



BARRY SAIKI

Thank You, Barry!

Saiki — Mr. JACL Japan Chapter — Is Returning Home to California This Year

By Calvin Kuniyuki

TOKYO
If anyone has been synonymous with a chapter of JACL anywhere, it is Barry Saiki in Japan.

Nisei, interned during the war, member of the occupation forces, long-time resident married to a Japanese; founder and first president of the Japan Chapter. Besides total dedication to the membership here, Barry was the "Nisei in Japan" for countless readers back home of his column in *The Pacific Citizen* for many years, and the one JACL dignitaries always called when they came visiting. What made Barry run so long and so hard for JACL?

On occasion, one finds hints from remarks he has made in public. Take this statement from his article "A Short History of the Japan Chapter" in the latest Holiday issue of the P.C.

"The history of every one of the 115 or more JACL chapters is unique, for chapters do not simply materialize out of thin air. They are given substance by interested people and by sets of circumstances."

Barry's purpose was not to state the obvious or to give credit away, but to remind us of the tradition of sacrifice that has supported JACL throughout its history. For Barry, keeping the JACL Japan Chapter going was a way of preserving a symbol of that tradition.

Or on another occasion, this one private, Barry said that if an outside group was interested enough to invite him to speak about Japanese Americans, then it was well worth spending his own money to travel to where they were. The way he clearly relished the task of telling the story of the Nisei to other Americans that day indicated another motivation: a belief in the value of history to enlighten, and a feeling that he had a responsibility to keep the story of Japanese Americans alive in the two countries in which he had roots.

That is why, for example, Barry did not hesitate for a moment to offer his help when he found out that the Onizuka Memorial Committee wanted to translate a book on the late astronaut into Japanese (a role which he understated as "arranging for translation, publication and liaison among the committee, authors and publisher."). Or why Barry always had an inventory of books on hand on Japanese Americans ("They Call Me Moses Masaoka" was the latest) which he sold to others at a discount. Or why he publicly supported novelist Yamazaki Toyoko's interpretation of Japanese American history, "Futatsu no Sokoku," when many others in JACL felt that the title itself posed a threat to our chances for redress.

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JACL Testifies on Employer Sanctions in Immigration Law

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Citizens League testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 20, calling for the repeal of the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration Reform Act of 1990 due to "widespread discrimination" against Asian and Hispanic Americans caused by the law.

The testimony, given by JACL Washington Representative Paul Igasaki, was taken by the committee chaired by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Affairs.

Said Igasaki, "We do not believe that discrimination is an acceptable cost for the enforcement effect of employer sanctions. Discrimination is, after all, violative of our national principles and laws. It should not be countenanced in the pursuit of otherwise legitimate policy goals."

Other organizations testifying included:

American Bar Association, U.S. Catholic Conference, National Council of La Raza and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

They joined the JACL in calling for the repeal of sanctions, and FAIR, a group seeking to severely limit immigration, which testified in favor of continuing sanctions.

In addition to Sen. Kennedy, Senators Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) Paul Simon (D-Ill.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) were present.

Sen. Kennedy has introduced SJR 280, which would accept a General Accounting Office report finding that widespread discrimination against those appearing or sounding "foreign" has occurred because of sanctions and which, according to the law, would automatically repeal employer sanctions. A similar bill, House Joint Resolution 534, is cosponsored by Cong. Bob Matsui (D-Calif.).

Sen. Simpson, a longtime proponent of restrictive immigration policy, focused sharp criticism of each of the groups concerned with racial discrimination produced by the law. His remarks, which included a charge that JACL had "pre-judged" the issue, drew

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Seattle Redress Workshop Draws Record Crowd

SEATTLE, Wash. — In one of the largest gatherings yet to meet with ORA Administrator Robert Bratt, some 300 Nikkei filled the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church in a standing-room-only crowd on April 21 to hear an update on redress processing.

Bratt announced that there were now approximately 8,000 names verified as eligible in the "ready to go" category, with expectations that there would be an additional 2,000 in another month. As of mid-April, 16,900 request for documentation letters have gone out, including 800 letters to heirs. Another 188 letters were set for former military servicemen.

NCWNDC Sponsors Workshop for ORA

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bob Bratt, administrator of the Dept. of Justice Office of Redress Administration, spoke to approximately 200 persons at a workshop sponsored by the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District April 19 at the Buddhist Temple.

Bratt gave a brief history of the verification process and helpful tips on filling out the appropriate forms. George Kondo, JACL regional director and chair for the evening's program, began by asking for a moment of silence in tribute to the memory of Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

Bratt was introduced not only as an able administrator but a person with deep compassion for those who suffered injustices due to Executive Order 9066. He made himself available to answer each participants' individual questions and promised that he would follow up on them when he returns to Washington.

Bratt stated that as of April 18, 16,000 verification packets had been mailed out but only 11,000 were returned. Failure to return the verification packet as soon as possible may result in a substantial delay of the individual's redress payment.

Accompanying Bratt was Eileen Fukuda, a legal counsel employed by ORA, who assisted in answering individual questions.

Valerie O'Brian, ORA legal counsel, who accompanied Bratt, spoke on the eligibility criteria for those who were in the armed services prior to and during Evacuation, clarifying that either one or the other of the qualifying factors, "loss of property" or "restriction of liberty" would meet the ORA requirements. An individual who was already in the military service and never was interned in camp should send in a Voluntary Information Form (VIF). He will then receive from the ORA a letter requesting affidavits or documentation regarding those items which would qualify for eligibility. However, former servicemen should not send in such documentation to ORA until requested. An honorable discharge paper includes much of the necessary information and the ORA will obtain such documentation for the potentially eligible individual when appropriate.

Those receiving social security benefits whom Bratt estimated to be approximately 18,000, will not need to provide age and address documentation. However, if a person who is on social security receives a letter from the ORA requesting specific documents, one should comply with the letter as there may be other reasons why the social security records have not provided the information or matched up with the individual.

Bratt affirmed that heirs would receive payment in the same order in line as the deceased individual's age would have placed that person. Federal tax exemption will extend to payments received by heirs. Death Information Forms (CRT-57) were provided for reporting of any persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated, relocated, or interned during World War II, not necessarily only those who have died since the redress bill was signed, in order that ORA can account for all those potentially eligible for redress.

Laughter rippled through the hall when Bratt stated that one of his favorite questions was with reference to the situation when a deceased individual has three heirs—\$20,000 divided by 3—which one gets the extra penny?

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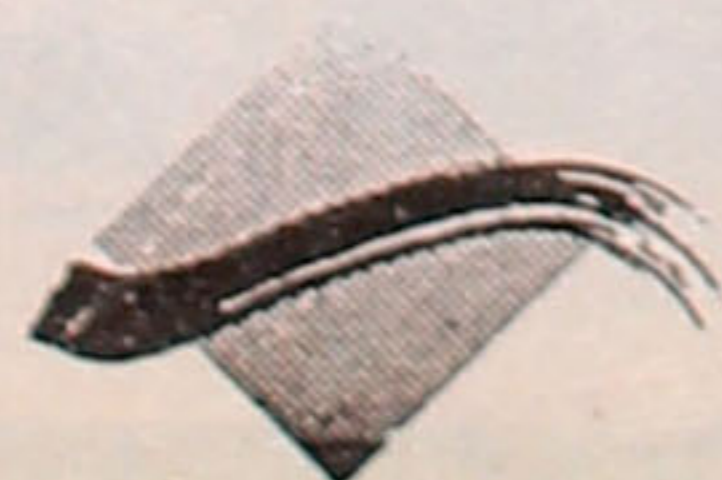
Rep. Akaka to Fill U.S. Senate Seat

HONOLULU — Rep. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii) was appointed April 28 to fill the Senate seat of Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga, who died April 15 of complications of prostate cancer. Gov. John Waihee signed a proclamation naming his fellow Democrat to the post, effective May 16. Akaka will serve until January, when the winner of special elections held during the regular primary and general elections will be seated to serve the remaining four years of Matsunaga's six-year term. Akaka, 65, is a former schoolteacher and school administrator who has served in the House since 1976. Akaka's 2nd Congressional District seat will be filled in a special election to be held in conjunction with the Sept. 22 primary.



STANDING-ROOM-ONLY — ORA Administrator Bob Bratt fields questions at Seattle Redress Workshop.

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Japanese Eating 'American' Food Not Found in U.S.

TOKYO—The Wall Street Journal has reported Japanese are eating up "U.S." food which are not found in America.

Aunt Stella's cookies, packaged to look American with drawings of wide-open farms on the boxes and cans, are found throughout a 56-store chain started by Joseph Dunkle.

The chain of Mister Donuts stores, started six years ago and promoted to look more "American" with pink flamingos, is operated by Duskin Co., an Osaka-based dust-control firm.

Japan's Coca-Cola created Georgia's Coffee, a ready-to-drink canned coffee 15 years ago, and it is now the best seller.

But Japanese tastes of American images are difficult to predict, says Robert Kuhn, a corporate strategist helping U.S. companies enter the Japanese market.



TEE TIME—Preparing to tee off at the recent United Way/Japanese Golf Tournament are (L-R) Hideo Sunami, president and CEO, California Steel Ind., Inc.; Kiyohiko Arafune, Japanese Consul General; Jiro Ishizaka, board chair for Union Bank; James P. Miscoll, United Way general campaign chair and vice chair of Bank of America; Okitami Komada, executive vice president and CEO, Mitsui Fudosan (U.S.A.), Inc. The golf tournament at the Valencia Country Club brought together prominent Japanese and American businessmen to encourage their involvement in United Way, which supports the nation's largest network of more than 350 local health and human service agencies and programs. The United Way campaign recently concluded, generating a record \$95 million.

As Grocers in Seattle:

Ikeda Bros. End 45-Year Family Operation

SEATTLE—Ikeda & Co., purveyors of Japanese food at the wholesale level, was sold to a Korean-owned company, Hanmi Inc., thus ending a 45-year-old family operation started by their father John and first son Bob in 1945 at the edge of prewar Nihonmachi at 609 Weller. It was later moved to its present location at the southside of Chinatown at 912 Maynard South. Their last day was March 31.

