

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

## A Remarkable Man

Washington

It is with great relief that we find Mike Masaoka in good spirits and making a strong recovery from his recent heart operation. (Mike was hospitalized for double by-pass heart surgery Jan. 4.)

With the JACL Redress program at a critical juncture, Mike's years of Washington experience, along with his advice and counsel are most important to the success of JACL's efforts.

For many JACLers who have not had the opportunity to work with Mike on a first-hand basis, I can state that my experiences and observations over the past four years would summarize Mike as simply a remarkable man.

What Mike has been able to accomplish for the betterment of the Japanese American community, despite limited resources, and often times hostile circumstances by Members of Congress, is extraordinary.

Both "on the Hill", and off, JACL is known and highly regarded because of Mike's long-term association (over 40 years) and representation of the organization in its educational, human and civil rights activities and programs.

Examples of Mike's lasting impression and persuasive ability is best evidenced by these events which occurred in the past few months.

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## CCDC hears March Fong Eu

FRESNO—Nearly 280 attended the 1981 Central California JACL District Council convention Nov. 14-16 at Hacienda Inn to hear Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

Convention concluded with the mass installation of chapter officers and presentation of past president pins from Tony Ishii, CCDC governor. (Joe Yoshimura is the 1982 Fowler chapter president, succeeding Frank Osaki. Fowler delegate Kim Sera, who is also CCDC vice governor, chaired the weekend convention.)

Some of the matters discussed during the "Strengthening of JACL" panel chaired by Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, CSU-Fresno professor of economics, were membership services, such as group insurance; cultural heritage, local Issei-Nisei histories, retirement and sports tournaments.

Public relations with community newspapers, education, and leadership programs were also stressed at other workshops.

(Fowler introduced Paul Klays, Fowler Elementary School principal, and his wife as guests during the banquet.)

—Thomas Toyama, Fowler JACL

## Chol Soo Lee retrial set Mar. 1

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Retrial for Chol Soo Lee regarding the 1973 Chinatown killing of Yip Yee Tak is scheduled to begin March 1. Originally scheduled for Dec. 14, the trial date was extended at the request of both the prosecution and defense. This retrial was the eventual outcome of Judge Lawrence Karlton's ordering of a Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Sacramento District Court, meaning that Chol Soo Lee had been illegally incarcerated for eight

years.

The decision on Chol Soo Lee's defense appeal to the California Supreme Court regarding Chol Soo Lee's self-defense killing of Morrison Needham at Deuel Vocation Institute in 1977 is expected to be handed down next week, Jan. 26. This second case carries the death penalty conviction and hence the first case may be dropped in lieu of an upholding of the death penalty conviction handed down in 1979.

## Nisei farmers get Japan award

LOS ANGELES—The Agricultural Society of Japan (Dai Nippon Nokai) honored eight Japanese American farmers Jan. 31 for their contributions to the agricultural industry.

During the luncheon at the Great Wall Restaurant in Little Tokyo, the Southern California Chapter of the Society recognized Seiichi Nakamura, 68, an Anaheim produce grower; Yoshinori Kubota, 61, Culver City gardener; Kazumasa Ota, 51, Orange bonsai nurseryman; Hiroshi Miyazono, 52, Gardena bonsai nurseryman; Hiroshi Honda, 60, Carlsbad flower grower; Kei Tanaka, 70, Goleta produce grower; Keiichi Inouye, 62, Chula Vista produce grower and Kenichi Inose, 48, Gardena nurseryman.

All eight were presented with "Ryokuhakuju Yukosho" medals from Japanese Consul General Tsuneo Tanaka.



—Seattle JACL Photos

SEATTLE HEADLINERS—Sen. Slade Gorton, junior U.S. senator of Washington, and wife (at left) are greeted at 60th anniversary Seattle JACL installation dinner held Jan. 19 by Lloyd Hara, '81 chapter president, and his successor Kathryn Bannai.

## Homer Yasui takes reins of PNWDC

TACOMA, Wa.—By unanimous vote, Dr. Homer Yasui, a Milwaukie (Oregon) surgeon, was elected governor of the Pacific Northwest District at the Council's Dec. 27 meeting here. He also serves as chair of National Recognitions and Awards and has just completed a two-year term as 1980-81 co-president of the Portland chapter with his wife, Miyuki. A strong believer in community involvement, Dr. Yasui's years of active service at the local, district and national levels won him a sapphire pin in 1979.

Other elected officers for the new biennium are vice governor John Matsumoto (Lake Washington), secretary Ben Nakagawa (Seattle), treasurer Paul Seto (Puyallup Valley), historian Peg Sargent (Portland), and 1000 Club Chair Ed Fujii (Gresham-Troutdale).

Outgoing governor Dr. Richard Doi (Columbia Basin) of Ellensburg, Wa., conducted the wrap-up session of the 1980-81 PNWDC biennium, held at Tacoma's Rodeway Inn. Two successful projects were highlighted.

Ken Nakano reported that the innovative Japanese language "videotape traveling show" rides a circuit of Issei organizations in Seattle, Portland, and Spokane. The tapes come from a collection at Keiro Nursing Home in Seattle. Ranging from modern romances to samurai classics like "Miyamoto Musashi", the programs play before Issei audiences that grow larger each month. To participate, the Spokane chapter even bought a 26" TV and VTR equipment, with help from Highland Park Methodist Church. "Spokane has almost no programs in Japanese," said Denny Yasuhara, "and so we felt it was important to do this. The Issei really look forward to each show."

Also noteworthy was Spokane's campaign to establish a department of Asian American Studies at Washington State University at Pullman. The chapter presented a bronze plaque to Portland's Al Abe for his fundraising efforts of last summer, which netted \$1,872.

WSU's new Asian American Studies Department boasts two tenure-track faculty members, a secretary, counselor, and part-time recruiter.

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## Chung leads gang services team

LOS ANGELES—The Community Youth Gang Services here have hired six new street teams which aim to curb gang-related violence, it was announced Jan. 26 by the project's Executive Director, Tommy Chung.

Chung, a Pan Asian JACLer, noted that the teams would be trained in gang mediation, intervention, violence prevention and community mobilization. Upon completion of their training, the teams would patrol the areas where gang-related homicide rates are the highest—the South and Central areas of the city.

"These community contacts are vital to the project's success," said Chung, "providing the visibility teams need to impact on gang violence and activities."

Last December, the L.A. City Council awarded the Gang Services over \$860,000, making the additional team hirings possible.

