UCLA Alumni honorees named

LOS ANGELES — UCLA will celebrate its 61st anniversary with a Founding Matriarchs dinner, recognizing nine individuals in the categories of professional achievement, service to JACL and community service.

By BARRY SAIKI
Special to Pacific Citizen

TOKYO—Gradually, there is developing in Japan a lost generation. This generation is the result of the permanent closure of business establishments overseas and the need for representatives abroad in a postwar era.

The growth of Japanese overseas commerce, the permanence of business establishments overseas and the need for representatives abroad have meant that tens of thousands of young Japanese personnel are stationed in most of the principal market countries.

Two or three decades ago, young men were sent to these assignments, under supervision of middle-aged executives, whose children were nearing adulthood.

Child education was not a large factor.

Recently, the situation has changed dramatically. The jobs, however, increasingly require the experience and know how of men in their thirties and forties, all with families of small children. To make use of their initial foreign experience, many of these men are being transferred from one foreign post to another, spending as much as ten or more years away from Japan.

Some go overseas alone in order to secure solid education for their children. These families lose the father-child relationships and have led to alienation of the children from the fathers.

Newer companies are now allowing the men to take their families with them. They enter their third decade, or even later, with their offsprings in local Japanese language schools (like the Nisei in pre-war West Coast states).

But being away from Japan for several years is educationally and psychologically fatal for many Japanese children. Upon their return to Japan, they are unable to catch up with their classmates or to qualify for entry into top level senior high schools and enter less prestigious universities.

In the hidebound Japanese society, dominated by the "nai" and "them" thinking, the overseas experience is treated as a deficiency unless the child is brilliant enough to pass the examinations for the top-flight schools.

Several young men who are currently working for a major Japanese company were hired after completing universities in Japan and studying for several years abroad. They entered the company ten years ago, 3 to 4 years behind their age group. In spite of the fact that their language proficiencies were useful throughout most of this period, they are still ranked 3 to 4 years behind in ranking.

A current graduate of Georgetown University returned to Japan after eight years in the States. His English and behavior were typically American although he still retained respectful formality in speaking either English or Japanese. His Japanese was not equivalent to a college graduate. He sent in his resignation to his firm, which could employ people who were fluent in English.

None of these companies considered hiring him.

The ex-Democratic Congressman Henry Waxman, who was regarded as one of the most promising young congressmen, is one of the most promising members of the freshman class of 1974 who has been regarded as a future candidate for Speaker of the House.

In completing his third term as a representative of the 13th Congressional District, Mineta has enjoyed high rating from liberal and labor organizations. The San Jose congressman is noted for his concentration on issues that have not traditionally attracted popular attention. Among the issues that he has addressed is that of airline deregulation, and issues he supported as a member of the Public Works and Aviation Subcommittee. One of his most notable drives was his sponsorship of the Sunset Legislation in Congress. Mineta was a strong proponent of measures which would require that Congress reauthorize federal programs specifically, or let them die.

The eastern San Jose Mineta is held in Washington is demonstrated by his seats on the Permanent Intelligence Committee and the powerful Budget Committee, where he is noted for his efforts to control federal spending programs. Most recently Mineta was reappointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the new Select Commission for a National Agenda for the 1980s, to help identify the critical problems areas of the country for the 1980 decade. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mineta's congressional district covers one of the richest agricultural areas in the nation. Today, the district is one of the most rapidly growing suburban areas in the country. As the Mayor of the City of San Jose, he received national acclaim for his role in developing local involvement in Housing and Community Development programs.

Mineta is a member of the Subcommittee on the Budget Process, chair­man of the Subcommittee on Regional Affairs, and a member of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation. Mineta and his wife have two sons, David and Stuart.
**Niseli builders announce two new Southland developments**

ORANGE, Ca.—Kaz Katayama and Miko Miyamoto, principals of California Western Development Inc., and builders of prestigious homes at Canyon Hill Estates in Anaheim Hills, continue their tradition of design excellence and quality construction at two new locales: the Highland Terrace, a 50-home community in Rancho Cucamonga, and Blue Ridge Estates, a 78-home development in Corona. Four decorated models are on view at Highland Terrace. Prices begin at $89,000. On-site sales office is open from 10 a.m. till dusk (714) 980-1634. With 101% financing available for the Blue Ridge Estate homes, available in one and two stories from $119,000, pre-opening sales have been brisk. On-site office is also open from 10 a.m. till dusk (714) 371-3100.