The Ikeda story is typical of family-owned businesses today with the children not interested in continuing with it. The sons and daughters, having acquired college degrees and pursuing their own professional careers, know how it was and is.

The Ikedas had returned from Minidoka and with a few thousand dollars started business. The sons, Frank, Ben and Willie, assumed greater roles after brother Bob, company president, suffered a stroke six years ago. The family has worked as many as seven days a week, 16 to 20 hours a day, the *Seattle Chinese Post* reporter Assunta Ng related. And they took no vacation except a nephew who took a week off for his wedding.

Ben, 67, the second brother, looked forward to relaxing for a while. Frank, 59, felt "sad and glad."

Ben's son Glen and Gene did not want to inherit the company because of the extra service the company gave to

make customers happy, which meant longer hours.

Glen, the bookkeeper, literally grew up with the company as his mother—without a baby sitter at home—brought him along to help with packaging. "I don't think I want to invest the time which my father and uncles had to invest into this job," he said.

The seven Ikeda family members stayed on during the transition period. The new owners said they would gladly hire the Ikedas on a permanent basis.

JPL Nikkei Scientist Casts Eye on Pluto

LOS ANGELES—Bruce Tsurutani, a plasma physicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, is planning a Pluto solar probe mission, which would be years ahead of NASA's schedule and at small cost.

The proposal is to launch a rocket carrying the solar and Pluto probes piggy-back and when the rocket reaches Jupiter, the probes separate. NASA has taken the proposal seriously, according to *Los Angeles Times* science writer Lee Dye.

The solar mission is on the docket for the future, Tsurutani said. The sun is the only star in the universe that makes life possible on Earth and it has been relatively neglected in space exploration.

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New Ceramic Tile Mural OK'd for Denver Center to Include 6 Nikkei

DENVER — The likenesses of six Japanese Americans will be included among 168 Coloradans to be memorialized in a proposed 600-foot-long ceramic tile mural to be placed on an outside wall of Denver's new convention center. Tentative approval for the \$200,000 project was given recently to Barbara Jo Revelle, a Boulder artist-photographer.

The six Japanese Americans Revelle chose to be depicted are:

Naochi Hokazono, a labor contractor whose crews of Japanese workmen built roads, dams, railroads and power lines in Colorado shortly after the turn of the century. Hokazono died in 1928. His likeness is preserved in a stained glass window in the state capitol.

Some Kosuge, a Japanese picture bride who farmed near Sterling in northeast Colorado.

Yuriko Noda, Issei artist who painted the picture of Hokazono used in the stained glass window.

Ellison Onizuka, the late Hawaii-born astronaut who won his engineering degrees at the University of Colorado.

Oski Taniwaki, former editor of English sections in California Japanese newspapers who ran a gift and book store in Denver.

Minoru Yasui, civil rights advocate who headed Denver's human rights commission.

Other Asian Americans on Revelle's list include Chin Lin Sou, an early day gold miner and labor contractor; Nguyen Hanh Thi, a Vietnamese immigrant; and Chogyam Trunpa Rin-

poche, a Tibetan Buddhist leader who established a monastery in Colorado.

Revelle did not explain what criteria she used in compiling her list other than to say she wanted to include "the people who have been under-represented."

Among her better-known selectees are broadcaster Lowell Thomas, who grew up in Colorado; boxer Jack Dempsey, a Colorado native; Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir, who spent childhood years in Colorado; Buffalo Bill Cody; writer Damon Runyon; and Ralph Carr, who as governor opposed imprisonment of Japanese Americans in World War II.

Bruce Thomson, chair of Denver's Commission on Cultural Affairs, said the commission accepted Revelle's list as central to her art without necessarily agreeing with it. "This is an artist's interpretation of historical events in Colorado," he said. "As she wasn't open to changes, the committee made its decision on the aesthetics of the work of art, not the political comment."

Denver's Mayor Federico Pena still must approve the project.

Nisei Week Festival Seeks Souvenir Booklets

LOS ANGELES — Souvenir books from Nisei Week prior to WWII and for the years 1961, 1965, 1971, 1976 and 1979 are urgently sought by the Nisei Week Japanese Festival Booklet Committee.

Committee Chair Frank Omatsu said, "We need information contained in these books to complete our history of the Japanese Festival as we prepare for our fiftieth anniversary year."

Omatsu said that all booklets would be returned to their owners after the committee secured the needed information. Omatsu can be reached at (213) 229-4000.

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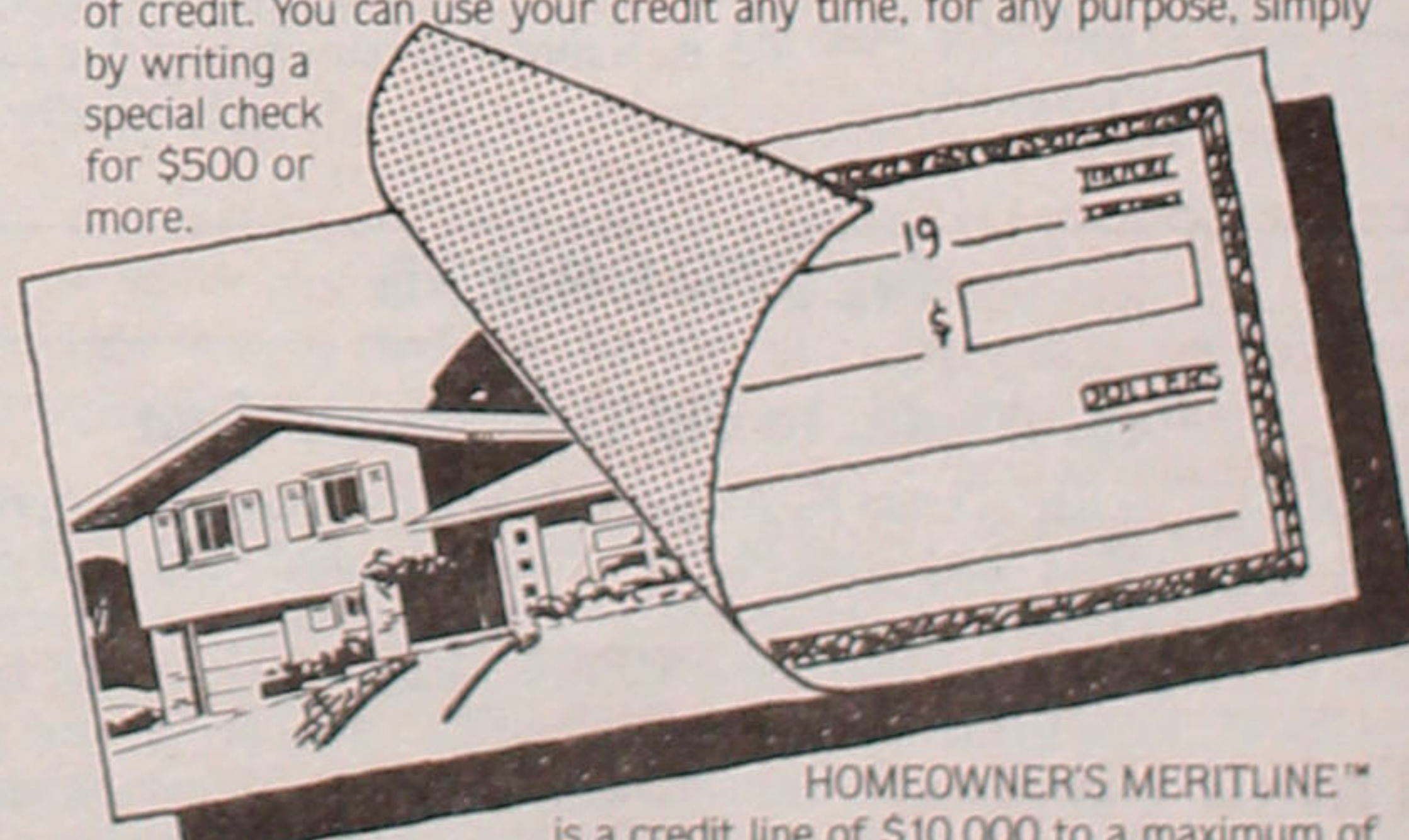
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Hongo, Gotanda Win Guggenheim Awards

NEW YORK — Poet Garrett Hongo and playwright Philip Kan Gotanda were among the 143 artists, scholars and scientists to be named fellows of the Guggenheim Foundation. The award included a grant of more than \$30,000.

