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Uncle Tam (Victor Wong) and Geraldine (Laureen Chew) in a scene from Wayne Wang's new film "Dim Sum." (Story on page 8.)

## LEC legislative strategy explained

by Robert Shimabukuro

SAN FRANCISCO — Financial matters and legislative strategy dominated the JACL/LEC Board meeting at National Headquarters, Sept. 20-21. But the underlying concern seemed to be the "split" between JACL (the volunteer organization) and the JACL/LEC (the lobbying organization), and the advice from tax consultant Ward Pynn that the JACL could transfer money to LEC (see Oct. 4 PC).

After a discussion on the financial state of the LEC, which is falling behind the fund-raising timetable set by Fund-raising Chair Harry Kajihara, Kajihara moved to ask JACL for \$150,000 a year. The motion was seconded by Cherry Kinoshita. LEC chair Min Yasui stated that LEC was

simply asking JACL to help out a "little," which brought about the response from Kinoshita that she thought JACL should help out "a lot."

Following a discussion of the need for cooperation and coordination between JACL Redress and LEC, the motion passed 7-3. (The JACL Board granted LEC \$75,000 Sept. 22.)

Kajihara, Denny Yasuhara and Shig Wakamatsu were then named to an expenditure authorization committee.

Grant Ujifusa then gave his Legislative Strategies Report, a report which outlined the status, direction and priorities for the LEC.

Reporting that the 4 Nikkei members of Congress are "cur-

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## Attacks on Vietnamese barred

BOSTON — Attorney General Francis Bellotti, acting on information provided by the Boston Police Dept.'s Community Disorders Unit and the Boston Housing Authority, obtained a series of orders Sept. 24 against six young adults charged with violating the civil rights of Vietnamese families living in the Orient Heights housing development in East Boston.

Bellotti filed a complaint Sept. 20 charging that the defendants repeatedly spat upon the victims, shouted racial slurs and vandalized their cars.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge John Irwin Jr. approved final consent judgments against Ralph Riz-

zuti, 18, John E. Whidden, 18, John T. McDonald, 17, and Anthony Corrado, 22, who were charged with harassing Vietnamese residents.

The judgments permanently prohibit the defendants from further harassing individuals of any race or national origin and order them to stay away from the victims' homes.

Irwin issued preliminary injunctions against John G. Albano, 22, and Joseph Mathieson, 18, spelling out the same restrictions as the judgments. The two could face civil trials on the charges. Violations of the orders or the judgments would result in contempt of court charges.

All of the defendants live in East Boston.

This case marks the tenth time since the state Civil Rights Act was enacted in 1979 that Bellotti has filed suit to protect Asian Americans from harassment.

"Civil rights is a cooperative effort," Bellotti said. "This office, the Boston Police Dept. and the Boston Housing Authority will enforce the orders handed down today and make every effort to prevent a recurrence of these kinds of incidents."

"Sgt. Bill Johnston deserves a tremendous amount of credit, not only for his commitment to civil rights, but for his investigative technique."

The case is being handled for Bellotti by Asst. Attorney General Diana Tanaka.

## U.S., Japan mayors back free trade

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Japan-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents came to a rousing conclusion Sept. 7 as delegates, spouses and conference organizers celebrated at a Western-style "sayonara" party in the Lloyd Center Ice Pavilion.

The conference, which opened Sept. 4 with welcoming addresses by Portland mayor "Bud" Clark, Sapporo mayor Takeshi Itagaki, and Ambassador to the U.S. Nobuo Matsunaga, ended on a note of optimism for increased economic cooperation between the U.S. and Japan.

At a news conference preced-

ing the party, West Coast mayors and business leaders expressed strong support for a continued open market.

Delegates to the conference adopted a trade resolution supporting "bilateral efforts to promote, through deepening understanding of each other, mutually beneficial trade relationships based on free trade and open markets between the United States and Japan."

In his opening day address, Matsunaga told conferees that trade protection measures under consideration in Congress could seriously damage world trade. "The world learned from bitter

experience in the 1930s that protectionism is not a solution to trade problems," he said.

