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Naomi Iwata Sanchez

Seattle JACL Chapter President Attends Bush Transition Meeting

WASHINGTON — Dr. Naomi Iwata Sanchez, vice chancellor of the Seattle Community Colleges District and newly-elected Seattle JACL chapter president, came here during the week of Jan. 8 to attend meetings with President-elect George Bush and his advisers. Sanchez, along with Washington state's "Bush for Presiden't" campaign chair Della Newman, was one of five of Washington state's nine member "personnel advisory committee" to make the trip. Also included in the five that went to Washington, D.C., was Wesley Tao, a Washington state Republican.

The delegation heard Bush speak Jan. 9 to the nation-wide transition team at the Washington Hilton Hotel. He spoke of his desire to "see faces of groups that traditionally have not been represented in the Republican party—Blacks, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans."

During a meeting, Newman personally handed incoming Chief of Staff Gov. John Sununu a letter from JACL-LEC emphasizing the need for the maximum authorized amount of redress appropriations. "JACL is fortunate that Della Newman, who is a close personal friend and frequent house guest of the president-elect, and Jennifer Dunn, Washington State Republican party chair . . . have aided in JACL's priority issue," said Sanchez. Dunn has also worked with Seattle JACL redress supporters and the JACL Pacific Northwest District Council (PNWDC) redress coordinator in making contacts with advisers of President Reagan during lobbying for H.R. 442 last year.

JACL-LEC Letter

The letter, which was signed by JACL-LEC officers Jerry Enomoto, chair; Grant Ujifusa, legislative strategist; and Cherry Kinoshita, vice

chair, was addressed to President-elect Bush and reads in part:

"We are at a critical time now in seeing that appropriations for H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, is adequately funded, as over half of the Americans of Japanese ancestry who would receive redress compensation are over 65 years of age, and are fast passing away. According to the Department of Justice, Office of Redress Administration, an 'estimated 2,000 are dying each year.'

"As reported, if the prior administration's budget appropriates only 1.6 percent of the authorized total, a mere 1,000 of the estimated 60,000 eligible persons will be compensated in fiscal year 1990. This figure would not even cover the several thousand first generation pioneers who now remain alive—many hanging on in their 90s and counting each day.

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OMB's Explanation on Redress Amount Criticized

WASHINGTON — The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was criticized last week for its explanation of the \$20 million dollar appropriation for redress payments.

OMB Director Joseph R. Wright Jr. said the Justice Department is not geared up to begin verifying and processing claims for FY 1990 and that the government could not hire personnel to begin the work until Congress passes a supplemental budget later this year. Wright also referred to how the ORA had to first locate the oldest recipients before payments could begin.

In response, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said that Wright's statements are "plainly incorrect." Citing the success of the ORA (Office of Redress Administration) in identifying those who are entitled to receive payments, he said, "There is no legal, moral or ethical rationale for any delay in the compensation process."

Mineta also said that the OMB "clearly does not understand" the intent of redress."

Dinner to Introduce the 'Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Fund'

SAN FRANCISCO — "Toward A More Just Society" will be the theme of a dinner introducing the Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Fund, and honoring former American Civil Liberties Union Director Ernest Besig. Mr. Besig represented Korematsu in his original 1942 case.

The fund will support a fellowship position for recent law school graduates as well as civil rights education and litigation through the Asian Law Caucus.

Korematsu v. United States once stood for the proposition that freedom and civil rights could be violated solely on the basis of race. The *Korematsu* case now serves as a reminder of the

need to safeguard the civil rights and freedom of the broad spectrum of people that make up our society.

In this spirit, the Asian Law Caucus and the Korematsu Family will introduce the Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Fund at a dinner 6:00 PM, Jan. 28, 1989 at the Hyatt Hotel on Union Square, San Francisco. The Honorable Robert T. Matsui, U.S. Congress, 3rd District, will serve as the keynote speaker for the evening. The event serves not only as an introduction of the fund, but as a 70th birthday celebration for Korematsu as well.

For more information regarding the fund or the dinner, please call Joe Lucero at the Asian Law Caucus, (415) 835-1474.

JACL-LEC Issues Redress Alert in Wake of Meager Redress Appropriation

WASHINGTON — The Legislative Education Committee (LEC) of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) responded to last week's budget announcement of \$20 million for redress by calling for "immediate action."

The JACL-LEC sent out a "redress alert" last week to redress proponents asking for support in "taking an aggressive and positive stand by asking for the maximum appropriation. We ask that you write to President-elect George Bush and to the nominated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Richard Darman."

The alert cited the importance of prompt action since the new administration's budget is expected to be presented shortly after Bush is inaugurated on Jan. 20.

According to the alert, redress advocates must " . . . let President-elect Bush know that the \$20 million is unacceptable, and that we hope his administration will demonstrate support for and sensitivity to this issue of justice."

Three sample letters to be sent to President-elect Bush, nominated OMB Director Darman and to members of

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Asian Americans Participate in King Day Program at the Smithsonian

WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History sponsored a special program on Jan. 16 to celebrate the Rev. Martin Luther King's birthday. Primary participants in the program honoring the late civil rights leader this year were Asian Americans.

In his keynote address, John Kuo Wei Tchen, associate director of the Asian/American Center, Queens Col-

lege, City University of New York, expressed concern that Asian Americans are being held up as a model minority by those who are "grasping" for an explanation for the disadvantages and oppression that other minority groups experience. This phenomena, he said, contributes to racial tensions and intergroup competition.

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Census Bureau to List Nine Different Asian/Pacific American Categories

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau announced Jan. 13 that it will adhere to its previously announced decision to use a check-off format to track nine different Asian Pacific American groups in the 1990 census form.

The announcement came in the wake of fears that the bureau would decline to use the check-off format, despite promises to do so, after President Reagan pocket-vetoed H.R. 4432 Nov. 8, 1988. The bill would have required the Census Bureau to use the check-off format, something the bureau indicated it was against. Hours before the Senate approved its version of the bill on Oct. 18, 1988, however, the bureau announced it would voluntarily use the format.

The 1990 form will list Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Japanese, Korean, Samoan and Vietnamese as the sub-groups, with respondents checking off the appropriate box corresponding to their group.

Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) described the bureau's decision as "a

great victory for all Americans, not only Asian Americans." Equally happy with the announcement was Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) who said, "I am extremely pleased that the Bureau of the Census has made this important decision."

Bill Yoshino, acting national director of the Japanese American Citizens League, responding to the news, said "The decision by the Census Bureau to utilize the check-off system in the 1990 census vindicates the strenuous efforts on the part of the Asian American community to ensure an accurate

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SAN DIEGO INSTALLATION—The installation dinner of the San Diego JACL Chapter was held Dec. 4 at the San Diego Princess Resort, the future site of the 1990 JACL National Convention. Pictured above are (l-r) Tets Kashima, Ben Nakata, Paul Krieger, Wes Mizutani, Oscar Kodama, Wendy Shigenaga, Joe Nagase, keynote speaker and JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa, San Diego JACL President Carol Kawamoto, Robert Ito, Mas Hironaka, Art Nishioka, Marleen Kawahara, Mits Tomita and Vernon Yoshioka.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Census Bureau Releases Asian/Pacific American Info

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau recently released a booklet, *We, the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans*, the fifth in a series of booklets on various segments of the U.S. population. The information is based on the 1980 census. The booklet counted 3,466,874 Asians; the three largest groups were Chinese, 812,178; Filipinos, 781,894; and Japanese, 716,331. Copies are available by writing the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Discounts are available for bulk orders.

Nikkei Man Killed in Robbery Attempt

RICHMOND, Calif. — Brent Moriwaki, of El Cerrito, Calif., died Jan. 5 from a gunshot wound to the head during a robbery attempt at the Santa Fe Market. Moriwaki, 34, worked for 10 years at the store. He died at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek. Killed at the scene was the owner of the market, Bob Young, 68; wounded with a gunshot to the neck was Cleothus Clark, 36, a delivery man. The unidentified robber fled the scene and was later shot to death by police on a freeway near Albany.

NJAHS Gets Funds for JA Womens' Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) was recently awarded \$7,500 in outright funds and \$3,750 in a one for two challenge match from the California Council for the Humanities. The funds are designated for the production of an upcoming Japanese American Women's exhibit,

DEATHS

Masamori Kojima, 66, Mayor Tom Bradley's chief liaison officer with the city's Asian communities and a longtime civil rights activist, died last Dec. 10 while attending a dinner party in Los Angeles. He had a lingering heart condition. Before joining Bradley's staff in 1967 while the mayor was still a council member, Kojima edited in the 1950-60s the Chicago Shimpo, Scene Magazine, and the Los Angeles Crossroads. He quit the newspaper world and joined the Desilu Studios as administrator in the mid-60s. He was also a U.S. technical adviser for Shochiku Films, working on subtitles; and lecturer on Southeast Asian affairs and was heard weekly on FM radio KPFF in Hollywood. Born and raised in Los Angeles, he was student body president, W'40, at Roosevelt High. He attended UCLA, was graduated from Haverford College where he was again the student body president and a graduate (Phi Beta Kappa) with high honors in government. At the outbreak of war, he was a co-founder of United Citizens Federation, a pre-evacuation Little Tokyo community group. During WW2, his family was in Santa Anita and Rohwer, where he taught junior high civics. He also helped found the Chicago Resettlers Committee in 1945 to assist West Coast evacuees from the camps to settle in the Midwest. Unmarried, he is survived by a brother and sister. In lieu of a funeral, friends announced a "celebration" (as Masamori wanted to call it) would be held a year later (Dec. 10).