## Senator proposes public lands as form of redress

SEATTLE, Wa.—U.S. Senator Slade Gorton (R-Wa) told Japanese Americans here that the federal government might be willing to pay its wartime debt to them by awarding the rights to land in the public domain, instead of cash.

Speaking to 500 people at the 60th anniversary banquet of the Seattle JACL, Jan. 17, Gorton proposed that Japanese Americans seek lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in amounts equal in monetary value to the cash compensation they sought for the constitutional violations of the World War II incarceration. He said such unappropriated federal lands were used in the 19th century to reward those who performed services for the government or who had injuries committed against them, at times when dollars were not available. The government issued rights to those lands in the form of scrip, good for so many acres of land.

Gorton suggested that such a redress proposal would have the advantage of meeting with the approval of the public and Congress if limited to non-vital lands, such as national parks, military stations, national forests and the like. He added such lands would have a very considerable value in dollars.

Gorton admitted his idea "did not receive a particularly warm welcome" from the community when he first broached it at a Tacoma internment conference last year. He suggested that Midwest and East Coast Senators thought the incarceration a West Coast problem, so he felt his public lands idea could gain their support.

He emphasized that he was not putting forth his idea as an

alternative to the direct funding of redress by Congress, but as a method of thinking about a solution to the budgetary problem.

"I suggest this idea as a way of beginning a dialogue on how this goal of redress is to be accomplished...a goal we all share. It will require a great deal of imagination and hard work to see to it that redress and recompense for relocation actually takes place within the context of the American political and economic system as it exists today."

Senator Gorton also predicted that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians would likely recommend compensation to individuals and their heirs. Commenting on the Commission itself, he said, "The cynical might say that Congress and Presidents create commissions in order to avoid problems they would just as soon not face themselves. It has been the relatively rare commission whose report has actually been acted upon affirmatively by those who created it. No matter how eloquent or how right, the reports of commissions gather dust on shelves and are relatively soon forgotten." He added the challenge JACL faces now is to "see to it that something tangible results from that study."

Gorton, elected to the Senate in 1980, met early in his campaign with Seattle representatives to endorse their redress campaign. While Washington state attorney general, he persuaded his counterparts in California, Hawaii, and 14 other states to pass a redress resolution through the Conference of Western Attorney Generals. His office has reportedly won 95-percent of

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## Foothill JCC to be dedicated Feb. 6

LOS ALTOS, Ca.—The Japanese Cultural Center on the Foothill College Campus will be dedicated Feb. 6 with a Shinto ceremony scheduled at 11 a.m.

The \$175,000 center, the only one of its kind on an American college campus, originated when a student who attended Japanese cultural classes said he would donate \$25,000 to Foothill if the school would match the amount.

Funds were raised through the efforts of the community-based Friends of the Japanese Community Center and Foothill Japanese studies coordinator Michiko Hiramatsu.

Landscaping of the center was provided by the Peninsula chapter of the California Nurserymen's Association and the Peninsula Gardeners Assn.

## Pat Okura retires from NIMH

WASHINGTON—K. Patrick Okura, who retired Jan. 23 from the National Institute of Mental Health, will be joining Dr. Bertram S. Brown and Associates, 1730 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, as executive vice president in the newly organized private psychiatric hospital consortium and consulting firm.

In his first eight years at NIMH (1971-1978), Okura served as executive assistant to Dr. Brown, then NIMH director. The past three years, Okura was staff director for international programs.



# Redress Reports



REDRESS PHASE 3: by John Tateishi

## CWRIC Extension

San Francisco

Judging from the calls I've received recently with questions regarding the CWRIC extension, I'm under the impression that a number of people aren't sure what the current status of the CWRIC is on this matter. The news item apparently got lost (see Jan. 1-8 issue, p.2, Tateishi's column, par. 4.—Ed.) in the PC somewhere, so let me review the events that took place on the extension, as best as I can put the scenario together.

On Nov. 20, 1981, an extension bill, HR5021, among whose co-sponsors were Representatives Lungren, Mineta, Matsui, Danielson, and Moorhead, was placed before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, chaired by Congressman Danielson. The bill was approved by the subcommittee and sent to the full Judiciary, where it was dispensed with and sent to the floor of the House of Representatives. On Dec. 15, HR5021 was placed before the House and approved on a suspense vote.

On the following day, Dec. 16, the extension bill went to the Senate for consideration but apparently did not have to go through any committees because it was sent directly to the Senate floor for a vote. The vote was taken late in the evening of the same day but failed to get unanimous approval to place it on the consent calendar. In checking with our sources on the Hill, we have been unable to get specific information regarding who voted against the measure.

In discussing this matter with various people in Washington, it appears that the CWRIC's request for an extension was scheduled to be placed in the Senate early in the second session, after the Congress reconvenes on Jan. 25. We don't have any information exactly when the measure will be reintroduced, but we believe it will be sometime in the first few weeks of the new session.

Because the House approved the extension in the first session of the current Congress, the measure does not have to be taken up again in the House. It need only go to the Senate for consideration, and once approved there, to the President.

We are fairly confident that the Senate will approve the CWRIC's request for an extension, and hopefully, it will have been approved by the time this column goes to print. But as I was told by someone on the Hill, with such matters you never know. We were confident the first time.

## REDRESS

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the actions brought to protect Washington state consumers, and is said to have won unit pricing at grocery stores without legislative actions.

Seattle redress committee members said they have arranged to meet later with Senator Gorton to exchange ideas on redress plans.

Also at the banquet, the Seattle JACL awarded Congressman Mike Lowry (D-Wa.) a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the National JACL for his legislation in the last congress calling for direct financial redress to individuals and their heirs.

Reaction to Senator Gorton's proposal was one of wary interest. Henry Miya-

take, a founder of the redress movement, said:

"The senator's point that we should look at different ways to achieve redress is well taken. His intent is good. The problem with this proposal is one of implementation. All the Indian tribes and nations who were given federal lands had a heck of a time dividing the property among so many people. Some people wanted to keep it, some wanted to sell, others wanted to use it communally. It created divisiveness and chaos in the community. We will have to talk about this program more before coming to a conclusion."

(Compiled from reports by journalist Frank Abe and PNW office secretary Karen Seriguchi—Ed.)

## IKEJIRI

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EVENT 1—Last fall, I had the opportunity to represent the JACL at a NBC-sponsored conference on Social Changes in the 1980s: Implications for Television, in Princeton, N.J. During the conference, I was introduced to the executive director of the 13-million member National Retired Teacher's Assn. (NRTA) and the American Assn. of Retired Persons (AARP), Cyril Brickfield.