The conference, scheduled to permit delegates time to "socialize" and make individual contacts, included tours of Portland, Washington County, and Mt. Hood as delegates from various cities made pitches for Japanese investments.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein took advantage of the opportunity to tell the influential Japanese audience of their cities' increased business ties with Japan. Both also said they opposed protectionist trade legislation now being considered in Congress as a way to improve the U.S. trade deficit, which reached \$123 billion in 1984.

—From reports by The Oregonian

## Plaintiff in sexual harassment suit dies

by Brenda Paik Sunoo  
East West

SUNNYVALE, Calif.—A memorial service for Un Chong Kerr, a Korean American teacher and activist, was held Sept. 12 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Kerr, a 36-year-old immigrant, died Sept. 7 at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View after contracting pneumonia and suffering a cardiac arrest.

The Asian American community first came to know of Kerr over a year and a half ago when news was published of her lawsuit against San Francisco Community College District and the director of the Alemany Center, William Tresnon. Kerr's four-year-old lawsuit, which is still pending, charges Tresnon and the district with sexual harassment (see June 29, 1984 PC).

Over 100 friends and supporters gathered to hear testimonials tracing her nine years in the U.S. that began in December 1976, when she came to marry her American husband-to-be, Michael Kerr. They met in South Korea while she was employed as a language teacher for American soldiers at Kimpo Airport.

"Un Chong was a child of light and fire," reflected Rev. William Miller, her close friend and counselor. "Then there was the dark time of confusion, aloneness, fear and deep hurt—and the poor health began. A brightness went out of her in that dark time."

"Then the fire came back. This time the fire of righteous anger seeking justice, justice for herself but more, for every shy and vulnerable Asian woman intimidated and abused by men with power over them."



Un Chong Kerr

Born in Taejon, South Korea, Kerr graduated from Korea University in Seoul, majoring in Korean linguistics, literature and education. She desired to be a language teacher. In August 1977, she obtained her first job in the U.S. as a library aide at San Francisco Community College, with the possibility of a teaching position at a later date.

She devoted as much time as her health would allow to community activities. As a member of the San Jose chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women), Kerr became phone coordinator and spoke to many other sexual harassment victims.

"Although my wife was getting physically weaker"—undergoing kidney dialysis three times a week—"she was getting spiritually stronger," said her husband. "Helping other women, she was no longer a victim, but a healer."

In June 1984, Kerr attended an Oakland fundraiser for the Vincent Chin case and met the slain man's mother, who was on a West Coast speaking tour.

UC Berkeley lecturer Merle Woo recalled Kerr's participation in a forum called "The Politics of Persistence" last November. At that program Kerr said, "Immigrant women—wherever it happens, you must speak out, support each other, join together. Stop it, once and for all!"

Kerr's attorney, Catherine Dickson, said, "Un Chong's case will continue despite her unfortunate death. Her husband Michael will become the new plaintiff, and he intends to carry on in her behalf."

Dickson also stated that Kerr's deposition was taken for five days and that the deposition can be used at the trial in place of her live testimony. Kerr's husband is already committed to using a significant portion of any settlement from the case to establish a fund for other sexual harassment victims in his wife's name, Dickson said.

Kerr is survived by four sisters and two brothers in South Korea. A fifth sister, Ye Soon Oh, had been taking care of her since last December.

Kerr's husband requests that any memorial gifts be sent to Artificial Kidney Patients Club, El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Rd., Mountain View, CA 94040, or to Trinity United Methodist Church, 583 E. Fremont, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.



## Administration position on bilingual education opposed

by Karen Wong  
East West

SAN FRANCISCO—The Reagan Administration will seek to de-regulate federal bilingual education programs to give local school districts more control over their programs, said Secretary of Education William Bennett on Sept. 26, stirring angry words from local Chinese American educators and community leaders.

"It's outrageous that Bennett is proposing to give local school districts carte blanche to do whatever they choose to do," said Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action. "The danger... is that you don't know what the school districts will do" without federal regulations, he said.

School board member Ben Tom said, "Bennett's support for local control will not hurt San Francisco." He added, however, that other districts may be hurt because "some may abandon bilingual ed."