Dr. Robert K. Kiyasu, 64, prominent San Francisco physician, died Dec. 15 of cancer. Son of a distinguished Issei physician, Dr. Kunisada Kiyasu, he completed his training during WW2 at Washington University, St. Louis, continued graduate studies and served with the Army in Korea. He returned in 1954 to join his father's practice, served on the UC San Francisco Medical School clinical staff, chief of staff at Children's Hospital (1976-80) and was active with the YMCA. His ashes were scattered at sea to join those of his wife Shoko who died in May, 1987. Surviving are his children David, Dr. Philip and Elizabeth Kiyasu.

Mitsu Yashima, 80, artist-author, died Dec. 7 at a convalescent home in Los Angeles. She emigrated to the U.S. with her artist husband Taro in 1939, both as art students in New York. They worked for the U.S. government during WW2, Taro drawing anti-Axis cartoons (some were reprinted in the P.C.) and Mitsu broadcasting programs beamed into Japan (a reverse "Tokyo Rose"). She was well known in San Francisco, active with the anti-imperialist and Third World women movements, taught art and was later a volunteer worker at the Hamilton Senior Center. Surviving are her Taro, s Makoto Iwamatsu, d Momo Brannen, 4 gc, three sisters in Japan, br Chikako Sasako (Bolivia) and Nozumi Sasako (Japan).

"Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women, 1885 to 1990."

Scheduled to open in February of 1990 at the Oakland Museum, the exhibit will introduce challenging and refreshing views of a Japanese American women's story, including their central and diverse roles in the home, community and society. The photo and artifact exhibit will span from the earliest frontier years through the WWII interment to the present.

The committee has made initial selections of photos gathered from personal collections, but continues to seek photos from members in the community for consideration in the exhibit (either on loan or as a donation). The photos desired are candid, clear, action-oriented images that may tell a story in and of itself. They are as follows—

Wash. State Centennial Celebration Underway

SEATTLE—A photographic display of Japanese American history on Bainbridge Island will tour the state, starting in January in Seattle's downtown public library.

A year-long exhibit, "The Way It Was: Northwest Issei and Nisei Before 1942," will also be on display at various times during the year at Nippon Kan, 628 S. Washington St.

The Bainbridge Island display traces the arrival of young Issei men at the Port Blakely mill in 1883 who were engaged in farming and shopkeeping by the turn of the century. The single most dramatic event occurred March 30, 1942, when the island's entire Nikkei population was hurriedly evacuated by the U.S. government on short notice.

1900-1924: midwives, schoolgirls, domestic workers, young Nisei in school; 1925-1940: women working in family shops, factories, nurseries, canneries, Fujinkai activities, language schools, women working in the home; 1941-1945: Nisei in Japan; 1946-1960: resettlement, war brides, naturalization; 1961-1990: Sansei activities, artists, career women, three-four generations together.

Final selections will be made in March 1989. Challenge match donations toward the JA women's exhibit can be made directly to California Council for the Humanities, 312 Sutter Street, No. 601, San Francisco, CA 94108; or by contacting Rosalyn Tonai at (415) 431-5007 or the NJAHS office at 1855 Folsom St., No. 161, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Reunion Date Set for Fresno in May '89

FRESNO, Calif. — A reunion of those who lived in the Bowles, Oleander and Monmouth areas is being planned here for May 27 and 28. The general chairman is Haruo Lou Miyamoto, assisted by Eizo Arakawa, Hideo Harry Hoshiko and Yoshiharu Yamagiwa. Those interested in attending and obtaining further details of the reunion should contact Haruo Lou Miyamoto, 12615 S. Fig Ave. Caruthers, CA 93609, or call (209) 864-3539; Yoshiharu Yamagiwa, 7798 S. Chestnut Ave. Fresno, CA 93725, or call (209) 266-1904; or Yoshikazu Riley Kumagai, 3021 W. Manning Ave. Fresno, CA 93706, telephone # (209) 485-5098.

The committee wishes to set up a mailing list and would appreciate replies as soon as possible.

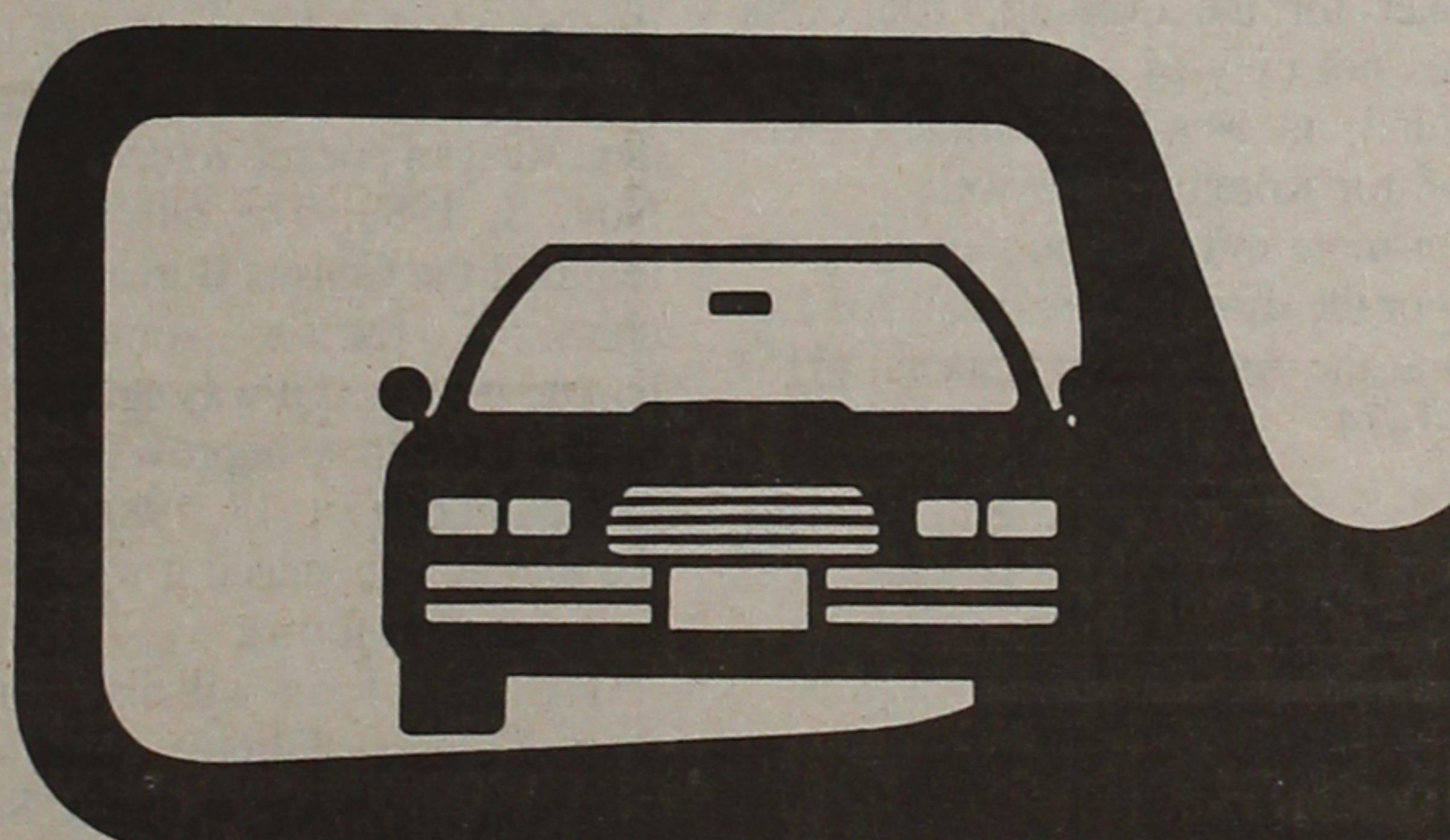
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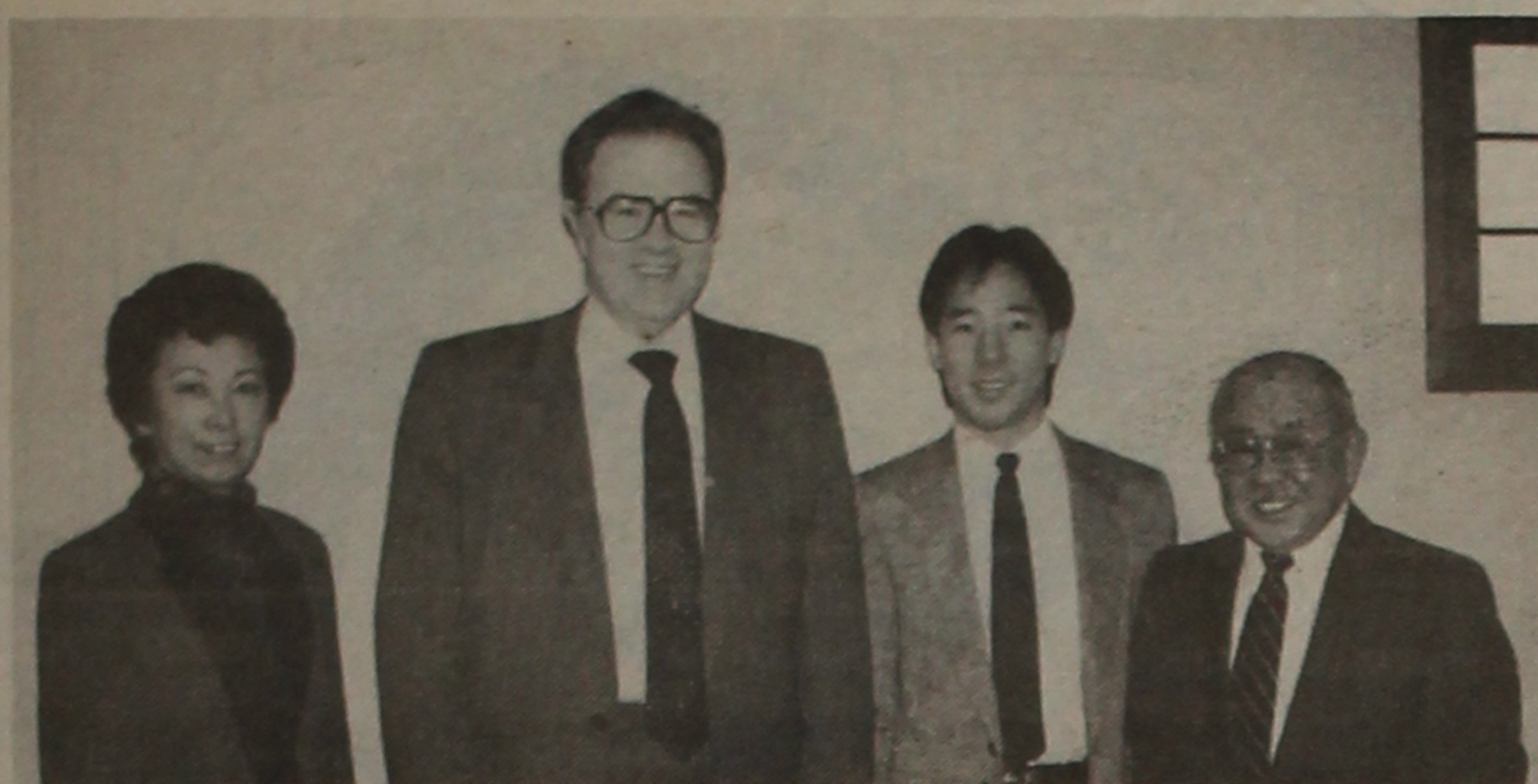
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\$50,000 GRANT—The Japanese American National Museum recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, to go toward the purchase of storage equipment for the museum's growing collection. The storage equipment was chosen after consultation with curators of other local museums and will be used at the museum's current site until it moves in 1990 to the old Nishi Hongwanji in Little Tokyo. Pictured above are (l-r) Kay Inose, museum trustee and vice-president, Administration; Joseph G. Hurley, president, Ralph M. Parsons Foundation; Brian Niiya, museum registrar; and Fred Hoshiyama, museum trustee and vice-president, Financial Development.

