Kennedy: Mondale committed to Asian Pacific issues

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Campaigning in California on behalf of presidential candidate Walter Mondale, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) told a gathering of Asian Pacific Democrats that he and Mondale share concerns about discrimination against Asian Americans.

Kennedy was repeatedly interrupted by applause as he gave his views to approximately 200 Asian American supporters at an Oct. 24 program held at the Beverly Plaza Hotel and sponsored by Asian Pacific for Mondale-Ferraro.

He called the 1952 Walter-McCarran Immigration Act discriminatory because it "restricted the number that could come here to 123...from the whole Asian Pacific basin. We fought that battle in 1961, again in 1964, and finally in 1965 the first major piece of legislation that I had the opportunity to floor manage in the U.S. Senate eliminated the national origin quota system to permit some 25,000...to be reunified with their families."

The bill, Kennedy said, "recognized something which I think all of the Asian families recognize...and that is the importance of family...as a result, we've been able to see the growth of the whole Asian community...and it has been a source of strength, it's been a source of diversity, and it has made a contribution to every aspect of our life."

Kennedy was critical of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill because of a provision admitting brothers or sisters of individuals living in the U.S. only if the brother or sister is unmarried. "I had brothers and sisters that were married, and they were just as much my brothers and sisters after they were married as they were before they were married," he said, suggesting that the Reagan administration, despite its promotion of family values, did not oppose this provision.

The senator said he supported bilingual education programs since their introduction in the early 1960's. "I've seen that program grow to include some 39 different languages to help young people to not only learn their English but be able to keep up with the other children."

The program became not only bilingual but also bicultural, he continued, "so that culture and tradition and family values could be preserved and maintained in our society. I've seen the attempts that have been made to undermine that over the past years, and we have resisted those efforts."

Kennedy expressed concern about human rights under the U.S.-supported governments of the Philippines, South Korea and Taiwan. While recognizing those countries' strategic importance to the U.S., he stressed the importance of "helping to press made...towards democratic institutions," citing the cause of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino in the Philippines and of Kim Dae Jung in South Korea.

Calling the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans a "blight upon our statute books," Kennedy, who co-sponsored redress bill S216, said, "I would welcome the..." Continued on Page 8

Former CWRIC member Lungren, redress fee, challenged for House

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Redress for Japanese Americans interned during WW2 is one of many areas of disagreement between Rep. Dan Lungren (R-Calif.), now running for reelection as congressman of the 42nd district, and Democratic challenger Mary Lou Brophy.

Lungren was the only active member of Congress to serve on the Commission on Wartime Repressions and Internment of Citizens, which held public hearings in 1941 and released its findings in 1981.

Bushi tours Chinatown

SAN FRANCISCO — Vice President George Bush praised Chinatown as a neighborhood that shows "strong belief in faith, family and hard work" during an Oct. 17 campaign swing that included a reception at Grand Palace Restaurant, Asian Week reports.

In his only reference to administration policy, Bush recalled his stint as ambassador to China and said, "We have improved relations with China without damaging our relationship with Taiwan." Steve Jeong, who arranged the visit and accompanied Bush on his walking tour of Chinatown, said that Chinese Americans were showing enthusiasm for the Reagan-Bush ticket.

Dymally promises next term will see active legislating

GARDENA, Calif. — Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.) was feted by over 750 supporters at an Oct. 25 fundraising dinner sponsored by the Asian Pacific Committee for Dymally.

Dymally, whose reelection bid is being challenged by Republican Henry Minturn, represents the 31st district, which includes Gardena, Compton, Carson, Hawthorne, and Bellflower. The district is about 8% Asian, 25% Hispanic, and 18% Black.

"It has bothered me as I look about the Congress and I see so many Southern congressmen who do not represent their constituents," Dymally told the gathering at Gung Hay Restaurant. "They have over 250 supporters. They have large blocks of ethnic groups, they have large blocks of poor people, and they continue to vote for cuts in the child nutrition program, cuts in medical aid, cuts in social security."

Redress Issue

Dymally said he had been concerned that he was similarly out of touch with his Asian constituents until he met with him and understood community concerns. "It's very, very rewarding experience for me to feel a part of this extended family."

Noting that Gardena has the largest Japanese population of any city in the continental U.S., Dymally said he took pride in having been the first member of Congress from California to introduce legislation proposing reparations for Japanese Americans interned during WW2 (HR 7843, introduced in Dec. 1982). He later co-sponsored HR 4110, the redress bill defeated during the last session of Congress.

He added that if reelected he would appoint Bert Nakano, spokesman of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCCR), to the California State Democratic Central Committee to voice minority concerns such as redress.

Dymally opposed the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, which he considered discriminatory. During debates in the House, he said, "I would welcome the one time when the Asian and Black caucuses swayed away from the Hispanic Caucus in opposing the bill."

But he cautioned, "It is not enough to react. We need to move forward on some very progressive legislation of our own. I trust everyone will be involved in that." Dymally has introduced two other pieces of legislation addressing Asian/Pacific concerns. One would provide citizenship for Filipinos who fought for the U.S. during WW2 and were promised—but not given—American citizenship, the other would give citizenship rights to residents of Samoa who live under U.S. protection but cannot enter the U.S. without a visa.

During the dinner, Dymally was honored by the City of Gardena, the City of Carson, and the Asian-American Community of Nippon, and NCCR.