"What Bennett proposes would give districts excuses for

not having bilingual ed," said Irene Dea Collier, president of The Assn. of Chinese Teachers.

### Placing the Blame

Bennett advocates making students fluent in English rather than promoting knowledge of their native languages and cultures, according to the New York Times. He said federal bilingual education policies have become "confused as to purpose and overbearing as to means" over the last 20 years and that "too many children have failed to become fluent in English."

"After \$1.7 billion of federal funding," he continued, "we have no evidence that the children whom we sought to help... have benefitted."

"They [the Reagan Administration] place blame for the high dropout rate on bilingual ed," said Der, adding that this is an "unfair accusation."

Der said Bennett is implying that bilingual education "failed because kids don't do as well." However, said Der, "many kids who fail or drop out are kids who do not receive any bilingual education at all... These kids don't

fall through the cracks because they're in bilingual ed classes; they fall through the cracks because they're not in bilingual ed classes."

Collier said, "I don't know where Bennett is doing his research... According to research in California, children are doing better" as a result of bilingual education.

### 'Politics, Not Research'

"Bilingual education does help," said Roger Tom, program manager of S.F.'s Bilingual Education Dept. Bennett, he said, is probably "not looking at the evidence very closely" and is "speaking politically rather than from a research standpoint."

Bennett said the advocacy of local control "should not be mistaken for a return to the old days of sink or swim" and that the administration will continue to "enforce the requirement that school districts provide equal opportunity for students deficient in English."

According to Roger Tom, when local school districts had control over their bilingual education programs about 20 years ago, the

S.F. School District used only English and "it didn't work very well." Many of the students had to take "bonehead" classes in math and history because they could not understand some of the concepts in English.

### Both Languages Used

Under present federal regulations, said Tom, students in the program take two English classes and take other courses in their primary language. As the student becomes more fluent in English, more English is used in all the classes; by a student's second year in the program, the classes are usually taught half in English and half in the primary language.

On the average, Tom said, only 15-20% of the day is spent using the student's primary language.

To give local districts complete autonomy is "somewhat like going back 20 years," he said.

## Community Affairs

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — Japanese American Medical Assn. sponsors the annual Medical-Dental Golf Tournament Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m., at Montebello Golf Course. It is open to all medical, dental and allied health personnel. An award dinner follows the course. There is also a special flight for non-handicap players. Send name, handicap, club affiliation and \$40 fee to Dr. Ron Matsunaga, 8500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1020, Beverly Hills, 90211. Info: (213) 659-2660.

LOS ANGELES—Koreisha Chushoku Kai, a nutrition program for the elderly, holds its annual benefit luau Oct. 25, beginning 10:30 a.m., at Nishihonganji Recreation Center, corner of 1st and Vignes. Info: Emi Yamaki, 680-9173.

The March of Dimes Celebrity Bowling Tournament will be held Oct. 26 at Little Tokyo Bowl, 333 S. Alameda St., L.A. 90013. Corporate team competition (with Nissan among the participants)—10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; ribbon cutting ceremony—1-2 p.m.; celebrity bowling tournament (with George Takei of "Star Trek," Hedi Bohay of "Hotel" and Ned Wertimer of "The Jeffersons")—2-6 p.m. Entry fees: \$500 for corporate teams, \$25 for celebrity tournament. Deadline: Oct. 19. Send checks payable to March of Dimes to above address. Contact: Ava Jordan-Gay, (213) 675-7030.

Composer/musician Yasukazu Sato, also known as Yas-Kaz, makes his U.S. debut at Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Oct. 18-19, 8 p.m. Performing on a wide range of traditional and modern percussion and woodwind instruments from around

the world, including some of his own creation, he has toured solo and with dance groups such as Sankaijuku. Tickets: \$10-12. Info: (213) 680-3700.

OAKLAND—Asian Pacific Personnel Assn. holds its 5th annual conference, Vital Issues in Human Resources, at the Hyatt International Hotel, 455 Hegenberger Rd., Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is David Castro of Alameda County Personnel; topics include wrongful termination, comparable worth, targeted recruitment, and compensation and benefits. Fee: \$30 for APPA members and students, \$35 for non-members. Info: Doug Chin, (415) 979-1929 or Dorothy Chen, (415) 333-9103.