OCA Holding Its 1989 Asian American Achievement Awards

SAN FRANCISCO — The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) is hosting the 1989 Asian American Achievement Awards Banquet this year in San Francisco Bay Area on Feb. 17. The banquet will take place at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in San Francisco. This event is open to the public and ticket prices have been set at \$35 per person, black tie optional, with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. The keynote speaker of the evening is Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose.

The East Bay Chapter of OCA is now accepting nominations for achievement awards in the following major categories: Business/Finance/Industry/Entrepreneur, Academic/Scholar, Community Services, Legal, Sports/Arts/Entertainment/Culture, Politics, and Youth.

To be eligible for the following awards, nominees must: 1) Reside in the United States; 2) be of Asian/

Pacific American ancestry; 3) have contributed in one or more of the following areas—distinguished services to the community, leadership, outstanding achievement, professional contributions, and served as a role model for other Asians/Pacific Americans.

Anyone interested in attending the banquet or in being nominated for the awards program should contact (415) 451-4400 for details.

All nominations must be filed by mailing the applications to OCA-East Bay, ATTN: Asian American Achievement Awards, P.O. Box 20622, Oakland, CA 94620.

Turlock Social Club Sponsoring Reunion

TURLOCK, Calif. — The Turlock Social Club is sponsoring a reunion of persons of Japanese ancestry who lived in the Turlock area prior to World War II. Also invited are their spouses, relatives and friends.

The reunion will be held at California State University, Stanislaus on April 29. A social hour will be held at 4 p.m. with dinner following at Mom's Restaurant on campus.

The cost is \$25 per person, \$45 for couples, and includes refreshments, dinner and a souvenir booklet. The booklet will have photos of those in attendance, addresses and biographical sketches of invited guests. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 30, 1989.

The Turlock Social Club was organized in 1925 as a non-profit organization to help promote social activities for its membership. Since the sale of the clubhouse property, the membership, now numbering 21, meet annually to give contributions to area churches, hospitals, scholarships and other worthy causes.

Persons interested in attending should contact Reunion Chairman Ben Noda, 310 Wiley Court, Turlock CA 95380, or call (209) 667-7151.

CENSUS DECISION

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census count." Yoshino shared the same concern of many, that without a check-off system, an undercount of Asian Americans could have occurred, thereby denying equal and fair access to services and programs determined by census statistics to a diverse demographic group.

JACL-LEC LETTER

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"We in the Japanese American community have waited for nearly half a century for this significant gesture by the U.S. Government which will symbolize the cleansing of a great injustice. We sincerely hope that when you take office as president, your budget will support to the fullest extent the funding legislated by H.R. 442: 'Sec. 104(e) There are authorized to be appropriated to the fund \$1,250,000,000 of which not more than \$500,000,000 may be appropriated for any fiscal year.'

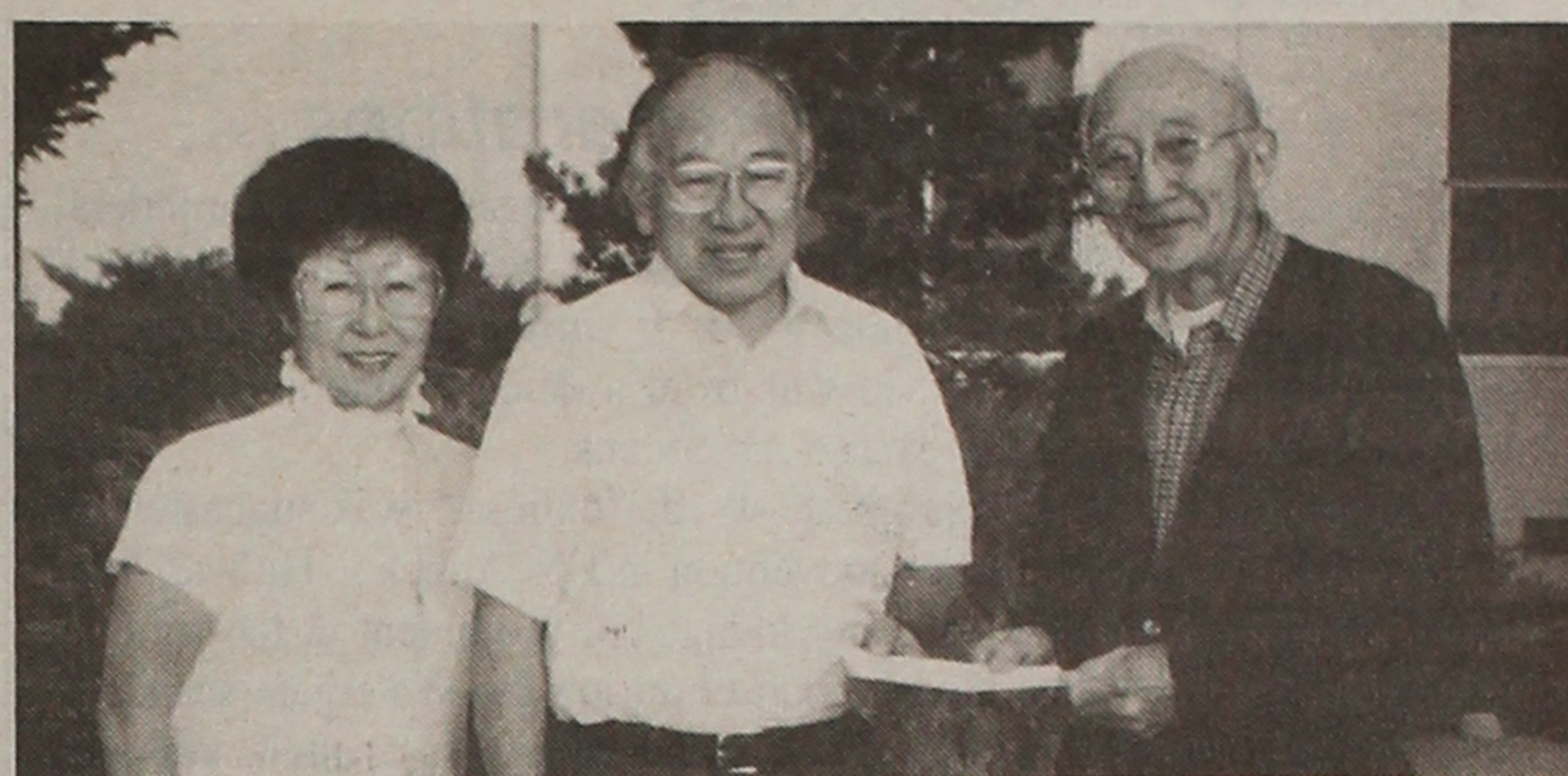
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tinue to demonstrate that spirit of true Americanism by supporting a meaningful funding for the redress bill. Justice has been so long overdue.

(signed)
Jerry Enomoto, Grant Ujifusa and Cherry Kinoshita"

For the Record

The Dec. 9-16, 1988 Pacific Citizen article on page 1 titled "All-Day Workshop to File Redress Address Forms Held" misspelled the name of Dana Zerfas of the San Francisco Office of Redress Administration. Also, in the Nov. 25, 1988 "From the Frying Pan" column by Bill Hosokawa, the location of the AAJA meeting was Baltimore, not Los Angeles.



