

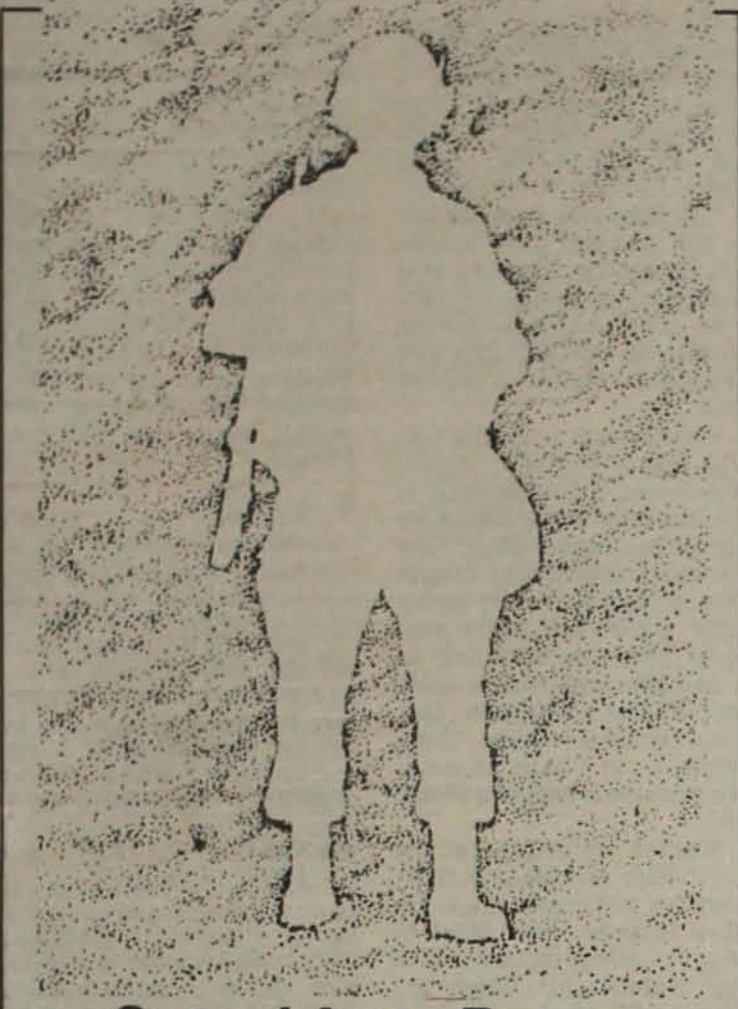
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## Sansei Army Ranger killed on Grenada

WASHINGTON—Army Ranger PFC Mark O. Yamane, 20, of Seattle was among those killed in the fighting on Grenada this past week (Oct. 25), according to the office of Rep. Joel Pritchard (R-Wa.).

A 1981 graduate of Shoreline High School, Yamane was an outstanding student and athlete who decided to pursue opportunities in the military before attending college. His parents, Charlotte and George Yamane, did not know their son had been among the forces on Grenada until an Army sergeant knocked on their door the evening of Oct. 27.

The Yamanes refused to praise or criticize the government's action in sending troops to Grenada. "I'm just a citizen of the U.S.," George Yamane said. "The ultimate goal for us all is everlasting peace. Somehow or other in this world, we are not reaching that."

Yamane is vice president of Shannon and Wilson, a geotechnical consulting firm, and is a past commander of the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee.

Most of the 1,900 airborne Rangers and Marines withdrew from Grenada within a few days after the Oct. 25 incursion, leaving about 6,000 troops, mostly members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. By the fourth day of fighting, the Pentagon said there were 11 U.S. servicemen killed, 67 wounded and 7 missing. Bodies of at least eight KIA were flown to Dover (Del.) AFB for interment. #

## Mayor courts Houston Asians

Special to the Pacific Citizen

HOUSTON — Mayor Kathy Whitmire, in what she called a "historic event," courted the city's growing Asian-American community in her campaign for re-election Nov. 8.

Whitmire spoke before 200 members of the Council of Asian American Organizations, including 20 from Houston JACL, at an Oct. 18 dinner at Stouffer's-Greenway Plaza.

Chapter president Dan Watanabe, a founding member of CAAO, told guests about the organization's goals and its four-year history.

Whitmire's speech was familiar, reported the Houston Chronicle—it covered crime, transportation, and economic

redevelopment—but the event itself was described as unprecedented.

**A First Time Event**  
CAAO coordinator Glenda Joe said this was the first time a Houston mayor had met formally with a group representing the Asian American community, estimated today at more than 100,000.

Whitmire said she recognized the importance of "the great diversity and wealth of cultural backgrounds" in Houston.

The "rapid influx of new immigrants from Asian countries" calls for better understanding of their cultural backgrounds by police officers, she said, and, as a result, the Houston police academy plans to teach recruits about Asian cultures. #

## 'Cultural ignorance aggravates tensions,' Shimomura tells Japanese

TOKYO—Floyd Shimomura and Ron Wakabayashi arrived in Japan, reported the Oct. 24 Asahi News, like firemen trying to cool the economic friction between the United States and Japan.

In an early interview, the JACL leaders suggested that many of the problems encountered by Japanese businesses in the U.S. could have been eased by a better understanding of American culture. For example, a few Japanese enterprises still practice discrimination against female employees despite civil rights laws.

Shimomura stated at a National Press Club conference in Tokyo that such problems and the trade imbalance have begun "to seriously erode the goodwill" built up by three generations of Japanese Americans in the U.S.

Before leaving for Japan, Shimomura told the Pacific Citizen: "The Japanese benefitted from our great struggles to gain equality and dignity in America. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. Most of the Japanese export boom occurred in the late 1960s and 1970s. I want the Japanese to know that the social goodwill they are now consuming in America is at our expense."

Shimomura said he also wished to make certain "that an accurate picture is presented—particularly that we are loyal Americans and that we have achieved a respected place in American society."

He and Wakabayashi will make a full report on their visit to Japan at the JACL National Board meeting, Nov. 4-6, in San Francisco.

The Jiji Press Oct. 25 continued to quote Shimomura: "Japanese business was able to come to America (after WW2), a fine, very open market, primarily because of two generations of work that had gone into building that kind of goodwill in the United States and the Japanese (from Japan) profited greatly by having those kinds of opportunities...."

**Person-to-Person**  
"Japanese Americans have learned the hard way that merely having the greatest talent for best products is not the best way to be successful in the United States... You have to maintain friendly term relations with all groups in the country."

"Japanese Americans have formed organizations like the Japanese American Citizens League to help create that

kind of harmony, but unfortunately, most Japanese businesses take harmony for granted and they never put anything back in to promote goodwill on a person-to-person level.

"To promote such person-to-person contacts, it is necessary for Japanese businesses to take part in such activities as Parent-Teacher Associations, baseball games and Community Chests without merely donating money."

(The Jiji Press in Tokyo, when it initiated its English service in the early '50s, employed Sam Ishikawa, who had just resigned as JACL regional director at Los Angeles, as writer-editor. He returned in 1956 to establish Masaoka-Ishikawa & Associates in New York-Washington. Ishikawa died of illness in 1980.) #

## U.S. civil rights commission technically decommissioned

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, breaking a five-month-old deadlock with Congress, fired three members of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on Oct. 25 to make room for his own nominees.

Official monitor of the nation's civil rights performance, the six-member panel had irritated Reagan with strong criticisms of Administration policies.

Reagan appointee Clarence M. Pendleton Jr., the

panel's chair, frequently found himself a minority of one in its deliberations.

To send Pendleton reinforcements, Reagan announced in May that he was firing the three most liberal commissioners and replacing them with Democrats who shared his distaste for busing and affirmative action quotas. At the same time he hired Linda Chavez as staff director.

**Senate Compromise**  
Until the firing, the Senate

Judiciary Committee was working on a compromise plan to expand the Commission to eight members, giving Reagan two seats to fill without removing any of the six members.

But the White House felt that this plan would still allow opponents to outnumber supporters. Reagan's problem was, he did not have enough votes in the Senate Judiciary Committee for approval of all three nominations, even though Republi-

cans outnumber Democrats on the committee by 10 to 8. Charles Mathias Jr. (R-Md.), and occasionally Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) offset their more conservative colleagues.

Firing the three commissioners thus solved the impasse. The Administration characterized its action as a presidential duty:

"The issue at stake in this matter is not the removal of certain individuals or the Civil Rights Commission itself," a White House statement read. "The issue is the responsibility of the President to exercise the power given to him by law. It is the constitutional power of appointment, so long a part of the American political tradition, that is at stake here."

The ousted commissioners are Mary Frances Berry, Blandina Cardenas Ramirez, and Rabbi Murray Saltzman. #

## Off-year elections attract national attention

SEATTLE—Some of the biggest names in politics are joining the battle between Mike Lowry and Dan Evans for the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Henry "Scoop" Jackson.

