$50,000 check to JCCCNC President of the Board Nobusuke Fukuda. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently approved a recommendation by the mayor's office. The funds will complete plans for the establishment of the multipurpose center, which includes a community hall/gym.

JEALOUS SOCIETY

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etiquette.

Almost everything is done in groups. Even a friendly drink or two after work becomes a quasi-obligatory social ritual that reinforces in-group consciousness. Those who treasure privacy and insist on time to themselves are shunned as introverts.

Although admired, achievers have to keep a low profile. The brightest students are often subjected to the worst forms of psychological and physical harassment. The old adage, "The nail that sticks out gets hammered down," still applies.

Many gifted children are forced to lead a double life, hiding their creative spark under a conformist demeanor. This stunts personal growth and deprives society of original talent.

We secretly envy those who are smarter or better than ourselves. Group pressures, including physical violence, are used to bring them down a peg.

Tomoya's English teacher, whose pronunciation is clearly inferior, hates him. A female classmate who also lived abroad urges Tomoya to hide his ability and emulate others. Pronounce English poorly in class to be less conspicuous, she suggests. Tomoya refuses to compromise on what he sees as a matter of principle.

Shu Kishida, a psychoanalyst at Wako University near Tokyo, calls

Japan "the jealous society." We never know when something we do will draw the ire of others, or when we ourselves may become victims of the green monster and persecute someone else, according to Kishida.

Japanese today lack a common social vision or ideal capable of keeping our jealous impulses in check. The tyranny of the group overwhelms reason, leaving us at the mercy of raw emotion.

Tomoya is tormented relentlessly by his classmates until he finally cries out, "I hate the Japanese. They don't play fair." His anger and frustration are painful to watch.

In distress, he pours out his grievances to an American friend in Florida. In another scene, he professes his love for the Stars and Stripes. I was shocked: It was the ultimate rejection of our society.

In the end, Tomoya goes back to Florida. He has learned to prize self-expression; the United States, not Japan, is his real home.

Perhaps the classmates who bullied Tomoya were trying to say something, too. In a sense, they are also victims of the group mentality. They envy the returnees for having an experience they will never know. Bullying arises from mixed feelings of jealousy and resentment.

"Belonging" portrayed these children as the villains. But they, too, are impressionable adolescents who deserve our sympathy. Japanese society is at fault. Blaming our youngsters is not the answer.

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Reunion Exhibitions

One of the reunion's highlights will be an exhibition of photographs, paintings, other artwork and handicrafts, maps, directories, documents, memorabilia, publications and other artifacts created in Topaz. Former residents or their descendants who are willing to lend or donate these items are asked to contact Hayashi or Daisy Uyeda Satoda, 109 Gladeview Way, San Francisco, CA 94131; (415) 821-0164.

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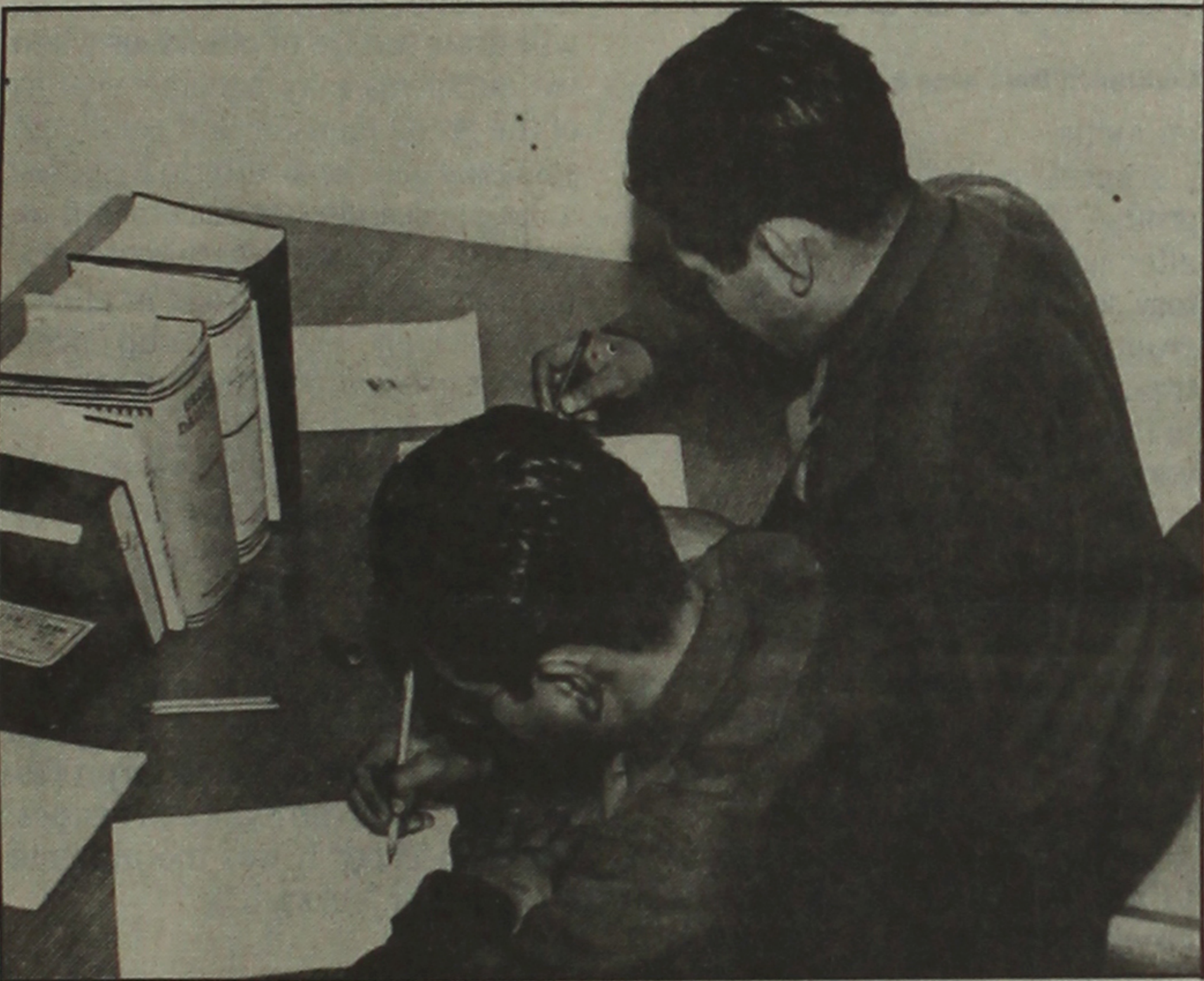
By Shigeya Kihara

Monterey, Calif.