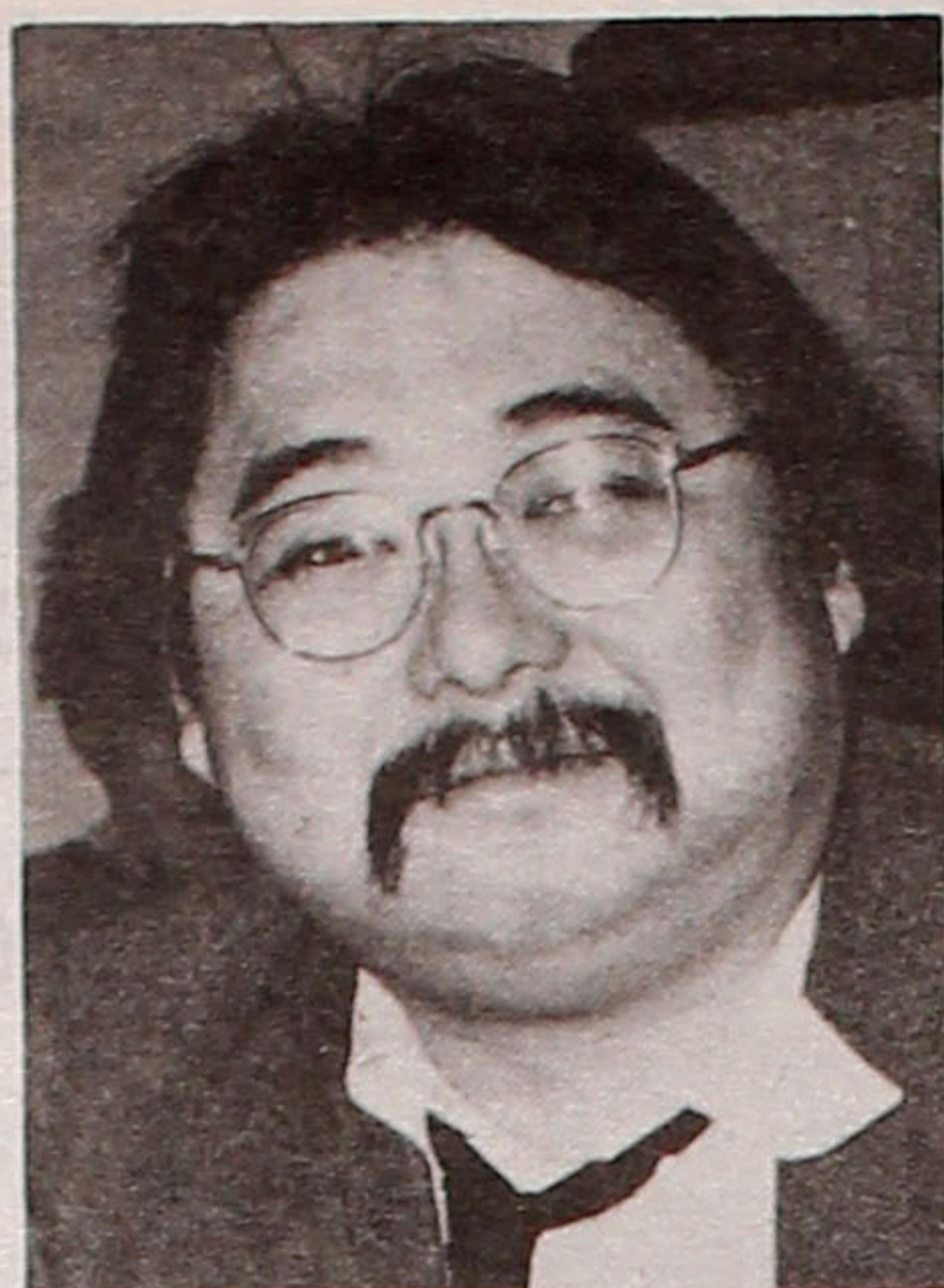
Hongo, a Hawaii-born poet, is associate professor of English at the University of Oregon and director of the school's creative writer program. He is the author of *Yellow Light* (Wesleyan, 1982) and *The River of Heaven* (Knopf, 1988). The latter was the Lamont Poetry Selection of the Academy of American Poets.

Hongo will be given a year's leave from the university in 1991 and will use the fellowship to complete a prose memoir and to work on a third volume of poetry.

Gotanda's first play, *The Avocado Kid*, was produced in 1979 by East West Players in Los Angeles. Since then, the San Francisco-based Gotanda has written *Song for a Nisei Fisherman*, *The Dream of Kitamura*, *Bullet-Headed Birds*, *The Wash*, and *Yankee Dawg You Die*, which won the 1989 Will Glickman Playwriting Award.

Recently Gotanda was invited to Tokyo for the Japanese-language debut of *Song for a Nisei Fisherman* at the Bunka-za Gekijo.

A film version of *The Wash*, with screenplay by Gotanda, was released in 1988 and will air on public television this year. *The Wash* was originally sponsored by a JACL Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Arts Grant.



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Awards from Corporate Sponsors:

Nikkei Win National Merit Scholarships

From the *Hokubei Mainichi*
EVANSTON, Ill. — Approximately 1,300 winners of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships have been announced by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

This is the first group of more than 6,000 high school seniors who will receive scholarships totaling \$24 million this year.

This group was chosen from among students who have qualifications of particular interest to 400 corporations, company foundations and other business organizations that are program sponsors.

The following recipients are listed with scholarship sponsor, school and career field:

Kimberly K. Doi, GTE Corp.; Pearl City High School, Pearl City, Hawaii; pharmacy.
Irene Y. Fujishima, United Airlines Foundation; Renton High School, Renton, Wash.; engineering.

Tammy Y. Ishimatsu, National Medical Enterprises; Skyline High School, Salt Lake City; undecided.

Erika M. Isomura, Lockheed Leadership Fund; Torrey Pines High School, Encinitas, Calif.

Moeka Kuwamoto, Rockwell International Corp.; Thousand Oaks High School, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; biological sciences.

Todd A. Sasaki, Eastman Kodak Co.; John Marshall High School, Los Angeles; political science.

Michelle N. Shiota, Xerox Foundation; Crossroads School, Santa Monica; psychobiology.

Yuriko Tada, Union Electric Co.; Parkway

North High School, Creve Coeur, Mo.; English education.

Miwako Takano, Monsanto; Parkway North High School, Creve Coeur, Mo.; biochemistry.
Kenneth S. Urakawa, Security Pacific Foundation; Kentwood Senior High School, Kent, Wash.; physical therapy.

Kentaro E. Yamada, BP America; Orange High School, Cleveland; international law.

Most corporate-sponsored scholarships are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide between \$500 and \$2,000 per year. Some are nonrenewable and provide a single \$2,000 payment.

Judy Chu Installed as Monterey Park Mayor, 2nd Asian Also Elected

MONTEREY PARK — Election of a second Asian American, Samuel Kiang, and a Latino businessman, Fred Balderamma, to the Monterey Park city council April 10 was regarded as a new political era for the city as Councilwoman Judy Chu was sworn in as mayor April 24 under the rotating mayoral system.

The election also saw the ouster of Barry Hatch, controversial councilman who alienated some residents with his blunt statement on illegal immigration and Mayor Pat Reichenberger in the hotly contested six-way race for three seats on the five-member council.

Both Hatch and Reichenberger led the unsuccessful campaign in 1985 to make English the city's official language.

Kiang said that while he focused on the city's estimated 4,500 Chinese American voters, he attributed his victory to community support that crossed ethnic boundaries. He was the top vote getter with 3,771.

Chu was elected in 1988.

Remembering Sparky in Action

Mineta Remembers Sen. Matsunaga in House Floor Remarks to Colleagues

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) remembered his friend and colleague Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii in remarks delivered April 24 to the House of Representatives.

Excerpts of Mineta's remarks follow:

Mr. Speaker, there are many great words etched in stone here in Washington, D.C. Some words speak of the men and women who have helped shape the United States. Others speak to the great principles we have come to hold dear of all. Binding these words together is a special resolve: to seek the unique voices among us to reflect the best human decency, and the most tireless determination to better ourselves and our nation.

Spark Matsunaga was such a voice.

During the Second World War, Spark was a highly decorated member of the all-Nisei 100th Battalion and 442nd Central Postal Directory—most honored in the history of the United States. Forty-five years later, he led the fight in Congress to redress the injustices endured by the 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned by the U.S. government during the very war in which he and so many others fought so bravely.

Spark's determination to correct those historic injustices was realized in The Civil Liberties Act of 1986—a law that stands as a living testament to his dedication to

the rights of every American.

Mr. Speaker, great words may be set in stone, but truly great men will always live on in our hearts. Spark and his ideals will live in us all so long as there are wrongs to right, people in need of justice, and a world in need of peace.

In 1938, while a student at the University of Hawaii, Spark wrote a composition entitled "Let Us Teach Our Children to Want Peace." In it he wrote:

"Wants are the drive of all human action. If we want peace, we must educate people to want peace. We must replace attitudes favorable to war with attitudes opposed to war. Parents should protect the child from experiences with materials of warfare. Teachers should let the generals fall into the background and bring into the foreground leaders in social reform as heroes."

"We must help our young to see that there are other types of bravery than that which is displayed on the battlefield. If in our teaching we emphasize the life and work of our great contributors instead of our great destroyers, people will come to realize that moral courage is bravery of the highest type, and America will be called the Champion of Peace."

Spark lived by this goal, and saw it embodied in the United States Institute of Peace which he established.

Spark Matsunaga was a great man of peace who fought in war, and later fought to eliminate war and the wartime injustices which preyed upon innocent people. That he was so successful in this is his lasting legacy to our nation, and a timeless source of inspiration to all Americans.

We will all miss Spark Matsunaga.

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Bush Signs Bill Keeping Tabs on Hate Crimes Climb

WASHINGTON — With more and more offenses committed each year by the Ku Klux Klan, skinhead toughs, neo-Nazis and other hate groups, civil rights advocates were heartened April 23 when President Bush signed a law authorizing the Justice Department to keep track of crimes motivated by racial, religious or sexual prejudice.

But the Hate Crimes Statistics Act is already caught up in the Government's financial squeeze. The Federal Bureau of Investigation complains that budget cutbacks will force it to fire 147 staff members from its records division. The dismissals will make it more difficult to compile the bureau's annual Uniform Crime Reports and still keep tabs on hate crimes.

Congressman Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) who sponsored the bill in the House, is worried that the cutbacks will turn the measure into "little more than an empty gesture." Says an Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman: "It'll get done, one way or another."

Burmese New Year Rites Observed at Azusa

AZUSA, Calif.—A three-day water festival precedes the New Year in Burma, which fell on (Tuesday) April 17 this year. The celebration was held at the Azusa Buddhist Meditation Center after neighbors allowed additional space for parking.

The center was on the city council agenda for a conditional parking permit. The center was founded in 1985 by a Burmese monk.

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Racism in Peru

Racism has raised its ugly head in Peru where Alberto Fujimori is a leading candidate for the presidency in an election to be held a few weeks hence.

Fujimori is the Peru-born son of a Japanese immigrant family. His Japanese ancestry has been made an issue by a small but vocal minority supporting Fujimori's chief rival, Mario Vargas Llosa. "No Japanese will govern Peru," they scream. To Vargas Llosa's great credit, he has admonished the racists by declaring Fujimori "is as Peruvian as I am."

Japanese immigrants first arrived in Peru at the turn of the century under circumstances similar to those in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland. They had been recruited as laborers on coastal sugar plantations. Before long they struck out on their own as independent farmers, or moved to the cities where they became shopkeepers and small businessmen.