DONATION TO JACL-LEC—May Nakao, Terry Manji and Frank Nakamura of the 2nd Marysville Reunion Committee display a \$2,000 check they will present to the JACL-LEC in support of its continuing efforts to gain maximum possible appropriations for redress. At a recent wrap-up meeting, the Marysville Reunion Committee unanimously decided to donate its surplus funds to JACL-LEC and the Depot, a local homeless facility. The reunion, held in 1988, attracted over 400 present and former residents of Yuba, Sutter, Colusa and Butte counties.

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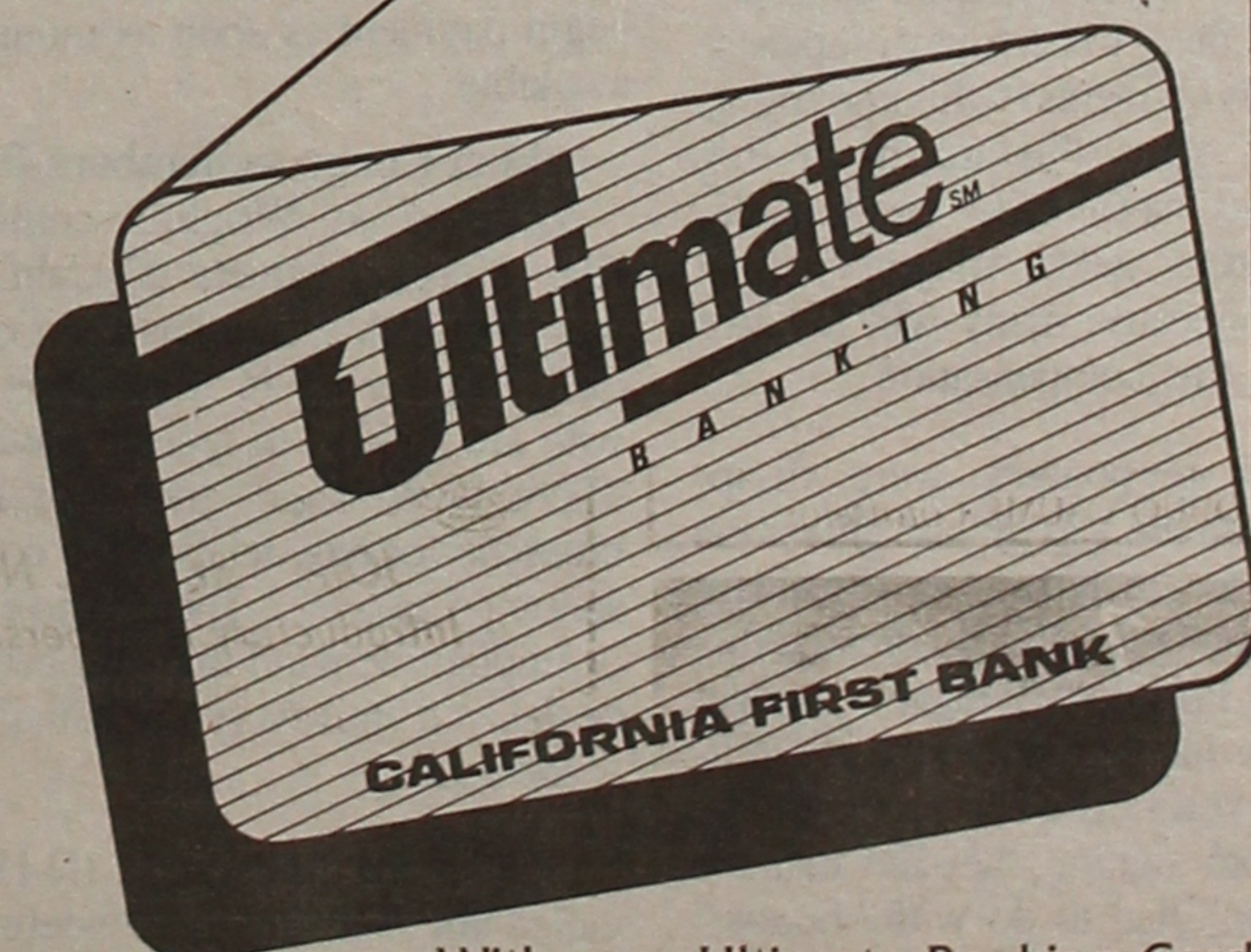
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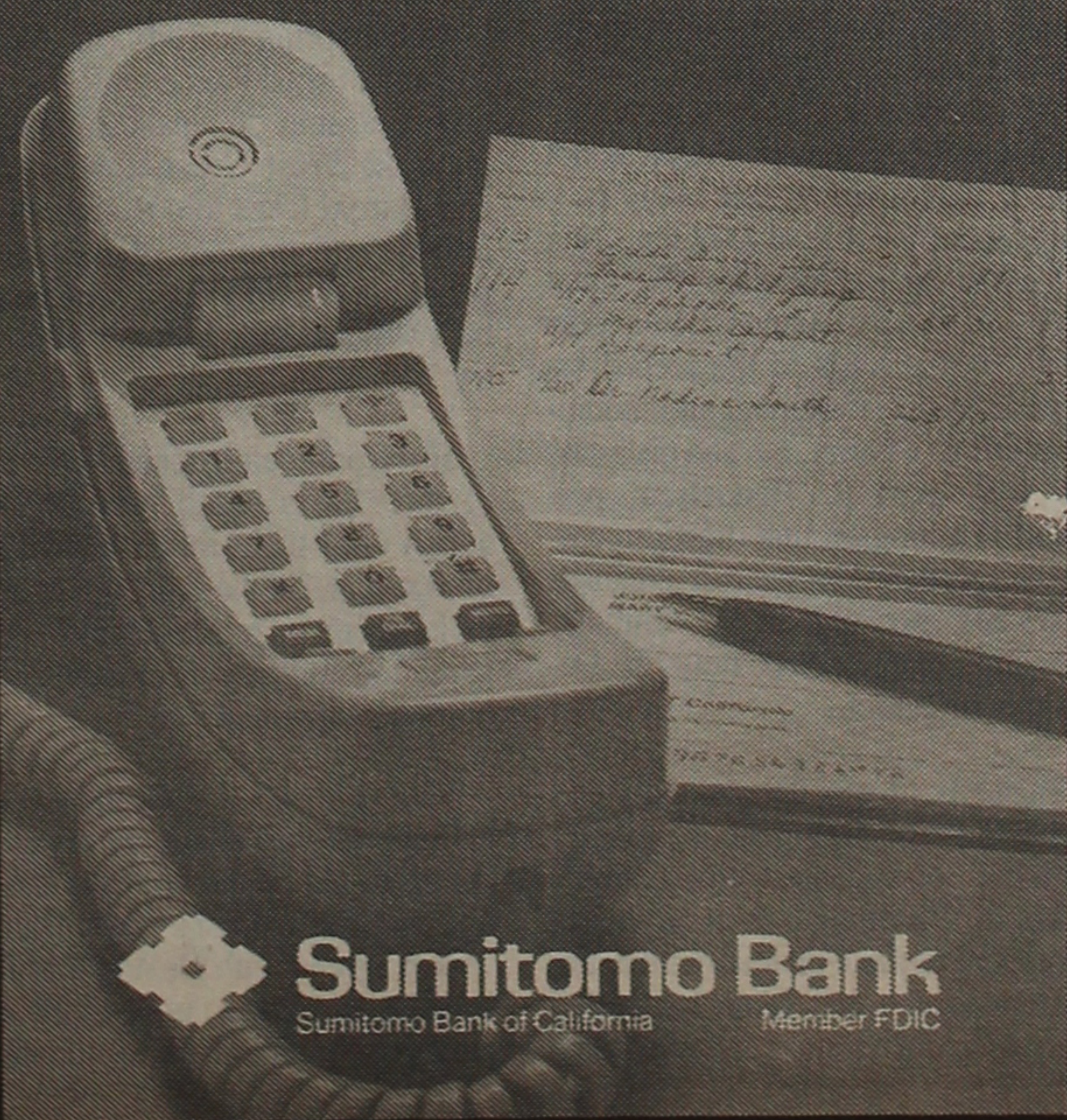
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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Redress vs. Reparations

IN ITS earliest stages the idea of seeking recompense from the federal government for the injustice of the evacuation was called "reparations." But many were uneasy with the word. It carried the connotations of payment extracted by victors in war from a defeated nation. Certainly this was not the intent of Japanese Americans.

But infinitely more appropriate word, "redress," was suggested by the speaker at a JACL district convention in Los Angeles. He was John Dean, a name unfamiliar to many today, but prominent at the time as President Nixon's White House counsel during the Watergate scandal.

Writers will tell you that if you search diligently enough, you will find the word that possesses the precise meaning you seek, that says exactly what you want to say. "Redress" was such a word. Its dictionary definition is to remedy, to remove the cause of a grievance or complaint, to set right a wrong.

In historical context, it was the perfect word. The First Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for freedom of religion, of speech and the press, also guarantees the right of citizens "to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." And that was what Japanese Americans had done.

Thus it was something of a shock that the Department of Justice designated the agency assigned to carry out provisions of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 as the Office of Reparations Administration.

The fact that this *faux pas* was committed at the very beginning of the redress process was distressing. It seemed to reflect official insensitivity and ignorance. However, when the implications of the name were pointed out by JACL-LEC, the name was quickly changed to the Office of Redress Administration. This incident underscored the importance of JACL-LEC's monitoring function. At the same time, the alacrity with which the error was corrected is indeed reassuring.

