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WILD BUNCH — Turn-of-the-century photo of young Issei in California is part of exhibition entitled 'The Japanese American Experience' opening today at Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies museum in Philadelphia. Featured in exhibition are Ansel Adams photographs of Manzanar internment camp, paintings by Roger Shimomura, and Go For Broke photo display.

Also on display are traditional artifacts from Japan and items made in the camps, such as woodcarvings, clothing, tools, and implements.

Exhibit is cosponsored by Philadelphia JACL. It is on view at Balch Institute, 18 S. 7th St., through Sept. 11, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Information: (215) 925-8090.

L.A. gets 1st Asian councilman

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Mike Woo became the first Asian American to be elected to the L.A. city council by defeating incumbent Peggy Stevenson of the 13th District in a June 4 runoff election.

Receiving 58% of the vote (15,864) to Stevenson's 42% (11,286), Woo is also the first challenger to unseat a city council incumbent in eight years. Stevenson has represented the district since 1975.

Speaking at a dinner held by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) the day after the election, Woo said, "Today we had a press conference in the living room of my house, and the question I was asked over and over again was, 'How does it feel to be the first Asian on the city council?' I have to tell you—it feels terrific.

"I'm looking forward to working with you... on the many issues facing the many Asian communities of Los Angeles. I don't want to promise the moon... But I'm confident that if we can work hard, if we do not give up after we face setbacks, if we can keep our eyes on... a vision of the future of our community, together we can succeed."

The victory was especially

sweet for Woo, a former aide to State Sen. David Roberti (D-Los Angeles), because he had lost to Stevenson in a 1981 runoff. This year's rematch was expensive; Woo spent \$650,000 to Stevenson's \$600,000.

The campaign was a series of accusations and counter-accusations. Residents in the district, which includes Hollywood, Silverlake, Echo Park, and Los Feliz, were deluged with mailers from both candidates.

Stevenson stressed the fact that Woo, in 1981, received \$5,400 from a company owned by fireworks magnate W. Patrick Moriarty, who has since pleaded guilty to making laundered political donations.

Calling Stevenson "the best city hall politician that money can buy," Woo charged that she voted for an Occidental Petroleum drilling project, which she had previously opposed, after receiving \$17,000 from the corporation.

Various city officials took sides. District Attorney Ira Reiner and councilmen Zev Yaroslavsky and Marvin Braude spoke up for Woo while Police Chief Daryl Gates, Council President Pat Russell and Councilman Joel Wachs defended Stevenson.



The highest-level political endorsement in the race came a scant two days before the election when Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) announced his support of Woo.

Stevenson blamed her defeat on support Woo received from influential California Democrats, such as Reps. Howard Berman and Henry Waxman, who she accused of making the council race a partisan one. She also said that some were seeking Asian support for future campaigns.

"It was a tough campaign," said Woo. "There was a lot of enmity that went back and forth... But I'm very proud of the fact that once the voters were presented with a simple choice between electing an incumbent who was living on the laurels of the past, or

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Board formally activates LEC, argues about JACL role in U.S.—Japan relations

by Jane Kaihatsu

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL National Board met May 17-19 to officially activate the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) effective June 1. Other issues the Board tackled included JACL's role in U.S.-Japan relations vis a vis the LDP delegation to Japan, the redress program and budget squeeze, and providing rebates to chapters from the life memberships.

Formal activation of the JACL/LEC enables the full-scale lobbying efforts to proceed. President Frank Sato stressed that while there are now two aspects to the redress program, "we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that it is all [a part of] JACL."

Since the LEC is a new sub-organization, it is not funded for its operations. PSW Governor Harry Kajihara in the past year has been aggressively formulating a fundraising plan, which was presented to the Board by way of brochure mailers and sample appeal letters.

The 1985 funding goal is to raise some \$300,000 to \$400,000 with a

total of \$1 million over the next several years. Key to accomplishing this goal is the identification of prime solicitors, volunteers in the different regions who agree to raise \$2,000 per year. Kajihara believes that together with the district LEC fund drive keypersons (who coordinate LEC fundraising for their respective districts) and the recruitment of 200 prime solicitors from JACL's 27,000 membership, all funding goals can be met.

On the JACL non-profit side, a consensus was reached that an "education" function—work devoted to media and product development (exhibits, etc.) and working with local groups, both JACL and other redress groups, in securing support resolutions and the like—would continue to be performed.

U.S.-Japan relations remained a touchy subject relative to the overall priority JACL is giving to the redress program. PNW Governor Denny Yasuhara indicated he questioned the amount of energy directed in this area. "Is redress a top priority?" he pondered aloud. "Especially among

the leadership, or is there just lip-service? Or is U.S.-Japan relations more important?"