After learning more about the NRTA and AARP, I mentioned to Mr. Brickfield that I worked for JACL. Mr. Brickfield's eyes immediately lit up, and he responded:

"Sure, I know all about the JACL. Mike Masaoka and I worked together in the early '50s on the revisions to the Evacuation Claims Act, when I was Counsel to the House Committee on the Judiciary. How is Mike doing?"

Little did I know that in the middle of the New Jersey countryside would I meet someone who knew about JACL, and Mike Masaoka.

EVENT 2—During the holiday season, I was invited to attend the annual Christmas Party of the Na-

tional Italian American Foundation. At the reception, I was introduced to Frank Bonora of the Foundation staff. As things worked out, Mr. Bonora, knew what JACL was ... since he had worked on the staff of Congressman Francis Walter, co-sponsor of the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, which allowed Japanese aliens (Issei) the right of naturalization. Mr. Bonora noted: "Mike was the only lobbyist he knew of that not only walked the Halls of Congress, but also slept in the Halls of Congress ... the passage of the naturalization bill was very important to JACL, and Mike gave it his all."

EVENT 3—Just this past week, I had the chance to talk to Garner J. Cline, staff director of the House Committee on the Judiciary. I mentioned to Mr. Cline that Mike was recovering from a heart operation, and Mr. Cline was pleased to hear that Mike was doing well. Mr. Cline then shared with me some of his thoughts about this remarkable man called Mike.

Mr. Cline, looking back over his own 30 years on the Hill, said, "You know, in my opinion, Mike Masaoka single-handedly broke the Asia-Pacific Triangle (which further restricted immigration of nationals of Asiatic origin from outside Asia) ... I hope Japanese Americans, especially the young people, know this. Mike did his work on the Hill like a true statesman; he established personal relationships with the Congressmen and their staffs, he responded to our questions, and most of all we trusted what he said. The Japanese American community and all Asian Americans owe a great debt to Mike."

Mike: On behalf of the entire JACL, get well soon ... We still have some unfinished business to take care of ... and we need your help. #

## Additions to the 1981 1000 Club Honor Roll

The 1000 Club Honor Roll (Jan. 15 PC), thanks to a re-check by JACL Headquarters, is being expanded to show the following changes, representing contributions which were made by Dec. 31 to JACL. Names under the "20-Life" category, carried with an "e" code before their name in the chapter listing, were merged in the "Life" list at Headquarters and will be published likewise hereafter.

- CENTURY LIFE**  
Yasuo Abiko (SF), Jerry Irei (ChC), Natsuko (ChC), Corky T. Kawasaki (Por).
- CORPORATE Silver**  
5—Japan Air Lines (SF).
- LIFE MEMBERS**  
(Note: ZLA—Selanoco JACL)  
Lily Abiko (SF), Jiro E. Aoki (Seat), e-Sho Endow Jr. (Mid), Jun Fukushima (ZLA), Mas Hironaka (SD), Dr. Wm T. Hiura (Chi), Mrs. Takeyo Imori (Seat, not Cle), Roy T. Inouye (SLV), e-Tetsuo Iwasaki (Nat), Hiroshi Kamei (ZLA), Chiyo Kato (GT), Henry Kato (GT), Novo Kato (ZLA), \* Johnson Kebo (San), Tom Kida (SD), Mrs. Ellen Kishiyama (WLA), Ellen A. Kubo (Pla), Yukio Kuramoto (SF), Dr. David M. Miura (LB), Tomio Miyakawa (Par), Dr. Mas Morimoto (SD), Frances Morioka (SF), e-George Murakami (Puy), Kanji Murata (ZLA), Yoshio Nakashima (GG), Alfred Nitta (Pla), Clarence Nishizu (ZLA), Henry Nishizu (ZLA), Ann Nitta (Phil), Mrs. Frank M. Ono (Carson), Joseph Owashi (SD), Leo Owashi (SD), George Sahara (Nat), Kiyoshi Sakota (Nat), David H. Sakai (WV), \* Chiz Satow (SF), \* Mas Satow (SF), Jack Shiyomura (Cor), Shiro Jug Takeshita (Ala), Dr. Peter Umekubo (SD), Mrs. Terry Yamashita (Ber), Tokihira Yano (SD), Tom Yanagihara (SD), Kenneth K. Yoshikawa (Seq).  
(\* Memorial, e Emeritus)
- CHAPTERS**  
Alameda—26 Hajime Fujimori, Life-Jug Takeshita.  
Berkeley—12 A. Scarcella.  
Carson—Life-Mrs. Frank M. Ono.  
Chicago—Life-Dr. William T. Hiura.  
Clovis—7 Frank Goishi, 5 Mae Takahashi, 7 Ted Takahashi, 21 Yoshito Takahashi, 7 Roy Uyesaka, 5 Masao Yamamoto, 24 Tokuo Yamamoto.  
Cortez—Life-Jack Shiyomura.  
Fowler—19 Frank Nishio.
- Fresno—20 Ben Nakamura.  
Golden Gate—Life-Dr. Yoshio Nakashima.  
Livingston-Merced—19 Agnes Winton, 25 Gordon Winton Jr.  
Long Beach—Life-Dr. David M. Miura.  
Marysville—1 Suellen S. Teesdale.  
Mid-Columbia—e-Sho Endow Jr.  
Mile-Hi—5 Toy Ioka.  
Mt. Olympus—9 David E. Ushio.  
New York—6 Kei Kikuchi.  
North San Diego—29 Henry J. Ishida, 11 Mrs. Yoshiko Ishida (trfs fr Gar).  
Orange County—21 Harry H. Nakamura.  
Parlier—Life-Tomio C. Miyakawa.  
Placer County—Life-Ellen Kubo, Alfred Nitta.  
Puyallup Valley—e-George Murakami.  
Reedley—6 Frank Kimura.  
St. Louis—1 Mary Okamoto.  
San Diego—(8) Life: Masaaki Hironaka, Tom Kida, Dr. Masato Morimoto, Joseph Owashi, Leo Owashi, Dr. Peter Umekubo, Tom Yanagihara, Tokihira Yano.  
San Francisco—C/Life-Yasuo W. Abiko, (3) Life: Lily Abiko, Yukio Kuramoto, Frances Morioka; (2) Mem: Chiz Satow, Mas Satow; 2 Agnes Ashizawa, 6 Dr. Ben Ichinose, 19 Dr. Harold Iwamasa, 17 Teruko Yukawa.  
Sanger—Mem-Johnson Kebo.  
San Jose—13 Wm H. Yamada.  
San Luis Valley—Life-Roy T. Inouye.  
Seattle—(2) Life-Helen Akita, Jiro E. Aoki; 7 Dr. Saburo Kajimura, e-William Y. Mimbu, 5 Nobu Suyama.  
Selanoco—(6) Life: Hiroshi Kamei, Novo Kato, Clarence Nishizu, Henry Nishizu, Kenji Murata, Henry Yamaga.  
Sequoia—1 Edward Masuda, 21 Yosh Nishimoto, Life-Kenneth Yoshikawa.  
South Bay—18 Joe N. Hashima.  
Stockton—18 Yoshio Bob Yamada.  
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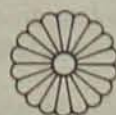
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## Indonesians held as slaves by L.A., Beverly Hills residents