LEC UPDATE

RITA TAKAHASHI

Increasing the Appropriation

Since President Ronald Reagan released his budget on Jan. 9, 1989, a flurry of reactions have come from persons about the civil rights legislation which became law during the 100th Congress. Public Law 100-383—the bill which provides for monetary compensation to persons of Japanese and Aleut ancestry—was signed into law by President Reagan on Aug. 10, 1988.

With the passage of this civil liberties act, Congress and the president apologized and acknowledged that "a grave injustice" was done. As compensation for "human suffering," the law allows up to a \$500 million appropriation for redress to persons of Japanese ancestry. Proponents of this civil rights legislation want this maximum because justice has already been long delayed. Further delays magnify denial of justice because many will not live to receive this compensation.

Redress proponents were disappointed with the \$20 million allocation which was included in President Reagan's budget. Many expressed dismay that President Reagan's budget proposal is incongruent to the commitment he expressed when he signed the bill. Before signing, he said that the "restitution" had to do with "honor." Further expressing support, he said "... we affirm our commitment as a nation to equal justice under the law."

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), according to the *Washington Post* (Jan. 11, 1989) justifies this meager redress al-

location by saying that the Department of Justice has not identified the oldest survivors and that they are "... not geared up to begin verifying and processing claims for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1."

Persons familiar with the efficient and diligent work of the Department of Justice's Office of Redress Administration (ORA) were stunned by Budget Director Joseph R. Wright Jr.'s comments. Individuals familiar with the rapid pace of ORA knew that ORA had already identified and verified the eligibility of more than enough individuals to pay out the maximum. In fact, most know that the ORA could begin payment as soon as monies are available.

Nikkei Congressmembers React

Reacting to Wright's comments, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said that the ORA "... has been enormously successful in identifying those who are entitled to receive payments. There is no legal, moral or ethical rationale for any delay in the compensation process ... There is no explicit or implicit demand that compensation be delayed until every single individual is located."

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) called the \$20 million "woefully inadequate" and said that he intends "... to urge Congress to appropriate funding closer to the \$500 million ..."

Agreeing, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) called this budgeted amount "completely unacceptable" and he

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EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Kokka

THAT'S "NATIONAL ANTHEM" in *Nihongo*, comprised of the *kanji* for "country" or "nation" (*kuni*) and "song" (*uta*). What brings all this up is that in going through my desk, I came across a card sent to me by Douglas Kendall of Tacoma, Wash. Doug is quite a student of the Japanese language, and whenever this column wanders into such arena, every so often he'll send me supplemental material or explanation. On one occasion he sent me a card, about the size of a *meishi* (a visiting card) on which is written the *kokka*, along with an English translation. In fact, a few years ago I shared it in this column. Since the card resurfaced, and a few years have gone by, let me warm it over again.

LET ME SET it forth in the form in which Doug's card has it:

Kimi ga yo wa

(May the dynasty endure)

Chiyo ni yachiyo ni

(A thousand, yea, eight thousand years)

Sazare-ishi no iwao to narite

(Until the time when the grains of sand)

Koke no musu made

(Changed to rocks are clothed with moss)

I daresay, very few people know what the words mean, let alone know precisely the words to the anthem.

Rest assured: I'm not among those few.

THE KANJI "YO" appears three times in the *kokka* (see the first two lines of the outline, above) so I became curious as to its derivation. Pulled out Tuttle's *Japanese-English Character Dictionary* (excellent, I recommend it highly) and the *kun-yomi* (Japanese reading or pronunciation) is *ka* (*eru*) meaning "change, covert, renew" or *kawa* (*ri*) meaning "substitute, deputy" and, yes, as in *o-kawari* (second helping). The *on* (Chinese) reading is "dai" meaning "period, age, generation, rate, price" to list a few.

THERE'S ANOTHER KANJI that also can be read as "yo" which means "age, era, generation, times, reign, world" and a few other similar connotations. It's the *kanji* "sei" as in "Nisei" (second generation), or the "se" in *se-kai* (world). All Nisei have

heard the Issei use the phrase "*Kono yo no naka* ..." ("In this world ...") followed by a moral admonition. I have to admit that I've heard that phrase all too often and I'm afraid it didn't "take."

Anyway, it seemed to me that this "yo" (or "sei") would have been more appropriate than the "yo" (or "dai") which has such diverse possible meanings, some of which are not quite somber.

I HAVEN'T HEARD from Doug Kendall for a while. I invite him to drop me a line and enlighten me on this, tough as such a task may be (enlightening this one, that is). I often think that when this column brazenly dares to enter the field of linguistics, people such as Doug and Harry Watson (New Mexico Chapter president) must cringe. I know many readers do; that's how former staffer J. K. Yamamoto wrote me and suggested that I get a copy of Tuttle's when I misled readers on the makeup of the *kanji* for *hara* (stomach).

So even good comes out of mistakes. Sometimes.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

A Look at the New 'Manzanar' Book



Here comes another one, another book on the Japanese American wartime experience. This one is titled *Manzanar* (Times Books, \$27.50). It features photographs by the renowned Ansel Adams and commentary by John Hersey, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Hiroshima*. While the book tells what has become an old and familiar story of the Evacuation and imprisonment, that story grows more poignant with each re-telling.

What distinguishes this book is not Adams' photography, but many new details about the role of Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt in perpetrating the great tragedy of the Evacuation. He is portrayed, on the basis of the record, as a pettish, racist, hysterical and incompetent military tyrant. He and his assistant, Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, persuaded Washington that drastic measures had to be taken against Japanese Americans because of a "military necessity" that existed only in DeWitt's imagination.

Tragically, it was the general's persuasive but false argument of "military necessity" that caused the nation's leaders in Washington to approve imprisonment without charge of an entire racial minority, that same lie misled Japanese Americans (including the

JACL leadership) to cooperate in their own incarceration as a patriotic duty.

Hersey's text shows that, after the decision was made, there was more than enough blame to be passed around. The Pentagon was fed up with DeWitt's "obsessive fears and complaints" but didn't get around to replacing him until the autumn of 1943.

In the spring of 1944, the War Department urged President Roosevelt to end exclusion of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Interior Secretary Harold Ickes told Roosevelt "continued retention of these innocent people in the relocation centers would be a blot upon the history of this country."

But Roosevelt listened to the advice of those who urged him to take no action until the election in November of that year. So the evacuees continued to languish in prison camps, not because of military necessity, but for political expediency.

Hersey writes that Bendetsen began to have doubts about the evacuation decision, but he did not have the courage to admit error. He says: "but Bendetsen agreed with DeWitt that for the War Department to unravel the exclusion policy would be to 'confess an

original mistake of terrifically horrible proportions ... I would find it very hard to justify the expenditure of \$80 million to build Relocation Centers, merely for the purpose of releasing them again." If the matter of human rights entered Bendetsen's mind, it was not recorded.

While the publishers try to trade on Ansel Adams' justifiable fame, the pictures he took at Manzanar are no more striking than those made by others including *Life* magazine and WRA personnel.

The last half of the book is credited to John Armor, a Washington, D.C., writer and attorney. In trying to tell the story of the Evacuation and imprisonment through Manzanar, he fails to emphasize adequately that there were nine other camps. He also fails to make clear that some of his stories—for example the imprisonment of the boy who became Congressman Norman Mineta—were not set in Manzanar. There are additional unfortunate factual errors, such as the statement that more than 16,000 Nisei served in the Pacific, which is more than three times the actual number.

Still, Hersey's text makes the book very much worthwhile.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time for Reconciliation

What with all the recriminations abounding concerning the "no-no/yes-yes" situation of World War II, I would like to call your attention to what one veteran wrote in 1982 in the book *Go For Broke: A Pictorial History of the Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team*. The quote is on page 22 and reads as follows:

"The relocation and incarceration of Japanese Americans caused more than property or monetary losses. In many instances it made enemies of friends and strained relations within families. And it all came from the pressure-cooker situation that the detention camps were and within which we were locked.

"In response to the pressure, some of us entered the Army, some of us fought in courts, and some of us stayed in camp, sometimes defiant, sometimes compliant. The decision to go in different ways was a demonstration of our democratic upbringing. Whatever decision that was made, it was the right one. As Americans, we were exercising the right to make up our own minds. But then the 'pressure-cooker' syndrome took over. We began attacking one another for reaching different decisions.

"Here we were, a people trapped and confined, each seeking a way out, yet, in our frustration, striking out at our friends and family. An understandable failing then, but for it to persist to this day, a tragedy.

"It would seem that the ingredients of the pot have less to answer for than those who put them there."

In closing, I would like to add that in light of the apology and redress from that which put us there, in the pressure cooker of our relocation centers, our continued bickering is tantamount to "snatching defeat from the jaws of victory."

In the spirit of reconciliation . . .

CHESTER TANAKA
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Konomi Commentary I

Jin Konomi's "There Never Was a Hideyoshi Toyotomi" (P.C., Nov. 25, 1988) dilemma has not created many problems for most Japanese Americans.

Many Japanese Americans in frequent contact with the Japanese carry *meishi*, in both English and Japanese.

The Latin script portion is in the traditional English form: first name/last name. The Japanese section is written: last name/first name.

There need not be any "rearranging" for both the westerners and the Japanese.

In articles and books about the Japanese, it seems that the practice of adhering to the Japanese form is gaining favor (e.g. *Issei* by Yuji Ichioka). The precedent is also there. Americans did not write Kai-Shek Chang, but used Chang Kai-Shek, etc.