IN the summer of 1941, with a global cataclysm fast approaching, the situation of Japanese Americans, so young and without organization and leadership, was uncertain and precarious. They had no economic base. No political party courted their votes. They were a non-entity in the power structure of America. As objects of prejudice and discrimination, they were less than second class American citizens. They were not even pawns in the ideological conflict between fascism and democracy that was engulfing the world.

The only thing going for them was that a small group of intelligence specialists in the military intelligence division of the General Staff of the War Department, frantically planning for an almost inevitable war between America and Japan knew from direct experience that the Japanese language posed complexities almost beyond Occidental comprehension.

(Ed. Note: By January 1941, military intelligence on foreign nations focused almost exclusively on Japan. "Magic" decoding and translation became a bottleneck for many reasons, but the latter was the worst for lack of experts. To make matters worse, the messages were in Romaji — subject to a variety of unrelated meanings. Diplomatic language also required highly qualified interpretation because of phraseology. (At Dawn We Slept, Prange, p. 86.)



STUDYING HARD—MISLS students "crack the books" during WW2. Mastery of the Japanese language was an arduous but necessary task.

Colonels C. Clyde Dusenbury (of the Japan Desk under Bratton), Wallace Moore, Moses Pettigrew, Rufus Bratton (a 1914 West Point graduate who headed the Army's Far Eastern director of military intelligence in the late 1930s and through the '40s) and Clarence Heubner were convinced that Japanese Americans were loyal to America, but more importantly that they were the only Americans capable of performing Japanese language military intelligence, without which America would have to fight a major war practically deaf, dumb and blind. Something, anything had to be done!

Approval was obtained from the War Department for the establishment of a Japanese language military intelligence school at the Presidio of San Francisco with a budget of two thousand dollars.

Lt. Col. John Weckerling, a former Japanese language assistant military attaché in Tokyo, was assigned to be Gen. John DeWitt's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence of the Western Defense Command and concurrently commandant of the new school.

Scanning the results of Capt. Kai Rasmussen's interviews of 4,000 Nisei draftees in Army training camps up and down the Pacific Coast in the spring and summer of 1941, Weckerling decided that Pvt. John Aiso at Camp Hahn, Riverside, California was best qualified to become Chief Instructor of the new school.

Aiso, graduate of Brown University, Harvard Law School and Chuo University, legal adviser and director of the British American Tobacco Company in Manchuria from 1937 to 1941, had been drafted and assigned to the motor pool at Camp Hahn by a sergeant, who remarked, "Just what we need, another lawyer."

'Your Country Needs You'

Aiso was reluctant to take the job and agreed only when Weckerling told him, "John, your country needs you." There was no way that Aiso could ignore that, but at that moment, he could not have even vaguely sensed the importance of his acceptance, nor could he have im-

agined how the job would mushroom beyond the confines of that miserable empty airplane hangar at Crissy Field, Presidio of San Francisco, the site of the new school. However, it was to be a momentous event in the history of the 280,000 Japanese Americans in Hawaii and the mainland.

In the fall of 1941 and for that matter in WW II, nowhere else in the Army or in the United States Government was there another official Nisei operation with a Nisei in charge with the responsibility of proving that Nisei were loyal and that they were capable of performing vital military tasks in national security.

The entire future of Nisei in the Army and in America had been placed on Aiso's shoulders. If Aiso had failed to meet the Pentagon expectations and had the school folded, it is highly unlikely that another military or government opportunity would have been given to Japanese Americans for the duration. The cause of Japanese Americans in America would have been set back a full generation and possibly more.

It was a make or break situation for Aiso with far reaching implications.

Pentagon's Frugal Budget

It was fortuitous that the Pentagon budget to set up the school was so ridiculously inadequate. Weckerling could not go to the universities or other professional sources for expertise. He was limited to in-house and local sources for the skills and know how to execute his mission.

The resources available to Aiso, beyond youth and determination, were minimal.

Aiso and his instructors and students shared a common racial identity, the same bilingual cultural background and the same psychological and social burdens, pressures and stresses of Japanese Americans in those confusing and difficult days.

Without the intervention of ivory tower theories or pseudo scientific academic philosophies, the solutions to the military, intelligence, academic, political and social problems of the new school were to be worked out within the Japanese American MIS family under the leadership of Aiso's father/oyabun figure.

Unique Mission for MIS

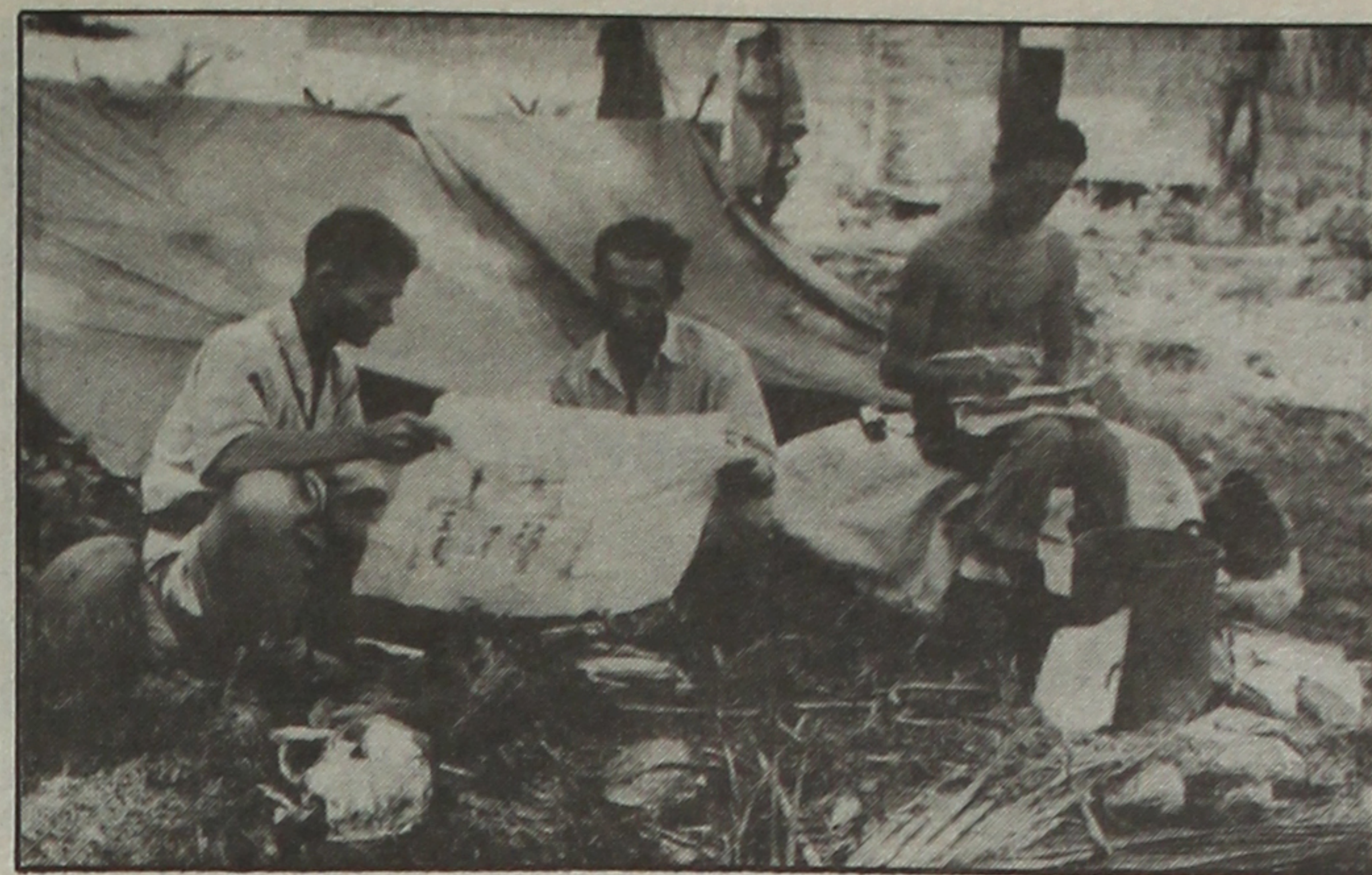
By any definition or criterion, the mission was a formidable challenge. The school was special and unique. No school to teach Japanese military intelligence to United States Army soldiers, Caucasian or Nisei, had ever existed before. It was a first and only experiment, with no precedents, models, guidelines, theories, curriculum, programs, schedules or textbooks.