In the June 5 primary, Dymally garnered 30,100 votes to Minturn's 22,344 and is therefore not considered to be in a close race.
Commentary

Asians drawn to both candidates

by J.K. Yamamoto

Asian Pacific Americans are becoming increasingly aware that they not only have a stake in the outcome of this presidential election but that they can also play an active role in it.

This year, there has been a flurry of political activity among Asian Pacific Asians. Asian Democrats have expanded the party's Asian Pacific Caucus, campaigned for candidates in the primaries, and increased Asian representation at the Democratic National Convention. Asian Republicans have worked to mobilize community support for Reagan and to expand their role at the party's national convention. Both sides have stepped up voter registration.

The Field Poll estimates that 463,000 of California's Asian Americans are registered voters, of which 225,000 are Democrats, 110,000 are Republicans, and 128,000 are unaffiliated. This indicates that the Democratic party is preferred, but it also shows that Asians are not a monolithic voting bloc. What makes Asian voters choose one party over another?

If the sole criterion were awareness of and sensitivity to Asian American issues, the Democrats would have the advantage. In the presidential race, only the Democratic side has addressed community concerns about redress, bilingual education, immigration laws, racial violence, and Asian representation at the federal level. Walter Mondale, for example, has issued an Asian American platform while Ronald Reagan has not.

'Economy Good for Minorities'?

The Republicans have not ignored Asian Americans, but their recognition of Asians and other minorities has not involved specific proposals for action. Both the Democratic and Republican platforms have plans calling the WW2 internment an injustice, but the Republican statement stops short of supporting redress. And instead of civil rights measures, the GOP platform states that the administration's economic policies have benefited and will continue to benefit minorities.

But when Asians judge candidates by their overall domestic and foreign policies, opinion is divided. Reagan's Asian supporters agree with his contention that economic growth helps minorities and say that his tax cuts and deregulation have aided small businesses and thereby the entire Asian American community. Many therefore see no need for special minority programs.

Those who stress individual effort with as little reliance on government as possible may view affirmative action, bilingual education, bilingual ballots, social services and perhaps even redress as a type of welfare or charity.

In an interview with Rafu Shimpo, Japanese Americans for Reagan-Bush chair Steve Nakashima said he was a Republican because "Nobody gave me or my parents anything. We had to earn it. The Republican Party believes in giving people an opportunity to advance themselves, not a handout."

On the other hand, Asian Democrats see Reagan's domestic policy as hurting the majority of Americans, including minorities. Mondale's Asian supporters point to cuts in senior citizen and day care centers, CETA funding, and student loans as well as the increasing military budget.

In the area of foreign policy, Reagan's anti-communist stance appeals to many new immigrants.

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Asian/Pacific Women’s Network and Leadership Education for Asian Pa- tifics present “Leadership to Win.” a workshop on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at International Student Center, 1023 Hilgard Ave. near UCLA. Topics include non-verbal power, team building, and leader- ship styles. Cost of workshop and box lunch is $10. Students $5. APWN members: $20. others. Information: Feeke, (213) 730-9636.

Innert City Cultural Center presents an “A Gala Night of Nights” Nov. 12, 8 p.m., as a Locusts Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. Among the many performers are Sumi Haru, Robert Io, Mako, Nobu McCarthy, and Sab Shimono. Proceeds benefit the center’s Elaine Gayle Kashiki Memorial Fund. Information: (213) 972-7611, 375-196.

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center was recently [redacted] for 47 challenge grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant of $250,000 is to be matched 1 to 1 by the JACC with a total of $500,000. It will be used to establish an endowment and cash reserves, exhibition & purchase and purchase technical equipment for the Japan America Theater.

Japanese Village Plaza and its de- signer, David Hyun, received one of 91 Federal Design Achievement Awards administered by the National Endowment for the Arts. Village Plaza was commended for having helped to revitalize Little Tokyo.

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — David Nakamura exhibits new origami works at Vincent Price Gallery of East Los Angeles College, 1301 Brook- lyn Ave., through Nov. 21. The well- known artist produces works ranging from a few inches to more than 8 feet in height. Exhibit hours are noon to 3 p.m. M-F, 7-9 p.m. Tues. Nakamura demonstrates his techniques each Tuesday evening. Information: (213) 202-8691.

SAN FRANCISCO — Nisei and Retire- ment presents Myo Kinya Burton and Lee Burton in a week-long workshop “Getting What You Want,” Saturday, Nov. 3, in the hospitality room of the Japantown Sumitomo Bank, 1-4 p.m. The Burton show a film and tech- niques that will help Japanese Ameri- can overcome negative aspects of some values that may be blocking them from getting what they want, including “ganan,” “enyio” and a “shikajakan” attitude.

LOS ALTOS HILLS, Calif. — The June Watanabe Dance Co., considered one of the best companies in the Bay Area, performs at the Foothill College The- atre, Friday, Nov. 16. 8 p.m. Featured on the program is “E.O. 9066.” Tickets are $6 for students and seniors.

MILWAUKEE, the Go For Broke photo exhibit will be displayed at the War Memorial Center Nov. 12-30.

LOS ANGELES—Asian-Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, a private nonprofit organization, announces that its Fall programs include free biling­ ual legal services for primarily low-income families and individ­ uals in the areas of housing, im­ migration, and workplace, em­ ployment discrimination, and

Foundation trains new leaders for Asian Pacific community

LOS ANGELES — Fourteen Asian Pacific individuals have been selected to participate in Coro Foundation’s inaugural pub­ lic affairs course for leaders in the Asian/Pacific community.

The program aims to provide participants with the background to become more effective bridge- builders between their own and other communities. More than 70 hours of training are conducted during the 7-week course.