LOS ANGELES—Thirty illegal aliens from Indonesia who authorities said were sold into indentured slavery to residents of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles were taken into protective custody Jan. 26 by federal agents, it was reported by the L.A. Times.

FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service agents, bearing search warrants and subpoenas, swept through businesses and homes in both areas. No arrests were made, but 25 men and five women—in their 20s and 30s—were detained by INS for possible deportation. Four Latinos were also picked up by authorities.

According to Ed Best of the FBI, the Indonesians were allegedly brought into the country under false pretenses by slavers who confiscated their documents and sold them as domestic workers for amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000. The aliens then worked as maids and gardeners for no more than room and board.

Federal agencies had been conducting an 11-month joint investigation that uncovered what appeared to be a widespread smuggling operation, and resulted in the sweeps, said Best.

Several persons who employed the illegal aliens were subpoenaed Jan. 27 to appear before a federal grand jury at the U.S. District Courthouse here. Two of the employers said the charges by federal authorities were grossly exaggerated.

Linda Green, who said she employed an Indonesian couple as domestics in her Pacific Palisades home, denied FBI charges of wrongdoing and said, "All my neighbors have illegal aliens working for them." Green added that she paid \$6,000 to an employment agency to hire the couple.

Another man, who refused to give his name, said he was from Indonesia himself and denied keeping his employees in indentured servitude. He said a travel agency had sent them to him and that the Indonesians were free to come and go as they pleased.

Federal public defender Manuel Araujo said that the Justice Department is expected to request that the Indonesians be held as material witnesses to testify before the grand jury against their former "owners."

In Little Tokyo, INS agents raided Oomasa Restaurant Jan. 27 and apprehended seven Japanese nationals working as kitchen helpers and waiters, taking the aliens away in handcuffs. Of the seven, there were students without proper visas and two did not have work permits. Bail for each was set at \$3,000.

## Sansei policeman cited for heroism

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Police Department Officer Steven Takeshita received a Police Medal for heroism from Chief Daryl F. Gates during ceremonies held Jan. 15 at the Police Academy here.

Takeshita was decorated for assisting two other officers pull an injured helicopter pilot from the twisted wreckage of the craft after it made an emergency landing in the LAPD headquarters' parking lot on Aug. 12, 1980.

## Little Tokyo beauty shop hit by thieves

LOS ANGELES—Five young men are being sought for a burglary committed Jan. 14 at De Panache, a beauty salon in Little Tokyo's Japanese Village Plaza.

According to witnesses, the group entered the salon on the pretense of asking about appointments. However, their conversation was a diversion and two of the young men began browsing around the shop.

The entire group then left in haste, and a woman customer discovered that her wallet was missing.

Toshi Otsu, proprietor of the shop immediately notified the Village Management Of-

## Careers week slated at CSU Northridge

LOS ANGELES—The CSU Northridge School of Communication and Professional Studies will hold a "Careers Week" on March 1, 2 and 3 on the CSUN campus. Panels include "Minorities and the Media," "Health and Human Services" and "Business and Industry" plus career information on some 3,000 majors. For info: call Maynard Hicks (213) 885-2349 or 885-3135.

■ Freedom of belief is pernicious, it is nothing but the freedom to be wrong. —St. Robert Bellarmine.



Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (right) and his deputy Mas Fukai congratulate Miss California Sansei for 1981 Joyce Horiuchi, who was officially honored by the board of supervisors during Jan. 12 proceedings.

## Community media workshop slated

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Journalists Assn. and Pasadena City College will hold a Community Media Conference to help community groups and individuals make the news media work better for them. Topics include how to get stories and opinions in the news; how to assemble a press packet and hold a press conference; and how to craft a newsletter.

The conference will be held Mar. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at PCC, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd. For info: call Teresa Watanabe (213) 744-8460.

## Fukai won't seek Gardena mayor's chair

GARDENA, Ca.—City Councilman Mas Fukai announced Jan. 25 that he will not run for the office of Mayor of Gardena in the municipal election in April. Instead, he will seek re-election to a third term on the City Council.

His announcement quelled rumors which speculated that

the 55-year-old councilman might try to fill the seat soon to be vacated by incumbent Mayor Ed Russ. Fukai's decision not to run for mayor came about "after long consideration and discussions with (his) family, supporters and friends," he noted in an issued statement.

## Amerasia Journal focuses on redress

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese American incarceration during World War II is the featured topic in the winter issue of the Amerasia Journal, published by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Fifteen selected testimonies from the West Coast CWRIC hearings, a poem entitled "Breaking Silences" by Janice Mirikitani and the article, "The Myth of Census Confidentiality" by Raymond Okamura are included in the issue.

The publication (\$3.50 plus \$.50 handling) is available from: Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Ca. 90024.

## Japan-based 'Beef Bowl' chain may rival U.S. fast-food stops

LOS ANGELES—Yoshinoya Beef Bowl, a Japan-based fast food restaurant which features gyudon (simmered roast beef slices over rice), may give such American eateries as McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken serious competition, according to an article in the Los Angeles Times Jan. 26.

There are more than 270 Beef Bowl locations in Japan, and a dozen or so in Southern California with another 50 on the way, reported John Pashdag of the Times.

Gyudon, noted Pashdag, is "very different—about as far away from a Big Mac as you can get—and it's very good."

The Times writer added, "If I were McDonald's I'd be worried. The Japanese have taken over the automobile and television markets. Why not fast food?"

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## Same Event, But a Difference

The January weekend (30th and 31st) for JACLers hereabouts was an occasion to attend two installation dinners back-to-back: Saturday at

either Orange County's where news anchor Tritia Toyota of KNBC was guest speaker or Ventura County's where JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi was the main speaker and Sunday at Marina JACL's surprise locale at La Habra—which is Selanoco territory.