The campaign of former Washington governor Evans has been bolstered by visits from Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.) and Bob Dole (R-Kan.), chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Majority Leader Howard Baker is also expected to stump for Evans.

Republicans, who have quicker access to more money than Democrats, will contribute about \$750,000 to Evans, some \$240,000 through the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, reported the Seattle Times.

Lowry, on the other hand, has been endorsed by Walter Mondale, Geraldine Ferraro, Norman Mineta, and Daniel Inouye, all of whom will have visited Washington State by election day. A skillful coalition-builder, Lowry has also obtained endorsement from Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) and local senior citizen leaders, labor unions, environmentalists, nuclear freeze organizations and minority groups.

On Oct. 9 the Seattle Times, Washington's largest daily newspaper, asked the four major primary candidates 25 questions on issues ranging

from abortion to trade tariffs. One of the questions was: Should the federal government pay monetary reparations to Japanese American citizens during World War II?

Lowry replied: "Yes. The president, Congress and the courts violated our Constitution. A paramount purpose of our Constitution is to protect

individuals against the abuse of government power. We must demand that principles be followed, or nobody's rights are safe...."

Evans replied: "The Japanese Wartime Relocation Commission [sic], created by Congress in 1981 has completed its investigation of alleged

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**12TH ANNUAL CHECK-UP**—Senior citizen is given an eye check at Little Tokyo Community Health Fair held at Union Church of Los Angeles. Over 140 volunteers participate in 1983 event to serve health needs of 300-plus people.

## Sansei environmentalist accidentally drowns

WEST COVINA, Calif.—Memorial services for Dr. Kenneth Ichiro Miyata, 32-year-old drowning victim in Hardin, Montana, were scheduled by various groups, his parents S. Henry/Marvel Miyata learned this week.

Miyata, a researcher with the Nature Conservancy in Washington, was on vacation in Montana, fishing in the Bighorn River. Authorities who found the body on Oct. 18 ruled Miyata's death an accidental drowning.

Cremation remains were scattered Oct. 21, at Henry's Fork of the Snake River at Railroad Ranch in Island Park, Idaho.

Locally, relatives and friends of the active San Gabriel Valley Nikkei mourned the sudden death of Miyata at a service held Oct. 30 at the Azusa Presbyterian Church. In Washington, D.C., a memorial will be held Nov. 19, 3 p.m. at the auditorium of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. 2nd floor.

Dr. Miyata was an avid fly fisherman and had written many articles for nationally-circulated outdoor magazines: Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing the West, The Fly Fisher, and Rod & Reel; and the Boston Globe.

National Park Service officers and sheriff deputies began their search on Sunday, Oct. 16, after Miyata was reported missing. His body, fully attired in fishing gear, was found two days later. Sgt. Randee Folmer said Miyata had checked into Bighorn Angler Motel in Fort Smith around noon of Oct. 14.

A maid at the motel noticed Miyata's belongings two days later still on his bed which hadn't been slept in. The National Park Service was notified. Capt. Harvey Dalton and Sgt. Bill Hert were credited for discovering the victim.

Dalton said Miyata had fished the river many times, and was "very meticulous" in his habits. NPS officials were aware of Miyata's favorite fishing hole—about a mile downstream from the afterbay Yellowtail Dam.

### Conservation Researcher

Dr. Miyata was the principal investigator of the Latin American Conservation Information Center which dealt also with Caribbean Biogeography Project. He was affiliated with the National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian's Dept. of Vertebrate Zoology.

Miyata's first book, co-authored with A. Forsyth, entitled "Tropical Nature and Natural History of Rain Forests of Tropical America," is now at the publishers, Charles Scribner and Sons, due for publication this fall.

Miyata graduated summa cum laude from UC-Berkeley, and earned his doctorate from Harvard. He was a member of the San Gabriel Valley JACL and a recipient of a Sumitomo Bank JACL collegiate graduate scholarship in 1975.

### deaths

Madeline Waterhouse Nicholson, 95, of Altadena, Ca., died Oct. 17. Daughter of onetime Pasadena mayor William Waterhouse, she is survived by d Virginia, s Samuel (Philadelphia) and Donald. She was preceded in death by her late husband and Japan missionary Herbert, who died June 15. The couple spent the war years assisting the Issei-Nisei interned in the WRA centers and postwar period in resettlement.

Shigeru Osawa, died Oct. 21 in Seattle. In 1921, he was charter president of Seattle Progressive Citizens League, precursor of the Seattle JACL. Surviving are w

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## Transplanted Nisei Californian well-known in Atlanta area

ATLANTA, Ga.—When Gene Doi moved to DeKalb County in 1958, Memorial Drive had just two lanes and the county's newest and biggest shopping center was Belvedere Plaza on Columbia Drive.

The county has grown up since then, and after 19 years as deputy clerk in the finance department, Gene Hashimoto-Doi says there are very few changes that she isn't thoroughly familiar with. (See July 3, 1981 PC).

As deputy county clerk, Doi is responsible for keeping an accurate book of minutes for the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. She keeps track of who belongs to a myriad of county boards, commissions and committees.

### Well-Known Atlantian

Due to her constant exposure to the media she must be considered one of the most active and well-known Japanese American figures in the Atlanta metro area.

"When I first began taking down the minutes we did not even have a tape recorder," she recalls. "And we did not

## Murderer spared death sentence

SEATTLE - Benjamin Ng, convicted in the shooting deaths of 13 persons, was sentenced Oct. 25 to 14 consecutive life terms in prison. Ng, 20, was spared the death sentence when the jury split on the issue.

Ng and Willie Mak, 23, were convicted in separate trials of 13 counts of aggravated first degree murder and one count of first degree assault in the Feb. 19 killings at the Wah Mee Club. Mak was sentenced to die. #

ask for people's names in writing when they spoke at public meetings. I spent a lot of time looking in phone books trying to verify names." She was successful in introducing many changes.

She later devised a filing and indexing system which allows for much quicker response to questions about commission action. "I'd al-

## Sansei-led mountain climbers fail Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — An American climbing expedition and two Japanese teams reached the Mount Everest summit within hours of each other on Oct. 20, but another group led by James Sano, 28, a park ranger from Yosemite Valley, Calif., failed to make the world's tallest mountain. (see Oct. 7 PC).

All the expedition's resources were spent to bring three climbers, including one woman, to safety after making an abortive attempt on Oct. 14. They were climbing the west ridge from Nepal.

The successful Japanese climbers, headed by Haruyuki Endo of Tokyo, said he met three Americans after they had reached the summit on Oct. 8. It was the first time for the Americans from the Tibet side. Two of the Endo's expedition died during their descent. #

ways been a city girl, and I just couldn't imagine these things weren't being done."

### Hails from California

A native of California, Doi admits she once was reluctant to live in Georgia. She and her husband came to At-

lanta by way of Chicago after World War II. "Never in my life did I dream I would end up in the Deep South.

"It was a different continent almost, something you read about. I gave my hus-

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## Bowling success keeps Warrens busy

DALLAS—It's easy for Mary Warren, a 57-year-old Japanese widow, to attract a crowd, commented Jim Woodruff in his Oct. 11 bowling column in the Dallas Times Herald.

"All she has to do is call her 10 children and their friends for a meeting. Bowling is a new game for Mary Warren. You see, she is a person whose life has been wrapped around the world," Woodruff said.

Warren was born Fumiko Nakamura in Kobe, Japan. She moved to Seattle early in life but returned to Japan for high school and college. "My parents thought their daughters should be raised under their traditional Asian customs," Warren declared. As a teenager, she was a table tennis star. She won four championship titles, comparable to state crowns, when she was between 16 and 19.

Warren returned to the U.S. after college and married an Arkansas man. He died 10 years ago. Most of Mary's offspring are bowling enthusiasts: Butch 31; Michael 29; Mark 25; Ted 21; Chris 20; and Andy 16. They've won 16 weekend tournaments.

Mary won \$2,000 in her competition; Ted, \$1,200; and Chris, \$1,000, for tourna-

ments they've entered early this month. Mom is improving on her scores. She averaged 127 her first year; now, she is up to 146, thanks to all the suggestions she gets from her family keggers.

"I would have to say Mary's victory was the most popular we've ever had in the association's history," said Don Pettit, director of the Amateur Championship Bowling Assn. He has even thought of changing the ACBA name to Warren Classic. #

### ● Sports

Past June's Wimbledon Ball in England served as an occasion for professional tennis player, Ann Kazuyo Kiyomura of San Mateo, Ca., and Dr. David Masaaki Hayashi, San Mateo dentist, to announce plans to wed on Jan. 21. Ann, won Wimbledon doubles in 1975 and the Bridgestone World doubles in 1981. The future bride is daughter of Harry/Hisayo Kiyomura; and groom, son of Mrs. Hideo Hayashi.