There was also some discussion of what role JACL was playing when various "delegations" visited Japan. This year, Sato and National Director Ron Wakabayashi visited Japan in early April for 15 days, and six Sansei went over a few weeks later as part of a delegation sponsored by Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Sato explained that he and Wakabayashi had gone for "diplomatic reasons" and kept emphasizing to the Japanese officials they met with that they were not acting as trade experts. "Our prime concern is the social impact of the trade conflict issue," Sato said, asserting that "Our trip was a success since Japan is looking for ways to promote U.S.-Japan relations."

However, the LDP matter ignited another heated discussion. Three of the six Sansei delegates, Mike Honda of San Jose, Beth Renge of San Francisco, and John Tateishi of Marin JACL chapters appeared before the Board to give reports of their trips.

Honda and Renge spoke of traveling through the country and their experience in learning first-

hand about their cultural heritage. "I got a sense of having Japanese roots," said Renge. "And that we share the same upbringing. I never realized that until I went to Japan."

Some Board members, though, expressed displeasure over the selection process. Yasuhara declared that he was still confused at what the criteria were for the selection process and who was responsible for the selection process. The responsible persons are "not allowing the Board to have input," he said.

Wakabayashi explained, "The process is in a foggy area. We weren't sure if we should venture into it... even under Floyd [Shimomura's administration] we had it at arm's length."

Secretary-Treasurer Gene Takamine countered, "At the last Board meeting [in February] at some time in the future we knew we would go through a selection process and then a month later the selection was made. No notices went out to anyone."

The aspect of the shortness of time in which the LDP gave JACL to select delegates arose, and Tateishi stated, "the implication of your [Takamine's] statement is unworthy. We had to apply for our passports right away."

VP Yosh Nakashima noted that the Board had never really taken an official stand even though last April's delegation was the third one to go under JACL acting as a point of contact.

Wakabayashi felt if he had touched base with the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, some would accuse him of not using leadership decision skills. "You can't have it both ways and I resent Gene's inferences, that we withheld information, which is wrong!"

Wakabayashi further said the selection was a "construction rather than a selection process," and future leaders on that track were sought.

He added that president Sato was the person making the final decision and that input was received from U.S.-Japan Relations Chair David Nikaido.

More discussion surrounded the geographic selection of the delegates and the fact they were almost exclusively Californians. It was revealed that the restriction had been made by the LDP and that each delegation was attempting to remove previous barriers of age, sex, and location as a means toward gaining a broader

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Chapter Pulse

Retirement drama receives award

CHICAGO — "Fools' Dance," a dramatic comedy that celebrates life in the face of old age and death, co-produced by Karen Ishizuka and Robert Nakamura, received a national media award from the Retirement Research Foundation at an awards ceremony and reception May 16.

The awards were presented by actress Helen Hayes, who said, "These awards were created to pay tribute to those producers who give meaning and value to growing old."

"Fools' Dance," which will be nationally broadcast on PBS as part of the "Silk Screen" series this fall, features Mako and Esther Rolle. The film is set in a contemporary American convalescent home in which a Buddhist monk (played by Mako) helps residents challenge traditional Western ideas about life and death.

Nakamura is an associate professor of motion picture production at UCLA and one of the founders of Visual Communications.

Ishizuka is a former gerontologist and is currently director of development for Pacifica Radio, a national network of non-commercial radio stations.

"Fools' Dance" is distributed by Generation Films, Inc., 11051 Westwood Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, (213) 202-0166.

Southwest Omatsuri slated for June 22

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico JACL, in conjunction with the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Dept., KOB-TV, Sun-west Bank and Premier Distributing, will once again sponsor Omatsuri, a Japanese festival, on June 22 as part of the Summerfest program.

As is the tradition, the culture of Japan will be featured in the form of entertainment, food, arts, crafts and history.

In addition, the 40th anniversary of the end of internment in WW2 will be commemorated. Friends of the wartime Nikkei community will also be honored.

Min Yasui, chair of JACL/LEC, will give the keynote address.

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electing a challenger who had the energy and the vision and the determination to make a difference, the voters made the right choice."

Japanese American Democratic Club president Fred Fujioka told the Los Angeles Times that Woo's election "is going to have a tremendous effect. It changes our perception of Asians and everyone else's perception of Asians."

"People aren't going to say anymore what was said to me when I applied to law school—that Asians should forget about going into politics because they can't do that here. Now, people are going to say race isn't an obstacle."

Unsuccessful Asian American city council candidates include actor George Takei, who lost to David Cunningham in 1973.

New York

NEW YORK — The establishment of the Ruby Yoshino Schaar Achievement Award in dramatic arts has been announced by N.Y. chapter. It was created in recognition and appreciation for Schaar's many years of service to the chapter and to National JACL.