These immigrants found in Peru a semi-feudal society dominated by the white descendants of European colonialists. Today the whites make up about 14 percent of the 20 million Peruvians. About 85 percent are Indians and of mixed race, mostly poor and uneducated. The remaining one percent are Asian and black. There are about 55,000 ethnic Japanese. Many of them, like their ethnic cousins in other parts of the New World, have worked their way up the social and economic ladder.

While Japan seems to be well regarded by most Peruvians, at least part of the blame for the anti-Fujimori movement can be linked to United States policy in World War II. Under U.S. pressure, Peru deported more than a thousand Japanese immigrants and their families to detention camps in Texas. Ostensibly they were security risks. In reality they were no more security risks than the 115,000 Japanese Americans herded into the WRA camps. Evidence points to an ill-conceived scheme to exchange the Peruvian prisoners for Americans being held by Japan, a plan that was never carried out.

Now, the suspicion engendered by a reckless U.S. decision is being fanned by racist elements in an effort to discredit a popular candidate.

Dispatches from Lima indicate some Japanese Peruvians are worried that the attack on Fujimori will also be directed at them. If democracy is to survive, let alone thrive, in Peru, all citizens of good will must stand up firmly against racism.

BY THE BOARD

ROBERT S. SATO

Governor, JACL Pacific Northwest District

Civil Rights Act of 1990

SEATTLE, WASH.

The Civil Rights Act of 1990, introduced by a bipartisan coalition of the U.S. Congress in early February, is essential to achieve the goal of a discrimination-free workplace. Passage of this legislation would rectify the severe barriers the Supreme Court placed during the last term, before women and racial, religious and ethnic minorities seeking redress for civil rights violations. The bill would provide those disadvantaged groups the legal means to combat discriminatory hurdles placed before them which block their ability to compete in a fair and equal workforce. With studies showing that by the turn of the century, half of all job applicants will be women or members of racial or ethnic minorities, it hardly makes good business sense to limit productivity by permitting discrimination in employment. If the United States is to compete in an increasingly competitive and interdependent world, we need a strong, motivated and productive labor force, not one hobbled by the shackles of employment discrimination.

What does the bill do? It focuses on providing remedies for discrimination and assurances that stumbling blocks will not be placed in the path of those who are its victims. Among other things, the Act would:

Better protect Americans against race,

ethnic or gender discrimination on the job;

Limit challenges to consent decrees and court orders that resolve discrimination suits, while still allowing for prompt and orderly challenges;

Clarify that bias is an illegal factor in employment decisions;

Make employers responsible for explaining employment practices that result in discrimination; and

Grant women and religious and ethnic minorities the right to recover punitive damages for intentional employment discrimination. Such a right currently is available only to victims of racial discrimination.

The bill would NOT create or endorse the institution of quotas. Rather, it codified law prior to the recent Supreme Court decisions. In fact, nothing in the bill requires quotas. Such a charge is a misinterpretation of the bill.

What the Civil Rights Act of 1990 does do is to strengthen remedies for on-the-job discrimination and clarify that gender, religious, racial and ethnic discrimination are prohibited factors in hiring, firing and promoting. The bill also would prohibit spurious or repetitive legal challenges to settlements agreed upon and enforced by the courts. It would also allow a victim of discrimination to avoid serious financial loss because he or she decided to fight that

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

English with a Japanese 'Akusento'

Broadly speaking, the Japanese have a difficult time with spoken English. But they have an amazing knack for adapting English words and phrases into expressions that, while they may not be true to original meanings, fit their contemporary lifestyle.

One well-known example is the word "mansion," which in English means an opulent house. In Japan a *manshon* is an apartment just a notch more luxurious than an *apahto*, which is a dinky little unit in an apartment building.

(My friend Lee Chia recalls being asked the difference between a Tokyo *manshon* and an *apahto*. His reply: "In a *manshon*, one does not hang laundry out the window to dry.")

A recent article in the *Japan Times* of Tokyo by Katsuaki Horiuchi, professor of English literature at Meiji University, provides some amusing insights into the way with-it young Japanese have developed a trendy vocabulary by adapting English words. Some of the new words have only a tenuous tie to the original meaning, but they are fun.

Here are some of Horiuchi's examples:

Abauto-na. From "about." It means to be random or irresponsible.

Ribasu-suru. To do "reverse." Means to throw up.

Chekku-suru. To "check." Means to look over someone of the opposite sex.

Makku, or *Makkudo*. From McDonald's, whose hamburgers are enjoying a booming popularity.

Kenta. From Kentucky Fried Chicken, of course.

Amekaji. Shortened form of American casual, as in clothing.

Itakaji. Shortened form of Italian casual.

Guddo desu yo. It's good, used in reference to freedom, comfort and style in a person or thing.

Gyaru, which is about as close as most Japanese tongues can come to "girl" or "gal." An *oyaji-gyaru* (Daddy girl) refers to young women who do things their fathers do, such as play golf, dabble in the stock market, drink in pubs and gamble. They are *bodekon*, or body-conscious, like to *asashan*

(shampoo their hair in the morning), and are likely to be *bairin-gyaru* (bi-lingual girls). And women, seemingly better at foreign tongues than their male contemporaries, who speak three languages are, of course, *trairin-gyaru*.

JAR, pronounced *jaru*, not to be confused with JAL (Japan Air Lines) which also comes out of Japanese mouths as *jaru*, is another new word heard frequently in certain circles. The JAR *jaru* is in reference to three Christian colleges, Jochi (Sophia), Aoyama Gakuin and Rikkyo, attended by many fashionable young women from well-to-do families.

And then there's *sekuhara* which, understandable in these times, comes from sexual harassment.

Observes Horiuchi: Creating trendy words is a way of having fun with words, but they are also a mirror of the society that creates them.

Ah, me, what might my father, who left struggling Meiji Era Japan in 1899, say about the lexicon of the new, hip, with-it language if he were alive to experience it?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Bridge Over Troubled Waters

In his "East Wind" column (March 16 P.C.), Bill Marutani writes about naive AJAs acting as a "bridge" between the United States and Japan by sponsoring conferences and meetings discussing the U.S.-Japan relationship. He points out that not many of us are qualified to act as a liaison or bridge on matters involving the U.S. and Japan. As a member of a committee that is involved in sponsoring such activities, I would like to comment on Bill's writings.

Bill has been writing about this same theme since 1985 when he said that he did not see why the JACL, a civil rights organization, should be involved in U.S.-Japan relations.

We who have been involved felt, and still feel, that U.S.-Japan relations affects us as Japanese Americans, whether we like it or not. We took great pains to scope the activities of the JACL committee to be acceptable to the membership. We explained the scope of our U.S.-Japan relations activities and stated that we would not take any position on any matter other than that which affected the civil rights of the Japanese American.

At the National Convention, we will be having workshops on coalition building, membership, biracial families, youth, stress management, etc. in addition to our U.S.-Japan Relations Workshop. We do not question the sponsors nor the participants as being experts or "bridges."

I know that Bill Marutani is proud of his Japanese heritage. He writes about Japanese culture occasionally in his East Wind column. But in the matter of U.S.-Japan Relations, he seems to bend over backwards to avoid being involved—faulting our Japanese ancestry and our not knowing much about Japan.

I find it disconcerting that our National Vice President of Planning and Develop-

ment does not have U.S.-Japan relations in his agenda and it is disturbing that he, as National JACL Vice President, writes from such a narrow viewpoint denigrating and misrepresenting the efforts of a standing National JACL committee.

ED MITOMA
PSWDC Representative
National JACL
U.S.-Japan Educational Committee

Historic Opportunity

In our 1990 Biennial Convention, JACLers can play a role of historic value by helping to clear up fundamental misunderstandings in U.S.-Japan relationship.

We older Nisei know by experience that honor, loyalty and obligations were such important virtues to the Japanese that violations have been expiated by painful, self-inflicted deaths. We also know their traditional modesty demands that even the greatest good done for others be performed without fanfare.

We have seen the magnanimity which the U.S. has demonstrated to the country that opened a bloody war against us with a devastating, surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. The Japanese expected the iron heel following their surrender on Sept. 2, 1945. Instead they were offered the hand of friendship. The indescribable magnitude of the good they have received from America enabled them to rise from abject poverty to a wealth beyond anything they could have imagined.

Appreciative of their "unpayable debt," the Japanese have been returning the favor for decades with quiet acts of inestimable value to America.

That the American people is unaware of their unstinting good will is proven by the Japan-bashing that is so prevalent today. Japanese Americans can help explain the feelings and attitudes of the Japanese—their friendliness and high regard for the Amer-

ican people and their honorable intention of remunerating them for the great good they have received.

Also, there is much that can be said to the Japanese about the unparalleled benevolence that guides American foreign policy. Like Atlas, the U.S. is upholding the prosperity of the free world, including Japan. At the same time, we cannot permit the \$50 billion annual deficit in the balance of trade with Japan to continue indefinitely!

The U.S.-Japan Relations workshop at the 1988 National Convention has given us a preliminary study of the situation. Hopefully, the JACL can come up with a summarizing statement that can contribute to restoring harmonious relationship between the land of our birth and the island nation of our progenitors.

MAS ODOI
Spokane, Wash.

Reason for Subscribing

The reason I hadn't renewed my sub was: (1) most of your material deals with JACL in which I have no real interest and (2) the great problem of Redress has been attended to (I won't say "achieved" since from what I read in P.C. no real money has yet exchanged hands).

My initial reason for subscribing to P.C. was to assess the amount of Asiatic-bashing going on around the country. P.C. reassured me on that; it wasn't as bad as I had imagined. I have found P.C. interesting reading, however, and often very informative.

Here's my check to stay on.
AMBROSE UCHIYAMADA
Bangor, Maine.

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Pacific American Ballet Theatre's 'Winter War' Ready for California Premiere

TORRANCE, Calif. — This city is preparing for "Winter War," a ballet about the experience of the Japanese in America, to be performed by the Pacific American Ballet Theatre—the nation's first professional Asian Pacific ballet company. The California premiere is May 15 and 16, 8:15 p.m. at South Bay Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of El Camino College.