Selected for the program were: Marshai Chuang, Kathy Colo­ bong, Loia Manemee Fiau, Maye Iimi Fukumoto, Marsha Hirano­ Nakashibi, Aya Grace Kim­ Gladys Christina Lee, David Hyun, Tain Pok, Wesley Ru, John Ta, Julia De Leary Takahashi, Loc Dinh Tran, and Kent D. Wong.

Coro Foundation leads public affairs programs from centers in Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis and New York.

Senior legislators set priorities for next session

By Mabel Ota, Los Angeles Senior Assemblywoman

SACRAMENTO—California Senior Legislature held its fourth annual session in the State Capitol here Oct. 15. Since the average age of the Niseis in now 64 years, we need to know about legislation which will affect our lives.

The 50 Senior Assembly members and 40 Senior Senators were greeted at opening ceremonies by Gov. George Deukmejian and Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy. Secretary of State March Fong Eu adminis­ tered the oath of office.

Asians were represented by Alice Tso (Chi­ nese) and myself (Japanese). However

the needs of the elderly are similar—the greatest concerns appear to be related to health. We heard testimony on 108 legislative proposals in committee hearings, floor sessions, debated and passed bills. I also introduced two bills. I also prioritized 10 bills which we shall lobby before the state legislature next year. Four bills were priori­ tized for the federal government.

The state priority bills were:

1. — Nuning Home Patients Protection Package: This package was passed in the 1984-85 session of the California legislature and vetoed by the gover­ nor on Sept. 29, 1984. We proposed that this package

From the Japanese American Reagan-Bush Committee

Chairman: Stephen Nakashima, 440 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose, CA 95128.

Legal center offering bilingual services

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Community Affairs

Los Angeles—The Asian American Rea­ gan-Bush Committee is pleased to announce the following speakers:

Jackie Cali
Betty June Cline
Ed Kubo
Shasti Brown
Bill Ayres
Rayiers Kurahara
Joel Nakamura
Mike Uyeda
Debbie Ishihara
George Bayashi
Helen Uchiyama
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Inouye to speak in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Sen. Daniel Inouye will speak on behalf of the Democratic ticket in the presidential race at a recep­ tion sponsored by California Asian/Pacifics for Mondale-Per­ rano Nov. 1, 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Mi­ riwa Restaurant, 730 N. Hill St. in Chinatown. Admission is $25 each. For further information, call Jeannie Park at (213) 650-6700.

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A Good Year for the PC

BY THE BOARD:

Harry Sakai

This will be my final report as the PC president, chairperson. Dr. Cliff Uyeda will be taking over as the new chairperson.

Let me start out by saying that 1984 was a very good year for PC, mainly due to the hard work and dedication of the PC staff and the groundwork and direction established by Dr. Uyeda and the PC board in 1982. We anticipate continued growth and progress in the coming years.

The financial statement for 1984 indicates that PC exceeded its projected income of $311,940 by $20,473.91 ($322,413.91). Expenses were lower at $288,048.29 than in 1983, at $286,413.91. Net income of $28,425.62 included revenues from membership dues, subscriptions, advertising, and investment income.

Although this is a good start in building an operating reserve, there is some major expenditures required to grow and improve in the near future. A new typesetter that Harry Honda has been investigating will cost close to $40,000 with terminals. We are also looking for a place to move to, and this cost has not been determined yet. With the additional revenue of $28,425.62, we are looking forward to providing PC with a more informative and interesting publication to our subscribers and hope you will receive the PACIFIC CITIZEN.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE

Barring any unforeseen event, Robert Shimbaisuro will be coming on as the assistant editor in late November Bob. He is a past Portland Chapter JACL president, a graduate of Reed college, sensitive to Asian American issues, and an excellent writer as evidenced in his article about the recent National Convention. J K Yamamoto, who has done excellent job filling in during the summer, will continue to help out on weekends so there will be more 16-page issues. Assuming that revenue increases as we expect it will, the first part of 1985 PC will be looking for an assistant on the business side.

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Buddahheads and Kotons

THE OTHER EVENING we attended a showing of the film "Nisei Soldier." We understood it was the same day that the film was being shown on public broadcasting systems throughout the country excepting, as it turned out, Philadelphia. (We intend to take care of that over sight.) Although the film focused on the formation, exploits and heroics of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of which the writer was not a part, nonetheless we vividly shared the emotions involved for we fully understood. An older brother was a master sergeant with the outfit. We, on the other hand, after infancy trauma, had a close friend named Maru in Arkansas who was diverted from Europe and sent up to Ft. Swole to attend the military intelligence school.

AFTER THE SHOWING of the film, a sizable group retired to a lounge where a handful of vets from the outfit were present, including at least two haofe officers. These haofe officers were absolutely flabbergasted when they reached Camp Shelby (Mississippi) to be greeted by a "Japanese driver." One of them had no idea that there was a Nisei outfit or even that Nisei were serving in our military, and when he saw the mass of buddahheads and kotons, he thought they were Chinese.

It wasn't long, however, that both officers became aware of the type of men they were to lead, and their confidence and pride were more than confirmed in the field of battle.