Her career included national recognition as a singer and a voice coach of many prominent performing artists. Her continued interest in having the story of the Nikkei brought to the public via the dramatic arts was the impetus for establishing the award.

The award will be given to an individual playwright whose work has culminated in a play, movie or television drama that

tells the story of the Japanese in North America. The work must have been publicly produced by an American or Canadian writer of Japanese ancestry.

The award will be administered by the chapter. Candidates for the awards are to be sponsored by JACL chapters. The first award will be made in 1986 and presented biannually.

Persons interested in contributing to the project should send contributions to Tami Ogata, 65 West 90 St, N.Y.C. 10024. Checks should be made payable to New York JACL/Schaar Award.

Puyallup Valley

TACOMA, Wash. — June 16 is the date of the annual Graduation

and Recognition Banquet at the Executive Inn at 6 p.m. Elsie Taniguchi will chair this event. Members are asked to invite their fathers to the dinner also.

San Gabriel Valley

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Chapter scholarships were announced as follows: **Hide Kiyan Memorial:** Debra Higa, Wilson H.S.; **David Ito Memorial:** Frances Fukute, Los Altos H.S.; Chapter scholarships: Traci Tanimoto, Pioneer H.S.; Jeff Koe, Rosemead H.S.; Vivian Limon; Nancy Ikehara, Northview H.S.; Barbara Grunwald, West Covina H.S.; and Denise Nishimura, St. Lucy's Priory.

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A-bomb survivors in U.S. to receive medical exams

SAN FRANCISCO—On the eve of the 40th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a team of six Japanese physicians will return to the West Coast for the fifth time to examine American atomic bomb survivors, conducting free comprehensive medical examinations in five cities: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Honolulu, and Vancouver, Canada. Examinations for Northern California will take place at University of California, San Francisco, June 14-16.

An estimated 1,000 Americans now living in the U.S. are *hibakusha* or survivors of the two atomic bombs which killed 200,000 outright in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. An additional 200,000 people have since died from diseases related to radiation exposure.

Most American survivors, still plagued with continuing medical problems caused by radiation, were youngsters or teenagers visiting relatives or attending school in Japan at the time of the bombings; many others married Americans after the war ended.

Since 1977, the Japanese government has financed and sponsored the biennial U.S. medical visits in which an increasing number of *hibakusha* have participated. In 1983, a total of 305 survivors took part in the examinations.

Kanji Kuramoto, who was an American teenager caught in Hiroshima at the outbreak of the war and is now president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S. (CABS), explained that the U.S. government has consistently refused assistance to either the *hibakusha* or any of the other estimated one million Americans exposed to radiation (atomic veterans, downwinders, uranium miners).

"Maybe the 40th anniversary will help give us more support from the public and some attention from the government," he said. "At least it will remind people how dangerous nuclear weapons are. We must never forget the tragedy of the atomic bombs," he added. "We cannot let it happen again."



Toyota joins KCBS

LOS ANGELES — Newscaster Tria Toyota, formerly of KNBC (Ch. 4), will start as a news anchor on KCBS (Ch. 2) on June 17.

Toyota has been off the air since her contract with KNBC expired in March. A clause in her contract prohibited her from signing with a rival station for 90 days.

"I'm very pleased and excited to be getting back to work after three months, especially at KCBS," she told the Pacific Citizen. "I started out my broadcast career at KCBS' sister radio station, KNX, back in 1970, so for me it's like coming home."

"I think we're going to be doing some very exciting things at KCBS and I look forward to being part of the news team there."

A graduate of Oregon State University and UCLA, Toyota joined KNX, an all-news station, as a copy person and was later named action reporter, serving as ombudswoman for listeners. She joined KNBC as a general reporter in 1972, going on to become weekend anchor in 1975 and weekday anchor in 1977.

Also active in the local Asian American community, she is co-founder and president of the Asian American Journalists Assn.

"I want to thank everyone in the community," she added. "Everyone has been terrific and very supportive these last weeks, and I really appreciate it. Thank you so much for all your calls and letters."

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Community Affairs

NEW YORK—Emiko Omori's film on aging and retirement made for JACL was one of 3 video/films selected to be shown at the International Congress of Gerontology, July 14-17. The prestigious Congress is held every 4 years.

"The Gathering of the Avant-Garde: The Lower East Side, 1948-1970," a collaborative exhibition with the works of Ralph Iwamoto, Eugenia Okoshi, Nanae Momiya, Kathleen Zimmerman and Tad Miyashita, is on view through June 30 at the Kenkeleba Gallery, 214 E. 2nd St. (corner of Ave. B), 1-6 p.m., Sundays. Information: 254-5269.

ica," a traveling photo exhibit of Chinese American women from 1834-1982 compiled by librarian and historian Judy Yung, continues through June 22 at Wing Luke Memorial Museum, 414 8th Ave. S. The 15th Annual Asian American Artists Exhibition follows, June 27-August 3. Call for times: 623-5124.