CLIFFORD UYEDA
San Francisco, Calif.

Konomi Commentary II

I must respectfully disagree with Jin Konomi in his "Moshi Moshi" column in the Nov. 25, 1988 issue, about name order.

I was ambivalent about what name order should be used for Japanese names up until about a year ago. Then I realized what the question was: What name order should be used in *English*.

There are a lot of rules and conventions to English, like "put the verb in the middle" and "put adjectives before nouns." One convention is to put the given name before the family name. It is often useful to know which name is the given name and which the family name, so you will know which to use when you are trying to seem friendly, or, if you are trying to look the person up in the phone book or library index.

It's ridiculous to have different name order conventions for different nationalities in English. It's bad enough to try to remember a list of nationalities using reverse order. But you also need to know which names go with which nations, since context doesn't always let you know the nationality of a person.

So, pushing a convention other than family name last in English just adds to the confusion and misunderstandings rather than smoothing communications.

As for other Asian nations, I think Jin Konomi is right that their names are usually

given family name first. And I do what I suspect most English speakers do, which is to assume the last name is the family name anyway, and go blissfully along until I need to know the real last name and then get all confused.

RALPH M. LAKE
Silver Spring, Md.

Relocating a Friend

I hope you can help me. I have some treasures that were given to me in 1941 by a girl classmate. We must of been about 9 years old then. When they took the people to the internment camps, my little girl friend gave me some real treasures. I don't have any idea what her name was, but if you can send me names and addresses of the ones you have from Niland, Calif., which was in Imperial Valley, I could write to them. I want them to identify the items to me. And I would love to return them to the right person. Can you imagine getting back something after 40 years. So I can't wait to see if I can find the right person.

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P.C. Thank You

I wish to thank Pacific Citizen for printing Michi Weglyn's letter, "Save Citizen 13660". Other papers printed her letter too and letters from people and organizations across the country to Mr. Donald R. Ellegood, University of Washington Press showed the importance of the book with the signing of the redress for the Japanese American evacuation and internment becoming part of the United States' history.

I am happy to report *Citizen 13660* will be reprinted and available again.

MINE KUBO
New York, N.Y.

Charges Out of Line

In reading Cliff Uyeda's letter (P.C. Nov. 4, 1988) one might get an impression that JACL's collaboration with the authorities was instrumental in causing the evacuation of the Japanese. As I remember, the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack was chaos and the status of Japanese Americans was uncertain. No one acted with confidence and consistency, let alone JACL. In fact, JACL was hopelessly and precariously on the defensive. If an intelligence unit ever existed within JACL as claimed by Uyeda, I presume it existed in name only, and all the letters JACL allegedly wrote to the U.S. authorities might have been merely lip service to sustain its own existence.

The following is my summation of U.S. intelligence operations carried out on the Japanese in pre-war days:

- 1) FBI compiled voluminous data on every single Japanese (available through the Right to Self-Information Act). Some Nisei must have been confidentially selected to work in this project.
- 2) All Japanese consulates were broken into at night by Naval intelligence agents and all the files were micro-photographed. (Ringle's revelation, *Los Angeles Times*, 12/6/81).
- 3) A U.S. naval officer testified at the trial of Hideo Yamatoda, kingpin of the Little Tokyo underworld, that he had been passing valuable information to the U.S. (1939).
- 4) A congressional hearing investigating foreign subversion held in San Francisco around 1938 made public a list of hundreds of GUNTAN, resident Japanese ex-servicemen acting as intelligence listening posts for Japan. I personally checked the authenticity of the list and found out that names and addresses were real and not fictitious.
- 5) In June 1941, Japan's master spy naval commander Tachibana was arrested together with Torakichi Kono, Charlie Chaplin's butler. Massive prosecution materials are kept in the National Archives today, still classified as restricted.

The foregoing and many other incidents prove how thoroughly U.S. intelligence was prepared. That is why they were able to round up over 3,000 Japanese suspects in 48 hours at the outbreak of the war. I suggest that Cliff Uyeda use his talent for research in this direction.

JAMES ODA
Northridge, Calif.

Redress Justified

As a rather longtime JACL member and seafarer retired with South Pacific and Aleutian Island experience during WWII, I have been recalled as a relief master on

one of the larger fish processors, fishing in the Bering Sea.

Fortunately I have had some time for reading and wondered if Pacific Citizen has had a book review on Gen. George C. Marshall by Dr. Forest C. Pogue. If you did, then I must have missed it. If you did not, then perhaps my comments may be helpful.

In the seventh chapter of the second volume 1943-1945 in approximately the first 10 pages is an interesting reevaluation by the author as to the events leading up to the well documented "illegal" Japanese American Pacific Coast evacuation.

To quote just one short paragraph on page 144 of a book of 600 pages, please note:

"The resultant draft of a proposed Executive Order was shown to the president on Feb. 19. The attorney general explained that it was based not on legal theory but on the fact that the actions of certain groups might lead to serious disturbances. Later that day Roosevelt signed the directive, Executive Order 9066, which was the forward to (Gen.) DeWitt."

For one who has followed the unjustifiable act of incarceration based on personal experience before, during and after the event, this material is hard to believe. Not to mention are the numerous books I have read during the past 25 years.

Had wartime hysteria taken its toll shortly after Pearl Harbor along with the general sweep up of the German and Italian Americans, then there might have been some justification for it. But to take two and a half months indicates that the cooling off period no longer required the drastic action of evacuation.

One might ask, if such drastic action was necessary, then why did they not do the same in Hawaii?

For the simple reason that had such disruption occurred there, the war effort would have been severely hampered! Most cargo loading on the troop carriers and other ships was by Japanese American longshoremen without one case of sabotage.

As further proof of citizenship and loyalty has been the much cited record of sacrifice and bravery of those proud men in the 442nd.

It is for this reason that I and many others have backed the redress bill.

GUNNAR OLSBORG
Seattle, Wash.

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Sayonara, Mr. Mansfield

By Mami Yamada
Freelance Journalist
Shinano Mainichi Shimbun

U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield's announcement that he will leave Japan after 11 years here and retire to his native Montana reminded me of the occasions when our lives touched.

I was a high school student in 1977 when he was appointed to the Tokyo post. Japanese newspapers abbreviate long foreign surnames, especially in headlines, and Mansfield was dubbed "Ambassador Ma."

One day our social studies teacher gave a mock quiz on Japan-U.S. relations that included the question, "What is the full name of Ambassador Ma?" I thought it was a ridiculous question, so I flippantly wrote in "Magma," a popular cartoon character like Superman.

Next day the teacher, looking at me, said, "One member of the class thinks the U.S. ambassador is Magma. That's supposed to be funny, I guess."

Years later I met Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield and told them the story. Laughingly, the ambassador said he was flattered to be mistaken for Japan's Superman.

Many visitors to the U.S. Embassy can testify to Mansfield's open, unpretentious manner. His hospitality is legendary. He boils water in a pantry

LEC UPDATE

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said that he has already begun working with other congressional budget leaders.

Echoing the sentiments, Rep. Patricia Saiki said, "Now is the time to begin payments," in a letter to President-elect George Bush. She then asked that Bush "adjust" the level of funding to more "closely parallel the intent of the law."

A member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said, "I pledge to do my best, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to secure a much more realistic level of appropriations this session. However, to succeed, we must continue to actively lobby, educate and per-

suaude others of the compelling need for these funds."

The Japanese American Citizens League-Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC) has been actively involved in this lobbying effort, and it will continue to actively and vigorously lobby for reasonable and fair appropriations. The organization takes the position that \$500 million per fiscal year is desirable and just.

JACL-LEC encourages individuals and groups to contact President-elect Bush and the recently-appointed OMB Director Richard Darman, to let them know what redress budget they would like from the Bush administration. In addition, JACL-LEC asks that persons contact members of the House and Senate Budget and Appropriations Committees, if they are a constituent.

PACIFIC CITIZEN FORUM

WILLIAM HOHRI

Feasible Justice

Five months after signing into law an apology and the promise of restitution of \$20,000 to each of the 60,000 surviving Japanese Americans who were exiled and interned during World War II, President Reagan sends to Congress a budget that provides \$20 million in restitution, enough for 1,000. True enough, the law provides a nine-year payout. At this rate, 9,000 or less than one-sixth of the victims will receive restitution. With the oldest being paid first, few of the recipients will be alive to accept payment; two to three thousand of the victims die each year.

I realize, of course, that our federal deficit limits our capacity to spend. We must cut somewhere. Given our druthers, most of us would not pay for traffic violations, alimony, or other costly mistakes. Our president, taking his druthers, fudges on restitution.

What most presidents, legislators, and citizens overlook is that the injuries inflicted on Japanese Americans also compromised the U.S. Constitution. We need only ask ourselves, how certain are *habeas corpus* and the Bill of Rights when the government, with the court's assent, is permitted to exile and imprison 120,000 Americans merely by alleging military necessity?

In their decade-long struggle for redressing their grievances, Japanese Americans were doing more than seeking to heal their injuries; they were offering the Congress, president, and Supreme Court the opportunity to repair a major breach in our Constitution. In redressing the victims, we restore lost integrity to our Constitution.

In August 1988, most Americans rejoiced when the Congress and president enacted redress into law. But two months later, the Supreme Court declined to hear a case pertaining to its wartime decisions. And now the president submits a budget that converts the hope of constitutional repair into a hoax.

The Congress is our last hope. Perhaps our legislators will find a way to increase the appropriation to a more reasonable \$400 or \$500 million dollars. If not, I suggest we amend our official oath-taking to state, "I will, when feasible, support and defend the Constitution of the United States," and replace the Bible with *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli.

