news in brief

Comparative pay idea ridiculed by rights leader

WASHINGTON — Expressing his "personal opinion," the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said Nov. 16 that comparable pay for women was "the looniest idea since Looney Tunes came on the screen.

Comparative pay would give the same salary to persons in jobs that are different but that have "comparable worth" -- librarians and plumbers, for example, or secretaries and truck drivers.

The rights panel will take up the subject formally in early 1985.

U.S. sues city for bias

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Justice Dept. filed suit against San Francisco Nov. 13, contending that its fire department has pursued "policies and practices that discriminate against black, Hispanic and Asian persons. The suit asks for a court order requiring the department to hire such workers "on a single basis" with non-Hispanic whites, but does not seek hiring quotas, which the Reagan Administration opposes.

The civilian labor force in San Francisco is 21.7% Asian, 12.7% Black, and 12.3% Hispanic.

In 1983, 36 were Asian; 80, Black; and 80, Hispanic.

Man jailed for beating

HOUSTON — A man who beat a Chinese college student to death after a minor automobile accident was sentenced to 5 years in prison Nov. 2. Gary Sidney, 22, was earlier convicted of aggravated assault in the Aug. 23 death of Xi­ning Chen, 28.

When the two men locked their car bumpers in a traffic accident and got out to separate them, Sidney started hitting Chen, leaving when the victim was unconscious.

L.A. may enlarge council

LOS ANGELES — City council members tentatively agreed Nov. 14 to authorize a charter amendment to expand the 15-member body by two seats.

Mayor Tom Bradley and others favor the move to create two dis­tricts composed largely of Asian and Latino residents Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, whose district includes the mostly commercial Little Tokyo area, was the most vigorous foe of the proposal.

Nikkei in West success, bids for state, local seats

Following is a continuation of election reports of interest to Asian Americans.

Two city council races in Cali­fornia ended in defeat for one Nik­kei and victory for another. In Santa Ana’s Ward 5, Harry Yamamoto lost to Daniel Griessel, 15,455 to 20,069. Among the three elected to the Guadalupe city council was Saburo Watanabe with 400 votes. The other two, incumbent A.D. Julian and F.T. Al­ma­ga, received 433 and 284 re­spectively.

In Colorado, a retired Nisei farmer was elected commissioner of District 3 in Weld County. Dem­ocrat Frank Yamaguchi unseated Republican incumbent John T. Martin, 6,541 to 6,474 even though the area is predominantly Repub­lican. The Oregon-born Yamagu­chi was farming in California’s Orange County at the time of the WW2 evacuation. He moved to Weld County from the Poc­ton, Ariz. internment camp in 1943 and now lives near Platteville.

Both of Hawaii’s incumbent congressmen easily swept aside their opponents. Cecil Heftel (D­-L) garnered 114,004 votes to Re­publican Will Beaudion’s 20,688 while Daniel Akaka (D-2nd) beat Rep­ublican A.D. Shipley, 112,377 to 20,000.

On the Big Island, winners in­cluded Richard Matsuurra in the state senate race for the 2nd dis­trict, in the state house elections, Harvey Tajiri in the 2nd district and Dwight Takamine in the 9th. Jon Otsu, who was automatically reelected as county prosecutor, and Russell Kokuhan, Merle Lai, Lorraine Ishida and Stephen Yamashiro on the nine-member county council. All are Democrats.

In the Kauai state house race for the 1st district, Democrat R. Kawakami was unopposed. In the county mayoral election, Demo­cratic incumbent Tony Kunimura defeated Republican Eddie Sarita, 10,241 to 8,118. Among the seven Democrats elected to the county council, former councilman JoAnn Yakumura was at the top of the list with 13,062 votes. Also elected were Norman Akita and incumbents Jesse Fukushum and Ronald Kouchi.

On Maui, Democrats who faced no opposition included Mamoru Yamasaki (state senate, 4th dis­trict), Herbert Honda (state house, 8th district), and Charles Oda (county council, E. Maui). Some of the contested council seats were won by Bob Nakasone (At-large), Wayne Nishiki and Elizabeth Liu (Central Maui), and Goro Hikoma (Lana).

On Oahu, Democratic challeng­er Eric Moon was soundly de­feated by Republican incumbent Charles Marsland for the position of Honolulu prosecutor, 57,943 to 157,437.