SAN FRANCISCO—"East to America," the Go For Broke, Inc. sponsored photo exhibit which opened at Angel Island,

moves to the hospitality room of the California First Bank in Japan Center's East Building, Post and Buchanan, through June 30. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, excluding June 8, 9 and 12, when the exhibit will be closed.

Third annual JA Day with the San Francisco Giants is set for July 20 in a game with the Chicago Cubs. A raffle, food bazaar, and entertainment provided by San Jose Taiko Group are being planned. Interested parties should contact Steve Nakajo at Kimochi Kai, 563-5626.

SHERMAN OAKS, Calif.—A picnic/social sponsored by the Assn. of Asian/Pacific American Artists is set for June 23, noon, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park picnic area, 14201 Huston St. Tickets are \$6 per person and reservations are necessary. Send payment with name, phone number and address to: AAPAA Special Projects Committee, P.O. Box 33424, L.A. 90033. Make checks payable to AAPAA.

LOS ANGELES—Nominations are now being accepted for the 1984-85 Oliver

Trophy. The trophy recognizes the outstanding JA high school senior based on athletics, scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Seniors nominated should have their sports record, coaches' names, school honors, grades and other pertinent information sent to George Fujita, 1729 Federal Ave., L.A., 90025.

The Japanese American Bar Assn. and the Little Tokyo Service Center will present a seminar on "Conservatorships and Guardianships," June 15, LTSC offices, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 410, 8:30 a.m. to noon. \$5 donation is requested. Reservations and information: Bob Kawahara, (213) 617-8038.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Jazz pianist Jon Jang performs with The Eastwind and Fire Ensemble at Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., June 29, 8 p.m. Jang's album, "Are You Chinese or Are You Charlie Chan?," was dedicated to Vincent Chin and was rated the top jazz album of 1984 by the American Review of Jazz and Blues. Admission: \$4.



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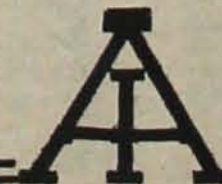
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Aside from the stench, it takes *nuka* a number of days to do its job, and I didn't have that much time to process the pot we were to contribute.

MY FAVORITE TSUKEMONO is *takana* (mustard greens) pickled in brine. Give this country boy some hot rice and a plate of *takana-tsukemono*. As they say in one of those beer ads: "Man, it doesn't get better than this!" If memory serves me accurately, Yosuke Nakano (now deceased), a long-time resident of these parts who was an outstanding construction engineer, once served homemade *takana-tsukemono*. He grew the mustard greens himself and then pickled them himself. He may have been one helluva an engineer, but he missed an even greater calling as a "master *tsukemono* maker."

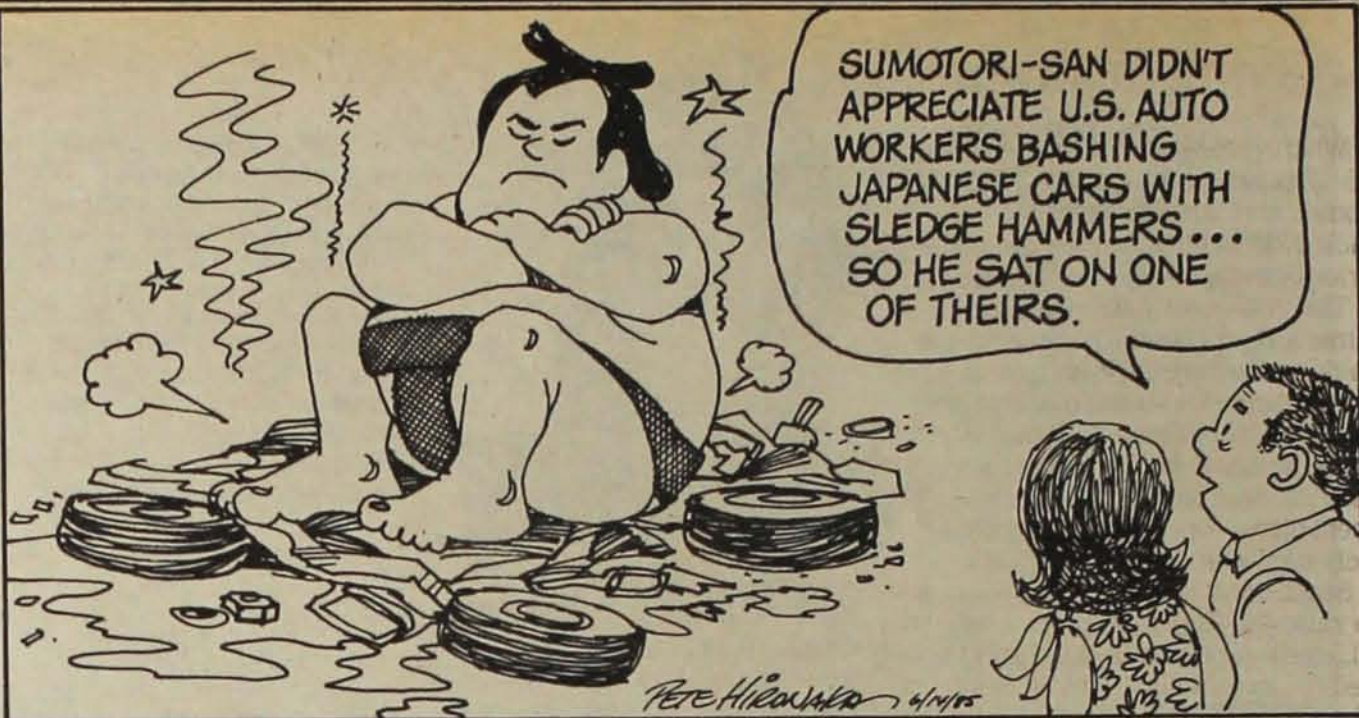
But getting back to the pot I had to make.