Neither Aiso nor his first faculty, Aki Oshida or Shig Kihara who reported for duty on Oct. 18, 1941, had any professional teacher training, teaching experience or curriculum development knowledge, especially in such an exotic area as Japanese military intelligence. An enormous amount of preparation had to be done in two weeks time by Nov. 1 when the first class of 60 students was scheduled to report for training.

It took all the intellect, educational background, legal experience, logic, common sense, drive and leadership of Aiso to map out a general approach, set up tasks and make assignments to Oshida and Kihara to organize a course, prepare instructional materials, a schedule of instruction, make teaching assignments, reprint Nagunuma readers and purchase bilingual dictionaries and grammars in San Francisco and Berkeley.

Pvt. Arthur Kaneko, who had been tagged by Rasmussen to be instructor, was there with the group on Oct. 18. But he declined the teaching job, electing to be a student. However, he helped with preparations until training started.

Aiso was to develop an uncanny knack



INSPECTING DOCUMENTS—Captured documents are inspected by MISLS graduates Major John Burden (head of the 25th Language Section), TSgt Takeshi Miyasaki and T3 Fred Odanaka.

for assessing the strengths and capabilities of his instructors and students and assigning them to first time ever jobs as supervisors, course developers and teachers of general and specialized military intelligence subjects.

ON Dec. 7, 1941, only six weeks after training started, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese Imperial Fleet. Suddenly, the school was no longer a contingency operation. It was for real.

Aiso found himself in a different ball park. The chips were down with huge stakes for Japanese Americans with no margin for error of loss of nerve or resolve. The curriculum had to be instantly expanded to include subjects such as prisoner of war interrogation, sosho—the reading and writing of cursive Japanese, order of battle and translation of intercepted messages.

Urgency of the situation and the absolute requirement that graduates be able to perform under battle situations forced Aiso to make the course so intense and difficult that only 43 out of the reporting 60 students were graduated in May 1942.

Early Doubts Dispelled

One group went into action in the Alaska Command and another reported to Hawaii, then to New Caledonia and went into action on Guadalcanal in August 1942. The doubt of field commanders regarding the loyalty of Nisei and intelligence capabilities were quickly dispelled and the Pentagon was flooded with requests for more MIS operators.

This early validation of the confidence of the military intelligence division in the loyalty of Nisei and their foresight and planning to establish a Japanese military intelligence school led to a major decision that was to have an enormous impact on all Japanese Americans and their future in America.

Colonel Moses Pettigrew formally proposed the formation of a Nisei combat unit with the indorsement of the Commanding General of Hawaiian Department (Gen. Delos C. Emmons).

Confidential Memos

Ed. Note: On Feb. 1, 1942, the War Department proposes that all soldiers of Japanese ancestry be released from active duty, discharged, or transferred ... Japanese Americans in the Territorial Guard were abruptly discharged without notice or explanation in late January.

On Apr. 6, 1942, Gen. Emmons sends a confidential memo to the War Department. In par. 1, Gen. Emmons tells the War Department that there are approximately

2,000 soldiers of Japanese extraction now in service in Hawaii. In par. 2, he informs the War Department that there are a number of young male citizens of Japanese parentage who desire to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States in a concrete manner. In par. 3, he requests for authority to organize units composed of Japanese Americans with the understanding that they be sent to an African or European theater for combat duties. In par. 5, Gen. Emmons tells the War Department that he believes that such a unit would give a good account of itself.

In May 2, 1942, the War Department answers Gen. Emmons' memo: "Authority requested in par. 3 basic communication to organize units composed of soldiers of Japanese extraction for duty in African or European theaters is NOT favorably considered." The War Department ends this memo with: "In the event it is impracticable to absorb all enlisted men and selectees of Japanese extraction in service units of the Hawaiian Department, this fact should be reported to the War Department with a view to their transfer to the mainland for duty in Zone of Interior installations."

(Bridge of Love, Tsukano, p. 11.)

Birth of the 100th Infantry

Despite, the U.S. government's announcement that Japanese Americans were 4-C—enemy aliens in March, 1942, Japanese Americans in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regt., Hawaiian National Guard, were recalled and regrouped at Schofield Barracks in May, their weapons taken away and separated from their non-Japanese buddies (to form) an all-Nisei provisional battalion in record time ... The Nisei soldiers were abruptly told they were being sent overseas to an unknown destination. They were told NOT to tell anyone they were going overseas; no passes were issued ... As the battalion moved out by troop train from Schofield Barracks to Honolulu harbor, some of their relatives and friends lining the railroad tracks waved goodbye to them ... After a week's journey zigzagging toward the Golden Gate, the men disembarked at Oakland and learned they were the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). Five days later, the battalion of 1,432 men arrived at Camp McCoy, Wis., in the middle of white America. (Ibid, p. 83-84)

Overcoming some opposition within the War Department, Pettigrew persisted and pursued his plans and finally obtained the approval of Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, which was followed by President Roosevelt's letter of Feb. 1, 1943, authorizing the formation of the 422nd Regimental Combat Team with the 100th as its first battalion.