Following the footsteps of sumoist Takamiyama, 39 (Jesse Kuhulua of Hawaii), is Konishiki, 19 (Salevaa Atisanoe), also of Hawaii, who was promoted to the sekitori rank in recognition of his 6-1 score in the autumn grand tournament just ended in Tokyo. Other Hawaiian-born wrestlers Gosetsu (Raymond Lyman) and Wakatakami (Bryn George) have abandoned their sumo careers and returned home.

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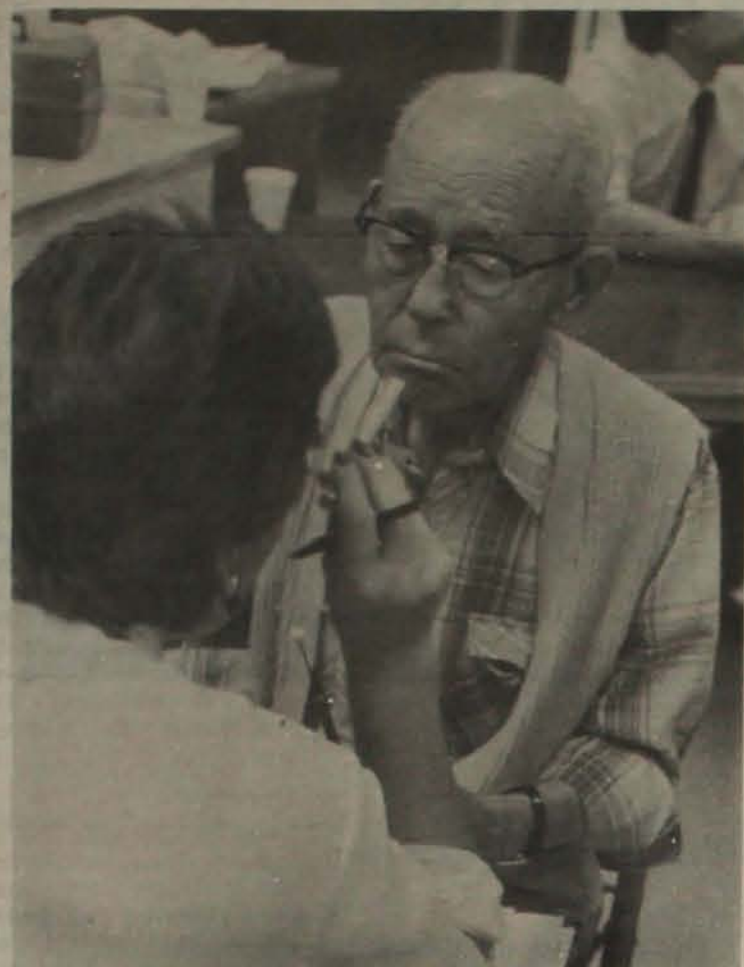


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A senior citizen is about to say "Ah."

### Little Tokyo volunteers serve under 'quality health care' motto for needy

LOS ANGELES — "Quality health care is a right, not a privilege," was the motto of the 1983 Little Tokyo Community Health Fair held Oct. 22 at the Union Church of Los Angeles.

The program, completing its 12th year of service, assembles doctors and other health-related volunteers to offer medical aid.

More than 140 medical volunteers participated this year, serving the health needs of more than 320 people.

The health professionals included doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and

medical interns providing check-ups in dentistry, oral cancer, podiatry, vision, flu shots, nutrition and health counseling.

#### Blood Pressure

A check they paid special attention to was measuring blood pressure, said Wendy Murakami, publicist for the Little Tokyo Community Health Fair committee.

"One-seventh of the Japanese in California have high blood pressure," she said. "That's high. Hypertension... it's overwhelming."

"What's even worse," Murakami said, "is 67 percent

do not even know they have it. And 90 percent of those do not see a doctor regularly and do not take medication nor have a proper diet."

The fair was designed to provide free medical care to everyone. Murakami said this is because "rich people can afford the best medical and hospital care but poor, low-income, and non-English speaking people are not as fortunate."

According to a study done by social worker Sachio Kano, 85 percent living in Little Tokyo and neighboring Boyle Heights do not speak English and all are of low income. Medical care is inaccessible to these people because of poverty, language barriers, inadequate resources and racism.

"How can these people go to the doctor if they can't speak English," Murakami said. "They cannot possibly get proper care."

The organizers of this year's Little Tokyo Community Health Fair were:

Dr. David Uyehara, D.D.S., chair of the health fair; Ted Ishida and Keith Nakao, co-chairs of medical services; Rick Takekuma, logistics; Richard Kato, volunteers; Lori Yamamoto, registration; Bill Watanabe, finance; Miles Hamada, art director; Wendy Murakami, publicity; and Claudia Kagiwara, refreshments/hospitality.

There were more than 40 sponsors for the health fair.

Volunteers for the program were thrown a party following the fair and a certificate of appreciation was also presented. #

#### ● Social scene

LOS ANGELES—"Happy Birthday, Mama," a Japanese movie for children, runs at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at Four Star Theatre, 5112 Wilshire Blvd. It is part of the International Children's Film Festival and was chosen from more than 200 entries from 30 countries.

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—A dinner and fashion show to benefit the Asian Community Nursing Home Project will be held Friday Nov. 4 at the Sacramento Buddhist Church Kaikan. The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., and the fashion show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. Call A.C.C. at 444-2678 for further information.

### THE CAROLE FUJITA CASE ... Four-year bias suit resolved

LOS ANGELES—After four years of legal action, the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund announced the final resolution in the case of Dr. Carole Fujita, pharmacist supervisor at L.A. County Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance. A settlement was reached in the civil suit pending in Superior Court.

The settlement comprised:

—A ruling by the L.A. County Civil Service Commission that the county had denied Dr. Fujita a promotion due to race and sex discrimination, and ordered her promotion to pharmacy supervisor.

—The Workers' Compensation Appeals Board ruled that Dr. Fujita was injured on the job and was entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits.

The Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund was formed by members of the "Friends of Carole Fujita Support Committee" and several community organizations, including JACL, the Asian Pacific Women's Network, L.A. County Asian Employees' Association and the L.A. City Asian American Employees' Association.

APLDEF acknowledged the generous contribution from Dr. Fujita to assist others in fighting employment discrimination problems.

"APLDEF also wishes to thank the hundreds of individuals and organizations which generously donated time and money to assist in this effort," stated Irene Hirano, APLDEF president. "These victories serve as an inspiration to others faced with similar problems of discrimination and demonstrates the collective strength in addressing these issues." #

### Applications open for Coro fellows

SAN FRANCISCO—Applications for the 1984-85 Coro fellows program, a nine-month full-time graduate-level training in public affairs, are now accepted through Jan. 16, 1984.

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Letters

● Shin-Issei Members

A recurring annual problem is the slow decline in the JACL membership during the past few years, as attrition and declining vitality of the senior members take place without sufficient replacements by new or younger people. The bulk of the memberships are still maintained by the aging Nisei group, supplemented by a smaller percentage of Sansei who have taken keen interest and shown strong initiative in keeping the organization moving.

Statistics show that there were about 300,000 Nikkei in the U.S. in 1945, including Hawaii. The 1980 census revealed that there were more than 700,000 persons of Japanese origin, or an increase of 400,000 in 35 years.

Since the Nisei and Sansei have not been as prolific as the older generation, this huge increase reflects the large influx of postwar Japanese immigrants into the United States. A recent Japanese government report stated that 122,000 Japanese have emigrated to the U.S. in the postwar years. The report also said that 70,000 Japanese were in the U.S. in connection with business, etc. The first group of these postwar immigrants were the war brides who went with their spouses and offsprings from mainland Japan and Okinawa to the States.