WHEN ONE DOESN'T know what he's doing, you "play it by ear." So we went out to the oriental grocery stores and stocked up

THE OTHER WEEKEND we were invited to a potluck get-together at a Nisei friend's home, and our assignment to the pot was something along the vegetable line. It being our understanding that it was to be all *nihon-meshi*, we knew that something such as succotash wouldn't fit. So, I suggested to the frau something along the *tsukemono* line. The problem with suggestons is that one gets stuck with the implementation.

So I accepted the challenge.

WHILE I KNOW good *tsukemono* when I eat it, there's a bit of a difference between eating and preparing. As starters, I combed my cob-webbed memory of my youth as to the process by which my mother prepared all that delicious *tsukemono*. I know she



on *nappa*, *daikon*, *aka-daikon* (for color), cucumbers, *ninniku* (for flavor), and *togarashi* (for oomph). The frau said "nix" when I suggested some purple cabbage; she also vetoed my suggestion of bits of *negi* or celery. (This is a happy arrangement: I do the work and she does the nixing.) With one of those Japanese slicers that we bought on one of our trips to California, the *daikon* was shredded into long slivers. With the *nappa* also sliced—(with chunks cut into eighths when I reached the core) the vegetables were placed into one

of those plastic *tsukemono*-makers which every Nisei household has. Lightly salted, a dash of monosodium glutamate, a handful of that red pepper (uncrushed), *dashi-kombu* cut in thin slices—and each layer carefully laid out, we had the start of a brew. Not too much *ninniku* and *togarashi*: otherwise, it'll end up as *kim-chee* (which I like).

The plastic container was crammed to the brim, but after two days I was chagrined to see everything compressed so that it looked hardly enough for one person. (A lot of brine, though.)

WHAT THE HECK: The chilled combination was transferred to a plastic container, and on the appointed day we took along the *tsukemono* to the potluck get-together. What my contribution lacked in size, it made up by dedication and labor of love. Maybe it was because the compressed contribution was the size it ended up to be, but at the end of the dining I noticed only the brine was left at the bottom of the serving bowl.

Oh, yes. I made a second batch. And I think it may be ready by tonight.

Defining 'Special Interests'

by J.K. Yamamoto

One of the political buzzwords of the '80s is "special interest groups." We hear Republicans and Democrats alike denouncing them and pledging not to be controlled by them. But as is often the case with such emotionally charged terms, no one defines exactly what a "special interest group" is.

Judging from recent developments in the Democratic Party, "special interests" are seen as an evil influence which divides the party, burdens it with demands, and gives it a bad image.

To show that it is getting tough with these groups, the party's executive committee, led by chairman Paul G. Kirk, eliminated the formal status of the Asian Pacific Caucus and three other caucuses last month. (The Black, Hispanic and women's caucuses would have been dropped as well, but they were protected by the party's own charter and bylaws.)

Jody Powell, press secretary for Jimmy Carter and now a syndicated columnist, praised Kirk's action. "He set a tone of independence from the interest-group caucuses, which are widely perceived as symbolic of the party's problems... Kirk denounced the party's special-interest caucus system... as 'political nonsense.'"

When Kirk first took office, Ben Wattenberg of the Coalition for a Democratic Majority declared that the party was driving "a spike into the heart of the whole misguided notion of special caucuses" and that "a party that will... bust caucuses and quotas... may be on its way back from the brink."