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Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland; Japanese Assoc. of Colorado; Japanese Association of Colorado; Junior League of Denver; Kim's World Travel, Denver, CO; National Coalition for Redress and Reparations; Oregon Nisei Veterans, Inc.; Picucci Electric, Inc., Denver, CO; Rocky Mountain, Jho; Rocky Mt. MIS Vets Club; Tri-State Buddhist Temple, Denver, CO; University of Wisconsin-Extension Information Systems, Madison; University of Wisconsin-Extension Telecommunications Lab, Madison; Washington Coalition on Redress, Seattle, WA

Community Organizations, Friends

Meet in Memorial Tribute to Judge Aiso

LOS ANGELES—Six distinguished eulogies, candlelight tributes from 25 organizations, invocation, benediction and taps comprised the community's memorial for the late John F. Aiso, 78. Some 500 mourners gathered at the Japan America Theater for the tribute held Jan. 27.

The tone was set by George Aratani, master of ceremonies, a WW2 instructor at the MIS Language School where Aiso was its academic director.

Delivering the eulogies were Togo Tanaka, board member, Federal Reserve Bank; Maj. George Kanegai, U.S. Army, retired; Edward McAniff, senior partner, O'Melveny & Myers; Keizo Yoshida, president, Sumitomo Bank of Calif.; Consul General of Japan Hiromoto Seki; James D. Hodgson, former U.S.

ambassador to Japan.

Sokan Kenko Yamashita, president of the L.A. Buddhist Federation, and the Rev. Mitsuo Akiyoshi, rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, rendered the invocation and benediction, respectively.

Candlelight Ceremony

Colors were posted by a detail from the 100th/442nd Assn. Jim Matsumura, MIS Assn. president, led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The St. Mary's Choir led by Francis Atkinson sang and provided the musical background for the candlelight ceremony. Lighting the candles were representatives from:

Calif. Asian Judges Assn., Japanese American Bar Assn., Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Sumitomo Bank of California, Japanese

Chamber of Commerce, JACCC, Japan America Society, Nanka Shizuoka Kenjinkai, MIS Assn., L.A. Buddhist Federation, Kenjinkai Kyogikai, O'Melveny & Myers, Hollywood Japanese Community Center, PSWDC JACL, J.A. National Museum, National J.A. Historical Society, American Legion Perry Post 525, VFW L.A. Nisei Memorial Post 9938, 100th/442nd Assn., Office of Gov. Deukmejian, and So. Calif. Japanese Gardeners Federation.

Two scouts from Troop 379 blew Taps to climax the community's tribute for retired Justice John F. Aiso whose funeral was private.

Paul Aiso expressed words of appreciation for the family.

Justice Morio Fukuto and Frank Omatsu of Sumitomo Bank of California, both of St. Mary's where Aiso also worshipped, spearheaded efforts to hold a special service for the deceased community leader who had contributed unselfishly in so many different ways. The memorial committee was chaired by Robert Hayamizu, president of Kubota Nikkei Mortuary.

'88 Chapter Board Elections

ARIZONA

Gary Tadano, pres; Dick Matsuiishi, vp; Toby Kubota, sec; Gary Backer, treas.

CHICAGO

Patricia Adachi, pres; Take Yamamoto, vp prog; David Igasaki, vp human rights; Jim Fujimoto, sec; Janice Honda, treas; Ron Yoshino, vp finance; Don Sakamoto, JAYS.

Board Members—Christina Adachi, Cynthia Kawakami, Kyoko Nakayama, Smoky Sakurada, Dean Sakurai, Joy Yamasaki, Mike Yasutake, Pat Yuzawa-Rubin & Donna Ogura, Jane Kaihatsu, newsletter eds.

CONTRA COSTA

Natsuko Irel, pres; Roy Hamaji, 1st vp (prog); Yoshiro Tokiwa, 2nd vp (memb); Lily Miyamoto, rec sec; Libia Yamamoto, corres sec; James Oshima, treas; Esther Takeuchi, newsletter ed.

CORTEZ

Dennis Yotsuya, pres; Rodger Masuda, 1st vp; Alan Osugi, 2nd vp; Ann Osugi, rec sec; Miki Baba, corr sec; Mae Kajoka, treas; Rodger Masuda, memb chair; Grace Yotsuya, Micky Yoshida, prog & activities chair; Naomi Yamamoto, scholarship chair; Jim Yamaguchi, ins comm; Dennis Yotsuya, alt del; Linda Masuda, hist.

DOWNTOWN LA.

Kitty Sankey, pres; Ellen Koga, vp (prog); Gary Itano, vp (memb); Miki Nagao, sec; Marilyn Nakata, treas.

Board Members—Frank Hirata, Dave Ikegami, Lillian Inatomi, Aki Maehara, Ken Okajima, Lorraine Saito, George Sankey, Mitsuko Sankey, Grace Shiba, Terry Terauchi, Jimmy Tokeshi.

EAST LOS ANGELES

Robert T. Ohi, pres. Cabinet Members—Dean Aihara, Angela Kato, Elsie Kikuchi, Mabel Yoshizaki, Byron Baba, Mas Dobashi, George Yamate.

Board Members—Mattie Furuta, Miki Himeno, George Ige, Sid Inouye, Marie Ito, June Kurisu, Douglas Masuda, Michael Mitoma, Michi Ohi, Sue Sakamoto, Min Yoshizaki, Norman Arikawa, Gail Tsui.

FLORIN

Richard Uno, pres; Andy Noguchi, 1st vp; Titis Toyama, 2nd vp; Carol Hisatomi, 3rd vp; Curtis Namba, pres elect; Percy Fukushima, treas; Tommy Kushi, memb; Mary Tsukamoto, redress; Bill Kashiwagi, publicity; George Furukawa, ins comm; Pat Takayama, newsletter editor; George Miyao, hospitality; Kern Kono, LEC treas; Hannah Yoshinaga, corr sec; James Abe, ways & means; Kenneth H. Ozawa, 1000 Club; Irene Uno, sec; Twila Torrita, scholarship.