NEW YORK—Pan Asian Represents "Once is Never Enough," by R.A. Shiomi, Marc Hayashi and Lane Nishikawa, through Nov. 2 at Playhouse 46, 423 West 46 St. Directed by Raul Aranas and featuring Carol Honda, Ron Nakahara, Natsuko Ohama, Alkis Papoutsis, Richard Voigts and Henry Yuk, "Once" is a sequel to the detective comedy "Yellow Fever." Tickets are \$10-15. Info: 245-2660.

WEST COVINA, Calif.—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese American Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., presents a Halloween Party for high school and college age young adults Oct. 26, 8 p.m.-midnight in the center gym. Cost: \$5. Includes costume contest, disc jockey, dancing, and refreshments (no alcohol). Info: (818) 960-2566 or 337-9123.

SAN FRANCISCO—Stanford doctoral candidate Valerie Matsumoto will talk on the history of the Japanese American Community in Walnut Grove as part of the Center for Japanese American Studies monthly lecture series Oct. 18, 8 p.m., at Nichi Bei Kai, 1759 Sutter St. Info: (415) 567-5006.

GARDENA, Calif.—Legal education presentations on Seniors' Rights on Nov. 9, 1-3 p.m., at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., will cover social security, medicare, immigration, family law, conservatorships, wills, and other subjects in English and Japanese. Admission is free. Sponsors: JCI, Gardena Pioneer Project, Japanese American Bar Assn.

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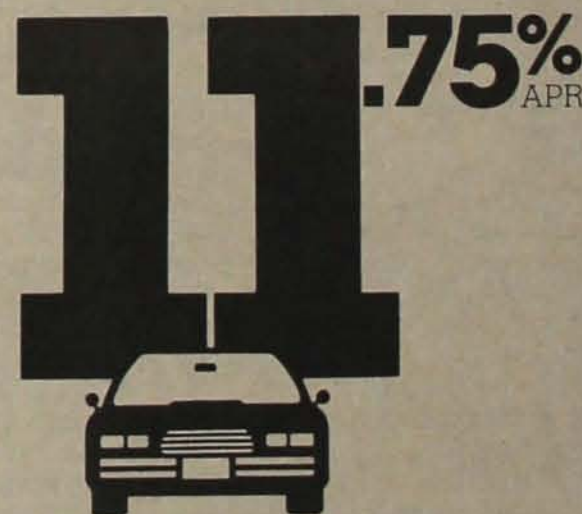
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## ADL/B'nai B'rith to honor Lily Chen

LOS ANGELES—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has chosen Lily Lee Chen, former mayor of Monterey Park, as the recipient of its 1985 Distinguished Community Service Award.

The award will be presented at a dinner in Chen's honor Nov. 17 at the Ambassador Hotel. Carole Sumner and Henry Hwang are co-chairing the dinner, which is intended as an opportunity for Asian Americans and the ADL to work together in fighting discrimination.

Chen was elected to the Monterey Park city council in 1982, receiving the largest number of votes of any municipal candidate in the city's history. She has the distinction of being the first Chinese American woman mayor in the U.S. Currently, she is director of public affairs for the L.A. County Dept. of Children's Services.

Her record of achievements led to two presidential appointments. Gerald Ford named her to HEW's Advisory Committee on the Rights and Responsibilities of Women; Jimmy Carter appointed her to the National Advisory Council on Adult Education.

Her awards for community involvement include the East L.A. College Alumni Assn.'s Outstanding Community Service Award and a special commendation from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

For additional information, call Mark Groner at the ADL office, (213) 655-2300.



Lily Lee Chen

## Kamehameha 'family' introduced to Senate by Matsunaga

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) introduced Hawaii's royal family, the Kamehameha dynasty, to the nation's capital Sept. 23-27 by way of an exhibit of nine sculptures created by artist Edwin Kayton of Kailua-Kona.