DOWN AT SHELBY, where the D-Day invasion began in Normandy, the (buddahheads) of mainland Nisei (kotons) who had volunteered almost entirely from beyond the wire camps, there apparently was a degree of cautious reservation. It seems according to one buddahhead, that the Hawaiian Nisei, who spoke pidgin English (as a symbol of rebellion), resented these kotons who spoke English "like a haofe" and by the more reserved Marioners gave the impression of being haole. And so some physical encounters erupted. Another vet told of reading an item relating that the regimental commander arranged to have buddahheads attend a social affair at one of the nearby camps. These haofe and Yuki were frisked and patted down before entry into camp. After the Hawaiian boys saw whence these haole-looking "haughty" kotons had come, some understanding and peace came. And the rest is history.

ONE OF THE haofe officers spent a very good year for PC in achieving its goals. He was province-minded, enthusiastic, and cordial and sometimes a bit of a show off. This will be my final report a so required to...
An Irreplaceable Newsman

From the Frying Pan:

Bill Hosokawa

Kay Tateushi, Tokyo supervising editor of the Associated Press, retired last fall after attending an office party for him, and a few days later his boss Roy Essoyan and a few of his closest associates got together to toast him and let him for a long and valuable career.

They'll miss Kay's professionalism in Tokyo where Kay has worked these many years, and in New York which is the heart of AP's world-wide news network. He is a newsman who understood the business, particularly the wire services which are a different breed of cat from newspapers even though they both deal with news.

What made Kay particularly valuable, in addition to his skills as a newspaperman, was his command of both English and Japanese. He was at home in either language and had an incalculable effect in upgrading the quality of reportage out of Tokyo during decades of particularly sensitive relations between Japan and the United States.

Kay is a Nisei who grew up in Southern California during the dark Depression years. Several years before the war he, along with a number of other Nisei, went to Tokyo on no-strings-attached scholarships to study. I remember when Pan American, when war clouds gathered, many of the Nisei talked about going home. A high government official, presumably in a position to know, told them they could head for the States if they wished but assured them there would be no war and there was nothing to worry about. So Kay and others stayed on.

Like a lot of other people in government the man who advised the Nisei was wrong and some very good guys became involuntary exiles. The war years in an alien land were not a happy time, but I've never done anything I should be ashamed of," Tateushi said recently.

What these and other Nisei stranded in Japan have been able to do after the war has been of enormous value in bridging differences of language, culture, custom and misunderstanding between our two countries.

Contra Costa

EL CERRITO, Calif.—An open house of the local JACL office at 5035 Wall Ave. has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be light refreshments.

A large desk has been donated by the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank of San Francisco (via Etsu Shinagawa). Other donations of furniture are welcome. Call Tom Arima, 525-9615, to donate.

East Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Members are invited to spend an evening at East West Players to see their performance of "A Song for a Nisei Fisherman," starring Robert Ito, Nov. 18. A box supper will be served at 6 p.m., and curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Cost for the evening is $15. Proceeds go towards the fund for redress legislation. For reservations call Mable Yoshizaki, (213) 263-8469, or Milton Noji, (213) 620-1424 days or (213) 284-7146 evenings.

Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE—The annual Holiday Folk Fair, the chapter's only source of outside income, will be held Nov. 16-18 at the Milwaukee MECCA. Advance tickets are $4. At the door, tickets are $5 adults, $4 children, free under 6. Volunteers are needed Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14-15, to help set up the exhibit and sale booths, as well as the Folk Fair days. To volunteer, call Helen Inai, 232-6838.

JAY's: On Nov. 10, the JAY's will be repackaging fortune cookies for the Holiday Folk Fair at the International Institute from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, they will be cooking food Nov. 15, 6-10 p.m. To volunteer, call Paula Kieter, 242-5971.

Chapter Pulse

Frank Sato

West Los Angeles

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Making his first speaking engagement in So. California as national president of JACL, Frank Sato addressed the chapter's installation dinner Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Holiday Inn, Bayview Plaza.

Sato will elaborate on JACL national goals and comment on the contemporary Washington scene, which will have special significance after the presidential election.

Members and friends are invited to call chapter president Sid Yamazaki, 931-8269, or Virginia Tominga, 829-3365 for dinner reservations. Deadline is Nov. 6.

In addition to the installation ceremonies, a chapter scholarship will be presented for the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. This annual tuition award for local high school students covers a week-long, in-residence seminar with government and media leaders in Washington, D.C.

Jan. 1, 1985, the quarterly rates will remain effective through the year as follows:

Single subscriber $216.60.

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Subscribers and two or more dependents $458.64.

The plan's medical and dental benefits and deductibles remain the same.

The Calif. Blue Shield officials continue to work with the administrative committee by stating the stability of the plan over the past two years was obviously the result of the efforts put forth of the insurer's committee to make important and sometimes difficult decisions.

Yasumoto added that two years ago, the plan was required to modify benefits and increase deductibles because of high utilization. Today's results indicate that the decisions were in the right direction.

Startled in 1965

The popular JACL Blue Shield health plan began in 1965 under sponsorship of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council and has some 4,270 subscribers with six other JACL district councils involved.
Hey You!

Re "Hawaiian Punch" by John Saito (Oct. 12). John, your Honolulu airport experience made me roar with laughter—how well I remember my beloved Hawaii.

Your last paragraph, "maybe we need to tell the racists, you like I punch your face!" should be a spirited "you like I punch your face!!!" Believe me, John, it is not a question mark. Those guys are swift. They will back it up.

The Chinese business and gambling houses of Stockton are well acquaintance with "lottery tickets" since Japanese and Chinese gambling houses flourished in this area before the war. Many transient Japanese laborers (bunraketto kazari—bed roll carriers) gambled away their seasonal earnings and had to stay at boarding houses on credit.

RICHARD K. HAYASHI
Stockton, Calif.