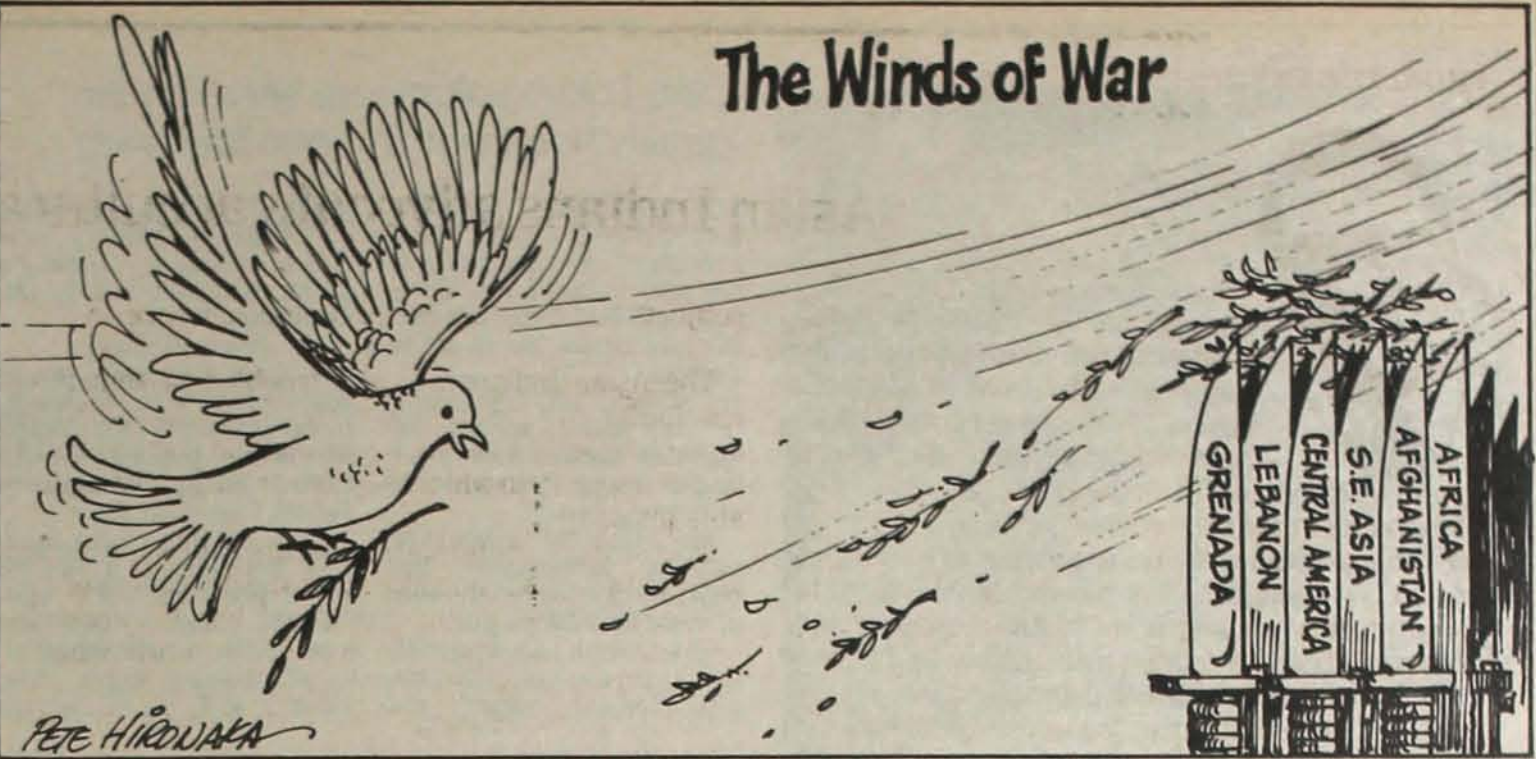
It seems that these new U.S. citizens would benefit from association with JACL. In many respects, the postwar immigrants are facing the same problems encountered by the earlier Issei. Keenly conscious of their language deficiencies, they

have to adjust and to develop fresh ties in a totally new environment, while lacking the prewar relations of "Kenjinkai" and other groups.

In encountering various problems, unlike Dr. Thomas Noguchi, these newcomers may not have the "spunk" to take a stand and may withdraw into their cocoons of resentful passivity, thinking, "After all, I am only a recently naturalized immigrant."

The postwar group may be more in need of an organization like the JACL. It may be valid for the JACL chapters to explore the feasibility of gaining memberships from this new classification of Nikkei. Encouraging them to become members would be both meaningful and stimulating. Their outlooks and perceptions are different and the relations could open new avenues for communication.

Just as the JACL chapters took the initiative to assist the Issei in gaining citizen-



ship in the postwar, the help self-interest may be primary faults of all parties. Especially when none of the parties are making efforts to bring about better understanding.

BARRY SAIKI  
Tokyo, Japan

Check the PC Calendar  
for 'Info' Details

● Racist sexism?

Prof. Kubota's letter (Sept. 9 PC) adequately refutes the points raised by Prof. Befu on the redress issue.

In addition, however, Prof. Kubota calls our attention to another very important issue. He says: "To argue that the Japanese Americans should get significantly less than what they should really deserve is not really new."

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Keeping Track

We Are in Debt  
Los Angeles Times, Monday, Oct. 17, 1983

It was, as Justice Department lawyers said, a "singularly appropriate" action for the government to take. It agreed to set aside the 40-year-old convictions of three Japanese Americans for violating evacuation orders that led to the internment of more than 100,000 Japanese Americans after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

The government was responding in San Francisco to one suit, but will take the same position in similar legal actions brought by two other Japanese Americans or any others "similarly situated." The government attorneys said that they acted because it was time to put aside the 1942 controversy "and instead reaffirm the inherent right of each person to be treated as

an individual. While pleased with the department's decision, attorneys for the three convicted Japanese Americans are discussing whether to ask the judge in the case, U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel, to hold hearings and issue findings on the government's wartime actions. The suits charge that the government

withheld evidence that could have persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court to prohibit the internment.

We are inclined to agree with the government's opposition to further court hearings of findings. As Justice Department attorneys noted, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of

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BY THE BOARD: by Dr. Yosh Nakashima

Winning at any Price

San Francisco  
Within the past year, there has been a movement to revert to racist thinking by a segment of the Japanese American community in Northern California. This situation is not new and has the sympathetic support of many members of the communities affected. Many so-called leaders do not agree with the thinking or trend but are willing to go along with peer pressure.

There may have been a valid reason for an all-Japanese American athletic team in the past but not in the 1980s. Today, racism has reared its ugly head for all Asians across these United States and we need to stand together in vigilance so that equal treatment and opportunity remain intact for all of us.

It is sad commentary on the thinking of these Japanese Americans that equal treatment and opportunity means something different than which existed just a decade ago. The comment that others do it so why can't we, is a cop-out and does not address the main issue of promoting racism. Are we to present a double standard to our children? Is it okay to advocate equality with regard to some things and not to others? Where does one draw the line? How does one rationalize a double standard? I guess being a racist is now acceptable in some communities in the self-righteous opinion that it is what the majority want.

Although the present situation is with regard to only one sport, I'm sure that it will lead to other sports and other things. If we adults condone this situation, our children can only learn the wrong lesson about dealing with the society at large.

We can no longer look the other way and ignore racist attitudes and practices by any community. We must speak out and end discrimination based on race or for any other unconstitutional reason. If the leaders in our communities join together for the principles of due process and the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, all of us can lead the way for the ultimate goal of equality in every aspect of our daily lives. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



Shoin Zukuri

Philadelphia  
EARLIER THAT DAY, the warm autumn sun had been so generous that we had been quite glad that we had decided against wearing heavy attire. But now it was late afternoon, the sun was low to the horizon, and as we gazed skyward toward raucous honking, we saw a V-formation of high-flying geese, headed south. Sitting among guests attending the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Japanese House in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, we began to wish we had worn a heavier jacket. Presiding was Dr. Mary (Ishimoto) Watanabe, President of the Friends of the Japanese House and Garden. As usual, Mary was very punctual—an attribute for which we were particularly grateful on this occasion, by reason of our sartorial deficiencies—and everything proceeded very efficiently.

THIS JAPANESE HOUSE, replete with a formal tea ceremony room which looks out onto a scene of a garden undulating around a calm pond, surely has to be one of the most authentic, and elegant, examples of Japanese house and architecture in all of America. In the garden there are reportedly over forty types of flora, all neatly manicured and maintained. In the pond are colorful koi, majestically swimming about. The architecture of the house is representative of the late 16th or early 17th century, in this instance *shoin-zukuri*, "desk-style construction," a designation derived from the built-in desk in the main room. After having been at New York's Museum of Modern Art for almost five years, the house arrived in Philadelphia in 1958 to its present home. In preparation for the 1976 bicentennial,

it was restored from the ravages of neglect and vandalism which it endured in the years intervening. In more recent years, a group of Nikkei with other interested persons, adopted the house—not only financially but also personally, periodically cleaning the entire house with buckets, brushes and just plain sweat.

UPON ARRIVAL TO the site, one is greeted by a low, sweeping wall that surrounds the house and garden on three sides. To step through the *mon* and into the compound is to move out of the frenetic bustle of the 21st century and into the serene calm of the house and garden. Somehow, one's perspective of what is important in life begins to rearrange itself. The simple elegance of the house is soothing to the spirit. *Hinoki* cypress is used throughout the house, including the bark of the *hinoki*, layer upon layer covering the roof.