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The Family of the Late

Keiji Yano

acknowledges gratefully the messages of sympathy and condolences from friends near and far upon the death of Keiji Yano, 70, of 49 Four Leaf Rd., Levittown, Pa. 19056. Formerly of Tacoma, Wash., Mr. Yano, born in Marugame, Japan, died on Feb. 6. He leaves his widow Fujie, two children and three grandchildren.
Seattle's Sakura Festival April 4-6

SEATTLE, Wa.—The fifth Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be extended to three days this year, April 4-6, at Seattle Center. Admission is free.

Featuring at the festival will be Japan's internationally famous drum and dance groups, Onodera-zo, and many other culturally entertaining programs including Japanese folk dances, music, films, displays, and demonstrations.

Festival sponsors are the Japan America Society of Seattle, Japanese American Citizens League; Seattle Center, Port of Seattle, Japanese Community Service, and Shunju-Kai.

- Canada
- Fresno

American Asia Week was observed the first week of March at Cal State University Fresno, highlighting various aspects of Asian American history, culture, heritage, speakers, performances, food, sales, films and drama. Keynote speaker was Masao Hong, a winner of the 1976 "Woman Warrior." The San Jose Taiko Club, the Cal Poly Loni Dance team and other Asian groups climaxed the week with Festival Night Mar. 8.

- Canada
- Fresno

Two years ago, the Japanese across Canada celebrated its Centennial marking the arrival of the first immigrant from Japan (Manzo Nagano). As a major cultural community event, the Powell St. Festival, was staged in Vancouver and it has since continued. The 1979 celebration was held the first week-end in Aug. at Oppenheimer Park as a "Save the Powell St. Festival" and succeeded. Visitors from Toronto returned with enthusiastic reports.

- No. California

UC Berkeley Japanese Women Alumnae planning committee's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9th. This will be the Women's Faculty Club on campus. Invitations will be sent to recipients of the graduate and undergraduate scholarships.

- Reunion

Former L.A. area Poston II High School students are faculty, will meet March 16, 1:30 p.m., at Merit S.A.L. of Los Angeles 1601 S. Western Ave., Gardena, to further plan for the Poston II Reunion to be held August 2-3 at the International Hotel at LAX.

- Business

C. Glen Hiuchi and Harvey M. Horikawa have formed a new partnership in offices in Gardena.

U. Wash. to host 'Stories to Share'

SEATTLE, Wa.—The Univ. of Washington Asian American Studies Program will host a one-day conference on Asian and Pacific American Children's Literature, "Stories to Share," April 4, 8:30-5 p.m. Admission to all proceedings is free but limited to the first 140 who register by Mar. 21. Register with: Dr. Elzie M. Asiker, Valmae O. Pang, 300 University St., Seattle, Wa 98101. The fee is $5 per day and includes the six seminars, continental breakfast, lunch, and the evening "A Night of Silent Storytelling".

Among the featured participants will be Yoshiko Uchida, author; Jose Aruego, illustrator; and Laurence Yep, author.

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The magnificent Los Angeles Be score and Hotel, located in the heart of the "new" downtown Los Angeles, will be the site of the Japanese American Testimonial greatest event of 1980, "An American Testimonial" in the California Entertainment on Saturday, March 3rd, reception at 4:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m.

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Grassroots

During the past year or so, I've had the occasion to visit with a number of chapters in the Windy City area. Through all my travels, I've found it very encouraging to see the type of positive response and interest that exists for the movement in all of the chapters I've come in contact with.

Since my "home base" is in the NCCN District, I've known that we have strong and broad support of the chapters and communities in the northern California region. This being familiar territory and a fairly close-knit Council, I've had immediate contact with the chapters and the district. It was the areas outside of California—east of the Rockies, really—that I didn't know much about.

A few weeks ago, I had an opportunity to make a trip to the midwest to visit with the Minnesota community. Through all my travels, I've found it very encouraging to see the type of positive response and interest that exists for the movement in all of the chapters I've come in contact with.