Bouquets

Photos of prewar life being compiled

SEATTLE—A photo exhibit of people, places, and activities in the Japanese American communities of Seattle and vicinity prior to World War II opened with a complimentary showing to the general public Mar. 17, 1985. The exhibit, entitled "The Way It Was: Northwest Issei and Nisei Before 1941," coincides with the observance of the 75th anniversary of Nippon Kan Theatre, the center of prewar community activities.

The exhibit will offer a retrospective view of significant aspects in the lives of Issei and Nisei. This special photo collection will cover such subjects as: beginnings in America, Nihonmachi, businesses and occupations, family life and schools, organizations and churches, sports and entertainment, and theater and music.

Some 250 photographs will be mounted on six kiosks (each a four-sided, free-standing structure).

Community help in uncovering family photographic treasures of the "old days" in the Japanese community is being asked by the photo committee. Selected photographs will be reproduced and the originals returned to the owner. Those who have old photos or know of such existing photos, or who would like to help in defraying some of the cost of exhibit preparations, may contact Hideo Yoshio, photo committee chair, 6000 Seward Park Ave. S, Seattle, WA 98118.

Asian voting patterns studied

by Elizabeth Lu, East West

SAN FRANCISCO — How do Asian Americans vote? For whom do we vote? Just how much political clout do we have?

Until now, the answers to these questions have only been rough estimates or wild guesses, often used by politicians to suit their own purposes. A recent indepth study by graduate researcher Grant Din seeks to set the record straight.

Preventing politicians and commentors from misinterpreting the preferences and voting behavior of Asian Americans was a major reason why Din undertook the complicated statistical study as part of his work towards a master's degree in public policy analysis.

One of Din's major findings indicated that despite the apparent tendency of Chinese American voters to vote for conservative candidates and issues, the Chinese American voters in precincts where over 20% of the residents are Chinese supported more liberal candidates and causes.

This finding seems to refute S.F. Examiner columnist Guy Wright's assertion that the 86.8% 'yes' vote on Prop. O, the 1983 bilingual ballot initiative, proved that even San Francisco's Chinese community favored the elimination of bilingual ballots.

Wright had contended that the vote should "give courage to politicians who have supported bilingual ballots out of fear of ethnic reprisal."

Wright stated in his column that the heaviest vote in favor of Prop. O, which recommended elimination of bilingual voting materials, came from the Richmond and Sunset districts, two areas with substantial numbers of Asian Americans.

Din's findings challenged Wright's claim by proving that precincts with higher concentrations of Chinese Americans do not necessarily vote the same way as the entire area.

In fact, as confirmed by a Chinese for Affirmative Action study, inner Sunset and Richmond, the findings seem to confirm that the Asian American community is not monolithic in its voting behavior.

Asian American voting patterns are thus more complex than previously thought.

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We enjoy every issue of the Pacific Citizen. Through this great media, we are able to enjoy and keep in touch with our friends who are now residing in various parts of the U.S.A.

Thank you for your wonderful job and please keep up your excellent weekly publication.

JOHN and HARUKO HIROHATA
Mesa, Ariz.
Two Japanese Teachers

Satoru Semitsu teaches mathematics, and his wife Junko teaches English as a second language in Hanford, a small city of about 50,000 in Central California. In a state where there are bars and boutiques with Japanese names than there are bars and boutiques with Japanese names in Tokyo, there is nothing remarkable about this fact—except that they are Japanese from Japan.

In 1964 America was still being plagued by the acute shortage of science and math teachers that had developed in the Sputnik shock of '64. Semitsu, then a graduate student at UC Berkeley preparing for an assured career in his own country, decided to come to America to teach in schools with no bilingual education. The place he chose to teach was Hanford, a small city of about 15,000 people. He was a rather characteristic Japanese American, as were his wife, Junko, a Mondale supporter, and the candidate, Alfred Wang, a Mondale supporter and teacher in Hanford.

The Mondale team wanted to become a teacher, too. She had no reservations about her wish. Although briefly she had taught English in Japan, she had married her husband: "If you can do it, why can't I, too?"

When the recruiter, the head of the mathematics department, concluded his hard sell-talk with a final plea: "Come on, lend a hand!" he made up his mind. It was a rather characteristic Japanese response. Besides, the challenge of the idea—he, a Japanese American teacher of Japanese American students—appealed to his derring-do. His motto was "Go For Broke!" which he invoked whenever the going became tough. There were many students, for he was carrying the double load of math and education courses.

"I was not the first to want to become a teacher, too. She had no reservations about her wish. Although briefly she had taught English in Japan, she had married her husband: "If you can do it, why can't I, too?"

She sailed through the job interview. The school board chairman had apparently decided beforehand to hire her. He told Semitsu about the three Nisei teachers in the district, all survivors of the relocation, and all splendid teachers. His parting words were: "You are Japanese, too. If you can't do as well as they, you should be home."

When Junko applied for a job four years later, she was interviewed by the same board chairman. He found her a more attractive candidate than the one he interviewed the first time. Her performance during her probation period, he devoted most of the interview time expatiating in wondereous values on what he considered the Japanese values in the Nisei teachers, and showed a frank puzzlement for the failure of other ethnic groups to do the same. It was an easy interview," she said, "because I was the listener most of the time." Then she laughed. The chairman told me that my English was much better than yours.