AS WE LISTENED to the various speakers in that late afternoon ceremony, our eyes focused upon how the late afternoon sun shone on the top of the house, the shadows shifting as time passed. And beyond the pond, in the house itself, sat a young lady in her *kimono*, beside her *koto* which was now silent. Earlier that afternoon, guests had been greeted by her *koto* playing. The *koto* itself happens to be one of our favorite instruments, very *jo-hin*. And its notes, no matter what such may play, fall gently on our ears. Pure elegance.

SO, IF ANY of you are in these parts, visit the Japanese house in Fairmount Park, about a 20-minute drive from center city. It is open from Wednesday through Sunday, from late April to mid-October, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tea ceremonies are held at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. #

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Asian Indians advocate acculturation

An organization called the Indian Association of Colorado recently sponsored the first Rocky Mountain Regional Conference of Asian Indians in North America. It attracted Asian Indians from Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

Most of them are relatively recent immigrants. They were able to come to the United States, thanks to immigration law changes in 1965 which eliminated racially discriminatory quotas. It was JACL that had a very large part in getting the law changed.

But there is more that links Japanese Americans and Asian Indians. Both have a high level of education. Most of the Asian Indians are professionals—physicians, engineers, mathematicians, sociologists. Both have a high visibility factor; no matter what position they hold, it is apparent they are not of the Anglo majority.

Like the Japanese Americans they can say, "Individually we may have made it, but collectively we continue to face discrimination." So that was one of the

subjects that came up during their conference.

The Asian Indians are also troubled by something else familiar to Japanese Americans. That would be the apparent conflict between assimilation and acculturation in a society in which they are an easily distinguishable minority.

One of their conference speakers said assimilation was just fine, but acculturation means people of two different cultures giving and taking, hopefully only the best of what the other has to offer, to create a better society. That would seem to make a lot of sense.

But it is also confusing. The Asian Indians have been here long enough to have American-born children nearing maturity. Like the Nisei of an earlier time, they feel the tug of two cultures. How can they accept the standards of their peers without offending the customs and beliefs of their parents? They will find there are no easy answers.

The United States has been an acculturating society from the very beginning. Each successive wave of immigrants brought something of their own culture, and

some of it inevitably was incorporated into the American way of life.

Sometimes it took the country a long time to acknowledge that this was happening. The Nisei grew up in a time when their schoolteachers, with the best intentions, were telling pupils of various ethnic origins to be 110 percent Americans. That meant rejecting everything about the ancestral culture—language, food, festivals, everything. And so much of value was lost.

The United States is not a monolithic nation in the sense that Japan is, and I doubt that it will ever be. Its strength is in the diversity of its people, all moved by a common reverence for freedom although they may, and often do, quarrel about its meaning and how to achieve it.

We're in trouble when we begin to think of Americans as one people. We're black and white and brown and yellow. We're Asian Indians, too. Welcome to the melting pot which is full of insoluble ingredients, but each of which add to the delightful flavor of the whole. #

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## Redress Program

San Francisco

At the November 4-6 National Board meeting, the National Board will have to review a revised budget recommendation for the redress program that I have forwarded to them.

The budget recommendations that were developed follow the lines of the budget adopted by the National Board, but have reductions in spending that were recommended to maintain a program budget within the \$300,000 cap established by the National Council of the JACL.

The debate by the National Board on this subject will be significant, since H.R. 4110 has been introduced and the JACL will be actively supporting this bill and its companion on the Senate side.

At the same time, the issue of funding the program over the next biennium is a question that is under discussion that may have even more critical impact. The Board action to authorize the \$300,000 in this biennium will require a mechanism to fund the program in the 1984-86 biennium. The timeline on the legislation guess-

es that House hearings may take place by early next year (1984), but the likelihood of getting the issue to a floor vote before the Presidential elections is slim. This would effectively move the potential date of a floor vote into 1985 and into the next biennium for JACL.

Rather than to have this be left to the National Board in 1984, or to the National Council at the convention, there is a need to plan and implement various alternatives for funding the program. At the very least, there needs to be discussion at the Chapter level to articulate a determination to fund the program to resolution, meaning a floor vote.

William Marutani has described the redress effort as a matter of honor. I agree completely with him, and I hear many other voices saying the same. To concretize the defense of this matter of honor, the collective wisdom and determination of the JACL membership is required. The National Board will have to initiate the planning, but the entire membership ought to get into the act, and offer whatever suggestions and alternatives that come to mind. #

'A Different Light': Focus on Women

## A 'typical' JACL meeting

By SUSAN NAKAMURA

San Jose Northern California JACL presented its women's concerns workshop to the San Jose Chapter in a private showing on Sept. 17.

A tongue-in-cheek skit of a "typical" JACL meeting is followed by discussion groups. ChairMAN (Ozzie Imai, Lodi Chapter) asks Mild Mannered Mollie (Fujioka, Diablo Valley) to take minutes, because "women are so capable of those kinds of things" and "she has a nice handwriting."

Board members discuss the annual installation dinner. Instead of a formal dinner, the conservative treasurer, Ernie (Iiyama, Contra Costa), suggests a pot-luck dinner because the budget is tight. Lucy Good Wife (Lucy Kishaba, Sonoma) votes in favor of this item because "her husband told her to" and the motion carries.

The topic of discussion turns to the dinner's guest

speaker. Macho-chauvinist Ken (Kai, San Jose) suggests a belly dancer to draw a crowd. Assertive, open-minded Leah (Hamachi, Diablo Valley), Bella Abzug-type Mei (Nakano, Sonoma), and young Flash-dancer Judy (Niizawa, San Jose) object. Conservative Ernie suggests a guest speaker from National Headquarters because "it's traditional." The motion carries with Mild Mannered Mollie being persuaded to vote for it to break the 3-3 tie vote.

These stereotypical roles are obviously exaggerated for emphasis, but they are familiar. In fact, if you are considering doing this at your chapter, you could probably have some of the characters played by board members who are being themselves!

By laughing at this skit, we can relax and begin to open up about the sometimes sensitive issues of women's roles, men's roles and how they re-

late to each other.

One of the significant points brought out in the discussion groups were that men and women (people) should only be what they are comfortable being. If they are mild-mannered, that is fine; if they are macho-chauvinistic, that is fine. Hopefully, this will put those who might be threatened at ease. There should be nothing wrong, also, with telling someone their behavior is bothering or threatening you. This is how better communication between men and women (people) is built.

According to Mei Nakano, one of the facilitators, Nikkei are reluctant to discuss these issues, perhaps because they are personal or because Japanese culture makes women's liberation more difficult. I would agree. We don't like to be pointed at, but as we gain more self-assurance we get better at it. And we discover that it's not all that bad. #

## CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reagan's nominees, subject to Senate confirmation, are Morris B. Abram, former president of Brandeis University; Robert A. Destro, asst. professor of law, the Catholic University; and John H. Bunzel, senior research fellow, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford.

**Resuscitation Measures** Meanwhile, the Commission, which now cannot muster up a quorum for meetings, technically expired on Sept. 30, and Congress must pass legislation authorizing its continuation by the end of November to keep it from dissolving for good.

The House has already passed a bill—deemed unacceptable by the White House—that extends the Commission for five years and specifies that a commissioner can be removed only for "neglect of duty or malfeasance."

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## San Francisco 'ichiban' with 1,332 members for 1983

SAN FRANCISCO—The top ten chapters in JACL for FY 1983, membership-wise, are: (1) San Francisco 1,332; (2) West Los Angeles 1,206; (3) San Jose 971; (4) Sacramento 847; (5) Gardena Valley 839; (6) Chicago 752; (7) East Los Angeles 704; (8) Sequoia 700; (9) Orange County 561; and (10) San Diego 559.

San Francisco continued to be the "Ichiban—No. 1" chapter among the 114 now comprising the national organization whose membership for the first nine months of this year was 25,942, slightly under last year's 26,770.

Thirty-six chapters were commended in the latest membership bulletin, tallied by membership coordinator Emily Ishida at National Headquarters, with a "star" for having surpassed last year's total. They were:

Arizona	Hollywood	San Benito County
Cleveland	Hoosier	San Diego
Clovis	Imperial Valley	San Fernando Vly
Columbia Basin	Japan	San Mateo
Contra Costa	Marysville	Santa Barbara
Detroit	Mile-Hi	Selma
East Los Angeles	New Mexico	Solano County
Eden Township	Philadelphia	Spokane
Florin	Placer County	Tulare County
Fresno	Pocatello	Ventura County
Golden Gate	Reedley	Watsonville
Gtr Pasadena Area	St. Louis	White River Valley

Central California was the only one of the eight district councils where membership was better than last year percentage-wise: 1,710 over 1,679 (102%). Other district memberships slipped: Pacific Northwest 1,410 (92% of last year), Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific 10,712 (96%), Pacific Southwest 7,936 (98%), Intermountain 896 (91%), Mountain Plains 455 (99%), Midwest 1,708 (93%), and Eastern 831 (84%).