The long awaited ballet is described as a visually enchanting first act, a boldly compelling second act and a bittersweet provocative concluding third act with music by the well-known jazz group "Hiroshima." This ballet has been widely acclaimed by critics and educators.

Robert Redford has endorsed the Artistic Directors and choreographers, Mariko and Cory Jeanne Murakami, as "forging new ground in the area of history and art, bringing alive the history of our culture, the Japanese American through interpretations that are impressive through style and content."

Storyline in Brief

Act one, resplendent with kimonos, parasols and a stunning fan section, ends with the Liberty's rejection of citizenship for the Issei.

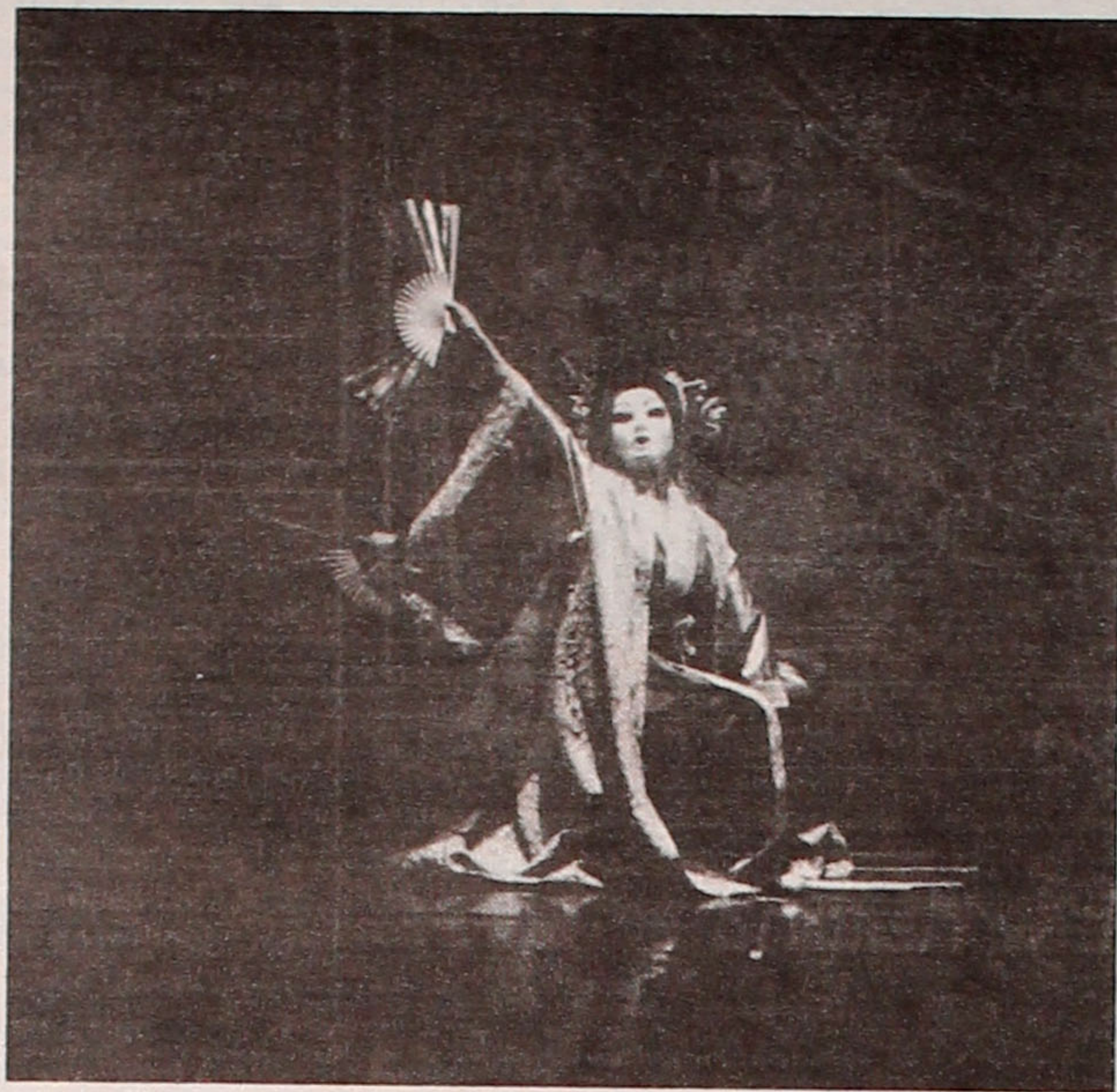
Act two deals with the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II. A powerful scene heralded by the Texas Art Commissioner and critic, Doria Avila is the "Rape of the American Justice System."

Act three incorporates; Reparations; a story of a "Hapa," who is both Japanese and Caucasian. "I Am. You Are. We Are," which was seen at East West's benefit several weeks ago. Concluding this act is a piece which is described by critics, (who are also choreographers and dancers), Petra Franklin and John Gwynn, as "an exquisitely quiet piece which conveys the fragility and vulnerability of the survival of a cultural heritage."

Three Generations Portrayed

Cory-Jeanne, as three different generations of Asako, has been described by critics as compelling, fragile and vulnerable who dances with delicacy and grace. Her scenes of loss and mourning are moving, and communicate with the audience.

Mariko, a child during WWII, was a mere 40 miles from Heart Mountain with her sister in a foster home. Their experiences she says are still too painful to recount. It has only been the past few years that she and older sister, Jeanne Collins of Fresno, have begun to talk to their families about those years.



RESPLENDENT—A scene from the fan section of "Winter War."

"Winter War" has been dedicated to two men, Minoru Yasui and Masamori Kojima. Mariko and Cory-Jeanne state that both men felt the art form of ballet was a means to educate an American public; and they were there to encourage. Yasui was told the ballet was completed and being presented, in part in Beaumont (Texas), but died later that week. Kojima saw the video of the New Mexico production. "He had wanted to see this on stage in Los Angeles, but it has taken two years... not one... to have it presented here," said Mariko.

Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, N.M., presented Mariko and Cory-Jeanne a tribute and bouquet from the New Mexico JACL. She along with many former internees and veterans of the 442nd combat team were at the New Mexico premiere June 24, 1988 in Santa Fe, NM.

Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens; \$10, adults. "We wanted an affordable price as this ballet is also beautiful and unique in both a story content and presentation. We basically want everyone to see our production," both Mariko and Cory-Jeanne said.



'COMPELLING, FRAGILE AND VULNERABLE'—Newlywed scene from "Winter War."

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Studying in Nippon: An Update



WHILE BACK, in this column we wrote about foreigners studying at Japanese colleges and universities, including the number from the U.S. (a low number in comparison to many other countries, including some so-called "developing nations"). Having come across more recent data emanating from the Japanese Ministry of Education, I thought I might update some of the statistics.

OVERALL, THE TOTAL number of foreign students studying in Japan in 1989 was over 30,000 (31,151), an increase of about 22% over the prior year. Six years prior to that, in 1983, the total was about 10,000; this increased to 15,000 by 1985, followed by annual rises of about 3,000 each successive year with the number increasing above that level in 1988 and 1989.

So, where did the U.S. rank in the standings as to the number of U.S. students studying at the post-high school level?

THE ANSWER IS that the U.S., with 961 students came in fifth place, behind: China (10,850 students, up by some 46% from the prior year), South Korea (6,575, up 25%), Taiwan (6,063, up 6.5%), followed by

Malaysia (1,310, up 9%). The U.S.'s figure of 961 is down 0.3%, not down by much but down, whereas everyone else went up. After the U.S. come the following: Thailand at 831, Indonesia 824, Hong Kong 618, Philippines 413, and Brazil 293. Each of this latter group increased its enrollment over the previous year, from a low of about 4% (Thailand) up to over 44% (Hong Kong).

THE THOUGHT OF studying in Japan can be intimidating if not cause outright paralysis. But then I invariably think of westerner Andrew N. Nelson, the author of "The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary." Whatever may have been his educational background and opportunities, the gentleman prepared a scholarly *jiten*, a well-organized, comprehensive dictionary of *kanji* characters and *kanji* compounds. Something that few native Japanese have done. But I am further inspired by Dr. Nelson's dedication of his *jiten* to his son. It reads:

To my son, Richard Andrew Nelson, M.D., who, as a busy surgeon and against great odds, passed the Japanese National Medical Examinations given in both oral and written Japanese, thus demonstrating that an

American can master the language.

There are a few of you out there who have taken the medical boards in the U.S. in English, including remembering all those medical compounds in Latin with a number of German phrases tossed in, and it's tough.

But, in *nihongo* and *wabun*? Everything else has to be, as they say, "a piece of cake."

BY THE YEAR 2,000, just ten years hence, the Japanese anticipate that the current figure of 30,000 will have more than tripled to *jū-man* (100,000), of which ten percent will be funded by the Japanese government. So, any young folks out there who've toyed with the idea of mastering *nihongo*: don't be paralyzed or intimidated by the challenge. Dr. Richard Andrew Nelson demonstrated that a far more daunting challenge can be met and conquered. But even for a lesser challenge, there must exist the necessary *ketsudan-ryoku* (determination, commitment) in your spirit.

Which is true for whatever one is determined to attain, whether it be sports, playing chess or mastering a foreign language.

JAPAN-BASHING

ED MITOMA

Since the Economic Decline

Recently, there have been many references to the economic decline of the United States. According to Jonathan Peterson (*Los Angeles Times*, Feb. 18) America's version of capitalism is viewed as a role model that is stumbling. At current rates, a handful of nations will surpass America's standard of living early in the next century. "It looks like we're going to catch up with England on the downhill escalator," warns Stephen S. Cohen, director of the Berkeley Roundtable on International Economy.