Semitsu and Junko have been at Hanford 18 and 13 years respectively. Both have been cited and honored as outstanding teachers. What was involved in their transformation from Japanese teachers into American teachers? What Japanese qualities helped them in their performance; what they consider the troublesome problem of American education, and how they have coped with some of them; how they evaluate American education and how they evaluate Japanese education from their American perspective. These are the matters they deal with in their book, co-authored and published early this year under the title American Kids in Japan.

Written in Japanese for Japanese readers the book is not a proper subject of review for this paper. But it is such an interesting and stimulating book, so full of keen and wise observations that I wanted to commend it to those of the readers who can read Japanese. Those who cannot may find away the names of the authors and the book in some corner of their memory, for I expect it will be translated into English not too long in the future.

At a time when U.S. Secretary of Education Bell is seriously thinking of introducing the juku concept into American education, it may be reassuring to most Americans that the authors are emphatically opposed to such an idea. It is also interesting to note that Semitsu and Dr. Francis Nakano (9/21 PC) seem to share considerable of the so-called Japanese values.

And a final afterthought. There may be another teacher shortage in America, for teaching has been in low esteem for some time, and has not been attracting the brightest of the high school graduates. When the shortage really comes, I wonder if American education will think of importing teachers from Japan. This is not too wild an idea. Recently the State of Georgia imported math and language teachers from West Germany.
Bookshelf

‘The Good War’

Reviewed by Jane B. Kaikatsu, San Francisco

In his latest release, The Good War: An Oral History of World War II (Pantheon Press, $19.95), Studs Terkel has brilliantly captured the voices and stories of “the good war” in a way which has never been done before. His special knack for choosing a cross-section yields a fascinating selection of men, women, Japanese Americans, Japanese, Germans, Blacks, cartoonists, infantrymen, homosexuals, conscientious objects, military brass, New Deal lawyers—all those whose lives were touched by this war. Although I did not live through WWII, I have learned through this book that indeed, this war touched EVERYONE and changed America forever.

The revelations are startling—graphic accounts are told of life in combat, its horrors and atrocities equivalent to those which the Vietnam War are told of life in combat; its horror and atrocities are just as true.

Terkel’s Record of Support

For Japanese Americans, this book has a special significance because it covers a time that became known to the Japanese Americans as he had always meant to do it: a time that became known to the Japanese Americans as he had always meant to do it. He told me in a conversation once, “I’ve always been asked what it was like to be a prisoner in his own country.”

Terkel provided commentary for John Tateishi’s In Their Own Words: The Japanese American Internment and Re-Emergence (University of California Press, 1980). He graciously reviewed the book. Tateishi himself had been imprisoned in Manzanar internment camp and was a young internee when this happened.

Equaling interest are the stories which describe the mass hysteria which helped lead to the camps. One man who returned to his rooming house in Los Angeles was arrested, then released, but he was watched closely. He was a black soldier and the Japanese American internment and removal war projects gave to-day a new meaning to the concept of “a prisoner in his own country.”

The Good War Bridge

Terkel probes at great length the technology which changed the future of humanity. Why the atomic bomb was dropped and the dropping of it was a man remembering his boyhood walk to school past the Nihonik Kingdom falling eerily silent one day. Where did they go? A woman who was in nursing home in California called her two Nihonik American classmates were taken away. “We were at war,” she said, “and we have been nurses.”

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The Good War Bridge

The truth is, The Good War has something to say for everyone, including the Nisei and especially the Sansei. Never before has such a comprehensive work of personal views been amassed on this era. Our thanks should go to Studs Terkel, who kept us in mind although he was not asked to do so.

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He went on to blast Reagan for his “repeal” on civil rights, blaming him for “destroying the inde¬
pendence” of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and for the defeat of the Civil Rights Act of 1984.

“I don’t have a deeply diverse country,” he said. “We have a country that is silent on the issue of discrimination. No one can be silent on the issue of discrimi¬
ination and prejudice. We all must speak!... It’s unac¬
ceptable when we’re going to find brutalization of people in our so¬
ciety whose skin is not white.

While serving in the Senate with Mondale, Kennedy said, “We were trying to do what could be done legislatively to root out discrimination and prejudice” through such bills as the Voting Rights Act.

Archaeology in terms of Japan, when compared with the European and North American continen¬
tals, is a provocative study as detailed in Pre¬
history of Japan (Academic Press, $11.50). C. Melvin Adkins, Univ. of Oregon anthropologist, and Takeyoshi Hayakawa, Kyoto University archaeologist. This happens to be the first presentation in English in 15 years on the subject. Although it is attract¬ing wide interest as new find¬
ings are uncovered.

Other chapters are titled: Paleolithic Period (when Japan was con¬
tected to Korea), Jomon Period (over 10,000 years ago, marked by clay pot¬
tery, bone fishhooks, and figures), Yayoi Period (crop bells, swords, emergence of rice culture), Kofun Period (300-700 AD, when burial mounds existed—apparently Japan derived from these mound builders). Profusely illustrated and rich with charts and maps, this book is a bit of Japanese history which is hardly explored in general texts.

On the Univ. of Washington list for several years now, Within the Barbed Wire Fence: A Japanese American’s Account of His Internment in Canada (EHS) by Takeo Nakano with Leatrice Nakano (his postwar-born daughter) is part of the 

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VOTING PATTERNS

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which are more heavily populat-
ed by Chinese Americans than the
der regions of the two districts,
vote overwhelmingly against
Prop 0.

Turnout Increasing

A separate study undertaken by
Prof. Richard DeLeon of S. F.
State University also confirms
DeLeon's results. DeLeon, who
advised Din on his research project,
found that although an estimated
75% of white voters supported
Prop. O, only about 49% of the
Asian Americans favored it.