The St. Louis chapter, longer established and with a seemingly larger Nisei membership, brought the same type of response. At their installation dinner, the reactions were very positive and supportive, and I found that there was a generally unanxious comfort for the issue and a commitment among people who are so very willing to give their time and energy to the campaign.

In Chicago, a newly appointed chapter board was ready to roll up its sleeves and to begin its campaign. We enjoyed a special evening in the city. I spent an entire day with board members discussing fundraising and an educational campaign, dealing with a great many ideas for both. It was obvious the various responsibilities in order to drive the issue home to the public.

Yet, I looked backward at Gila and my religious associations of that time with happiness. I have been in many great houses of worship since then, but no architectural accomplishment has suggested the beauty of the design of that church at sunrise and sunset. No singing Asian voice has ever moved me as deeply as that of Royden Susumago, a Juilliard graduate before entering the ministry. I read with regret of his death in Hawaii. I remember, too, his delicate white wife who chose to accompany her husband until his untimely death shortly after he performed his marriage ceremony. Clifford and I used to play a game. He would throw random snatches of poetry and I was to provide the sequential lines. Nothing delighted him so much as when I amused. Since his death, I have lost my passion for poetry and no longer engage in that game. During his stay at Gila, I received the white pen of your dedication with a special Nisei art shop in the community. There were quarters, nickels and up to a dollar as well. The Mayor of Gila could be at hand for a dedication.

FROM HAPPy VALLeY: Sachi Seko

Waited for the Church Bells to Toll

Salt Lake City:

In the spring of 1942, I believed that church bells would toll across this Christian country to hail the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. Until the last hour, I hoped the bells would ring, that means the bells did not ring. The vocal protest was too soft and scattered to be heard. Breezes swept up in the wind.

The failure of the leadership of the churches to launch a united crusade against the immorality of the Evacuation is described in Lester E. Suzuki's book, "Ministry in the Assembly and Relocation Centers of World War II." The churches rendered the internees during their incarceration. The author frequently mentions the collection of Christmas gifts by churches for distribution in the concentration camps. For many of us who were recipients of religious contributions of the church in the Assembly Centers and in the Relocation Centers.

So little is written on the subject; and those who know or who are now about events of thirty years ago have, since forgotten and many who knew a lot of things have since passed away, never to tell their story again. Some of the so-called experts (and I know many of them) were too young to seriously know what it was all about. And in the concluding section, he writes of the data, "They may look cold and lifeless but a tremendous amount of energy and prayer and sacrifice went into them."

I could not read the book, and particularly the segment on Gila, with detachment. It reminded me of my 14th spring when church bells failed to toll. I entered exile with two non-essential possessions, a dictionary and a bible. In the many years that have passed, I have changed in attitude more than basic belief. Something for which I hold only myself responsible and not accountable to any other mortal.

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A generation later, we are asking many questions. One conspicuously missing question is, "What helped us to survive?" As described in his book, the author says: "In the case of physical deprivations, we fail to mention the spirituality that co-existed and often flourished during those terrible years. In our resurgence of anger and pain, we find the joy and comforts we feared would be destroyed. How any such positive expression would be misinterpreted as a justification of the Evacuation. Nothing can justify the incarceration.

In retrospect, and by today's measures, the contribution of the churches during the incarceration may seem somewhat inadequate. It is a gratitude that cannot be yielded or compromised to accommodate the current political consensus.

35 Years Ago

March 17, 1945

Mar 12—Thirty-odd artists are reported in Pennsylvania area (this checking threat received by Dr. Laura Dietrich of the Pennsylvania Artists Assn., PA)...

Mar 13—Artists there are protesting against the recruiting of Nisei student to stay in his home. The complaint is filed with the WRA that the standard Japanese Legionnaire program was applied to the Nisei med­dler. Furniture dealer forced Hood River man to accept 100% Nisei legionnaire. WRA photo shows three art­ists. Tipton Basa Kaired of Hankey, Neb., a soldier in the 100% legionnaire, "somewhere in the Mariana" (Pacific Theater).

Mar 13—WRA to keep upclouded vision of 107 Heart Mountain men who are being held for military induction (the 107 are to be sent to the Federal Bldg. in Washington, D.C. where they'll be kept up to hands for the roundup of 107-odd White and Black males of 18-21)

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Morning in Tokyo.