Winners in the state senate races include: Am Kobayashi (R-14th), Richard Wong (D-20th), Norm Mizuguchi (D-21st), and Patsy Shimabuki (D-23rd).

EXEMPLARY SERVICE — Tom Masumoto of Daguer accepts the Minoru Yasui Community Volun­teer Award from William Walters, former chair of award’s committee, on Nov. 10. (Story, page 2.)

Monterey Park officials still rankled by Asian-gang stories

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Monterey Park city councilwoman and former mayor Lily Lee Chen said she has presented a report to the council that reports that her city is in the mid­dle of an Asian gang war.

Testifying before the President’s Commission on Organized Crime in New York Oct. 23, Monterey Place Police Chief Jon Elder had said that Asian gangs “are strug­gling for control of the lucrative criminal enterprises in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valleys including gambling, illegal alien smuggling, extortion, protection and narcotics distribution rack­ets.”

More than 39% of the city’s population is Asian.

“While I can control street vandals, I can’t control the rack­eeing-type crime,” Chen said. “If we don’t address this problem strongly, Asian organized crime will end up being the No.1 organized crime problem in North America within the next five years,” Elder warned.

Testimonies regarding the ac­tivities of Chinese, Japanese and Koreans taking over the headlines across the country. The headline for an L.A. Times article about Elder’s testimony read, “Asian Crime Wages in L.A. Suburb.”

Chen, who last year became the nation’s first Chinese American woman mayor, said Nov. 17 that she took such reports “very per­sonally.”

“We’re working so long and so hard to try to make our city even a better place to live. We are achiev­ing racial harmony. The Asian Americans are contributing to the economic vitality of our city. Young children are in the schools and doing well,” she explained that the media focuses on “neg­ative dramatization” such as the crime hearings rather than posi­tive developments in the Asian community.

Chen was about to leave for San Antonio, Texas to make a presen­tation on behalf of the county, which is one of the finalists for the All American City Award. She feared that questions about gangs awaited her in Texas as well.

Expertise Needed

According to Chen, Elder was asked to testify because Monterey Park’s police force, one-third of which is Asian American, had de­veloped expertise in dealing with crime in the Asian community.

“What he indicated to the com­mission was the fact that it does take a special group of per­sonnel to deal with this problem, and that California . . . does have a large, new Asian population—they face problems, just like any other emerging group—and that the state of California really is in need of support beyond the local level to deal with this problem.

"He certainly did not say that the problem only happens in Mon­terey Park . . . and it was very un­fortunate that his statement was taken out of context," said Chen.

"... Why do we have to be singled out?" Simply because some problem exists, all of the law-abiding, con­tributing Asian American citizens have become the victims of the situation.”

Monterey Park Mayor David Alaradna, Chamber of Commerce president Gregory Tse, and other city officials have gone on record as calling the reports “milded,” “exaggerated,” and “outrageous.”

Testifiers at the New York hearings linked criminal activities in the U.S. with the Chinese Triads of Taiwan and Hong Kong, the Ya­kuzza of Japan, the influx of Viet­namese immigrants and the traffic in narcotics from Southeast Asia.

James Harmon, the commis­sion’s executive director, said the gangs had created "enclaves of terror" in various Asian communities. "For the residents and businessmen of these enclaves, being an American means something different than it does for you.”
Masamori honored for service

DENVER—Torn T. Masamori received the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award for the month of November 1984 at ceremonies held at the Denver Buddhist Church Nov. 10. More than 150 friends, relatives and members of organizations assisted by Masamori attended.

Masamori was recognized for his 40 years of community service.

Chapters to get $10 for each new member

SAN FRANCISCO—A one-time only rebate is being offered to JACL chapters for each new member recruited between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, announced Rose Ochi, vice president for membership. Headquarters will remit $10 per member, an increase of $8 over the current rebate.

For purposes of the contest, a new member is defined as anyone who is not a current member.

The National Board approved the end-of-year membership drive at its meeting in October.

GANGS

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or me. Extortion, corruption, protection rackets and murder are an accepted fact of everyday life.