"Selective, general analysis
such as that performed by
Wright, can be not only misleading
but dangerous in its public pol-
icy implications," asserted Din.

Misconceptions about Chinese
American voters, even if positive,
are also distortions that should be
avoided, said Din. He cited Sup-
ervisor Wendy Nelder's observa-
tion that the turnout of Chinese
voters is increasing and that "the
Chinese in this city will be a force
to be reckoned with" mainly be-
cause the 1983 anti-smoking mea-
sure Nelder sponsored passed by
51.9% of the vote in Chinese pre-
cincts.

Those precincts increased from
31% in an April recall election
against Mayor Diane Feinstein to
38% in the November election,
"but the citywide percentages are
exactly the same," contended Din,
who suggested that more people
voted in November because
the issues were more important.

Din's research also revealed that
the voter registration rate for
Chinese Americans in his study
area (Chinatown, Sunset, Rich-
mond) tended to be lower than
that for non-Chinese and for vot-
ers in the city as a whole. The
number of Chinese voters in San
Francisco, representing less than
half of all Chinese in that city,
comprised only 5.5% of all San
Francisco voters.

Din attributed the low voter reg-
istration rate among Chinese
Americans to apathy, lack of
knowledge of the political system,
and socio-economic factors. The
registration rate was lowest in
Chinatown, where the residents
were found to be poorer and less
educated than those in either Sun-
set or Richmond.

In terms of party affiliation,
Chinese Americans often opted to
stay outside the party structure,
registering instead as "decline to
state" at a rate much higher than
that for the general population.

"Perhaps it's a willingness to
get involved to vote but nothing
beyond that," surmised Din, ad-
ding that this group "potentially
can be targeted voters for certain
politicians." The correlation be-
 tween Chinese American voters
and candidates, especially Chinese
American office-seekers, was also
examined by Din.

No Pan-Asian Unity

The lack of inter-Asian unity
was one significant finding. In
studying the correlation between
voter patterns for several candi-
dates in the 1982 election and Asian American voters, Din found that Ben Tom, a Chinese American who finished 7th out of 24 in the race, definitely
showed a positive correlation with
Chinese voters.

However, Din also discovered that
Tom had a negative corre-
lation with "other Asians," a group
consisting of all Asian Pacific Is-
other than Chinese and Japanese
Americans. The majority of this
group was Filipino.

This discovery could signal dis-
tressing news for inter-Asian/Pa-
fic support, said Din, who rec-
ommended that Tom maintain his
 ties with the Chinese community,
where most of his strengths lie,
and expand his base with outreach
to the Filipino community.

Din would like to see this study
used by candidates for better un-
derstanding of the Asian commu-
ity. He would also like to see com-
parison and replication studies
made on the same topic. Prof.
Don Nakashishi of UCLA, who also
advised Din on his thesis, is cur-
rently working on a similar, but
more extensive, study of the
Asian American population in
Southern California.

Din spent 40 to 50 hours poring
over voting records and tabulat-
ing the number of Chinese Ameri-
can voters by hand. He spent
twice as long processing the data
on computers. He conceded to
some margin of error due to the
fact that not all Asian names can be
spotted easily. Interracial mar-
rriages and surnames such as Lee
and Young, which could also be
non-Asian surnames, made tabu-
lations difficult.

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And West of Hollywood (2)

by Harry Honda

A weekend to cover the National JACL Board meeting in San Francisco prevented our appointment with Little Tokyo Life last week, if anyone might have been wondering on the balls where Loyola Marymount is today. They also started the Los Angeles & Independence Railroad, from the Port to Inyo County, but the line never went past Los Angeles. After the 1886 land boom, 300 acres were conveyed to the U.S. government for the Soldier’s Home. Port Los Angeles was supplanted by San Pedro by 1912—and it may have been a blessing for the area west of Hollywood blossomed into a favored residential area, which it is today. The Japanese had a major role putting in and maintaining the green environment.

Nikkei of the 1930s in this area congregated in the Santa Monica, Sawtelle since renamed West L.A. or Venice-Falms language schools and community halls. Santa Monica’s was located at 1824-18th St., Sawtelle at 2120 S. Crenshaw (still in use), and Venice got its mail at R. 1 Box 191. The JACL chapter was first named Bay District, then separated into three in 1946, West Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Sawtelle. This was not reactivated after WWII.

Before the war Santa Monica had a thriving commercial Local Japanese associations, newspaper offices, churches, clubs and businesses were in the area roughly bounded by 16th and 17th, Santa Monica Blvd. and the Santa Monica Freeway today. Most of that community is no more. Perhaps, it was poetic and mythical as movies often are that the film version of “Farewell to Manzanar” showed the Japanese family living in Santa Monica, though the author’s family lived on Terminal Island—as recurring in the book.

In West Los Angeles—along Sawtelle Blvd. from Santa Monica Blvd. to Olympic Blvd.—stands the heart of the Japanese community of this region. Dashing down Sawtelle Blvd. in the mid-30s (but not in this order), you would notice on either side some shops (Oka Dry Goods, Kitagawa’s), gas stations, Miyakaji’s ONI and photographed for local, city, and national newspapers. Some 200 Japane- nese families lived in the neighborhood, about 1930 grazing on the hill where Centinela and Culver Blvds. has the newer and brighter landmarks in the region, such as its community center on Braddock St. west of Centinela. Further, some Japanese shops (Hayashi, Kamoto) were near Centinela and Washington, but the shop suyo houses which the Issei ran just blocks away from the ocean front.