'J-Town Revue'
Scheduled for April 8

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) has announced that "J-Town Revue," the Nikkei variety show that proved to be a hit with the community last year, will be placed on the social calendar for a second year.

Planned for April 8, the event, which will feature singers, dancers and musicians from the community, will be held at the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres in Japantown.

The fundraiser, which played to a sold-out audience last year, hopes to once again highlight the "hidden" talent that lies within the Japanese American community.

"We know there are lots of people in the community who engage in singing, dancing, playing an instrument or some form of entertainment, and we'd like to put some of that before the public," said Dean Ito Taylor, J-Town Revue chairman.

Individuals or groups interested in performing in contemporary entertainment are encouraged to take part. The program is open to all ages and welcomes those living outside San Francisco.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the operation of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center which provides community services, programs, and activities.

For more information and/or to volunteer as a performer, visit the JCCCNC office, 1840 Sutter St., or call (415) 567-5505.

adjoining his office and personally serves tea or coffee to guests. It's so relaxed that you feel like an old friend sitting in his living room. But you also know you are in the presence of an uncommon man.

My husband, an artist, had met the ambassador shortly after he arrived in Japan. One day he drove up to Tokyo in a jeep from our home in the mountains of northern Nagano Prefecture and finding himself near the U.S. Embassy, decided to say hello to Mansfield.

Wearing his mud-stained boots, he started to walk into the embassy compound. Several guards stopped him and said he couldn't go in and see the ambassador. "Even the minister of Foreign Affairs makes an appointment two weeks in advance," one said.

The guards were abusive, obviously regarding my husband as a hick or a mental case. Furious at their attitude, he called the ambassador's office.

Almost immediately word came back to the security post to let "the ambassador's friend" in. Divine intervention!

Mike Mansfield is a great diplomat but more than that, he represents the very best in American democracy.

Sayonara, Mr. Ambassador. We'll miss you.

—From the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center.

THE CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-Jan. 30—Ansel Adam's "Manzanar: Life in the Japanese American Internment Camp," sponsored by Cal State L.A. Asian American Resource Center, J.F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Cal State L.A. campus. Free. Hours: Variable; call 213 343-3980. Info: 213 343-4245.

■ Present-Feb 26—East West Players production of *Laughter and False Teeth*, East West Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Times: 8 pm, with Sunday matinees. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Jan. 21—Pacific Asia Museum exhibition of Japanese Kabuki theatre through 60 woodblock prints of Tsuruya Kokei, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Info: Philip Pang, 818 449-2742.

■ Jan. 22—"Culture Shock!," 3 pm, Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tickets: \$15, \$12 and \$8 for students & seniors. Info: 213 680-3700.

■ Jan. 22—Nikkei Widowed Group New Year's Potluck Party, 1:30—4:30 pm, Pioneer Social Hall, rm 4-B, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: Mary, 213 295-3655.

■ Jan. 25—"Pacific Rim in the '90s, Direction of U.S. Foreign Policy," a speech by Dr. Walden Bello, senior analyst, Institute for Food and Development Policy, 7:30 pm, St. Agustin by the Sea Church, 1227 4th St., Santa Monica. Sponsored by the Asia Pacific Roundtable. Info: 213 735-5448.

■ Feb. 2 & 3—Performances by Kodo Heartbeat Drummers of Japan, California Institute of Technology, 8 pm, Beckman Auditorium, Michigan Ave. south of Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena. Tickets: \$22.50/\$20/\$17.50; 18 and under, \$2 off; student & senior rush tickets, \$630 min. before performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Caltech Ticket Office, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Pasadena or at Ticketron outlets. Info: 1 800 434-8849 or 818 356-4652.

■ Feb. 3—Second Annual Conference of the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Sheraton La Reina Hotel. Registration fee: \$75, \$100 after Jan. 9. Info: Audrey Yamagata-Noji, 714 582-4622.

■ Feb. 4—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California annual installation dinner, 6—10 pm, La Marina Inn, 119 Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey. Guest Speaker: Rev. Mas Kodani. Topic: "Japanese Americans: Do We Have a Future?" Tickets: \$20. Send checks to JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510-3164, or call Sue, 213 662-5102 or 818 288-0024.

■ Feb. 8 & 9—Kodo Heartbeat Drummers, 8 pm, Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San

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■ Feb. 18—Benefit dance for Collage Ensemble, 8 pm—midnight, Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 162nd St., Gardena. Admission: \$7. Send checks, payable to Collage Ensemble, to Crystal Palace Billiards, 4335 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood, CA 90304. Info: 213 532-1831.

NEW YORK

■ Feb. 2—The 15th anniversary of AAL-DEF (Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund), Silver Palace Restaurant, 50-52 Bowers. Cocktails: 5:30 pm. Dinner: 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$60, members; \$75, non-members. Info: 212 966-5932.

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■ Present—Feb. 23—Exhibition of works by clay sculptor Judy Hiramoto, lobby of Tandem Computers, Inc., 19191 Vallco Pkwy., Cupertino. Hours: 8 am—5 pm, M—F. The public is welcome. Info: 415 586-1324.

■ Jan. 21—The San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles Club Installation Dinner-Dance, Fort Mason's Officer's Club. No host cocktails: 6:30—7:15 pm. Dinner: 7:15—8:15 pm. Installation ceremonies and program: 8:15—9 pm. Music by Jimmy Howard's band. Cost: \$20/ea.; dance only, \$10. Info: 415 349-1137.

■ Jan. 28—Seminar on Alzheimer's disease, 1—3 pm, Hinode Towers Community Room, 1st floor, 1615 Sutter St. Chairperson: Hashizume Sato. Speakers: Sally Salisbury, Edith Kaplan. Free. Info: 415 731-2967.

■ Jan. 28—"Toward A More Just Society," a dinner introducing the Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Fund, sponsored by the Asian Law Caucus, 6 pm, Hyatt Hotel on Union Square. Keynote Speaker: Rep. Robert Matsui. Info: 415 835-1474 or 415 922-4060.

SEATTLE

■ Present—Jan 28—"Japanese Friendship: Contemporary and Traditional Japanese Prints, Painting and Ceramic Sculpture," Northwest Peace Museum at Frederick & Nelson Dept. Store, during store hours. Info: 206 682-5500.

■ Present—Jan. 31—Etchings and monographs by Kazuko Watanabe, Kimzey Miller Gallery, 1225 2nd Ave., Mon.—Sat., 10 am—6 pm, Sun., noon—5 pm. Info: 206 682-2339.

■ Jan. 21—Nippon Kan Heritage Association presents *Oshogatsu*, Japanese New Year, a program of music and dance, 7:30 pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Tickets: \$7, general; \$5 students/seniors; 75 and over, free; available at Uwajimaya, House of Rice or at the door. Info: 206 624-8801.

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■ Jan. 20 & 21—"Minorities in Western Newspapers Job Conference," sponsored by the *Spokane Spokesman-Review*, American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Task Force on Minorities in the Newspaper Business, Ridpath Hotel. Interviews and workshops for minority college juniors, seniors, graduate students and professionals interested in newspaper careers. Registration fee: \$25. Hotel rate: \$39/night. Info: 509 459-5420 or 509 459-5456.


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Japanese in Peru Begin 90th Anniversary Fete

LIMA, Peru—The Japanese in Peru begin a year-long celebration of their 90th anniversary of immigration with a sports festival and karaoke show over the Feb. 11-12 weekend. The highlight will be the major event in August. (A karaoke group from the U.S. will participate, according to Sam Fujii of Los Angeles. Information: 213/327-4924.)

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HONORING HAHN—Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and his wife Ramona were recently presented with a Japanese vase and an ornamental wall hanging from the Gardena Valley Gardeners' Association (GVGA) and the Southern California Gardeners Federation (SCGF) during a testimonial luncheon held in Hahn's honor at the Torrance Holiday Inn. Making the presentations are (l-r) Kuni Tamura, GVGA president-elect; Wesley Koyano, SCGF 2nd president; and George Kamio, GVGA president. Hahn was honored for his more than 40 years as an elected official and his 25-year affiliation with GVGA.

THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Rene Michi Mansho, 39**, mother of two children, school teacher and recently elected to the Honolulu city council from the 1st (Wahiawa-Mililani) district, is the daughter of Sadao and Ethel Nishimoto. She was named to the city council's planning committee, which is considering changes to the Honolulu General Plan and redevelopment in the central districts. Her husband Rodney is Toshiba Hawaii as sales manager. Their children are aged 11 and 14.

► Prominent drug-abuse researcher **Michiko Okamoto**, professor of pharmacology at Cornell Medical College, turned down a three-year grant (about \$720,000) "reluctantly" for on-going research using cats to study barbiturate addiction upon advice of her administrators last September. The story (Washington Post, Nov. 23) indicated the Cornell cat case shows the growing clout of the animal rights movement. Officials at the National Institute on Drug Abuse were outraged, contending that Okamoto's studies on cats over the past 14 years have advanced

scientific understanding of drug addiction. NIDA Director Charles R. Schuster told Cornell: "We view scientists like Dr. Okamoto . . . as a national resource that needs to be nurtured and encouraged." Trans-Species Unlimited president George P. Cave said his group had protested because the cat studies "were simply of no benefit for human barbiturate addicts."

► **Joan Yoshitomi**, holds the distinction of being the first woman chief deputy comptroller in the history of Seattle city government, having been appointed in June, 1986. A graduate of Renton High in 1958, she has been married to her husband Keiji for 28 years, spent the first 15 years as a homemaker and rearing their two sons (now, 25 and 27), then returned to college, graduating in sociology from Univ. of Washington in 1976 and began her public career as school district administrative coordinator, as staff consultant in Olympia with the office of public instruction by 1983 and then budget analyst for the state senate ways & means committee.