Additional memberships include the National Associates (111) and Life Members (215). The so-called 1000 Clubbers (Fifty Club, Century Club, Corporate—2,102) comprised about 8% of the entire membership.

## Friends of JACL

Responses to the PC Holiday Issue invitation (see Oct. 7 PC—"Donor Honor Roll") to publish the names of those who have contributed this past JACL fiscal year (Oct. 1, 1982—Sept. 30, 1983) to one of the many national, district or chapter projects are being received, including the most recent from:

- 1—Seattle JACL's listing of redress donations to the Washington Coalition on Redress and Seattle JACL Redress Committee; to Coram Nobis.
- 2—Ventura County JACL Redress.
- 3—West Los Angeles JACL Redress.
- 4—Seabrook JACL redress.

Deadline has been extended from Oct. 30 to Nov. 15 for submitting the list (typed double space, if possible). #

## PC Calendar

JACL-sponsored events are prefaced with name of the JACL unit (chapter, district, national) in boldface. Social affairs of Nikkei community/church groups are listed as a community service. Where fees/reservations are involved, an "info" contact is required. Items should be submitted in writing to the PC Calendar editor.

- NOV. 4 (Friday)
  - San Jose—Ann'l mtg, Issei Mem Bldg, 7:30pm.
  - Sacramento—Asn Nursing Home benefit fashion show dnr, Buddhist Kaikan, 6:30pm; Helen Quan, coord.
- NOV. 4-6
  - Nat'l JACL—Board mtg, Mas Satow Bldg, San Francisco.
- NOV. 5 (Saturday)
  - Los Altos—AACA 10th ann'y dnr, Ruby King Res't, 4320 El Camino Real, 6:30pm; Rep. Norman Mineta, honoree; info (408) 998-1544 day, (415) 328-3533 (eve, wknd).
  - New York—Bazaar, 12-8pm, Japanese American United Ch, 255-7th Ave.
  - Los Angeles—Calif Assn of Non-white Concerns conf, UCLA Moore Hall, 9am; info Harry Kawahara 678-7252.
- NOV. 6 (Sunday)
  - NCWNPDC/Marin Cty—Bd electn, qtrly sess, Dominic's Harbor Res't, San Rafael, 9:30am.
  - Berkeley—East Bay Issei Housing benefit Japanese music concert, Comm Theater, 1900 Alston Wy, 3pm; Yoko Takahashi, composer.
- NOV. 8 (Tuesday)
  - Stockton—Nominations, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.
  - Whittier—Kazuo Kurosawa Koto Ensemble, Whittier College Memorial Chapel, 8pm. Free.
- NOV. 9 (Wednesday)
  - Portland—Bd mtg.
  - Orange County—Bd elections, BoFA Tower, #800, Orange, 7:30pm.
- NOV. 11 (Friday)
  - Salt Lake City—Dnr mtg, Distinctive Catering, 285 E 2700 S, 5:30pm dnr, 7:30, Judge William Marutani, spkr.
- NOV. 11-13
  - MPDC/Houston—Dist session, Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar St.; NASA Johnson Ctr tour, Fri aft.
- NOV. 12 (Saturday)
  - Cleveland—Holiday Fair, Euclid Jr High; info 439-3215.
  - Eden Township—Inst dnr, Dick's Res't, Sn Leandro, 7pm; Fred Korematsu, Lorraine Bannai, spkrs. Res: J Yamada, 278-6145.
  - Gtr LA Singles—Yard sale, Cal First Bank pkg lot, Western/Redondo Bch Blvd, Gda, 9am-4pm.
  - Los Angeles—Mme. Kazuo Kudo's
- Koto Music, Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 8pm.
- NOV. 12-13
  - CCDC—Ann'l conv, Fresno Hilton Hotel, Sat dnr mtg—redress, Sun mtg, 9am; dnr 5pm, Judge Bill Marutani, spkr.
- NOV. 13 (Sunday)
  - Monterey Peninsula—Harold Tsuchiya dnr, Rancho Cañada, 5:30pm.
  - Stockton—Reno trip; info Mabel Okubo 463-7945.
  - New Orleans—Japan Club cult fair, G Brown Mem Ctr, City Park, 12n-5pm.
- NOV. 18-19
  - PSWDC/Las Vegas—Qtrly mtg, election, Hacienda Hotel. Chartered bus tour pkg info (213) 820-3592.
- NOV. 19 (Saturday)
  - San Francisco—Spaghetti-crab feed, Christ United Presby Ch, 5-8pm.
  - Portland—ACLU MacNaughton Awd dnr, Benson Hotel; Joan Bernstein, spkr; Min Yasui, honoree; info 644-6270.
  - San Francisco—Nisei & Retirem't wrkshp; Nisei Attitude on Widowhood; info 2932 Santiago, SF 94116.
  - Los Angeles—JA Vietnam Vet reunion, Gen Lee's Res't, 7pm; info 327-3264.
  - Los Angeles—Odori & koto concert, Koyasan Hall, 12n.
- DEC. 1 (Thursday)
  - Sacramento—JACL/Stepping Stones info wkshps series, Sumitomo Bk hosp rm, 1331 Bdwy, 7:30pm; How to Help a Grieving Person.
- DEC. 3 (Saturday)
  - Chicago—Inaugural dnr, Hotel Continental, 6pm; Minoru Yasui, spkr; Richard Yamada, Chicago Mutual Aid Society, honorees.
  - Seabrook—Sr cit app dnr, Buddhist Hall, 6pm.
- DEC. 6 (Tuesday)
  - Los Angeles—John F. Also testim dnr, Sheraton Grande Hotel, 6pm.
- DEC. 10 (Saturday)
  - St Louis—Christmas party, Olivette Comm Ctr, 6:30-10pm.
  - Los Angeles—Asn Rehab Sv dance, ARS, 6th/Sn Pedro, 7pm.
- DEC. 13 (Tuesday)
  - Stockton—Elections, Calif 1st Bank, 7:30pm.
- DEC. 17 (Saturday)
  - Stockton—Christmas party, Keiro pot-luck.

## JACL Reports

### WLA to install board Nov. 13

SANTA MONICA, Ca.—West Los Angeles, second largest JACL chapter nationwide with over 1,200 members, holds its 38th annual installation dinner Sunday, Nov. 13, from 5 p.m. at the Bayview Plaza Holiday Inn, announced co-chairs Emily Yamataka and Peggy Hoshizaki.

Henry Sakai, Pacific Citizen board chair, will install the 34-member chapter board. Featured speaker is Lt. Daniel N. Cooke of the

L.A. Police. Beverly Hills city clerk Jean Ushijima is emcee.

A highlight of the program is the announcement of chapter scholarships to the 1984 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

The Venice Hongwanji Taiko Group provides the entertainment.

Dinner reservations at \$22.50 per person may be made by calling Virginia Tominaga at 820-3365 or any board member. #

### Help needed for Holiday Folk Fair

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The JACL call is out for volunteers to help unload and sell merchandise at the annual Holiday Folk Fair, Nov. 18-20 at the Milwaukee MECCA.

"The Folk Fair Sale is the only source of income for JACL," member Ed Jonokuchi reported in the October newsletter. "This is where we make enough money to operate our chapter, for

scholarship fund, children's Christmas party, picnic, donations to the National JACL and to our community, etc., and we need every member's help."

Admission to the fair is \$5 (adult) and \$4.50 (child). Advance tickets sold by board members are \$4.

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### 39th Chicago inaugural slated Dec. 3

CHICAGO—The 39th annual JACL inauguration dinner will be held at the Hotel Continental, 550 N. Michigan, on Saturday, Dec. 3. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m.

JACL National Redress Chair Minoru Yasui will be guest speaker. Dr. Frank Sakamoto, dinner chairman, also announced that the chapter will honor Richard Yamada and members of the Chicago Mutual Aid Society.

Dinner/dance committee includes Hiro Mayeda, Kiyoko Nakayama, Janet Suzuki, and Kay Sunahara. #

### MDC meets Nov. 12

CHICAGO—JACL Midwest District Council convenes in Chicago Nov. 12 and 13 at the Lincolnwood Hyatt House.

Newly elected Gov. George Sakaguchi has set an agenda that includes redress, the Vincent Chin case, and MDC constitutional revisions.

There are also receptions and an informal dinner on Nov. 12.

For further information, contact JACL Midwest Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640. Tel.: (312) 728-7170. #

### New England to meet students

BOSTON—New England JACL meets Saturday, Nov. 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, to welcome Nikkei students at a potluck dinner, it was announced by Kei Kaneda, chapter president.