The sculptures, called the Kamehameha series, were on display in the rotunda of the Senate Russell Office Building. They were previously displayed in Lt. Gov. John Waihee's offices at the Hawaii Capitol and Honolulu Hale.

In a speech on the floor of the

Senate, Matsunaga said he invited Kayton to present his work "not only because of the great artistic merit of the work, but also because of the historical importance of the Kamehameha dynasty in the political development of Hawaii."

"Hawaii is the only member of the Union of States which evolved through four different stages of political character, from a monarchy to a republic to a U.S. territory and finally to statehood. The Kamehameha Series presents much of Hawaii's history during the period when it was a monarchy in a most striking way."

The nine sculptures are of Kamehameha the Great, who united the islands under one political rule; his two royal wives, Ka'ahumanu and Keopulani; Liholiho-Kamehameha II; Kamehameha III; Alexander Liholiho-Kamehameha IV; Lot Kapa'uiwa-Kamehameha V; Ruth Ke'elikolani; and Bernice Pauahi Bishop.

Matsunaga said the display is an appropriate way to observe two important events: the celebration

of Aloha Week in Hawaii, which began Sept. 21, and the 20th anniversary of legislation establishing the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities. He supported that measure while in the House of Representatives.

The artist and his sister, Verna Keoho, conceived the idea of the sculptures in 1983. They spent two years of research under the guidance of Hawaiian historian A'ala Roy Akana in order to complete the private project. The sculptures, made from water-based clay without armatures, were air-dried prior to bisque-firing. A limited edition of 20 sets is planned, each of which will be displayed on a base of koa designed by Kirk Keoho, the artist's brother-in-law.

## Memorial fund established for dancer

SEATTLE—A memorial fund to promote the exchange of contemporary Japanese and American artists has been established in the name of the late Yoshiyuki Takada, according to International Examiner.

A member of the avant-garde dance troupe Sankaijuku, Takada fell to his death during a Sept. 10 performance in Pioneer Square (see Sept. 20 PC). Mark Murphy of On the Boards, which sponsored the performance, said the fund was set up at the request of Takada's family.

Takada's parents and sister came to Seattle two days after the tragedy to attend a candlelight vigil in Occidental Park and to pray at the site where Takada fell.

While hanging from the roof of a building with three other Sankaijuku members in what was billed as a "dance of birth and death," Takada fell about 80 feet when his rope snapped. The King County Medical Examiner's office ruled the death accidental. The ropes had been provided by On the Boards.

The group canceled the remainder of its U.S. tour after the accident. Takada had been a member of the *buto*-style group since its formation in 1975.

Donations will go to the Austero Arts Assn., an organization Takada helped found, based in New York and Tokyo. For more information, contact On the Boards at (206) 325-7901.