The demise of the U.S. is greatly exaggerated for the facts show otherwise. Granted, some industries such as steel, audio and TV equipment, semiconductors and automobiles have declined due to foreign competition; but overall, the U.S. is getting richer. The U.S. is the world's largest exporter of manufactured goods. The problem is that other countries are getting richer faster, said John H. Makin of the American Enterprise Institute of Washington. The fact is that the U.S. economic output has remained fairly constant throughout the last 30 years.

History shows that at the end of World War II, the U.S. was the only major economic power that was intact. The U.S. was therefore the provider of

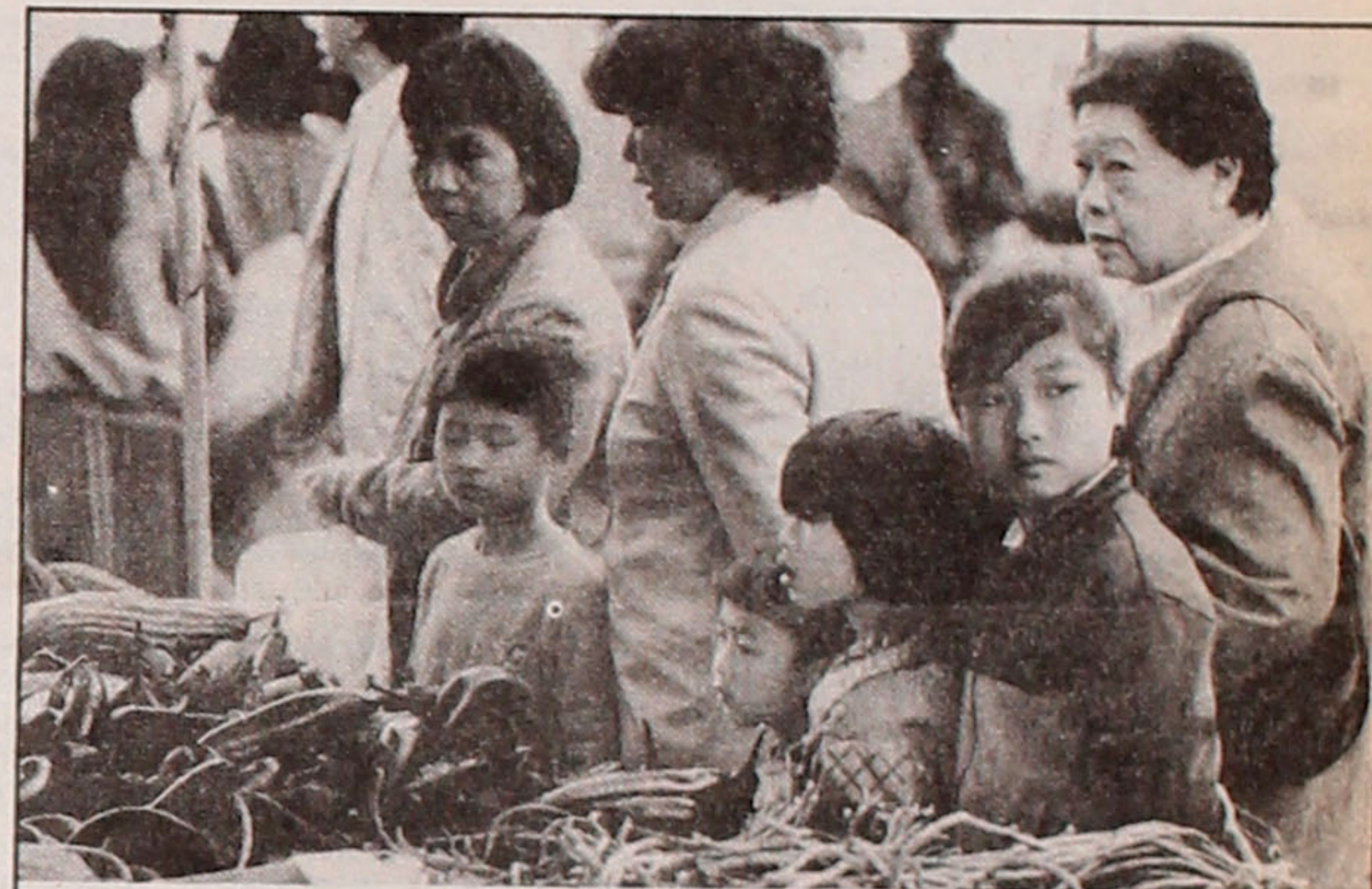
goods and financial and technical aid to the rest of the world. Now, 40 years later, the rest of the Western world has caught up, and it is natural that the market share of the U.S. would be reduced. This is felt to be the natural condition while the one that existed in 1950 was abnormal.

Nearly no one talks about the positive aspects of the U.S.-Japan trade relationship—probably because it does not sell newspapers. For instance, trade problems notwithstanding, Japan is the second largest trade partner of the U.S., after Canada. Japan is the largest importer of U.S. agricultural goods. It is also the second largest investor in American firms and property (which many experts view as an advantage despite the popular view that it is disturbing).

The stature of the U.S. is world class. The influence of the U.S. is great. Its current participation in the USSR/Lithuania conflict is an example. Its continuing dialogue with President Gorbachev is another prime example. Its deployment of armed forces throughout the world is yet another example.

In contrast, Japan—although having attained world class in technology and finance—is still a novice when it comes

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Quaker group helps Asian immigrants prosper and preserve their cultural heritage in the San Joaquin Valley.

California has the largest number of citizens from Japan, China and the Philippines, many coming generations ago to work on farms in the San Joaquin Valley. Recently, Southeast Asians fleeing war and persecution have come to the Valley, and fully 25 percent of San Joaquin County residents are now Asian/Pacific in origin.

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) helps refugees from Laos and Cambodia become self-sufficient through REAP, our experimental farm near Stockton. Since 1979 we've provided training, improved vegetable strains and cooperative direct marketing for low-volume growers. On the other end, AFSC helped organize four farmers markets in San Francisco and Sacramento where Valley farmers sell over \$1 million in produce each year.

We aid refugees confronting other issues besides poverty, and you can join in. Each immigrant wave faces the problems of powerlessness, racism, ethnic violence and cultural disorientation. AFSC sponsors high school forums in Stockton and Manteca to help youth deal with gang, money and drug-related problems. We helped establish the Asian American Advisory Committee to the City of Stockton and are now organizing Asian/Pacific civic associations and English classes. Other work includes fostering support groups and bilingual community services for women, and encouraging cultural affirmations like the Cambodian New Year Celebration and International Friendship Day, which brought 10,000 people together in Stockton.

A Quaker agency founded in 1917 to aid victims of war, AFSC works in 30 states and 25 countries. During World War II we strongly protested the 1942 evacuation and aided Japanese Americans who were interned. Now others need our help, and yours. Please send your gift, check payable to AFSC, marked "Asian/Pacific work in the San Joaquin Valley." Please fill in your address so we can thank you on their behalf.



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THE NEWSMAKERS

► **Norio Endo**, longtime Washington, D.C. JACLER, has returned home from the Tokyo Office of Grumman International. But the story here is that he helped introduce the game of lacrosse in Japan. In 1986, two Keio University students had witnessed the game on TV and, intrigued, went to the Canadian Embassy for information. The Canadians introduced them to Endo, a Johns Hopkins alumnus, who was living in Japan. In 1986, Bob Scott, former head lacrosse coach and Hopkins athletic director, went to Japan to teach the game and a Hopkins contingent has returned every year since. The Japanese probably could not find better teachers: Hopkins having won 42 national championships since 1891 in this sport first played by Indian warriors throughout the northeastern U.S. and Canada. Endo was a Navy pilot after graduation from Hopkins and was retired as a captain after 20 years as a procurement officer.

► **Tomio Moriguchi**, president of Uwajimaya Inc., has been honored by North Seattle Community College as the 1990 Volunteer of the Year. He was instru-

mental in establishing the International Trade Institute at North Seattle. Because of his reputation in international trade, he has been able to help ITI make connections with other businesses, organizations and legislators engaged in international trade. Moriguchi also served as a member of the Seattle community College District VI Board of Trustees from 1982-87.

► Assistant State's Attorney **Lynn Kawamoto** has been appointed supervisor of the Attorney's Juvenile Division of Cook County, Ill. Kawamoto began her career with the State's Attorney's Office in 1981 as an assistant State's attorney in the Felony Trial Division. Her experience with the court system includes more than 400 bench trials and 35 jury trials. Since August 1989, she has been a special prosecutor in the Gang Crimes Unit. Kawamoto is a member of the American Bar Association, the Japanese American Service Committee, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the National Association of Asian American Professionals. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Asian American Bar Association of Chicago.



FRED TSUCHIYA

► **Fred Tsuchiya**, 35, was named the 1990 Minnesota Young Engineer of the Year by the Minnesota Federation of Engineering Societies and the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers for not only his accomplishments in education and civic leadership but specifically for his testing systems at MTS Systems Corp., which simulate the roadway bumps and potholes that can tear a car and truck apart and thus allow manufacturers to better equip vehicles to withstand those shocks. Recently he was project manager on a \$10 million program to make a large-scale laser welding robot for the U.S. Navy. He has been with MST for 12 years, is a graduate from MIT in engineering and from College of St. Thomas an MBA. He also teaches at the University of Minnesota mechanical engineering department, lives in Minnetonka and is a member of the task force on mathematics set up by the Minnetonka school district.

► **Ai Yokota** has been named the 111th "Daily Point of Light," by President Bush. Since her mastectomy 16 years ago, Yokota has devoted her life to helping other breast cancer patients. The President applauded her courage and dedication. For the past six years Yokota has been coordinator of 50 volunteer visitors who undergo training once a year to keep pace with developments in breast cancer treatment.

► Former Long Beach, Calif. mayor **Eunice Sato**, 68, will run for Congress on the Republican ticket this year. Her opponent in the 31st Dist. is five-term incumbent Democrat Mervyn Dymally. Sato was Long Beach's first woman mayor from 1980-82 and served on the city council from 1975-86. She has held numerous positions in the GOP, in government and in community organizations. She was national chair for Japanese Americans of the Asian Coalition for Bush.