Co-chairs Margie Hopkins and May Takayanagi will lead the discussion on "Growing Up Japanese American in the USA" at 7. Chapter board will meet from 9 p.m. #

### Late deadlines for PCYA added

LOS ANGELES—A scholarship for the 1984 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington will be given by the West Los Angeles JACL to an 11th or 12th grader with an interest in government or history. The applicant must be a student at Beverly Hills, Hamilton, Palisades, Santa Monica, University high schools or the child of a WLA JACler.

For information, call Sid Yamasaki, 477-2084 or 391-4048 eve. Deadline is Nov. 4.

Seabrook JACL also offers such a scholarship for the program. Interested students should call Greg Ono (451-3712) by Nov. 4. #

### Children to learn Japanese culture

VISALIA, Ca.—Tulare County JACL is seeking volunteers for a one-week cultural awareness program during the summer of 1984. If enough persons volunteer, the program would be open to 3-year-olds to 6th-graders from Dinuba, Lindsay, Tulare, Orosi, Visalia and surrounding areas. It would increase a child's awareness of his or her Japanese heritage through stories, music,

songs, games, food, holidays, demonstrations and arts and crafts.

Parents, relatives, friends, and students are encouraged to share their time and experiences with the children. Interested persons should write by Monday, Nov. 14, to Tulare JACL Cultural Awareness Program, c/o Aileen Arakawa, 506 N. Chinowth, Visalia, CA 93291. #

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Claims by qualified individuals for such reparation must be filed on forms prescribed by the County Executive. Such forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the address stated below.

Any claim for reparation must be received in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 31, 1984. The address of the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 440-5411.

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Aloha '84... (1)

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By KARLEEN CHINEN

Honolulu

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This 28th national convention is hosted by the Honolulu Chapter and will be held Aug. 13-17, 1984, at Pacific Beach Hotel. Famous Waikiki Beach is at your front door, and yes, it's as beautiful as you always dreamed it would be.

REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES begins Sunday, Aug. 12 and continues on Monday, the 13th.

"Aloha '84" is the first major gathering of JACL chapters outside the continental United States. People from the mainland, Japan, Hawaii and even South America are expected to come together to discuss issues of concern to all of us.

The five-day fete is being coordinated in Honolulu by Edgar Hamasu and his convention board. Most of the events are held at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE TOURS has been contracted to handle arrangements for ground transportation and will also coordinate sightseeing activities for those wishing to visit some of the island's attractions. We encourage you to bring your entire family so they can be a part of the Hawaiian experience. Travel to the neighbor islands of Hawaii (the Big Island), Maui (the Valley Isle), Kauai (the Garden Island),

Molokai (the Friendly Island), and Lanai (the Pineapple Island) is recommended, for each island and its people are special in their own unique way.

JACL has contracted with the San Francisco-based GELCO, a wholesale travel agency, to come up with the most affordable air travel package for those attending the convention. GELCO is presently studying a number of possibilities, including charter flights, or perhaps designating one airline as the official carrier for the 1984 JACL National Convention.

THE CONVENTION AGENDA combines business with pleasure. Morning hours are devoted to workshops and business sessions, with afternoons and evenings set aside for special activities. Among the events being planned: an Aloha reception; a visit to the Arizona Memorial; a luau on the beach as the glorious Hawaiian sun sets before your eyes; "Japan Night," featuring a top entertainer from Japan; a reception at Washington Place, the home of Gov. and Mrs. George Ariyoshi; and a golf tournament. Also, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield, has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the convention finale, the Sayonara banquet.

A complete schedule of convention events and their costs will be distributed to JACL chapters in December.

The convention is still nine months away, but it isn't too early to start planning your 1984 family vacation. It's the perfect way to rejuvenate your body and soul to prepare you for tomorrow's many challenges. We'll be sharing a few local secrets with you in future issues of the Pacific Citizen, so be watching for "Aloha '84" updates. #

## PNW elects Yasuhara, commends Lowry

SEATTLE—Denny Yasuhara, long-time JACLer who served three terms as president of the Spokane chapter, was elected 1984-85 PNW district governor on Oct. 9. Yasuhara was a prime mover behind the development of Hifumi-En, a HUD retirement home completed in 1973, and the major activist in the establishment of an Asian American studies program at Washington State University in 1973. A teacher at Garry Jr. High School in Spokane, Yasuhara succeeds Dr. Homer Yasui, outgoing district governor of the 10 PNW chapters.

At the council meeting, held in Seattle, National Director Ron Wakabayashi updated redress developments at the Washington, D.C. level, clarified redress budgetary projections, discussed his Japan trip and the international relations area, and provided the latest information on the 1984 national convention in Hawaii.

Lia Shigemura, national program director, attended the Nikkei Health Fair at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 8 and reported that \$200 grants were available from a total of \$9,000 granted by Chevron for any JACL co-sponsored minority health fair. JACL chapters can also obtain grant money for other groups which serve Asian health needs, particularly in such culturally relevant areas as shiatsu, herbology, and t'ai chi.

A redress resolution was passed unanimously by the district council to commend Congressman Mike Lowry and his aide, Ruthann Kurose, for their excellent work on HR 3387, and for their spirit of cooperation in urging their 43 co-sponsors to co-sign the Wright bill, HR 4110. The resolution further requested that the JACL National Redress Committee and the JACL national president acknowledge the contributions made to the redress legislative effort by Reps. Lowry and Norman Mineta and convey the thanks of

JACL for their spirit of cooperation and their significant accomplishments.

After giving the highlights of his recent trip to Japan, Ken Nakano, hibakusha committee co-chair, reported on the visit of the Washington State congressmen to Hiroshima. He revealed that the Korean government has subsidized the sending of 60 Korean hibakusha victims to Japan for treatment.

Reporting on the recent completion of the Nisei Aging Project by a Univ. of Washington research team, aging and retirement committee chair Don Kazama pointed

out that the study applies to all Nisei nationwide in its findings on income level, mental health, housing needs, leisure time activities, inter-generational relationships, etc. All donors to the project should have received a copy of the report, and additional copies are obtainable at a cost of \$5.

District officers elected to serve with Governor Yasuhara in the next biennium are:

Dr. Jim Tsujimura, v.g.—Ore.; Cherry Kinoshita, v.g.—Wash.; Sam Nakagawa, sec.; Janice Nishimori, treas.; Dr. Jim Watanabe, hist., and Ed Fujii, 1000 Club.



PNW Gov. Denny Yasuhara

## Bookshelf

### 'Citizen 13660' now paperback

CITIZEN 13660: Mine Okubo (1983 reprint), Univ. of Washington Press, \$8.95 soft. (\$1.50 extra postage/handling when ordering through Pacific Citizen.)

This classic account of the 1942 evacuation and internment is now available in a handsome paperback edition. For the new generation, a 1983 preface has been added by Mine Okubo. She sets the tenor and temper of the times, of what led to the attack on Pearl Harbor, its consequences and what led her to have the book published.

While Citizen 13660 in Tanforan and then at Topaz, she had sketched, drew and painted life inside the camps since cameras and photographers were not permitted. She also gathered a special

group of drawings intended for exhibition. Leaving camp in 1944 to work for Fortune Magazine to help illustrate the April 1944 issue on Japan, she then decided to make New York her home. Two years later, Columbia University Press published the book that is now in its first reprint as a paperback.

A 1946 review by "MOT" appearing in the Pacific Citizen says, "The book has captured all the bumbling and fumbling of the early evacuation days, all the pathos and humor that arose from the paradox of citizens interned." Nearly 50 years later, that assessment continues to stand straight and tall. —H.H.

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# Coram Nobis comment draws mixed reactions

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Civilians concluded that "no completely satisfactory answer can be reached about these emotion-laden issues from this vantage point in history."

This nation, gripped by wartime concerns and acting against a perceived danger, nevertheless committed a wrong by interning thousands of people simply because of their ancestry and not for anything that they did. Step

by step the nation has acted to rectify that wrong, although a perfect balance sheet can never be achieved. One thing the nation can now do: Carry out the recommendation of the commission to pay \$1.5 billion to the approximately 60,000 people forced into relocation who are still living. That compensation, not an exorbitant sum but generous enough to make it meaningful, is a debt that we owe. #

LOS ANGELES—Eight different responses to the Los Angeles Times editorial of Oct. 17, "We Are in Debt," indicated two were in agreement while six others disapproved of its views. Wrote M.J. Mondeau of Anaheim: "Your editorial 'We are in Debt' (Oct. 17) concerning the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II is worthy of praise and condemnation."

Mondeau agreed with the editorial which, he said, inferred that America is indeed in debt to these citizens, and that the Anglo-American tradition of jurisprudence has always allotted just compensation to those victims of discrimination and wrongdoing. But he didn't think the Times was correct when it inappropriately concluded that "we are inclined to agree with the government's opposition to further court hearings or findings" because "no completely satisfactory answer can be reached..."