Where the events on Saturday featured speakers, Marina's was mostly merry-making; minimum of speeches, lots of entertainment and prizes for all. What a difference a day makes—with respect to JACL installations.

Tritia Toyota, who has emceed various community events in recent years and affiliated with KNBC Newscenter 4 for a decade now, opened with a latest headline of the day—Sen. Hayakawa decided not to seek reelection. But more newsworthy was her sober view of changing times for minorities. Briefly put, she noted:

Since the '73 oil crisis when the flow pattern of wealth switched dramatically from the postwar "have" nations to the oil-rich Middle East, stagflation and now growing unemployment have newsed-out affirmative action and social gains for attention. Public empathy for minorities, in other words, is dying out. The negative feedback she even received at the station while covering the recent redress hearings indicated the tolerance level is falling for Japanese Americans.

Therefore "we've got to be aware of world events and changes even more so to know where we as Japanese Americans stand to-

day". She encouraged the 100-plus people (including some of the illustrious citizens of Orange County starting with Justice Tamura, and 1939 Orange County JACL president) to read more widely, talk issues with each other and become involved in community affairs. "We've got to be aware of ourselves and of the events which affect us," the newscaster declared.

Tritia Toyota's punditry was flagged with an ominous sign. "We're in for a hot summer." And she wondered "if it can be defused". She hoped that it could.

People in Portland will be happy to know Tritia Toyota credits her days with Jr. JACL there for giving her the opportunity to meet other Sansei on the west coast and getting her started on her career. It was the best plug for the youth movement in JACL that we've heard from such a well-known public figure who was in those ranks.

The opportunity still exists as youth in the PSW are getting ready for their special activities inside the National JACL convention coming up Aug. 9-13. Thus, the youth affiliated with PSW chapters can meet with other young people (age range from 15 to 23) coming to the Gardena convention this summer.

Two enterprising Sansei restaurateurs, Marina JACLer Don Nakasaki (of the Terminal Island Nakasakis) and his partner Pete Oda, just opened up Lord of the Ribs Restaurant in La Habra, 570 N. Beach Blvd., before the holidays. Its interior surroundings are cozy and appealing—especially the bar downstairs with a disco touch. The installation menu was American Japanese: roast chicken with dressing and peas, teriyaki steak plus rice.



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

## Common Ground

San Francisco  
Relations between the United States and Japan have always had a direct impact on the lives of Japanese Americans. De-

pending on the perception of the Japanese nation in the public's eye, our status has been impacted to varying degrees. Division exists on how we, as Americans who are culturally and ethnically descended from Japan, ought to posture ourselves.

A non-Nikkei has an easier time of articulating a position that on a specific issue aligns with Japan without presumptions of mislaid loyalty based on race. The assumption is that their positioning must be based on a separate set of factors. As Japanese Americans we don't have that luxury. Any alignment with a Japanese position is suspect. It is tainted with the possibility of ethnic loyalty.

In reality, the reaction to this phenomenon has been an aversion to any identification with Japanese issues. While recognizing the sensitivity to this reality, it really serves no purpose to remain silent. The fact is, we become associated. If racial animosity develops over trade or defense issues, we share the target with Japan. In fact, since we are Americans living among other Americans, we feel the brunt of such happenings.

The economic contention between the United States and Japan has Japan winning by a \$15 billion edge that is projected to enlarge next year. The phrases of "cheap labor", "dumping", "protectionism", and all the other trade epithets will be exchanged. On the streets, this language is shortened to the three-letter abbreviation that makes most of us angry. In more heated situations, it may cause heightened anxiety within our ranks.

The issue within the JACL is not what side we are on. The role of the organization is to insure the welfare of Japanese Americans. Since the nature of the economic attacks on Japan result as attacks directly on us, there is always this aspect of the situation that must always concern us. It is O.K. to want a balance in the trade relationship with Japan. It is not O.K. to use racial slurs and attacks on us, because people have big feelings about the economic pinch.

There are operational dynamics that don't help the situation. The cultural differences in the mode of business etiquette and protocol between Japan and the United States is a large barrier that currently exists. For us, who have some degree of contact with the Shosha folks, there is a clear perception of some of them in a negative light. The short term assignments that many of these Japa-

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## UNIFIED CLIMATIC THOUGHTS



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## Packing a Suitcase in February

Salt Lake City

On New Year's eve, I was repacking an overnight bag. I had returned from the hospital that morning and unpacked the contents. My husband wondered why it couldn't wait until morning. I couldn't risk having him pack it for me in case I had to return to the hospital during the night. The day before, I had asked him to bring more nightgowns. After he left, I opened the sack and thought, "This is a funny gown. I don't remember it." It wasn't a gown. It was a slip that he had placed between other gowns. To my husband, lingerie is lingerie. That's the reason I've always kept a bag packed in case of such emergencies, as trips to hospitals. After I finished packing, I taped a sheet of yellow paper to the handle. A list of additional things I required. A clock, a mirror, a dictionary, a medical encyclopedia. That accomplished, I could sleep peacefully.

Trunks and suitcases used to be mysterious things to me. They were familiar items in houses of Japanese immigrants. In larger houses, they were stored in attics or basements. However, space often being limited or the contents too delicate, they blended in with other furnishings. Most likely, they were stacked in corners of bedrooms. A cloth frequently covered them. It made a convenient place to display objects or photographs.

Perhaps it was imagination, but I always thought there was a certain odor to them. Not musty, but mysterious, sug-

gestive of places far away. When my grandmother opened hers periodically to air, camphor clung to the contents. Silks, lacquers, ivory and teak. Things from the old world, waiting for the last voyage home. Some immigrants were solely sojourners in America. From this I perceived that trunks and suitcases were possessions only of old people.

That notion was dispelled forty years ago, about this time of year. I remember going with my grandfather to purchase suitcases for each of us children. We were preparing for a journey, along with more than 110,000 other Japanese Americans. It was not a leisure trip. Our destination was unknown. Nor did we know the duration of our exodus. We only knew that all we could take was what could be carried. Since these suitcases were to be carried by children, their weight was more important than durability. Our ages were 14, 11, 9 and 7. We were American citizens. Our age and citizenship did not spare us from the suspicion and hostility of our beloved country. I remember later writing the family number across each piece of baggage. No name. The final humiliating human denial.

That was forty years ago. Long enough to forget, perhaps. Forgotten by some or never known by others. As if the fact of evacuation and incarceration never existed. Some say it is time to let go. Yet, strangely, it persists in returning in things as small as a suitcase packed on a New Year's eve.