The perception seems to be that each group seeks its advantage at the expense of everyone else. This line of reasoning assumes that a women's caucus is anti-male, a gay caucus is anti-heterosexual and a Black, Hispanic or Asian caucus is anti-white. Diversity is taken to mean disorder.

By busting caucuses, the Democrats are pandering to this kind of irrational fear. This action can be traced back to Walter Mondale's crushing defeat in the '84 election, which political observers said was caused, in part, by his image as a slave of "special interests." The fact that he had interviewed minorities and women for the vice presidential spot contributed to this perception.

Democratic leaders decided afterwards that instead of caving in to "special interests," they should appeal to the "mainstream"—meaning white males—as the Republicans did.

To the party, giving a voice to non-mainstream groups is a form of surrender, a green light for them to come in and take over. The idea that power can be shared, that taking steps to eliminate discrimination and other injustices will result in a more equitable society for everyone, has not occurred to the party leadership.

If one were to add together all of the so-called "special interests"—women, minorities, gays, labor, farmers, environmentalists, the elderly, students, the poor, the handicapped, and so on—the total would represent a majority of the U.S. population.

And if one were to stick to the widely held definition of a "special interest"—a small group that seeks gain at everyone else's expense—then there are others far more deserving of the label. Huge corporations which pay no taxes, for example, or a Pentagon that eats up taxes (spending them on \$600 ashtrays and the like) while domestic programs are eliminated and the deficit grows larger.

"Special interest"—like the term "Communist" as it was used during the 1950s—is a catch-all that can be applied to any group that you just plain don't like.

From Washington to Dirty Harry

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro



In our continuing concern about heroes and "positive" individuals, we are reprinting this essay by Kathy Tanaka, a ninth grader at Portola Magnet Center in Tarzana, Calif. This essay, "Do Great American Heroes Exist Today?" is from the Student Outlook, an educational service of the Los Angeles Times.

"Show me your heroes and I will show you your civilization."

—Thomas Carlyle
Heroes and Heroism

History books like to portray the "heart" of an era in short sketches of heroes. Thumbing through a book of American history, George Washington might be the first of those presented, as a hero of the late 1700s, the Father of Our Country, and one instrumental in bringing about the Revolution. Later chapters would describe Daniel Boone, pioneer; James Bowie and Davy Crockett, defenders of the Alamo; Andrew Carnegie, American Dream incarnate; and Dwight D. Eisenhower, hero of the Second World War. These heroes represent the values of a specific period in the history of the U.S., but not of today. Who then are America's contemporary heroes?

It has long been debated whether the times make the man or the man makes the times. Apart from that, however, it seems

clear that the man must fit the times to be hailed as a hero. During the last twenty years, the list of heroes seems to cloud, producing no definite national heroes for those times. America had been going through troubled times—the Vietnam War and Watergate. The war that should have never happened, and the disgrace of the President, caused America to lose its optimism. It was discovered that America did not always win its wars, and that its integrity was lost when it was not always right. And most of all, America began to question its values. The traditional heroes—politicians and soldiers—were abandoned. Many who were asked then about who their heroes were could not find any. Who could have glorified national confusion? No one could have made America feel good about itself then.

The '70's became a time of healing. America slowly regained what it had lost and a new "breed" of hero surfaced. In the place of a national hero, separate groups found their own heroes—Gloria Steinem, feminist; and Caesar Chavez, farm labor union leader; to name just two. Still, although they were undoubtedly heroes, they were not heroes of the whole nation.

1985 marks the 10th anniversary of American withdrawal from Vietnam. Finally, it seems, the wounds have healed, and heroes and patriotism are on a comeback in America. Recently, U.S. News and World Report (April 22, 1985) published its findings of a survey of the heroes of 18 to 24-year-old Americans, men and women. It found Clint Eastwood at the top of the list, Eddie

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A Community Need

Wherever substantial numbers of Japanese Americans live, homes and nursing facilities for their elderly have become a high priority item.

The Los Angeles Japanese American community is in the middle of a drive to raise \$6.5 million to expand and upgrade two of the six facilities—a hospital, three nursing homes, an intermediate care facility and a retirement home—operated by the publicly supported Umbrella of Care.

Seattle has launched a project to raise the first \$2 million of the \$6.5 million needed to build a 150-bed nursing facility. The present 63-bed Keiro home has grown much too small to meet the expanding need.

Chicago has its Heiwa Terrace retirement home which offers comfort and security for Issei and a growing number of Nisei. Denver has a somewhat similar facility, Tamai Towers, a retirement apartment built under the auspices of the Denver Buddhist Church.