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ORA PROGRESS

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As of early April the total number to whom packages have been sent in the Seattle area was 743, with 398 verifications completed, leaving 345. Bratt asked, "Who are sitting on their documents?" In the more heavily populated ZIP code areas, following are the figures of the number to whom verification packages have been sent, with the second figure indicating the number who have returned their documentation and are in the "ready to pay" category:

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Bratt pointed out that unless documentation is returned promptly, the ORA may be obligated to move on down the age list, opening the possibility that individuals who delay too long may lose their place in line for the first year payments.

The documentation return has gone from a 30% correct return rate at the outset of the program, to a current 80% correct return rate. However 20% are still returning incorrect documentation.

Those who need assistance in the Seattle area may contact the JACL/PNW Regional Office, Regional Director, Karen Yoshitomi, 671 S. Jackson, Room 206, Seattle, WA 98104; 9206 (206) 623-5088.

Sponsored by the Washington Coalition on Redress, the event was opened with a moment of silence for Senator Spark Matsunaga. Those attending the workshop were encouraged to sign a condolence message, and donations to the Matsunaga Peace Foundation were accepted. Arrangements were made by a committee including:

Chuck Kato, Wayne Kimura, Cherry Kinoshita, Ken Nakano, Chizu Omori, Bob Sato, Sam Shoji, Massie Tomita, and Karen Yoshitomi. Representatives of the Lake Washington, Puyallup, and White River JACL Chapters on the committee were Don Maekawa, John Kanda, and Harvey Watanabe, respectively. Assisting with refreshments and registration were Emi Hirai, Rose Ogino, Shea Aoki, Takako Yoda, Aya Hurd and Shigeko Uno.

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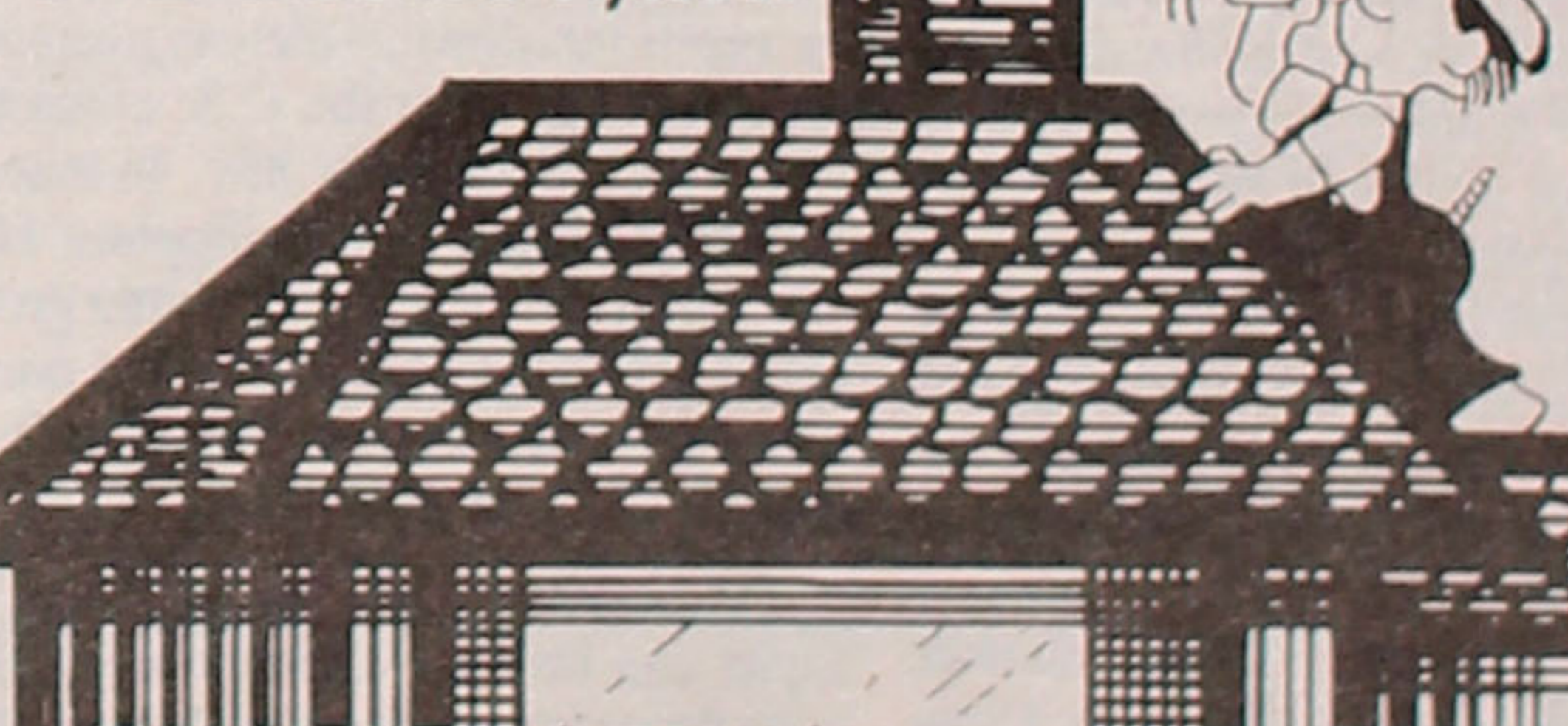
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THE CALENDAR

• CHICAGO

May 23—Roosevelt University Presidential Seminar on Asian Americans in Illinois: A Force to Watch in the 90s, at the University Club, 76 East Monroe St., Chicago. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

• LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-May 24—Painter Carol Miura-McCormack exhibition "There and Beyond" in the Art Rental Gallery at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Info: (714) 633-8657.

Present-14—Asian Pacific Heritage Week special programming by KCET, "Asian Moment" spots and local production of "By the Year 2000: Beyond the Model Minority." Check local listing for times.

May 12—"Diversity in Education and Careers," a conference for high school and college students hosted by Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Moore Hall 100. Keynote address by Dale Minami. Info: Angela Oh, (213) 688-1198.

May 12-27—Asian Pacific American International Film Festival, UCLA Melnitz Theater, near Sunset Blvd. and Hilgard Ave. Info: (213) 206-8013.

May 17—Actress and writer Jude Narita presents her award-winning show, "Coming Into Passion/Song For a Sansei" at the Cal State L.A. Music Hall; 4:30 p.m., free. Info: (213) 343-3390.

May 17—One-day UCLA Extension seminar on attracting Japanese and European investment in U.S. real estate, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Century Plaza Hotel, 2025 Ave., Century City. Info: (213) 206-1409.

May 17—Award-winning actress Jude Narita presents her one-woman show, "Coming Into Passion/Song For a Sansei," Thurs., 4:30 p.m. in the Cal State L.A. Music Hall. Free.

May 18—Nikkei Helpline Benefit reception, Union Church Social Hall, 401 E. 3rd St., 5:30-8:30 p.m.

May 19-20—Book Fair sponsored by Friends of Little Tokyo Branch Library, Japanese Village Plaza, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Drop-off dates: May 5, 12, 948 E. 2nd St., back door, 10 a.m.-noon. Info: (213) 874-6731; (818) 363-5198.

May 25—"Opera" Dinner sponsored by the Japanese Philharmonic Society of Los Angeles, 7 p.m. in the Golden Ballroom, New Otani Hotel. Musical performance of "The Marriage of Figaro." Tickets: \$95, (\$85, JPSLA members.) Info: (213) 770-1358.

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MAY 17-20—Chen & Dancers at LaMama Annex Theatre, 74A East 4th St., New York. Info: (212) 475-7710.

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• ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

July 6 & 7—The 1900 USJF Junior, Youth & Team National Judo Championships hosted by Nanka Judo Yudasakakai, Buena Park Hotel & Convention Center, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Info: (both 714) Ted Okada, 821-5397 or Masaru Harada, 737-7913.

• PALO ALTO

MAY 19—Stanford University celebrates Asian/Pacific Heritage Week with a major cultural program celebrating Asian American history. World renowned Asian American jazz musician Jon Jang will perform at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on campus.

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to diplomacy and influence with the rest of the world. For instance, while there is much activity going on between the USSR and the U.S., the relationship between the USSR and Japan appears to be at a standstill. With the bettering of relations between the USSR and U.S., Japan does not know where it stands. Will the U.S. decrease its Pacific forces? Will there also be better relations between the USSR and Japan? Will Japan have to increase or decrease its defense forces?

Some sources have stated that Japan is now a greater threat to the U.S. than the USSR. The trade deficit of \$49 billion, even with the trade difficulties, does not warrant such statement. According to Jonathan E. Macey, (Los Angeles Times, April 22), the U.S. had at least a \$159 billion shortfall by August 1989 in the collapse of savings and loan associations, and the total cost is expected to surpass \$325 billion. Also, even in 1985, the illicit drug traffic was draining the U.S. by over \$50 billion per year. These huge domestic problems do not seem to raise as much distress as the \$49 billion deficit with Japan (which by the way has been decreasing yearly).

The deficit with Japan is going down due to the tremendous effort and publicity being put forth by the U.S. The Structural Impediments Initiative (SII) is the present effort to take care of U.S. problems with Japan, and it contains many things that the Japanese themselves want. At the present time, it appears that there will be agreement on most of the points. The U.S. will have to improve its productivity, quality, education and its worldwide deficit to again become competitive. It is inconceivable that such structural things can be straightened out in a short period of time. Hopefully, both countries will have the patience to gradually improve this most important relationship.

Edwin Y. Mitoma is chair of the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, JACL Pacific Southwest District.

OBITUARIES

Ann H. Tokita, 83, Pioneer Issei

Ann Tokita, of Seattle and postwar Salt Lake, succumbed in her sleep of a heart attack April 15 at the Seattle Keiro Home. She was widowed with eight children, ages 1 1/2-14. She eventually owned / operated five hotels and apartments, sent all the children to college though not all were graduated. By the last count however there were 11 degrees among the eight. She was named a JACL-Japanese Community Mother of the Year in 1967 in Salt Lake City.