New York businessman Edward Tse Chiu Chan and former South Vietnamese prime minister Nguyen Cao Ky (now of Westminster, Calif.) were said to be underworld crime bosses, though no California crime bosses, though no

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the Ethnic Concerns Committee of the Nisei Post # 185, American Legion, since 1946; he has

assisted and headed various JACL programs, including chairmanship of the Denver Community Scholarship Awards program, which he continues to assist. Other groups benefitting from his service include: the Tri-State Buddhist Church, Japanese Methodist Church, Denver School of Judo, Japanese Assn. of Colorado, Denver Sister Cities International, Colorado Heritage Center, Central Optimists Club, Adult Education Tutorial Program, Muscular Dystrophy Assn., and Easter Seal Campaign.

As part of the awards ceremony, $2,000 was awarded to organizations designated by Masamori.

Letters

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Kibei philanthropist feted

LOS ANGELES—Described as by one admirer as a businessman, fisherman, world traveler and genuine philanthropist, Fred Isamu Wada was honored by over 1,000 at a testimonial banquet Nov. 14 at the Bonaventure Hotel. Proceeds from the $200-per-plate affair go to the Japanese Retirement Home, one of Wada’s pet projects.

Although Wada told the audience that “one needs failures to understand success,” a review of the 77-year-old Kibei’s career showed a string of successes seemingly unbroken by failure.

The son of a fisherman from Wakayama-ken, Wada was born in Bellingham, Wash. and spent part of his childhood in Japan. Returning to the U.S. at age 12, he moved with his father from Seattle to Terminal Island in California and worked at a produce stand, eventually earning enough money to open a stand of his own.

Beginning with a $800 investment, he was able to start three thriving produce markets in Oakland at the age of 22. He organized independent market owners by forming the East Bay Food Dealers Assn.

By the time war with Japan broke out, he was married and had three children. Before the mass internment of West Coast Nikkei, he leased land in rural Utah and invited 25 families to participate in a communal farming operation. The colony disbanded at war’s end and Wada returned to Los Angeles with a family that now included a fourth child.

Starting from scratch, he re-established himself in the produce business and soon had a chain of 17 stores with the main supermarket, known as Farmer Fred’s, in Huntington Park.

Wada was instrumental in bringing a team of Japanese swimmers to Southern California in 1946. They were the first Japanese athletes to enter an international competition since the end of WW2. Wada also had a role in making Tokyo the site of the 1964 Olympics. Most recently, he served on the L.A. Olympic Organizing Committee.

While promoting Japan’s bid for the 1964 Olympics in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1959, Wada took note of the Brazilian Nikkei community to establish specialized housing and medical care for the elderly. From then on he was dedicated to providing similar facilities for Nikkei seniors in the U.S. He became involved with the Kibei-run City View Hospital in L.A. and spearheaded the campaign to purchase land for and construct the Kibei Home in 1969 and to acquire a building for Mami Keizo in 1973.

Kuburuma for JLR. David Shige­-kawa emceed.

A bound copy of an interview with Wada, part of an oral history of the Japanese Americans compiled by the L.A. County Library and Claremont College Graduate School, was presented by Edward Aozumi. Wada was also given an honorary doctorate in philosophy by Dr. Norman Miller of the Univ. of California at Los Angeles.

Wada introduced Masako, his wife of 51 years, and other family members, including his 89-year-old mother and his 96-year-old mother-in-law. Summing up his successful career, he said, “This country is such a wonderful place that the son of a poor fisherman with only a seventh grade education could be honored like this.”

Community Affairs

Oakland, Calif.—A benefit screening of Unfinished Business, Steven Okazaki’s film about Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu, takes place Saturday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., at the Lake Park United Methodist Church, 281 Santa Clara Ave. Guest speakers are Korematsu and attorneys Dale Minami and Don Yamak. For information call 252-8588, 621-2403.

El Cerrito, Calif.—Berkeley JACL and Berkeley United Methodist Church sponsor a New Year’s Eve dance Monday, Dec. 31 at El Cerrito Community Center, 7907 Moeser Lane, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dance music by George Yoshida and his Sentimental Journey combo. Limited ticket sales to Dec. 22 from George Oyama, El Cerrito, 52-5784; Calvin Yamashita, San Leandro, 796-7867; Paul Takata, Berkeley, 52-4277; Ted Iida, Richmond, 224-4881; Shig Furuta, San Francisco, 668-383, Nobo Kono, San Francisco, 576-4139; Terry Yamashita, El Cerrito, 237-1331; Bea Kono, Albany/Berkeley, 527-8114. Tickets are $15 advance, $22 at the door (includes o-bento). Proceeds benefit East Bay Japanese for Action.