FORT LUPTON

Alfred Watada, pres; Katy S. Koshio, 1st vp; Daisy Kiyota, rec sec; Shigeko Yamaguchi, corr sec; Don Tomoi, treas; Katy Koshio, memb.

FRENCH CAMP

Fumiko Asano, pres; Lydia Ota, 1st vp; George Watanabe, 2nd vp; Elsie Kagehiro, 3rd vp; Katy Komure, rec sec; Tom Natsuhara, treas; Florence Shirozumi, corr sec; Dr. Calvin Ota, publicity; Nancy Natsuhara, historian; Mats Murata, official del; Alan Nishi, alt del.

Chairpersons—Tom Natsuhara, buildings/ground; Hiroshi Shinnoto, 1000 Club; Carl Yamasaki, scholarship; Bob Tominaga, health ins; Hideo Morinaka, redress; Jack Komure, newsletter; Fumiko Asano, memb.

GREATER LOS ANGELES SINGLES

Meriko Mori, pres; Kei Ishigami, vp (prog); Nikky Sakamoto, vp (memb); Miyo Yasukochi, vp (legislative); Annabelle Lee, treas; Sumi Tsuno, rec sec; Bea

Fujimoto, corr sec; Marion Imamura, publicity-historian; Lucy Yoshihara, ins comm/scholarship chair.

Board Members—Jerry Hinaga, Kaz Inouye, Emy Sakamoto, Yo Minami, Yo Furuta, Sam Hayakawa, Lilly Ikegami, Dan Kawamonta, Fred Mishima.

LAS VEGAS

Kazuo Matsuura, pres; Joe Fujimoto, vp; Tom Tanaka, treas; Nancy Daniels, rec sec; Irene Tanaka, corres sec.

Board of Directors—Rhea Fujimoto, Fred Fukumoto, George Goto, Mitzu Tanaka, Yoshie Finch, Don Frazer, Shizuo Kunihiro, Makiyo Mayeda.

MARIN COUNTY

Dennis Sato, pres; Steve Gotanda, 1st vp; Pat Orr, 2nd vp; Toyoko Doi, rec sec; Masao Fujii, corres sec; David Nakagawa, treas; Alice Nakahata, David Nakagawa, official dels; Steve Gotanda, newsletter ed.

Board Members At Large—Kenji Tomita, Bob Nii, Gene Oishi, Bob Koshiyama.

MARINA

Dennis Wakita, pres; Shirley Chami, June Saruwatari, vp programs; Sharon Kumagai, Neal Natsumeda, community serv; JoAnn Nakaya, Alan Yoshimi, publicity; Rich Asazawa, Tak Fujii, Iris Nishina, Sherry Tanaka, social; Karen Maeda, memb/ins; Terry Takeda, treas; JoAnn Nakaya, Geri Shiraki, sec.

Board Members At Large—Bill Kaneko, Larry Takahashi.

MONTEREY PENINSULA

Jack Harris, pres; Otis Kadani, 1st vp; Frank Tanaka, 2nd vp; George Tanaka, clerk of the board; Rick West, legal counsel.

Board of Directors—Gordon Miyamoto, Keith Kuwatani, Dean Ishii, Bill Omoto, Dick Kawamoto, Pet Nakasako, Robert Ouye, Tak Yokota, Barton Yoshida, Nick Nakasako, Mickey Ichiji, Mark Okumura, Sam Kawashima, Gengo Sakamoto, David Yamada.

NEW YORK

Lillian Kimura, pres; Marc Iyeki, vp(prog); Janet Kometani, sec; Michi Nakagawa, treas; Tom Kometani, redress chair; Chester Onuma, youth activities; Mary Nishimoto, chapter brochure; Toshi Miyazaki, liaison.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

Jan Yoshiwara, pres; Tommy Yotsuye, vp; Carolyn Takemoto, Tacoma, vp; H. Del Tanabe, File, vp; Jeff Hiroo, Valley vp; Liz Dunbar, rec sec; Elsie Taniguchi, corr sec; Dudley Yamane, treas; John Kanda, off bd delegate; Emi Somekawa, hist; Joe Kosai, 1000 Club Chair; Tom Fukuyama, ex officio.

Board Members—Tacoma area: Aki Hayashi, Joe Kosai, Carolyn Takemoto, Elsie Taniguchi, Liz Dunbar, Jan Yoshiwara. File area: Bob Mizukami, Larry Fujita, Alvin Sasaki, H. Del Tanabe, Yoshihiko Tanabe, Miyo Uchiyama, Tommy Yotsuye. Valley area: John Kanda, Jeff Hiroo, Ted Masumoto, Tom Shigio, Emi Somekawa, Dudley Yamane.

Jeff Hiroo, constitution & by-laws, Joe Kosai, grad banquet; Yosh Tanabe, recognitions chair; Miyo Uchiyama, memb chair; Elsie L. Taniguchi, P.C. rep.; Joe Kosai, redress; Pauline Yamashita, scholarship; Paul Seto, aging & retirement; Tad Yotsuye, youth chair; Tim Otani, JACL PNW ofc.

(Editor's Note: The P.C. has received lists from the Cleveland, Diablo Valley, Idaho Falls, Milwaukee, San Diego, San Fernando, San Francisco, San Mateo, Seattle, Spokane, Stockton, Twin Cities and West Valley Chapters, all of which will appear in subsequent issues. If you would like your chapter's 1988 officers to appear in the P.C., please send the list to the P.C., with the envelope marked "1988 Chapter Officers.")

CHICAGO JACL

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sence in D.C. (after the Redress bill becomes law and the LEC completes its task), how will such an office be supported?" He reiterated a familiar position that the National Headquarters be moved from San Francisco to the East Coast.

2) On U.S./Japan Relations: "We have no business ... to try and increase understanding or to improve relationships between the U.S. and Japan. If the problem is the stereotyping or misidentification of Americans of Japanese ancestry by other Americans, it's a public education issue on the homefront ... not international."

3) On Youth: "The JAYS is no longer needed or desired by the youth. Instead of expending our energies trying to recruit leadership from elusive and indifferent youth members, the focus should be on ... concerns identified by young people: intermarriage, employment opportunities ... preparation for management and corporate level responsibilities and entering into the political arena."

4) On Cultural Heritage: Tanaka posed, "What culture are we referring to? Japan? When most of us, unfortunately can't speak or write Japanese, do we really understand or appreciate the arts, music, literature and drama? Is it not more accurate to identify our cultural heritage in terms of how our racial background impacts on our lives as Americans of Japanese ancestry?"