At Hayward, on the east side of San Francisco Bay a few miles south of Oakland, a number of Japanese American organizations built Eden Issei Terrace, a retirement home which was opened at

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



the beginning of the year. Not long ago we toured it in the company of Joe and Sammy Oyama, who were among its first residents. It is a three-story building with Japanese style rooflines and 100 comfortable apartments. It is a residence which also provides meals in a dining hall and a recreational program. Like Denver's Tamai Towers, Issei Eden Terrace is racially integrated with 35 or 40 Japanese and a handful of Nisei.

Perhaps there are other shelters that I can't recall at the moment. The services offered in each of them varies widely, ranging from fulltime nursing care for persons who never will leave their beds again on their own, to apartments for retirees who are still vigorous and active.

What they have in common is that they are the product of the Japanese American communi-

ty's concern for its elders.

But why do they need special facilities when there are many other nursing and retirement homes available?

It's a matter of ethnicity. For the Issei, there are language and dietary problems. And even among Nisei many seem to be more comfortable living in close proximity with people with common experiences and background.

I don't know that anyone knows for certain what the average age of the Nisei generation happens to be. It was somewhere around 17 or 18 back at the time of the Evacuation. Many things probably have happened to skew that figure in the close-to-45-years since then, but at any rate the average Nisei must be about ready to qualify for full Social Security benefits.

It's likely the great majority will continue to live in their own homes. But many others will need, or prefer, supervised shelter with ethnic overtones. And in view of the Japanese ethic of caring for their own, there will be a heavy demand on the communities to provide the necessary facilities. The problem is already here and grows day by day even as the leadership's attention is diverted elsewhere. Even now, we're playing catch-up.

Give LEC the Support It Deserves



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

by Frank Sato

At the Honolulu Convention in August 1984 the National JACL Council mandated that the National Board consider the activation of JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC) during the next biennium. That action was completed at the National Board meeting on May 17-19; the LEC assumed responsibility for the legislative phase on June 1.

In addition, the JACL redress educational and public relations program will be chaired by Dr. Kaz Mayeda, vice-president for public affairs, with a full committee composed of all the district governors.

This new committee was established to more closely coordinate the grass-roots level effort of the JACL redress education activities with the legislative activities under the JACL/LEC. Further, the JACL/LEC fundraising effort was formally launched to fund the legislative phase.

What does all of this mean? We are now entering the critical legislative phase of the redress program, requiring our total efforts—educational, public relations, legislative, volunteer action and financial support. Each aspect is essential to success.

Harry Kajihara, PSW governor, and LEC fundraising chair, has done a tremendous job laying out the fundraising plan. Now we need your full financial support. JACL/LEC under Min Yasui as chairman will be stepping up the legislative lobbying phase. While the LEC is a separate legal entity, it was specifically established by the National JACL Council in anticipation of the legislative phase requirements.

In sum, the JACL redress educational activities and the JACL/LEC legislative efforts both need your volunteer and financial support. Much progress has been made since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians report and recommendations were issued in June 1983. Min Yasui, John Tateishi and countless others have brought this program to a level some considered impossible a few years ago.

Your sustained support and enlistment of help by others are vital to success. We know we can count on you.

ONE THING...

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Murphy second, Ronald Reagan third, Jane Fonda fourth, Sally Field and Steven Spielberg tied at fifth, Pope John Paul II sixth, Mother Teresa seventh, and Michael Jackson and Tina Turner tied at eighth, completing the top ten. Most on the list display an "alone against the world, against the odds, but winning without rules" attitude. Eddie Murphy and Clint Eastwood each play Axel Foley and "Dirty Harry" Callahan, respectively. Both are "go it alone" cops, breaking the rules and winning because, or in spite of it. Individualism and optimism seem to be the outstanding characteristics shared by all on this list.

The ability to stand alone and win independently may be a desirable quality in a hero, but as the choice of heroes reflects on the character of a nation, America may be in trouble again. Many of the people listed here only portray heroes. The world is not totally a stage, with the same rules as the big or small screens. As a whole, it cannot operate smoothly if it is populated by renegades, however successful they may be. It does not operate by daring, "Go ahead, make my day." In 1985 and the years to come, a lack of restraint may lead to nuclear war if the U.S. decides to follow the lead of its heroes. The world arena is no place for daredevil heroics now. For the sake of mankind, leadership should be reserved for the level-headed, and perhaps unglamorous, who can win without breaking the rules. It would seem that America's heroes are best left to the screens they are on now, and not be looked upon to lead the nation.

This is my opinion. What's yours?

Letters

Don't Go by Numbers

I was disappointed with the article "Model Minority Idea Unhealthy" (May 24 PC). I believe J.K. Yamamoto "over-interprets" the arguments made by those who do not feel the Japanese Americans share many of the same interests and problems of other numerically minor sub-groups. While the Japanese Americans are a minority at the society level, we are overrepresented in many areas of high status. Thus, the issues which many other minority groups have a real stake in do not always have a direct impact on Japanese Americans.