Vintage photos of NW grace 1985 calendar

SEATTLE—To help raise funds for a major photo exhibit of pre­war life in the Pacific Northwest (see Nov. 21), the local organ­izing committee has published a 1985 calendar with sepia-toned copies of some of the photographs to be shown. The calendar may be purchased for $4.50 (includes postage and handling) from Hideo Hoshida, 6969 Seward Park Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118; (206) 725-6906.

September’s photo, circa 1917, shows Shochiro Katsumura and his uncle, Hakuichi Ito, driving a Mack truck loaded with produce to take to Pike Place Market.
One Brief, Shining Moment

by Harry Honda

Dominguez Hills

A 1918-era U.S. Geological Survey map on Dominguez Hills shows the Gardena Japanese School, precursor of the Gardena JCC, located near the Battle of the Bulge. A contingent of new recruits had just arrived and entered the barracks, empty since we had been waiting for this lone soul lying on his bunk, reading. There’s always at least one guy among recruits who has learned in judo. Especially in wartime and particularly if he happens to be the biggest in the group who sees “a little Jap” who’s minding his own business. Big Buster’s challenges continued to escalate and there shortly came a point where much as one would otherwise like, one is not permitted to continue to mind one’s own business. So we took it outside. Big bust on not.

THIS GUY CHARGED, and if thundering footsteps could kill, I was a goner. But as any judo novice knows, use your adversary’s momentum to your own advantage. We applied tomia- nage, whereupon a hulk of human beef went up into the air, coming down on his back, knocking the breath out of him. We promptly applied a headlock to immobilize this race-buster. (The peace that we thereafter enjoyed during the remaining brief stay was absolutely divine.)

And thus was the first, and last, time that we ever applied what we learned in judo. We must confess that at that moment, it was with all those months that we drilled in the do-jo.

The 34th Annual Sansei Parents Conference took place last week at San Joaquin College in Long Beach. The conference was well attended, with more than 200 participants. The event featured workshops on various topics, including leadership development, personal growth, and community involvement.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Yusuke Nakamura, a renowned leader in the JACL community. Dr. Nakamura shared insights on the importance of community engagement and the role of JACL in advocating for the rights of Japanese Americans.

A workshop on leadership development was particularly well received. Participants were encouraged to take on leadership roles within their communities and to work towards making positive changes.

During lunch, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy a cultural performance by the Gardena High School’s JACL chapter. The performance highlighted the history and traditions of Japanese American culture.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion on the future of the JACL and the role of Japanese Americans in shaping our society.

The attendees left the conference with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to continue working towards a brighter future for the Japanese American community.

The next JACL event is scheduled for next month, and attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars. The JACL continues to be a vital organization in our community, and we look forward to continuing our efforts towards a more inclusive and equitable society.
A Clear-eyed Look at Aging

FROM THE FRYING PAN:
Bill Hosokawa

There aren’t very many Issei oldtimers left. Increasing numbers of Nisei are entering retirement, and the few Sansei have reason to be concerned about aging relatives. Aging and retirement programs are as much a part of JACL’s program as providing scholarships for students and getting singles together. Those are the facts of life.

For these reasons publication of the English translation of The Twilight Years, a novel by Sawako Ariyoshi (Kodansha, $4.95) is timely. When it was published in 1972 in Japan under the title Kokotsu no Hito, it sold a million copies the first year. The story is set in contemporary Tokyo. The principal characters are Akiko Tachibana, a middle-aged working mother, and her father-in-law, Shigezo.

When Shigezo’s wife dies unexpectedly, Akiko and her own family notice Shigezo’s mind deteriorates quite severely. They do not know whether the condition was brought about by the death of his wife, or whether she concealed his gradual deterioration.

Akiko’s husband refuses to take an active role in caring for his father, and the burden falls on her. Shigezo’s body is healthy for his age, but his mind deteriorates steadily. He acts first like a child, then like a baby. He cries when he is hungry, which is often. He wanders away from home. When he wakes up at night he is unable to find the way back to the toilet and Akiko must sleep in the same room with him to take him out of doors. Eventually he becomes incontinent and Akiko must wash him and diaper him.

Physicians are unable to do anything for Shigezo. Tokyo’s facilities for caring for the aged, particularly the senile, are totally inadequate. There is no place to send Shigezo; he must be cared for at home, every need provided for and watched continually so that he does not harm himself or those around him.