## 35 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen

FEBRUARY 8, 1947

Jan. 15—Minneapolis Mayor Hubert Humphrey notes Nisei contributions to city life; many connected with WW2 duty at Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling.

Jan. 24—Canadian Prime Minister King reveals revision of Ottawa attitude toward Japanese Canadians; to stop deportation and may indemnify evacuees; restrictions against return to coastal area retained.

Jan. 27—Oakland Nisei (Zenichi Kambara, 31) forced to quit job as wrapper at venetian blind factory, charges AFL carpenter's union with racial bias for refusing to accept him after job probation period.

Jan. 30—Chicago JACL Credit Union holds first general meeting at CYO Nisei Center.

Feb. 1—New Calif. attorney general Frederick Howser (who opposed return of evacuees in his

campaign during 1946) reported against compromise settlement of alien land law escheat cases. (Funds derived from previous compromises were being used to investigate and prosecute other alien land law violations.)

Feb. 3—Then WRA director Dillon Myer's Final Report calls mass evacuation unjustified, asks lifting ban against Issei citizenship, and urges claims commission be established; JACL applauds final report.

Feb. 4—Placer County Nisei (Aster Kondo) seeks removal of alleged alien land violation from state court to U.S. district court; declares citizen has right to receive property from parents.

Feb. 6—Citizenship bill introduced for Spanish American War pensioner, Buntaro Kumagai, 75, Los Angeles. (Issei veterans who served in World War I and WW2 had special legislation enabling them to be naturalized automatically, but not in the earlier Spanish American War.)

Feb. 7—VFW charters first all-Nisei post at Sacramento; 80 sign as charter members, Army dentist Maj Yoshizo Harada commander.

Feb. 9—Former Japanese YWCA, San Francisco, (used as USO during WW2) reopens as interracial YM-YWCA.

## For Next Week

The concluding segments of the 1981 PC Chronology will appear in the next 12-page issue Feb. 12.

## Tofu seen as U.S. food fad for '80s

NEW YORK—Food caterer David Mintz feels certain that tofu-based ethnic food will become the wave of the future. "Tofu," he said recently, "could become the yogurt of the 1980s."



## Japanese Seem to Lack Two Enzymes for Guzzling

Denver, Colo.

Not many Japanese Americans of any generation are much good when it comes to boozing it up. It is a rare one who, after a few drinks, hasn't turned the color of a boiled lobster, become tipsy and rubber-legged, become very green around the gills and appears ready to upchuck, or has quietly gone to sleep.

Count me in with the majority. I become giddy when the waiter waves a wine cork in front of my nose. I turn pale at the sight of a beer commercial on television. My knees become weak when a brewery truck rumbles by. At cocktail parties my preference in descending order is quinine water with a wedge of lime, straight ginger ale, orange juice and a virgin mary.

I've often wondered whether the inability to handle liquor might be a genetic trait, a little like the susceptibility of blacks to sickle cell anemia, and of Jews to another disease whose name I can't recall at the moment. My father didn't drink, and neither does my brother. It's not a matter of morals or anything like that, it's purely physiological.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## Yudan-Sube-Karazu

Philadelphia

IN THIS YEAR of 1982, as in other even-numbered years of the past, there will be many national and state-wide elections. Up for election will be senators, all congressmen as well as governors and other state-wide positions in many of the states. It is incumbent upon all Americans, particularly those who belong to minority groups, to understand how important it is for us to participate in these elections—be they federal or state offices. It is no less critical for Nikkei in particular to understand, and to participate. First, the understanding; next, the participating.

## MUSUBI

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nese nationals have in the United States operates to make them unpopular among our ranks. They have limited interaction with local Nikkei communities. In the instances of their contact, the short term outlook that they have, often makes for bad neighbors.

Rather than lament the situation, there is clear common ground for mutual education and cooperative effort. There is, obviously, other turf that remains clearly the domain of each respective group. The common ground, it seems to me, is of sufficient consequence that it merits our taking a long hard look at our role.

**A LIFT FROM PHILLY** — The holiday mail brought an unexpected, but pleasant surprise from the Philadelphia Chapter. Attached to a letter addressed to Jim Tsujimura, the JACL National President, was a check for National JACL. The Chapter had developed a fund raising effort just to support the National organization. We had no prior information that this was taking place. I assume that the idea was generated from within the Chapter.

The amount contributed through this individual Chapter effort was not huge. However, as an expression of support, it was a real highlight for me.

I wouldn't want local chapters to prioritize every cent in their budget in such a way that everything came to National. There is a real purpose to spending funds in the local community to develop a basis for the welfare of the Nikkei and friends in those communities. Viable programs to serve local areas are important. It's just gratifying to be thought of by a local Chapter in this kind of way. I've never been to Philadelphia, and have only met a few of the members of that Chapter. Nonetheless, you can bet that I hold them in high esteem for their effort.

Perhaps, this kind of thing is important to me because I would like to see the organization solidify its financial position. We were able to make a dent in that task during this past year, but will have great difficulty matching that performance this year. It's just more expensive in a Convention year.

The other activity that struck me at holiday time was a discussion with National Treasurer Hank Sakai. He related the efforts of Evelyn Hanki of the Selanoco Chapter, who made personal contact with the entire membership list, and made it one of the few chapters to show a growth during the past year. I am sure that other Membership Chairpersons have made equally important efforts. We just don't always find out about all of them. People should call it to our attention.

Americans visiting Tokyo for the first time are struck by the number of tipsy young men, most of them in business suits, on the streets after dark. They seem to make it a habit of popping into a bar after office hours and, seemingly in no time at all they're ready to stagger homeward. Could it be that Japanese bars keep their prices high to compensate for the low volume?

In fact, the widespread Japanese inability to tolerate alcohol has become a factor in political life. Men who can drink heavily without showing its influence get a reputation not as souses, but for "strength" and are accorded a certain respect.

Comes now a Kyodo news agency story published in the Japan Times which supports the genetic weakness theory. It reports that two teams of doctors undertook research into Japanese reaction to alcohol and came up with the same conclusion: Japanese generally lack two enzymes usually found in the liver of Caucasians. The enzymes, Kyodo says, enable Caucasians to break down alcohol into other chemicals which are absorbed into the system, enabling them to drink more without feeling its effects. But since Japanese don't have the enzyme, the alcohol they imbibe passes "neat" into the bloodstream

without being broken down. Now the doctors are trying to find out why some Japanese have the enzyme, and why most don't.