The famed Venice celery farms that the Issei grew and the Issei growers had until the 1960s when the oil wells of Ballona Creek. Less than a mile north was Trolley St. (as it was called in the 30s) where the red cars coursed, heading toward Playa del Rey and points south toward Redondo Beach. Majority of the 200 families in Venice in the 1930s grew celery, some had rural mail ad- dresses and even fewer phones than their coun- terpart in Sawtelle. I should have Dr. Roy Nishikawa or Frances Kitagawa, who grew up in Venice, recount these years as it’s difficult to pinpoint what’s where with R. 1 Box numbers in the directory as addresses.

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Kim Chinn was named Seattle Metropolitan Transit’s new marketing manager responsible for transit marketing planning.

Organizations

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Education

David Yamada of Monterey Peninsula College was one of two recipients of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation’s Allen Gilchrist awards for excellence in teaching. He has taught political science at the college since 1961 and is an adjunct professor of international relations at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. MPC students voted him “outstanding teacher of the year” for 1983.

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HOLIDAY ISSUE KITS

Chapters are now soliciting contributions for the Holiday issue with an Advertising Kit sent to them in September. Chapters not receiving it should call the PC Office (213-625-3768) pronto.

The kits, in two parts, contain: 1—Insertion orders of the 1983 ads a new rate card ($5 per column inch, $4 per one-line advertising). 2—Various printed forms, sample issue, etc.

Chapter contributions remain the same standard as last year's: $40 for the small chapter ($40 per column inch) and $50 for the medium chapter ($50 per column inch). Rates and one committee members are invited to write in.

The deadline applies: Nov. 15—Reservations for bulk-rate space.

Dec. 30—Ad Copy for First Section.

Dec. 7—Deadline for advertisement copy.

Political motive suspected in slaying of journalist

SAN FRANCISCO — The murder of journalist Henry Liu Oct. 15 has prompted speculation in the Chinese American community that he was killed by pro-Taiwan individuals angered at Liu's critical biography of President Chiang Ching-Kuo and his accusations of human rights violations on the part of the Taiwanese government.

Liu was shot at his Daly City home by two Asian men who escaped on bicycle. The 52 year-old native of mainland China recently obtained American citizenship and ran a gift shop as well as writing for the San Francisco Journal, a strongly pro-Beijing newspaper.

Both the PRC consulate and Taipei's coordinating Council for North American affairs have issued statements deploring the murder, while the American Civil Liberties Union and Chinese Affirmative Action have requested the FBI to investigate.

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reintroduction of the Equal Rights Amendment, a verifiable nuclear freeze, and curtailing toxic waste cleanup funds. She also opposes programs that Langen supports, such as covert operations in Central America and increased spending on new weapons systems.

She describes herself as a “co-ordination candidate,” citing support from seniors, women's groups, teachers, environmentalists, labor unions, anti-nuclear activists, and other organizations.

Brophy says that she is now “head to head” with the incumbent, with polls indicating 42% support for her and 48% for Langen. She hopes to attract large numbers of Republicans and uncommitted voters as well as Democrats.

The 42nd district includes portions of Los Angeles County (Long Beach, San Pedro, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Torrance) and Orange County (Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Westminster, La Palma). Asians make up roughly 6% of the population.

BOOKSHELF

Growing number of titles on this subject published in the United States.

What makes this unique is the account by a man who was interned at Angier, Ontario (comparable to the U.S. Justice Dept. enemy alien internment centers in Montana, New Mexico or Texas), where several hundred gambaños were surrounded by double barbwire fences and watched by armed guards, but counter-balanced by illuminating tanka verses. His poetry provided sustenance through the desolation of camplife and eventually earned him recognition by winning one of the 12 New Year's Imperial Poetry Contest honors in 1961.

Another is a novel by Joy Kagawa, Obsidian (David R. Godine, 300 Dartmouth St., Boston, MA 02116, $12.95), a lyrical account of the Japanese Canadian experience during WW2 and an American Library Association Notable Book in 1982. It has particular relevance as official commissions in Canada and the U.S. reexamine the wartime WW2 treatment of Japanese Canadians and Americans. While thoroughly gray in type, the novel is exquisite relating an emotionally wrenching experience, lightened by the sensitivity and grace of her prose” (to quote the Victoria Times).

Tanka, the poetic form of the Japanese court and extremely popular today, is often said to express innumerable, penspoet emotions. The anthology, Poems Beyond Barbed Wire (Bamboo Ridge Press, 900 Habaono St., Honolulu, HI 96825, 776p. $16) is a collection of poems composed during WW2 by four Hawaiian Jaiil leaders who were interned and kept in mainland enemy alien camps.

The four are Yasutaro Soga (1873-1967), Nippon Pacific publisher who founded the Santa Fe (N.M.) Tanka Club, Dr. Motokazu Mori (1899-1956), a physician who wound up at Crystal City to find the Texas Museum of Science and Industry (1901-1), prewar Japanese language teacher on Maui who was a Texas Tanka Club co-founder; and Otsuichi Ooki (1946-), Japanese teacher in Hilo who was eventually released from internment camps to the WRA camps at Jerome and Tule Lake. A husband-wife team, Jim Nakano and Kay Nakano, translated the tanku. George Hoshida, the illustrator, was another Hawaiian detainee in various mainland camps, keeping a daily record of camp life through sketches. The Nakano’s, being haiku poets themselves, have added to the camp literature with these translations—1901.