Yet, when Shigezo falls ill, Akiko and her family desperately seek to prolong his life. They realize he, and they, would be better off if she died, but obsessed by a feeling of guilt do everything possible to save him.

Akiko’s work in a law office suffers. She feels an obligation to her employers, yet Shigezo’s demands place a cruel burden on her time and energy. Shigezo’s son is immobilized by fear that he, too, will become senile some day and is of almost no aid to his wife. Akiko’s ten-year-old son is in a thoughtlessly callous moment, says he hopes his parents will not die.

In a sense, it is a dreary story of sadness and travail. Yet there is so much of that truth to life and this makes the book difficult to put down. Sawako Ariyoshi provides no answers; she merely states things clearly in a morbidly fascinating fashion.

Despite differences in culture, customs and values, millions of Japanese families, American families, families in the entire industrialized world, face problems similar to that of the Tachibana’s.

The problem of what to do with the elderly whose bodies have outlived their minds cries for a solution, and no one has come up with one.

Ariyoshi herself will not pose a problem for her family. Her recent death was attributed to an overdose of sleeping pills on which she had long been dependent.

Liggert elected Central Calif. governor

FRESNO—Peggy Sashasima Liggert, a vice-governor, was elected a Central California District Council governor at the 38th annual convention held here over the Nov. 10-11 weekend at the Hil- ton Hotel. She succeeds Maudie Ishida of Tulare County JACL, who was OCD’s first woman governor.

Liggert, an attorney by profession, hails from the Fresno chapter.

She and her cabinet officers were installed in a massie with the 1985 JACL chapter officers by Ron Takabayashi, national JACL director, at the convention dinner

Sunday. The ‘85 chapter presidents are:
Gane Tsukamoto, Clovis; Ben Nagata, Selma; Tom Nagata, Fowler; Ken Yokota, Fresno; Bill Tuji, Porterville; Carta Koga, Reedley; Dallas Kanagawa, Salinas; Shun Maki, Selma; Kay Hada, Tulare County. She is re-elected

Central California continues to be the lone JACL district council which convenes annually and swears in its chapter officers in masse. Wakabayashi read off the list of 100-plus Japanese names without a hitch during the swearing-in rites.

Chapter Pulse

Carson

CARSON, Calif.--A family Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Dolphin Park, 2180 Water St. Santa will give gifts to children up to 12 years of age.

Members are asked to bring a tree ornament and a dish for potluck supper. Names and ages of children attending should be sent to Ruthie Sakamoto, 1438 W. Carson, Carson, CA 90745 as soon as possible.

San Diego

SANDiego-CALIF.--This year’s installation dinner program includes the homecoming of Nisei who served in the U.S. armed forces from 1941 through 1945. Principal speaker for the evening is Eric Saul, curator of the Sixth Army Museum, San Francisco.

The banquet is on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Omni Kai Club on Shelter Island.

A no-host cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Tickets are $20. For reservations, call Mas Hironaka, 230-4174; Yichi Kubota, 238-6334; or Mas Asakawa, 453-2739.

San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.--Tomodachi Senior Women’s Club of the San Mateo JACL Community Center presented its Holiday Boutique on Friday, Nov. 2, 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is located at 415 S. Claremont St.

San Mateo holds its annual Mochi-Tsuki Day on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Senior Center. Preparations begin at 5 a.m., with actual mochi pounding by 6:30 a.m.

Since most of the seniors are frail, all members between 17 and 80 are encouraged to participate. The finished mochi may be purchased by helpers only.

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UNO—Continued from Front Page

Born in Ogden, Utah, Uno and his family moved to El Monte, Calif., only to be sent to the camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo., when WW2 broke out. He returned to Utah after the war, finished high school, served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in Japan, graduated from Weber Junior College and University of Utah, and was a caseworker with court referee and a attorney before becoming a judge on the Salt Lake City Court. In 1965, he was JACL national president from 1970-72.

Meryl U. Lee

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Deaths

Shigeru Hongo, 64, of Portland, Ore., who practiced pharmacy was a longtime member of Portland Chapter JACL, serving as its president in 1962. He was a member of the MDS, Oregon Nisei Veit, the Nihon binkai board, and Epworth Methodist Church. Survivors include Lily, s

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CCDC to undertake expansion of Nikkei senior service center

FRESNO, Calif.—Prospects of expanding the Nikkei Senior Service Center, sponsored by the Central California JACL District Council as part of the club's 30th anniversary celebration, were discussed at a meeting Oct. 30, a bond proposition to assist senior citizen projects, in the Nov. 6 election.