The ability to hold liquor has its advantages, the report says. Most Japanese cannot drink enough to become alcoholics. And after a night of drinking the average Japanese can turn up for work the next morning without a hangover.

Not that it is comprehensible to most of us, but one of the researchers, Prof. Katsuji Harada of Tsukuba University, reports that what most Japanese are lacking is "acetaldehyde de-hydrofied enzyme."

Now if I could learn to pronounce that, it would help me to explain to my hard-drinking friends why I eschew Scotch, Bourbon, Martinis and bloody marys and concentrate on the boiled shrimp and assorted canapes washed down with liberal draughts of Seven-Up laced with a touch of lime.

Since guzzling is such a large part of American social life, I wonder if it would be possible to synthesize acetaldehyde de-hydrofied enzyme and market it in convenient pill form for those of us who don't have it. On the other hand, it's probably wiser to leave well enough alone. #

fueling a campaign, without which aspirations and goals will fade aglimmering. If a concerned citizen-voter has neither the numbers nor the inclination to provide manpower, the easiest (and important) means of participating is providing finances.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with providing all three: votes, manpower and money. That's a winning combination.

IT MAY BE that many Nikkei lack sufficient political sophistication when it comes to making political contributions of money. As concerned citizens, we Nikkei actually have an obligation to participate by financial contributions. Indeed, such should be part of our budget toward promoting and preserving a better life for all of us, just as we pay for health care, food, shelter, education, and so forth. For what good is it that we have good health, good education and material comforts—if the quality of the society within which we reside negates many of these theoretical gains? And yet, vulnerable as Nikkei are, we all-too-often remain naive in our material comfort. Or seeming material comfort.

IN MAKING FINANCIAL contributions, such should not only be regular but also generous. For it costs a lot of money to run a campaign, especially an effective one. Keep in mind that those who oppose the ideals you cherish are arming their candidates and their causes with large amounts of financial fuel in order to reach the voters and sway voters' minds.

Yudan-sub-e-karazu.

SO THIS YEAR of 1982, as well as the years that follow, we hope that Nikkei will begin to go all out. And participate. Participate in democracy. #

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## Military Commanders

Throughout world history military leaders have often conducted themselves atrociously. The Vietnam War shows that the United States was not exempt.

A recent CBS Program, "The Vietnam Deception", brings to light the deliberate deception of the American people and the American President by General William C. Westmoreland, commander of the American military forces in Vietnam. Knowingly he gave false information to his commander-in-chief President Lyndon B. Johnson that the enemy we faced were the nearly decimated forces of the original 250,000 men when in reality he knew that there were over half million Viet Cong preparing a counter-offensive. He pronounced the defeat of the enemy and assured the President that only mop-up operations remained. General Westmoreland was decorated personally by the President.

Then the Tet Offensive began. U.S. forces were unprepared. Casualties were horrendous. President Johnson had to withdraw himself as a candidate for the coming election.

General Westmoreland also secretly sprayed herbicides on Laos, and openly sprayed them in South Vietnam. He also pushed through a request to destroy crops. Air Force pilots were being asked to wear civilian clothes, fly in mismarked planes and disavow any knowledge of them if they were captured.

This information was contained in the draft of an unpublished Air Force history obtained by the National Veterans Task Force on Agent Orange in a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act.

Americans were shocked by the tales of American atrocities in Vietnam reported by American journalists. Some lower ranking officers and men under them were court-martialed. General Westmoreland was not held responsible although he had complete control of the U.S. forces.

In another war and in another time, General Tomoyuki Yamashita was not so lucky. The Manila atrocities occurred in early 1945, shortly before the city fell. Yamashita was deep in the jungles of northern Luzon, his communications cut and his control over his troops hopelessly lost. But as a commanding general he was held responsible. He was stripped of his uniform and hanged in disgrace.

Dr. Frank F. Sakamoto, of Chicago, was honored by the Illinois Department of Registration and Education for his service to fellow optometrists and the people of the state.

### Deaths

Ryosuke John Funakoshi, 102, native of Fukuoka-ken and naturalized citizen, died Jan. 25 in Los Angeles after an illness. He is survived by s Willie; d Iris Misumi, Nellie Williams, Gladys Nishimura, Margaret Masuoka and Marian Manaka; 12 gc; 15 ggc; and one gggc.

Kikuyo Munemori, 55, died Jan. 27 in Los Angeles after an illness. She was the sister of WW2 Medal of Honor winner Sadao S. Munemori. She is survived by b Isao, s Yuriko Tamura and Yaeko Yokoyama.

Saburo Yonehiro, 90, died Jan. 15 in Denver. Yonehiro, a native of Onokuchi, Hiroshima, was a veteran of WWI, having served in the First Hawaii Inf. During WW2 his family lived at Tule Lake, then Amache. He is survived by w Kazuko; s Horace, George (judge, Auburn, Ca.) and Earl; d May Sagara and Florence Edwards; and 9 gc.

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## Salinas JACL to fete 50th

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## Seattle JACL holds communication class

SEATTLE—Several Seattle JACLers were among the participants in the chapter-sponsored seminar, "Developing an Effective Communication Style: An Asian American Approach" on Jan. 10.

The two workshops were taught by Dr. Joanne Yamauchi, a Sansei from Hilo, Hi, and a respected professor and researcher of communication at American University, Washington, D.C.

Attendants were videotaped and Yamauchi provided individual evaluations and suggestions for improving communication skills. She stressed that Asian Americans are bi-cultural communicators and that they can reach fuller effectiveness by adding to and not replacing their communications skills.

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## PNWDC

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As community leaders have noted, establishment of the department affects more than a single institution. "It validates the importance of Asian American history for academics and the general public; it provides opportunities for scholars to carry out original research in that history; and it becomes part of a national network of teachers, students, and researchers who share ideas and resources in what should be an ever more-fertile field," a PNWDC spokesperson pointed out.

Concern was also expressed with respect to a Seattle JACL request for a breakdown of the JACL redress committee finances. (The 1981 financial report appeared in the Jan. 29 PC.)

Tomio Moriguchi, member of the JACL Endowment committee, indicated with the present money market, JACL should do a lot better than \$25,000 with the fund currently in the \$350,000-400,000 range. The comment was made when discussion touched upon the prospect of the redress committee may want to use a part of the endowment fund to continue its operation. Moriguchi noted any use of the endowment fund proper also requires consent of three-fourths of the JACL chapters in writing.