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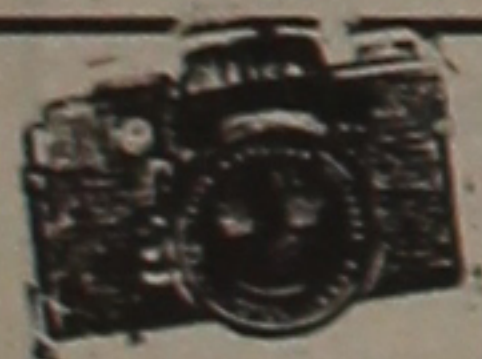
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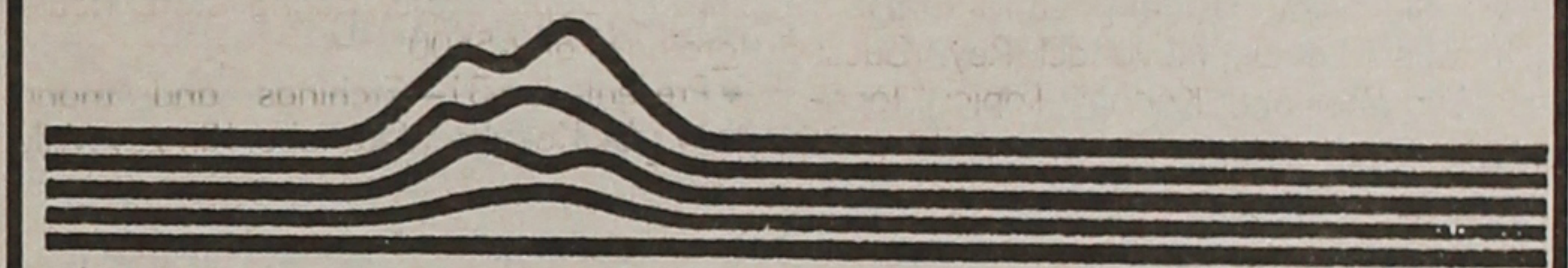
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• Fourteenth Annual Installation Dinner, Jan. 28, the Ibis Hotel, 923 E. Carson St., Carson. No host cocktails: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm. The evening includes door prizes and a members only raffle. Cost: \$20/ea. Info: 213 835-9833, 213 324-7462 or 213 834-3663.

CONTRA COSTA

• Installation Banquet, Feb. 4, Emeryville Holiday Inn. 6 pm: No host cocktails. 7 pm: Dinner. Info: 415 237-8730.

DIABLO VALLEY

• Installation and awards dinner, Jan. 22, Zio Frado's Restaurant, 701 Gregory Ln., Pleasant Hill. Dinner: \$17.50. Reservations: Jack Nakashima 2640 San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

DOWNTOWN

• Installation Luncheon, 11:30 am, Feb. 26, Hyatt Sunset, 8401 Sunset Blvd. Cost: \$25. RSVP by Feb. 12. Info: Lillian Inatomi, 213 636-8456 or 213 822-3363, or Naomi Kuramoto, 818 288-4503.

GARDENA VALLEY

• Golden Anniversary Celebration, Jan. 28, Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson. 6 pm: No host cocktails. 7 pm: Dinner. Donation: \$25. Info: Deena Koda, 213 318-5353.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Seventh Annual Installation Dinner-Dance, Jan. 28, Holiday Inn, Long Beach, 2640 Lakewood Blvd. at I-405. Cost: \$22; after Jan. 20, \$25. No host cocktails: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm, followed by dancing until midnight. Music by Taka. Make checks payable to Greater L.A. Singles, c/o Janet Okubo, 21207 S. Avalon, #156, Carson, CA 90745. Info: 213 935-8648 or 213 835-7568.

JAPAN

• Ski-Yaki Ski Trip, Feb. 17-19, Katashina Ski Resort, Gunma-Ken. Cost: members, ¥28,000; non-members, ¥30,000; children, ¥23,000. Includes

bus fare, room, lift tickets & four meals. Info: 713-0137.

MILWAUKEE

• Chapter Inaugural, Jan. 29, Country Gardens, 911 W. Layton. Cocktails: 3-4 pm. Program: 4 pm. Dinner: 5:30 pm. Prime Rib: \$11.75. Speaker: Grayce Uyehara. Info and reservations: 414 643-5999.

PSWDC

• Reception to introduce JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa, Jan. 25, 6-8 pm, 2nd Floor Lounge, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. RSVP by Jan. 23. Info: 213 626-471.

SAN JOSE

• Math Contest, sponsored by the Hokubei Mainichi, the San Jose Sumitomo Bank Branch and the San Jose JACL, Jan. 28, 12:45 pm, Santa Teresa High School, 6150 Snell Ave., San Jose. Limit: Junior Division, grades 7-9, limited to 240 students; Senior Division, grades 10-12, limited to 160 students. Awards will be presented at 3 pm or after all tests have been graded. Info: Kiyoko Tokutomi, 408 721-4886 or Jerry Sasaki, 408 534-3000.
• JACL '89 Dinner Dance, March 4, Fairmont Hotel. Also includes art show featuring the works of Hisashi Otsuka. Proceeds to benefit the chapter and the Japanese American Community Foundation. Info: 408 295-1250 or Images West, 408 970-0925.

SELANOCO

• The 23rd Annual Installation Dinner, Jan. 21, Buena Park Hotel, 7675 Buena Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Donation: \$22.50, adults; \$17.50 students. Guest Speaker: Grant Ujifusa. Social hour: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm. RSVP and info: Charles Ida, 714 974-1076.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation dinner, 6-10:30 pm, Feb. 4, Board at the Bard Mansion, Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by Jan. 25. Guest Speaker: Grant Ujifusa. Info: Janet Kajihara, 805 983-2612.

Items publicizing JACL events should be type-written (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and mailed at least THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE to the P.C. office. Please include contact phone numbers, addresses, etc.

4 Asian Americans Presented 'Visions Awards' in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO — Four long-time community volunteers and philanthropists, Soon-Kyung Hong, Henry Izumizaki, Dr. Rolland Lowe, Peter Masilang were honored on Nov. 17, 1988, for their commitment to philanthropy and volunteerism in the Asian Pacific community. The four were presented with "Visions Awards" and the opportunity to present \$1,000 awards to the non-profit organization of their choice by the Oakland-based Asian Foundation for Community Development.

Nearly 400 people attended the fundraising dinner at San Francisco's Ramada Renaissance Hotel. The foundation raised \$30,000 for its direct grants and technical assistance programs.

San Mateo JACL Announces Annual Scholarship Program

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The San Mateo Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has announced its annual Scholarship Program for 1989. The chapter will award freshman scholarships to deserving students from the local area. After the selection of the local recipients, the top applications will be forwarded to the JACL Headquarters in San Francisco for judging in the National Scholarship Program.

In its 42nd year, the National Program will award over 40 scholarships totalling over \$45,000. All levels of education, as well as varied areas of study will be considered.

These scholarships are open to all JACL members, their children, or any American of Japanese ancestry.

Applications are available from local San Mateo county high schools and community colleges as well as from the JACL Community Center, located at 415 South Claremont St. in San Mateo.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 1989.

groups which comprise this multicultural society.

Following Tchen's address, the Khmer Classical Arts Association presented Cambodian songs, using classical Khmer musical instruments.

Last year, the Smithsonian was asked by JACL to include Asian Americans in the program; this year, the Smithsonian decided to feature Asian Americans as the primary participants the Martin Luther King commemorative program.



VISIONS AWARDS—Attending the Visions awards were (l-r) Dr. Rolland Lowe, honoree; foundation executive director Nelson Holl; foundation board member Elwood Owyang; Soon-Kyung Hong, honoree; Henry Izumizaki, honoree; Wendy Tokuda, co-m.c.; Dr. Delwin Roy, keynote speaker; David Louie, co-m.c.; Peter Masilang, honoree; David Kim, foundation board chair; and Deann Borshay, development director.

ORA Head Talks Redress in L.A.

By Jimmy Tokeshi

LOS ANGELES — Approximately 150 men and women, including national JACL President Cressey Nakagawa, Acting National Director Bill Yoshino, Acting Deputy Director Carole Hayashino, PSWDC Gov. J.D. Hokoyama and PSWDC Regional Director John Saito attended a community forum on redress on Dec. 14, 1988 at the new Centenary United Methodist Church in Little Tokyo.

Robert Bratt, executive director of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), was the main speaker. Bratt reported that eligibility for payment

was not finalized. He said the regulations are expected to be published at the beginning of February in the *Federal Register*, depending upon how long the attorney general's staff takes to review the regulations.

Following publication, a 30-day comment period will be afforded to the general public to make remarks on the regulations. The event was co-sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council (PSWDC) of the JACL and the National Coalition of Redress/Reparations (NCRR).

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the House and Senate Budget Appropriations Committees were also included in the packet, which went out to JACL-LEC and JACL Board members, JACL staff, regional and area redress coordinators, JACL Chapter redress chairs and JACL chapter presidents.

Following Bush's inauguration, the JACL-LEC recommended using the following address to write Bush: The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Interested parties can obtain a redress alert packet by contacting the JACL-LEC Office at (202) 223-1240.

KING DAY

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This country currently faces a backlash from "... those that want to close the civil rights free space," Tchen said. An additional concern which he expressed is that minorities in this country are in a "never, never land of 'otherness.'" He suggested that Americans pursue pluralism by equally respecting and appreciating the diverse

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