Tanaka also felt that JACL had not been proactive enough lately—a national strategy was needed to

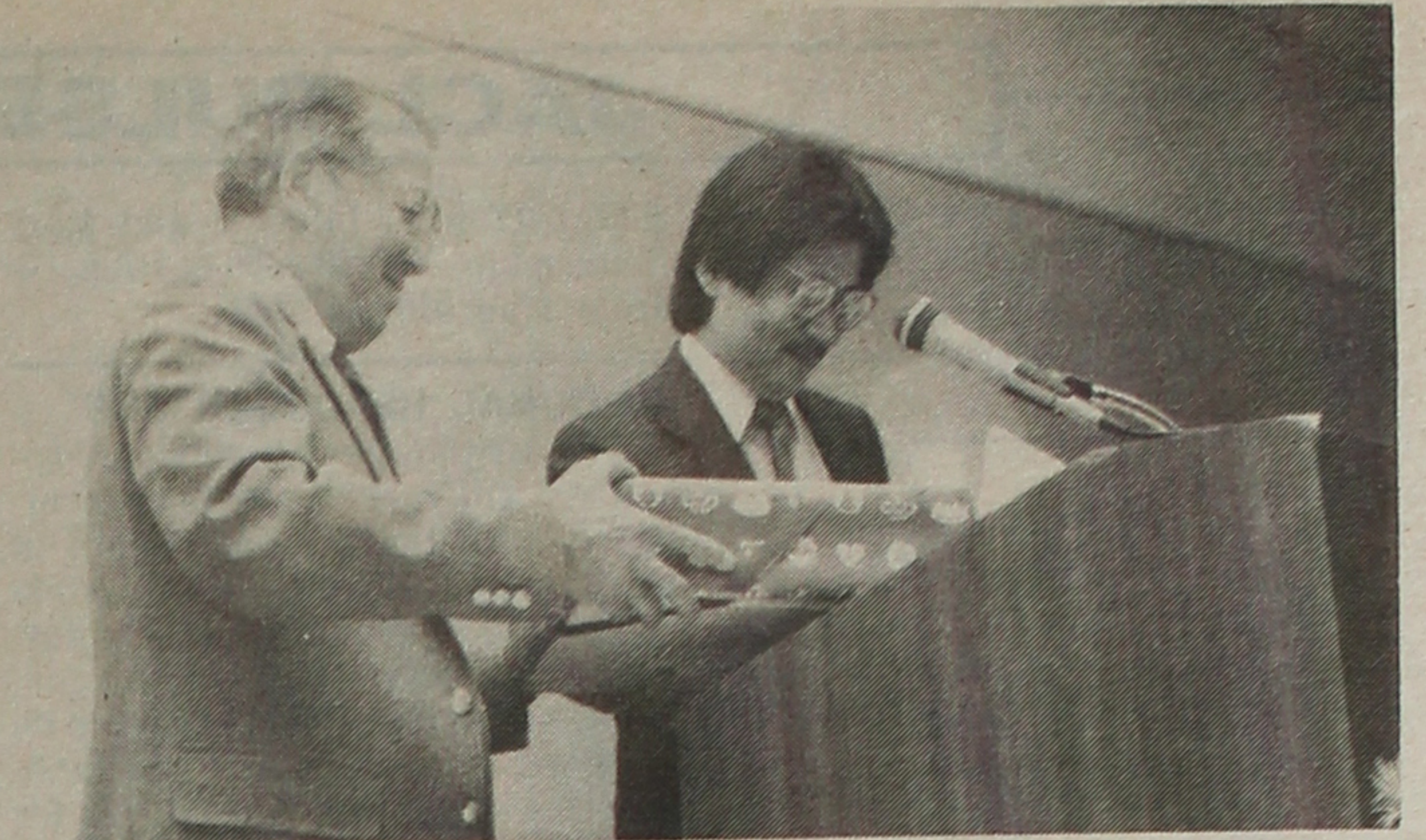


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OMIYAGE—1988 Chicago Chapter Inaugural Dinner Guest Speaker Hank Tanaka (left) is presented a gift by Toastmaster Jim Fujimoto.

eliminate stereotyping and vigilance for racist acts committed against Japanese Americans and other minorities.

But his most provocative words of the night came under the discussion of the National Board and the Staff and their respective roles. He admitted that while technically the board/staff relationship was an employer/employee one, he felt they were more like a "partnership" relationship invested into a common cause. However, he stated, "When a board begins to recruit and hire JACL staff, with the exception of the national director, we have a serious problem. When the staff carries out its responsibilities without guidelines which are governed by legal requirements to protect the organization from liability, we have a serious problem." Tanaka hoped, though, that "trust and respect for each others' experiences, knowledge and skills" would be the best

means for making the "partnership" work.

After concluding his remarks, Tanaka was presented with a gift of appreciation by the Chicago Chapter, a ceramic piece by Chicago artist Francis Sho Kaihatsu.

Lastly, MDC Gov. John Hayashi of St. Louis installed the new board for the Chicago Chapter, whose members include legal, media, medical and educational professionals, government employees, a police officer, an interior designer, an engineer and a sales trainer. Sixteen are Sansei and two are Nisei. New Board members sworn in are:

Patricia Adachi, president; Take Yamamoto, vice president/programs; David Igasaki, vice president/human rights; Jim Fujimoto, secretary; Janice Honda, treasurer; Ron Yoshino, vice president, finance; Don Sakamoto, JAYS. Other members are: Christina Adachi, Cynthia Kawakami, Kyoko Nakayama, Smoky Sakurada, Dean Sakurai, Joy Yamasaki, Mike Yasutake and Pat Yuzawa-Rubin. Donna Ogura and Jane Kaihatsu are the newsletter editors.

Thousand Club — Four Reports

(Year of Membership Shown)
* Century; ** Corporate; L Life; M Memorial; C/L Century Life

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1987)
Active (previous total)1532
Total this report: #3312
Current total1544

Aug 17 - 21, 1987 (12)
Detroit: 3-Kathleen Yee, 4-Ronald Yee.
French Camp: 20-Hideo Morinaka.
Fresno: 16-Richard Asami.
Gardena Valley: 1-American Independent Bank, 20-Helen Kawagoe*, 34-Ronald Shiozaki.
Hoosier: 2-Jo Anne Kagiwada.
Marysville: 26-Takeo Nakano.
New York: 14-Chiyoko Itanaga, 4-Midori Lederer.
Torrance: 1-Catherine Mikuni.
CENTURY CLUB*
13-Helen Kawagoe (Gar).