PNWDC meets again April 24-25 in Portland. Agenda items include revision of the District Council bylaws, nominations for national awards, redress activities, youth, and membership. #

## Calif. Justice to keynote AABA dinner

OAKLAND, Ca. — California Supreme Court Justice Allen E. Broussard will be keynote speaker at the Asian American Bar Assn. installation dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m. at the Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St. Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley is also scheduled to attend the cocktail hour. For reservations (\$25 per person), call Evelyn Low (415) 392-1960.

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### • Awards

The first annual Asian American Awards banquet was held Jan. 23 in Los Angeles, sponsored by the local chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans. Among the honorees was Washington D.C. JACler Dr. Toru Iura, associate general manager for programs and plans for Aerospace Corp.... Gale Daikoku of San Mateo, Ca., was among the Good Citizens from local high schools honored Jan. 12 by the Anson Burlingame chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A student of Aragon High School, Gale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Daikoku.

### • Government

In San Francisco, Mayor Dianne Feinstein reappointed Jan. 18 Anne Saito Howden to another four year term with the city's Fire Commission. Prior to her initial appointment to the commission in 1979, Howden served 25 years as financial officer of Western States Meat Packers Association. She has also been active with the ACLU and the NAACP.... Mayor Feinstein also reappointed Dr. Yoshio Nakashima to another term with San Francisco's Planning Commission. Nakashima is the JACL's NCWNPDC District Governor and is also an active member of the California Dental Association.

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## Cranston to address Asian Democrats

**SACRAMENTO**—Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Ca.) will keynote the first statewide leadership conference of California's Asian Pacific Democrats, Feb. 12-14 here. Other politicians scheduled to address the gathering include Reps. Robert Matsui (D-Ca.) and Norman Mineta (D-Ca.), California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, State Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. For info call Doug Kim (916) 393-4707.

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## Bilingual center holds art contest

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## Japan automakers react to U.S. safety report on small cars

TOKYO—Japanese automakers reacted Jan. 6 against a recent U.S. insurance industry association's report that Japanese cars are not as safe as American cars, it was reported in the Jiji Press.

The report, based on insurance claims statistics, showed that of the 17 cars that were rated worse than average in terms of passenger safety, 13 were made in Japan.

The Japanese autos listed were: Toyota's Corolla and Tercel; Datsun's 200 SX and 210; Honda's Prelude, Civic and station wagon; Mazda's GLC and RX-7; and four cars made by Mitsubishi Motors Corp.—Dodge Challenger and Plymouth's Sapporo, Arrow and Champ.

A Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. spokesman said it is only natural that small cars should be inferior to full-sized cars in terms of strength because small cars have lighter bodies and frames, adding that comparing the two categories on the same safety level is "preposterous."

He added that although the report would probably not exert an adverse impact on future sales of Japanese autos in the U.S., it may cause some trade frictions between the two countries.

A Mitsubishi spokesman questioned the advisability of comparing the degree of safety on the amount of insurance claims.

## Hawaii JA couple victimized by robber in Hilton Hotel

SAN FRANCISCO—A Japanese American couple from Hawaii was robbed Jan. 17 at the Hilton Hotel here, the same site where Mrs. Shizuka Okamura, a 45-year-old Japanese tourist, had been shot three times during a previous robbery Nov. 17.

Walter and Harriet Yamane were relieved of over \$6,000 in jewelry and cash along with credit cards as the bandit held them at gunpoint on the hotel's 16th floor. SFPD Inspector Bruce McEachern said police suspect that one man is responsible for the robberies in which tourists have been victimized in hotel elevators and hallways.

McEachern noted that the Yamanes, in their 40s, "weren't aghast" by the incident, because, they said, "it happens in Hawaii too."

The suspect, described as a "clean cut" black man with a short Afro, possibly in his late 20s or early 30s, had robbed another couple, Robert and Baerbel Shayne, on Jan. 16.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein and the Hotel Employers Association have offered a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the bandit's capture.

## Hawaii hijacker gets 20 years

HONOLULU—A 19-year-old Honolulu man who hijacked and robbed a busload of Japanese tourists here last March 2 (PC Mar. 20 '81) was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.

Paul Grinker, who pleaded guilty to 43 counts of first-degree robbery and 38 counts of kidnapping, was sentenced by Acting Circuit Judge Marie Milks Dec. 30. Grinker had also pleaded guilty to two other robberies he committed at a jewelry store and a small shop.

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## Mineta briefed on D.C. plane crash

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This information was supplied to the Nisei congressman from Francis H. McAdams, National Safety Board Member overseeing the accident that took 78 lives. McAdams also told Mineta that there was no mention from the flight crew of any problem due to excessive icing on the wings, an aspect which some investigators speculated may have been the cause of the crash. Further investigation is pending.

## Hawaii judge gets plate in skull

HONOLULU—Doctors replaced a damaged portion of Circuit Court Judge Harold Shintaku's skull with a plastic plate Jan. 6, and said he should be able to return to the bench within a year of the mysterious head injury he suffered last Oct. 7 (PC Oct. 30).

Dr. William T. Won, the neurosurgeon who saved Shintaku's life with emergency brain surgery at the time of the injury, performed the follow-up operation, implanting a 2x2½-inch acrylic plate in the left temple area.

Won and Shintaku's personal physician, Dr. Nobuyuki Nakasone, said the judge will suffer some lasting effects from the head injuries, particularly a loss of hearing in the left ear, but that none should interfere with his ability to work. Nakasone added Shintaku has a "90% chance" of returning to the bench.

Shintaku still faces charges of drunken driving which occurred the night before his injury.

## Calendar

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Gardena—Women Writers "Omoidede", Ken Nakaoka Mem Ctr, 1700 W 162nd, 7:30pm.

● FEB. 6 (Saturday)  
NC-WNPDC/Stockton—Bingo Nite, Stockton Buddhist Ch, 6:30pm.  
Carson—Inst dnr, Del Conte Res't, Torrance, 7pm; PSW Gov Cary Nishimoto, spkr.  
Sequoia—Inst dnr, Palo Alto.  
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● FEB. 7 (Sunday)  
NC-WNPDC/French Camp—Qtrly sess, UOPac campus, Wendell Phillips Ctr, 9am.  
Los Angeles-Ikebana demo, Otani Hotel, 2pm.

● FEB. 9 (Tuesday)  
Fremont—Monthly bd mtgs (every 2d Tue), Calif First Bank, Paseo Padre-Mowry, 7:30pm.

● FEB. 12 (Friday)  
Sacramento—Calif Democratic Asn Pac Conf (2da), Woodlake Inn.

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San Mateo—Inst dnr, Villa Charter Res't.

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