Mondeau said the search for truth cannot be postponed. "Korematsu, like it or not, still stands as American constitutional law. It is the duty of courts to question its legitimacy, for Korematsu addresses itself to the serious question of individual freedom with which we should all concern ourselves.... Our debt goes beyond any monetary value. It encompasses the valuable lessons we must learn in order to prevent another such tragedy."

**Japan Hasn't Paid**  
The Japanese government was not required to pay reparations for the loss of life and time by the many thousands of men and women who served to defend the United States from the Japanese. "Instead we who served have been taxed by our government to help rebuild Japan and its industry," charged J. Richard Foster of Huntington Beach.

"Instead of asking the taxpayer to pay the bill why don't you organize a private fund-raiser to collect the \$1.5 billion? In this way those of us who feel guilty can assuage our guilt with voluntary cash donations," said H.J. Germain of Mission Viejo, adding those who do not feel responsible for internment or the parents and relatives of those men still resting in the USS Arizona, would not be

forced by the tax collector. George W. Bisbee of Findlay, Ohio, said he cannot agree on paying interned Japanese Americans a \$1.5 billion reparation. "(GI) insurance for death was \$10,000, and for this we paid an insurance premium. We left our homes, wife and children, gave up good jobs. Why would these (evacuated) people be entitled to more than us?"

"Your editorial takes the position that Japanese Americans that were evacuated to internment camps should be paid compensation for the act. If your figures are correct, as to 60,000 persons and \$1.5 billion, this amount divides out to \$25,000 per person," declared William G. Ebey of Redlands. While both the Armed Forces GIs had their room and board paid for by the government, the Japanese American families were kept together. "Very few military members took their families along."

"If you were here at the time of the Japanese secret strike you would understand that internment was necessary," accused Harry J. Newman of La Cañada-Flintridge. He said he lost over \$100,000 in direct salary between his mandatory Army stint and retirement from private industry. He related that internment was just as much as anything to protect the lives of the Japanese Americans.

"By making the decision it has, the Reagan Administration's Justice Dept. takes a great step forward toward acknowledging the injustice done to thousands of human beings, most of them United States citizens, during World War II," agreed Richard Tom of Los Angeles.

"If we acquiesce in the Justice Dept.'s setting aside of those convictions, will the truth about the internment ever be known?" In retrospect, Tom said, it is hard to explain the internment in terms other than racism. "In this land of the free and home of the brave, their (Japanese Americans') only fault was a different skin color. "If the loss of civil liberties for the entire group of people, without any proof of disloyalty save that provided by racism, is the cost of that security, what do we stand for as a country?" asked Tom. G #

## LETTERS

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Many Nisei—especially those who are upwardly mobile and conservative—have often advocated such a position ostensibly to appease those elements in American society who can not really bring themselves to accept complete racial equality. Normally, this kind of argument is quite cleverly structured so that it is nearly impossible to detect its underlying racism. But it is sometimes ridiculously persistent as it was in the case of former U.S. Senator S. I. Hayakawa."

I also noticed many Japanese Americans, who established themselves in the American society as "well-educated," have racist tendencies. The following is another example: Prof. Iga, who teaches sociology at Cal State-Northridge describes Japanese women's attitude

as a "lack of self-respect, self-assertion, resourcefulness and rationalism." (PC Jan. 2-9, 1981). Whenever I mention this to my fellow Japanese Americans, I get a silent response. Why? If you think the above descriptions apply to Japanese women in Japan but not to Japanese American women, you must face two questions: where do you stand towards your mother, grandmother or great grandmother who came from Japan? Where do you stand towards the culture you inherited? Why don't you voice your opinion? Do you agree with Iga?

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA  
Sheffield Lake, OH

Note: Contributions to the Mike Lowry for Senate Committee (Nikkei for Lowry) should be forwarded to P.O. Box 4246, Seattle, WA 98104, the Pacific Citizen was advised. #

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abuses against Japanese Americans during World War II.... The commission's recommendations have been referred to the appropriate House and Senate committees. I will examine those recommendations closely and am inclined to support them."

The Lowry-Evans race is the only Senate contest this year, and it has become a referendum on Reagan Administration policies. Lowry, for example, supports a mutually verifiable nuclear freeze and an end to first-strike weapons, while strongly opposing budget cuts in social services.

Evans, considered a moderate Republican, has sided with the Administration on all but a few votes in the Senate.

## West Valley to elect at potluck supper

SAN JOSE, Ca.—New officers will be elected at a potluck dinner and general meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12, at the West Valley Chapter clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Drive.

The dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Three speakers will relate their experiences in academic and training programs during the past year. They are: Lisa Murai on the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Jennie Tsunekawa on her year in Japan as an exchange student, and Judy Niizawa on the Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Young adults are especially encouraged to attend. Members are asked to bring a main dish to share. #

Winner of the election will serve to 1988, the remainder of the late Sen. Jackson's term. If Lowry loses, he will remain in the House and stand for re-election next year.

**Other Elections**  
Several other campaigns in this off-year are of special interest to Asian Americans. In Seattle, City Treasurer Lloyd Hara remains a front-runner in his bid for a second four-year term against James Newell. Hara has been endorsed by both major Seattle dailies as well as the Assn. of Republican Women and the King County Labor Council.

Dolores Sibonga, one of the highest ranking Filipino Americans in the U.S., is up for another four-year term on the Seattle City Council.

Tom Chinn, who won 46 percent of the primary vote for the Sacramento City Council, is favored to win next week.

In San Diego, Ca., Vern Yoshioka faces 18-year incumbent Gene French for a seat on the San Diego Community College Board of Trustees. Yoshioka is the first Nikkei to seek elective office in San Diego. #

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- Yoshiko Uchida** 1982: 160pp  
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The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family  
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- John Okada** 1980: 176pp  
**No-No Boy** List: \$6.95 (soft)  
First published in 1957, it received little attention and its author died thirteen years later believing Asian Americans had rejected his works: a story of Ichiro Yamada who chose to go to federal prison rather than serve in the U.S. army during WW2. His struggles and conflicts upon his return to his family and to the realities of postwar America are revealed in this angry and intense novel.
- C. Harvey Gardiner** 1981: 248pp  
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## VFW Nisei representatives renew justice resolution

LOS ANGELES—Four Nisei VFW leaders representing the 14 Japanese American posts in California are meeting this weekend (Nov. 4-5) at the VFW western regional convention at Boise, Idaho, it was announced by Jack Nagano, local VFW spokesman, to renew their efforts to have the "justice and liberty for all Americans" resolution adopted at the next national convention in Chicago.

The resolution, introduced by the Nisei VFW posts at the national VFW convention this past summer at New Orleans, was to counter a shocking statement of James R. Currie, then national commander, that reparations should never be paid to Japanese Americans nor an apology be offered for removal and internment during World War II.

It was "so watered down" by the time it reached the convention floor, the Nisei delegation recalled the motion. In the meantime, Currie had met with Nisei VFW leaders in a special meeting Aug. 1 in Sacramento and assured them he was withdrawing the national resolution, meant "no racial overtones" were intended in his press release and wished to be regarded as a "pro-Nisei" advocate, it was recalled by Mote Nakasako, who is among the four heading for Boise. The other three are Hiroshi Tadakuma, Gardena; Frank Oshita and

Larry Tanaka, Sacramento.

The Nisei VFW-sponsored resolution calls upon the national body to remain as a body for justice and liberty for all Americans.

Nisei VFW leaders are also planning to cover the eastern regional conference in Washington, D.C., to promote the concepts of Japanese American reparations.

To help sustain this extraordinary effort, the five Nisei VFW posts in Los Angeles are sponsoring a fund-raiser dance on Jan. 21 at the Hawthorne Memorial Center on El Segundo Boulevard with John Sherri's Band. Tickets are \$10 per person, available from post members. The other nine Nisei VFW posts throughout the state are also assisting in the fund-raiser.

The VFW, thanks to the one-man JACL lobbying effort of the late Tokutaro Slocum, assumed the national leadership in 1933 to push for U.S. citizenship long withheld from Issei "dough-boys" of World War I. Subsequently, the American Legion and Spanish American War Veterans rallied to the cause. The Nye-Lea bill was signed by President Roosevelt in 1935. #

**Remember to vote on Nov. 8**

## Calif.'s first Latino high court justice to address CRCSC fete

LOS ANGELES—"Justice in a Diverse Society" is the theme of the 38th annual Community Relations Conference of Southern California banquet on Sunday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., at USC's Town and Gown Foyer.

Tritia Toyota, co-anchor of KNBC-TV "News 4 LA," serves as emcee, with state Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso as guest speaker.

The Membership Trophy will be awarded to the Friendship Day Camp, according to Daniel F. Romero, CRCSC president, for "its 30 years of active role in providing a unique opportunity for

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