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1987)
Active (previous total)1,782
Total this report: #4426
Current total1,808

Nov 9-13, 1987 (26)
Berkeley: 16-Masaji G Uratsu.
Chicago: 33-Noby Yamakoshi.
Cleveland: 1-John H Allen.
Delano: 33-Sadawo Yonaki.
Detroit: 32-Isao Sunamoto.
Downtown Los Angeles: 10-John D Hokoyama, 36-David Y Nitake, 27-Takito Yamaguma*.
East Los Angeles: 23-Dr George S Mizunoue.
Fresno: 10-S H Mikami, 3-Katherine Sasaki.
Gardena Valley: 10-Ken Hokoyama.
Houston: Life-Chiyo Okumura.
Marysville: 34-Mosse M Uchida.
Mid-Columbia: 33-Sho Endow, Jr.
Mile Hi: Life-William K Hosokawa.
Philadelphia: 33-Ben Ohama.
Puyallup Valley: 18-Yoshihiko Tanabe.
Sacramento: 27-Frank M Daikai, 23-Edwin S Kubo.
San Diego: Life-Martin L Ito.
Seattle: 32-Ted A Sakahara.
Sonoma County: 25-Shiz Tsujihara.
Stockton: Life-Yutaka Watanabe.

Twin Cities: 27-Toshio W Abe.
Washington, DC: 3-Sharon N Foster.
CENTURY CLUB*
8-Takito Yamaguma (Dnt).

LIFE
Chiyo Okumura (Hst), William K Hosokawa (MHi), Martin L Ito (SD), Yutaka Watanabe (Sto).
Twin Cities: 34-Dr George Nishida.
Ventura: 32-Willis Hirata.
West Los Angeles: Life-George Y Kanegai, Life-Akiko Yagi, Life-Steve K Yagi.
National: 34-Mats Ando.

CENTURY CLUB*
4-Dr George S Tarumoto (SW), 4-Wayne Isa (ZLA), 9-George Iseri (Sna).
LIFE
Ryoko Takata (MSO), William K Sakayama (NY), Tadashi Yego (Pla), George Y Kanegai (WLA), Steve K Yagi (WLA), Akiko Yagi (WLA).

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1987)
Active (previous total)1,808
Total this report: #4532
Current total1,840

Nov 16-20, 1987 (32)
Arizona: 4-Fumiko Okabayashi.
Cleveland: 16-Takashi Masuoka.
Eden Township: 34-Kenji Fujii.
Fowler: 31-Judge Mikio Uchiyama.
Gardena Valley: 3-Donna Reiko Nishimura.
Hollywood: 1-Setsuko Higuchi, 4-Wiley Higuchi, 33-Dr Shig J Masuoka.
Marina: 4-William M Kaneko, Life-Ryoko Takata.
Monterey Peninsula: 6-Gordon N Miyamoto, 23-James Tabata.
New York: 31-George Kyotow, Life-William K Sakayama.
Placer County: Life-Tadashi Yego.
Pocatello Blackfoot: 23-Kazuo Endow.
Portland: 23-Dr James M Tsugawa.
Progressive Westside: 38-Dr George S Tarumoto*.
Reedley: 22-George Y Kiyomoto, 20-Eddie M Yano.
San Diego: 32-Shoji Date.
San Fernando Valley: 37-Susumu Yokomizo.
Seattle: 9-Martin M Matsudaira.
Selanoco: 4-Wayne Isa*.
Snake River: 34-George Iseri*.
Stockton: 33-Sam M Itaya.

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1987)
Active (previous total)1840
Total this report: #4610
Current total1850

Nov. 23 - Nov. 25, 1987 (10)
Chicago: 1-Shigeko Scott.
Monterey Peninsula: 27-Ann Sonoda, 32-George Kodama.
Pocatello Blackfoot: 34-Akira Kawamura.
Sacramento: 26-Tom Furukawa.
San Jose: 27-Peggy Sonoda Asuncion.
Seattle: 29-Roy Seko.
Snake River: 30-Jack Ogami.
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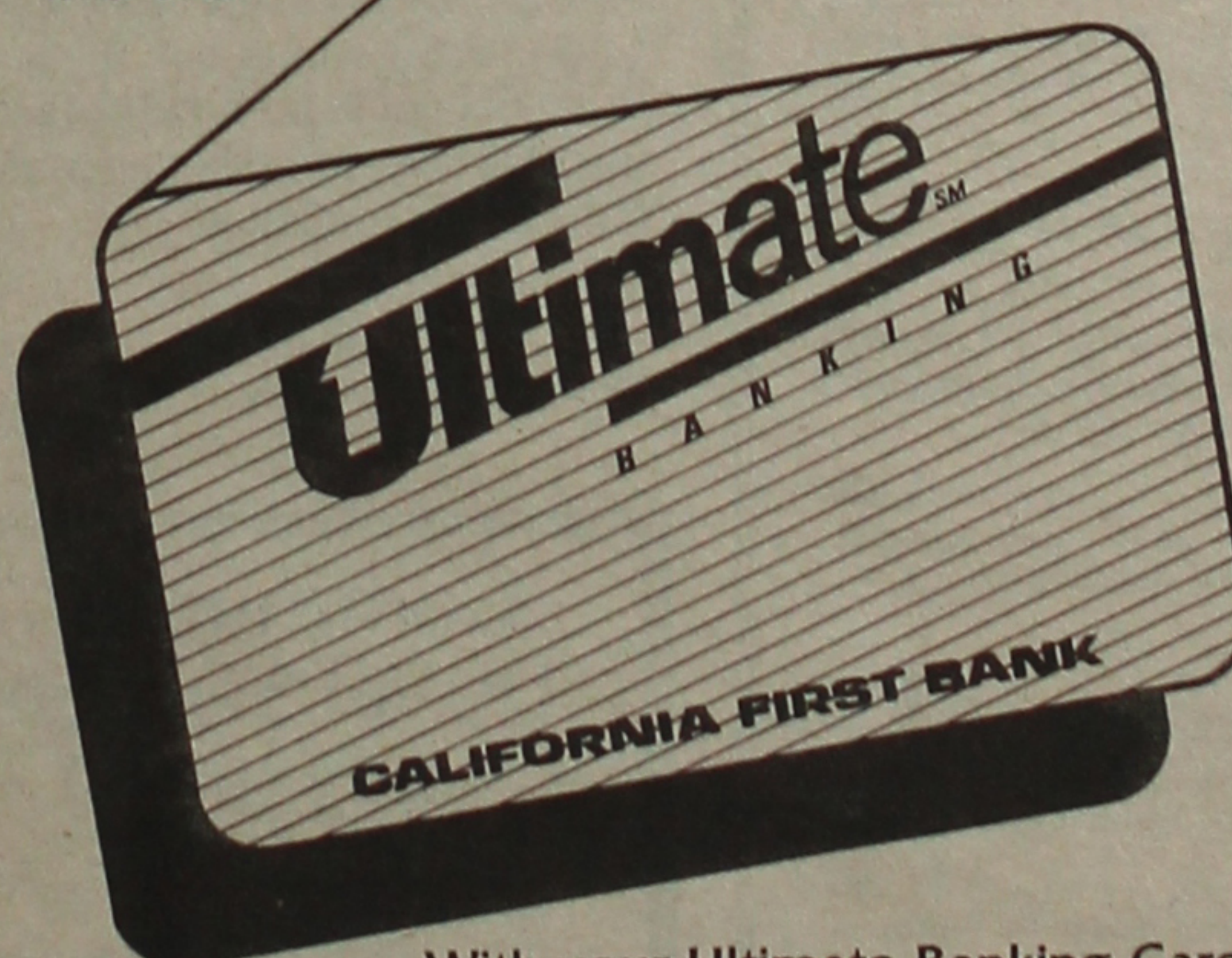
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CHICAGO