A Window Sign

DENVER, Colo.

I must confess to a mixed sense of outrage and amazement in response to a recent United Press International dispatch from Tokyo. It says that in the DoBo-Ito area, a bar-lined shopping district near the huge American naval base at Yokosuka, signs saying "Japanese Only" are becoming more common.

Several thousand Americans live and work in Yokosuka, and thousands more Americans are stationed aboard U.S. warships based at Yokosuka in the endless duty of defending the Western Pacific. Obviously the "Japanese Only" signs are directed against them, for whatever reason.

While these signs would seem to be a racial slur, oddly enough the Japanese statutes, according to UPL, make no reference to shopkeepers' "free don't to select customers."

Why are Americans unwelcome? UPI quotes the owner of a small leather goods shop: "We don't mind if they come in, but the problem is they would affect our business.

As soon as American sailors come in, other customers would go out." He added, "Young sailors don't behave, you know. We put up the sign basically because we don't want any trouble. It is difficult for me to deal with the Americans because I don't speak English.

UPI notes, however, that lack of English knowledge doesn't prevent shopkeepers from putting up huge signs in English. Some shops, apparently aware of the discriminatory tone of "Japanese Only" signs, are trying to discourage American patronage by posting notices saying "we don't speak English."

One basic reason for the hostility toward American servicemen seems to be economic, specifically low American purchasing power. Japanese prices are well below the income of U.S. sailors.

"The Americans, in turn, look around, pick up a price tag, shrug their shoulders with an unbelievable look and a scream of surprise, and off they go," UPI quotes the owner of a sportsware store.

Most customers of DoBo-Ito apparently are well-heeled Americans who don't particularly relish being crowded by poor American window-shoppers.

That is a far cry, indeed, from the early post-war years when the dollar brought $60 to the yen, the Japanese poor and hungry for business, and bars, restaurants and almost every kind of establishment welcomed American servicemen.

Of course it's not right to blame all Japanese for the actions of a few grabby merchants, but it wouldn't hurt for more people in that country to understand how most Americans feel about human rights these days. Our own record of respect for human rights is far from pristine. In fact, during some periods of our history it has been downright abominable.

But we've been busy making changes and with the zeal of reformed alcoholics we want others to get on the bandwagon. Frankly, the Japanese don't have too good a record, either, particularly regarding Koreans, the unteachable Eta or Drahmaine class, and more recently the Indochina boat people.

One thoroughly competent Japanese newspaper editor once told me Japan no longer had a caste problem because the government had claimed the use of the term Eta. I tried very hard but with our success to figure out that logic.

Racial slurs and racially biased discrimination are reprehensible whether it's Americans being nasty to the Japanese, or vice versa, and the quicker we act more decently the better.

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Arizona

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San Diego Is #2

On the preceding weekend, we were stranded in Cambridge due to flooded conditions. We made the best of it and are passing this to the guest of the San Diego chapter.

Friday's metropolitan paper headlines described a huge earthquake that hit San Francisco under water and that is where my motel reservations were supposed to have been. We were then forced to stay in a hotel where the reservations were not accounted for.

Second annual general membership meeting, about weather and road conditions. He assured me everything was great. As a side note, Vernon has been one of the most dedicated JACLers around. I remember when he was a district board member, he would drive 80-90 miles round trip to attend monthly board meetings. That's a lot of driving and a lot of gas and money. Anyhow, the turnout for the annual meeting was not as high as expected, but the enthusiasm was great.

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San Diego chapter would never get anywhere with their scholarships but does not want their award reduced to excels the National JACL award.

San Diego is a founding member of the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) which provides social services to the Asian Community.

Board member, James Yamane, raised a very good and legitimate concern that I have heard expressed before and that is, "Is JACL getting younger people to join?" The average age of the Nisei in 1967 was 26-56 years. In 1980, the average age of the Nisei would be 55+ years. "Operation 80," which was designed to bring new and increased membership to JACL through a form of self-preservation should bring in younger people. We need to accomplish this in the 80's because if we wait till the 90's the average age of the Nisei would be 65+ years old, and I don't think the club will do well.

Maybe by 1990 San Diego will no longer be the second largest city in California. (2) San Diego chapter would never get anywhere with their scholarships but does not want their award reduced to excels the National JACL awards.

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