Chitose Uchida, 94, Nisei Teacher

Chitose "Tose" Uchida, 94, of Vancouver, B.C., died on Nov. 27, 1989, the last known surviving member of the Univ. of British Columbia's first graduating class of 1916. She had taught in a one-room school house before the war in Alberta, returned to Vancouver in 1939, taught at Issei English classes and again in a one-room school house during WWII to relocated children at Cariboo, B.C., and postwar at Williams Lake until returning again to Vancouver in 1960.

William Chung, 81, Bethesda, Md.

A native of Soochow, China, William Chung and his family came to the U.S. in 1945, assigned as a Chinese Nationalist diplomat in Washington. From 1948-1956, he worked for the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization. In 1956, he became a U.S. citizen and began a career in the federal government, first with the Federal Power Commission before transferring to the Maritime Administration. He retired in 1970 as branch chief of operating cost control. He died April 7 at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda. Surviving are w Margaret, 5 daughters (including TV's Connie Chung), 9gc and 2eggs.

Byron S. Okinaka, 59, Buena Park, April 8; Bakersfield-born Sansei, survived by w Kazuyo, d Cynthia Ferrer, Cheri, Clarice, m Harumi, br Ronald.

Manzo Fred Ohye, 86, Los Angeles, May 2; Fukui-born, survived by s Joe, Harold, Eddy (Oakland), David (Calabasas), d Patricia Rose, Michiko Miki.

Asano Sakaeda, 92, Fountain Valley, April 8; Hiroshima-born Orange County Issei pioneer, survived by s Jimmie, John, Kiyoshi, d Veronica Ohara, Ruby Matsuda, 13gc, 24gc, br Rikio Maruichi (Brazil).

Toshio Sonoda, 66, Los Angeles, April 29; Lindsay-born, survived by w Aiko, s Randy, Bruce, David, d Donna Kammerer, Linda, 6gc.

Don Takahama, 62, Anaheim, April 10; Hood River, Ore.-born, survived by d Sandra Swift, Donna, Valerie, Roberta, 2gc, br Harry, James, sis Ida Kubota, Frances Kusumi.

Shizuko I. Tateishi, 75, Los Angeles, April 26; Perkins-born, survived by h Masato, s Steven, br Paul (Yuba City), Saburo and Shiro, sis Toyoko Oki, Sally Tanaka.

Isao J. Tochihara, 60 Cypress, April 19; Seattle-born ex-owner of Tochi Coiffures of Beverly Hills and Orange County, survived by w Jane, s Brian, d Wendy Fujimoto, Jodee Yamaoka, 1gc, br Richard, sis Sachi Yoshikane (Chicago), Betty Tsuda.

Shiroshi Yamamoto, 70, Gardena, April 14; Fowler-born, survived by w Mitsuko, s Bryan (Ohio), d Joyce, 2gc, br Shigeto (Dinuba), George (Panama City, Fla.), Gene, sis Georgene Sowa (Orange County), Ruth Sasaki, Margaret Yee, Mary Furuyama (all three of Illinois).

Yoshiko Yui, 60 Long Beach, April 23; Terminal Island-born, survived by sis Motoko Yui, Setsuko Matsuhira.

Laurence Mineo Kido, 53

Memorial services for Laurence M. Kido of Little Lake, Calif., were held on Thursday, May 10, at the chapel of Kubota Nikkei Mortuary, 911 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015. The 53-year-old son of the late Saburo and Mine Kido was born in Oakland, Calif. He is survived by his daughter Debra Lynn Kido, brother Wallace Teruyuki (Providence, R.I.) and sister Rosalind K. Uno (San Francisco), and granddaughter Ashley Nicole Gjedde.

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SAIKI

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But, if it was an appreciation of the sacrifices of others before him, and a sense of mission about educating the public that have kept Barry going for these past 10 years, he would be the last to say that his way was the only valid prescription for a healthy JACL Japan Chapter hereafter. Why else would he have spent so much time and energy building up our treasury? He wanted us to have more options.

To be sure, Barry got something in return for all his hard work. It kept him young.

When one believes, as Barry does, in the ability of history to teach, one is constantly refreshed by its lessons. One then never truly gets old because he knows that everything he does is a part of a larger process.

But even a Barry reaches an age when he feels he must move on to other things.

Before we let him go, however, it is probably appropriate, while acknowledging his numerous contributions, to take Barry to task for a few things. He should have, for example, bragged a bit more about his exploits and those of his contemporaries, so that the rest of us could have gained a clearer perspective on JACL; or he might have begun building bridges between our chapter and the people back home a little earlier.

But Barry, by nature an educator rather than a proselytizer, knew that these things would take care of themselves. In fact, by returning to the West Coast, Barry solves the second problem because, along with the Joan Aokis, Sheryl Watanabes, Norio Endos and Steve Nakasones who have returned before him, he will become the nucleus of an ever expanding group in the states which will provide a linkage for us to the rest of the organization.

As to the first problem, Barry would probably only encourage us to strive to learn more about ourselves and about our common history as Japanese Americans and to be aware that only by doing so can our organization evolve in a manner worthy of its past. Finally, Barry would probably counsel us never to forget that individual effort counts, because it is this faith that underlies the creation of good citizens everywhere. That, in the final analysis, is what motivated Barry to become what he became: an exemplary Japanese American Citizen.

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■ FLORIN

Florin JACL will sponsor fall talent show; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

Asian Pacific Heritage Week celebration and community fair at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento; May 12, 9 a.m.; sushi, kushiyaki, soft drinks and good company.

■ INTERMOUNTAIN DC

A dedication program commemorating the Minidoka Relocation Camp as a National Historical Site, a part of the Idaho Centennial Celebration, Sat., May 26, 11 a.m. at the "camp gate." Information, reservations, or to make a contribution to the Minidoka Memorial Fund, contact Bob Endo (206) 742-7824, Hid Hasegawa (208) 529-1529, or Hero Shiosaki (208) 785-2157.

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■ PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DC

A Northern Calif. contingent is expected to participate at the 39th annual JACL Nisei Relays on Sunday, June 24, at Rancho Santiago College, Santa Ana. Registration forms: JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-4471. Entry deadline is June 9.

■ RENO

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■ SACRAMENTO

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■ SAN MATEO

Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Lunch cosponsored by the San Mateo JACL Community Center and Asian Senior Club and Filipino Senior Club; May 17; Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, 725 Monte Diablo St., San Mateo; 11:30 a.m. Info: (415) 343-2793.

■ SEQUOIA

Annual Installation and Awards dinner for the 1990 Cabinet; May 19, Sat. at Mac's Tea Room, 325 Main St., Los Altos; cocktail hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Guest speaker Jon Funabiki, Dir. of the Center for Integration and Improvement of Journalism at S.F. State Univ., on "Guerrilla Wars in the Newsroom." Info: Cal Sakamoto (415) 493-5508.

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■ VENTURA COUNTY

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TORONTO — There is a movement within the Japanese Canadian community to observe April 1 as "Freedom Day"—for on March 31, 1949, the last wartime restrictions against them was lifted by the provincial government of British Columbia, the *Nikkei Voice* reported.

JCs (as Japanese Canadians are identified in the Canadian Nikkei press) were given the right to employment in British Columbia, thus enabling them to return to the west coast.

Other rights granted to Japanese Canadians prior to March 31, 1949, included the right to purchase real property without a permit on Feb. 2, 1947; the right to vote in federal elections on June 15, 1948; and the right to vote in British Columbia on March 7, 1949.

The *Nikkei Voice*, monthly bilingual publication of the Nikkei Research and Education Project of Ontario, noted that all JCs born on April 1, 1949 and later are not eligible for redress.

San Jose JACL to Host Scholarship Benefit

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose JACL is hosting its Casino Night Roundup, a western theme fundraiser and dance to benefit the chapter scholarship program and activities at the Italian Gardens on Friday, May 18.

Steve Dini, local morning personality for station KEZR (106.5 FM) will serve as emcee. No host cocktails will begin at 5:30 with a barbecued chicken buffet dinner following between 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. A donation of \$25 entitles one to the dinner and a goody bag containing an initial supply of gaming units plus promotional items donated by area agencies. Prizes include:

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DISCRIMINATION

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a rebuke from Chairman Kennedy, who said that *ad hominem* attacks were not in keeping with Senate protocol and urged respect for the good faith of the groups testifying.

Also testifying were the new Assis-

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discrimination, and not simply walk away.

Perhaps most importantly, given the Supreme Court's last term, one section of the bill calls for a broad interpretation of all civil rights statutes. Congress must demonstrate that it intends to, and will, act forcefully when the Supreme Court interprets legislation in such a way as to make it more difficult for victims of discrimination to seek and obtain relief.

In sum, the Civil Rights Act of 1990 represents the core principles for which our nation stands: justice, equality and fairness. It should be enacted quickly and in its entirety.

The following individuals are cosignatories to the preceding statement:

Robert S. Klein, President, the Greater Seattle Chapter, The American Jewish Committee; Barbara W. Hurst, Pacific Northwest Area Director, American Jewish Committee; Karen Yoshitomi, JACL Regional Director.

tant Attorney General for Civil Rights, John Dunne, and Immigration and Naturalization Service Director Eugene McNary. The administration representatives indicated their concern over the GAO's findings of discrimination and discussed the formation of a federal task force to respond to it.

In his testimony, Igasaki traced the history of discrimination faced by Japanese Americans including unfair immigration and naturalization policy and laws setting apart the Issei on the basis of citizenship status. He indicated a continuing failure by many Americans to separate Asian Americans from their native countries. Despite citizenship and many years of American residency, Japanese Americans are often complimented on their English language skills, or victimized due to antagonism against Japanese trade policy. The employer sanctions law, indicated Igasaki, which seeks to penalize employers hiring illegal immigrants, has clearly resulted in many employers simply refusing to hire Asian Americans, including U.S. citizens.

"In its wisdom," Igasaki added, "Congress has supplied an expedited process for responding to the discrimination that it feared might occur due to this law . . . We urge this committee to follow through on this mandate. Discrimination is un-American and should not be tolerated."

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