• Ski outing in Lake Geneva, Wis., Feb. 12-14. Features downhill and cross-country skiing, swimming, skeet and trap shooting, tennis, Nautilus, sauna and more. Come for the whole week-end or just for one day. Limited reservations. Info: Dean Sakurai, 312 728-8371.

CONTRA COSTA

• Installation and Awards Banquet, 6 pm, no-host cocktails; 7 pm, dinner, Feb. 6, Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell (SF/Oak Bay Bridge), Emeryville, Calif. Cost: \$20/person. Installing Officer: George Kondo. Guest Speaker: Mary Tsukamoto. Reservations: Yoshiro Tokiwa, 2859 Loyola Ave., Richmond, CA 94806.

FLORIN

• "Florin at the Smithsonian: Justice on the Horizon," the 6th Annual Florin JACL Time of Remembrance, 7 pm, Feb. 20, Florin YBA Hall, 8320 Florin Rd., Sacramento. Features slide presentation by Dr. Tom Crouch, Social and Cultural Dept. director, Smithsonian Institute; and National LEC Board Chairperson Jerry Enomoto. \$8/adult, \$2/Jr. and Sr. High School students; children

under 12 free. Info: Al and Mary Tsukamoto, 916 383-3906 or Richard/Irene Uno, 916 424-3330.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

• The Employment Practices Committee will meet Feb. 13, concurrently with the National Board at JACL Headquarters. The agenda will include planning an employment handbook for JACL with a condensed version for chapter use to be inserted in the "President's Handbook" and definite procedures for JACL to follow in employment issues, particularly employment discrimination. Info: District governors or Betty Waki, 8667 Hinman, Houston, TX 77061. Tel.-713 643-1338.

SAN MATEO

• 1988 Scholarship Program—the chapter will award freshman scholarships to deserving students from the local area, with top applications to be forwarded to National JACL HQ. Applications: Local San Mateo county high schools and community colleges as well as from the JACL Community Center, 415 South Claremont in San Mateo. Deadline: April 1. Info: 415 343-2793.

SOUTH BAY

• Potluck supper, 7 pm, Feb. 6, community room of the Pacific Business Bank, 510 W. Carson St. Topic: "Sex and Sansei Singles, Pt. II." Facilitator: Midori Watanabe

Kamei.

• "Fun in the Snow" is the theme for the next Big Bear Weekend outing planned by the Sansei Singles Committee of the South Bay JACL, for the weekend of Feb. 19, 20 & 21. The committee has reserved a modern, completely furnished, vacation home in the Snow Summit area of Big Bear that will house 15 people. Cost: \$75; covers lodging and all meals. Deposit: \$25. Send to: Midori Watanabe Kamei, 28011 Indian Rock Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Info: 213 541-6698.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Ventura County JACL Singles meeting, 9 am, Feb. 7, Denny's, 1659 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo, Calif. Info: Stan Mukai, 805 388-2974.

• Installation Dinner, 6 pm, Feb. 21, the Lobster Trap Restaurant, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Channel Islands Harbor. Guest Speaker: Bill Watababe, director of the Little Tokyo Service Center. Cost: \$16. RSVP by Feb. 5. Info: Gladys Kohatsu, 805 488-3986 or Gene Matsutsuyu, 805 983-8035.

WEST LOS ANGELES

• Monthly meeting, Feb. 8, Water & Power Building, 1394 Sepulveda Blvd., featuring an appearance by Ken Naramura, of Naramura Realty Co., who will air his views of the real estate development in the West L.A. area. Speech: 7 pm; meeting: 8 pm.

lic of South Africa and then voted against overriding President Reagan's veto. Fortunately, the measure passed overwhelmingly without his support.

Lungren also introduced an amendment to eliminate the requirement for bilingual ballots in the Voting Rights Act of 1981. The House, however, rejected his amendment by a vote of 285-124. In 1983, Lungren voted against the Equal Rights Amendment and in 1985 voted against a Federal Pay Equity Study to determine if differences in pay was a result of job discrimination by race, sex or national origin.

This is not just an issue for Japanese Americans. If it were, Californians for Responsible Government, the umbrella group heading up the campaign against Lungren, would not have the wide based coalition that it counts as its supporters.

Now, this brings me to a serious question: Why is it that the National JACL has again refused to take a stand on the confirmation of a man who is the antithesis of civil and human rights? The reasons of "lack of manpower" or backlash of "anti-Asian sentiment" simply does not hold water for an organization that professes to stand for civil rights. If the National JACL continues to avoid taking stands concerning civil rights, then it should stop advertising itself as a civil rights organization.

As people who have been discriminated against in this country, we have an obligation to support those who struggle for the civil rights of all Americans, not just Japanese Americans. Remember, it was a Black congressman, the Honorable Mervyn Dymally, who wrote the first redress bill after the CWRIC recommendations and with the help of the Japanese American community. It was also the Congressional Black Caucus that gave its support to the bill at a time when redress was not a popular issue and seemed like nothing but a distant dream. We owe a lot to other people of color for they have contributed greatly to our community. We must reject Daniel Lungren for the Office of State Treasurer because of his insensitivity towards the issues.

We, as members of the JACL, can still do something as individuals concerned about the nomination of Daniel Lungren. Write to your State Senator and Assemblyperson as soon as possible and urge them to reject the nomination. It is only through people power that the coalition will be strengthened and Lungren will be defeated.

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EUROPE VISTA (5 countries)	MAY 28th
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