As proposed by Robert Kanno, NSC advisory committee chair, the vacant Toshihiko Drugs Store next door would be made a part of Nikkei Service Center in West Fresno’s old Ni­nomachi area, 932 S. St., which also houses the JACL regional office.

CCDC approved the plan, which eventually may allow the nutri­tional lunch program to be served at the center rather than at the Buddhist Church Hall. A proposal to the county Office of Aging for funds due from Prop. 30 bonds is being drafted.

Over 150 hot lunches are served during the day, and a push has been made for Japanese lunches is underway.

On the staff are: Toshihiko Senior aide, Frances Kurashima, outreach director; Fu­niko Uesaka, nutrition site-activi­ty director; Fumiko Noseki, Bay Haysega, van drivers.

Sachi Kawamoto, who is in her sixth year as JCCD regional di­rector, said there was urgent need for ESL instructors to work with Hmong refugee children in the school system. Fresno is said to have the largest concentration of Hmong (the mountain people from Laos) in the U.S., number­ing in excess of 7,000. The 1980 census shows 6,500 Japanese in the county.

Ron Wakabayashi and Harry Honda outlined the staffing and work patterns at National Head­quarters and Pacific Citizen, re­spectively, as well as pointing to major projects under way, such as: the third annual JACL West­ern Regional Conference in Nov. minutes have been sent to the PC; monthly bulletins of Headquarter activities and more frequent member­ship reports are being scheduled; PC’s acquisition of a digitized typesetter and line print­ers; need for more office space; progress and highlights in Leadership Development and the Singles.

Metro Museum Display

Though its run here is brief, the “Go For Broke” exhibit at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum (1515 Van Ness, open daily except Monday, call 206-1044 for hours), with its embellished MIS section and rich addition of the provo­er Fresno Japanese pictures, ap­pears to be a preview of what is being planned for the Japanese American exhibit being geared for the Smithsonian Institution in 1987, the Pacific Citizen learned, when the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution will be observed.

Eric Saul, Presidio Army Mu­seum curator, was guest speaker at the Nisei Soldier tribute held Nov. 3 at the museum in conjunc­tion with the exhibit opening. About 600 were present.

This exhibit of the film will run through Sunday, Dec. 9. But imposing a dramatic touch is the Ansel Adams pictures of Manzanar, which have been on exhibit since Oct. 4. It closes Jan. 20, 1985. The pictures, to be found in his 1945 book, “Born Free and Equal,” were taken in late 1943 inside Manzanar to show his feelings of what was occurring, rather than “slices of life in ways implied by photographic real­ism,” to quote Emily Medved, Library of Congress curator and travel exhibit organizer. Some of the 50 pictures are not in Adams’ book. An elucidating 44-page text (much of it from the original book) and a selection of pictures for the exhibit are obtainable at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum ($16/ postage extra).

President Sao Keynoter

National JACL president Frank Sao, convention keynote speaker, spoke of the organization’s image and perception internally and exter­nally, the tremendous challenge facing Japanese American with respect to redress and his pledge to push for its passage. “Let’s all unite in this pursuit and let’s call what we can,” he declared. He also reiterated the themes which had been expressed the previous evening at the West Los Angeles JACL installation (see Nov. 16 PC).

The JACL silver pin, in recogni­tion of 10 years of outstanding service at the chapter level, was awarded to Sadako Uyemura of Clovis and Ralph Ishida of Tulare County.

Fresno Mayor Dan Whitehurst was recognized for his key effort to get the U.S. Mayors Confer­ence support the JACL redress measures at its last meeting in Philadelphia, after second­ing a resolution of the resolution. Presentation was made by his Hastings Law School classmate Beth Richmond, Fresno JACL All­president.

The Sunday workshop period was a Central California session of the Supervisor’s Council on Asian/Pacific Affairs, chaired by Dr. Izumi Taniguchi. Topics were curriculum planning relevant to A/P, career counseling and guid­ance of A/P children, staff develop­ment in education, and vio­lence against A/P children in schools.

—Harry Honda