This, however, does not mean we should ignore "programs that may benefit others." We should be concerned with these issues just as all members of society ought to be concerned with is-

ues which shape the social and national environment in which we live. But support of these issues solely on the basis of numerical strength (or lack thereof) is hardly a valid reason. Feeling guilty about our success or to feel, just because we are a numerical minority, our interests necessarily are aligned with other numerically minor groups does not allow full appreciation of our heritage and accomplishments.

There are many problems which face our society. It is important we find solutions to these problems. But to artificially narrow the focus of the solution or the method of finding a solution on the basis of numerical commonality is hardly the approach we should be taking.

MARK ISHIMATSU
Houston

Stand Up for Rights

A couple of weeks ago was Mother's Day and I was happy to have such a loving and caring mother. But every Mother's Day I am also saddened by the terrible experiences my family suffered during the Japanese American internment in World War II.

My mother was a "war baby" and was born in a stable of one of the assembly centers. My grandmother was interned for more than four years, as were my uncle and aunt. My great-grandmother died in a concentration camp, in agony from cancer, without the medical care she should have gotten. And my great-grandfather died soon after from a broken heart, and penniless because his bank accounts had been frozen by the U.S.

I am proud to be a Yonsei and I never hide the fact. But I would

like to ask—don't my elders have the guts to tell our government that it must make amends for such injustices? People talk about "redress," but that is all it is—just talk.

In the Santa Rosa area where I live, I know of no Japanese American who is active in redress, and no one has ever taken an interest in our school curriculum and asked the school teachers and administrators why we are not taught that the wartime internment of Japanese Americans was a gross violation of their civil rights.

All I can say is—Stand up for your rights and let the rest of the Americans know that you seek justice for the wrongs that were done to you.

SEAN KIENZ
Santa Rosa, Calif.

An Exploitative Business

THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Lia Shigemura



A recent release from United Press International reported that Philippine Parliament member Orlando Mercado expressed outrage at the "alarming levels" of mail-order bride companies which export Filipino women for marriage with foreign men, including many Americans.

Mercado stated that such businessmen are "solely engaged in matching foreigners with Filipino women, depicting the Filipina as the perfect spouse, a good housekeeper, and lately, as an efficient babymaker." Mercado intends to introduce legislation which will make classified advertising for mail-order bride publications illegal and punishable by fines and a maximum of 8 years in jail.

The objectives of mail-order bride businesses, with names such as "Lotus Blossom" and "Love Overseas," are to sell photo catalogues of Asian women that indirectly or directly arrange marriages between Asian women and their American male clients.

Recent national coverage, most notably from the Wall Street

Journal, has highlighted the phenomenon of these proliferating businesses. The media have not, however, examined the racist, sexist and potentially exploitative aspects involved with such businesses which deal in the trade of Asian women. This issue has been implicitly condoned by the media, which have not investigated possible instances of spouse abuse, desertion or forced prostitution.

The JACL has taken a strong position against these businesses as they affect the women directly involved and the general public perception of Asian women.

Irene Hirano, chair of the national women's concern committee, stated, "In the light of the economic and political conditions of the countries from which the women come, the choice to become involved in a catalogue-arranged marriage may be the only true answer to survival. These women are at a distinct disadvantage because of their unfamiliarity with INS regulations and may live under an unwarranted fear of deportation which may be fostered by their spouses for control. It is important for us to advocate on behalf of these women."

Hirano also commented, "We are encouraged by Mercado's proposed legislation which we hope will add momentum to the international movement against the sexual exploitation of women, including the Asian mail order bride businesses in the United States."

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BOARD MEETING

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group of representative Sansei.
Eventually, the Board decided to adopt participation in the LDP delegation with the provision that the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, chair of the Governors' Caucus, and National Director prepare selection criteria in anticipation of another LDP invitation this autumn.
In the area of budget woes, Takamine reported that the organization is running \$40,000 behind in income this year than at the same time last year. He noted that membership revenues are coming in more slowly this year and wondered if chapters were accumulating checks.
Governors were urged to tell chapters to process dues as quickly as possible.
The chapter redress pledges

also have not been coming in consistently, causing the redress program to borrow heavily from the Endowment Fund. By September 30, 1985, another \$40,000 will have to be borrowed to pay back the 1983-84 loan. Pledges are meeting the salary needs of redress, and the borrowing has been for the program needs. Takamine emphasized that chapters should come through with their pledge amounts as close to the total amount and as soon as possible.
To date, \$80,000 has been borrowed over a two year period.
On the membership side, VP for membership Rose Ochi said it had been brought to her attention that chapters were not receiving any compensation for the special life membership of \$500. To correct this situation, the Board decided that 20% of the earnings of the life membership dues will be rebated to the chapters.

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