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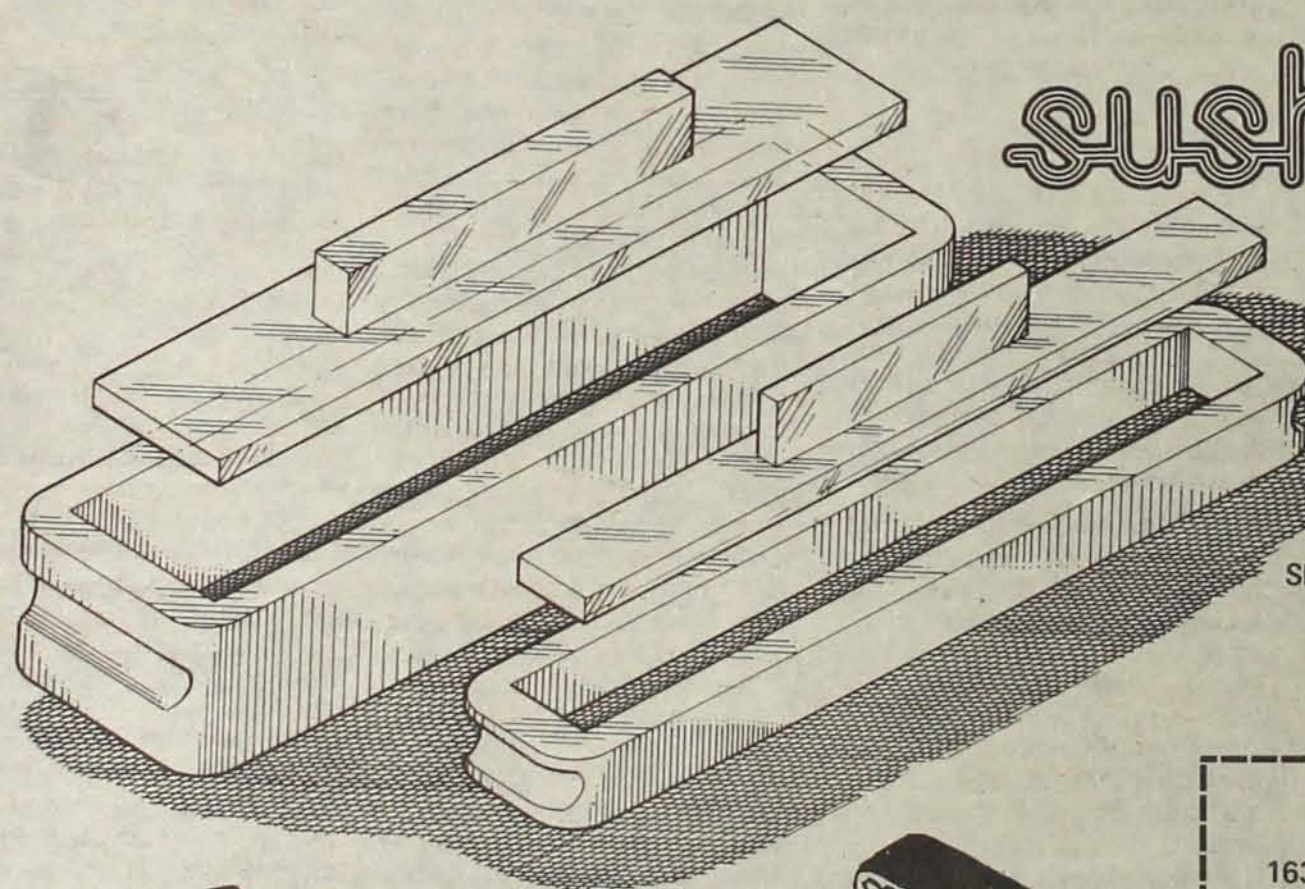
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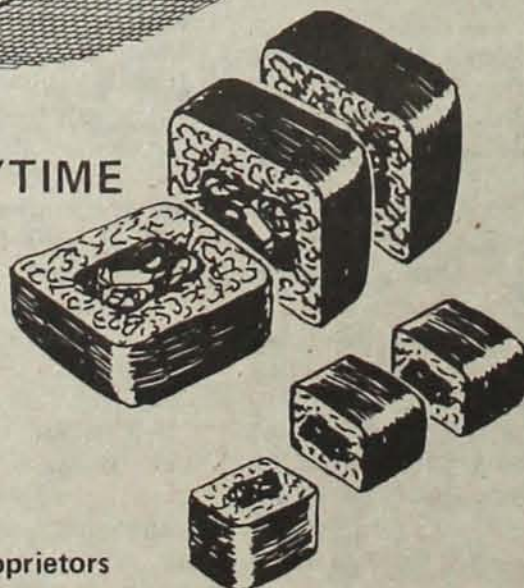
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## Strength Through Unity

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THIS PAST SUMMER, through the good offices of JACL National President Frank Sato, a summit gathering of AJA groups active in redress was held in San Francisco. In addition to JACL people there were representatives from NCJAR (National Council for Japanese American Redress), NCCRR (National Coalition for Redress/Reparations), Washington Coalition for Redress as well as observers from the *coram nobis* legal teams and veterans' organizations. From bits and pieces we've read, the evaluation of the meeting was highly favorable, including the even-handed manner in which President Sato conducted the meeting.

We commend President Sato in initiating the summit meeting and the manner in which he guided the affair.

ALL TOO LONG there has existed competitive bickering coupled with innuendoes, dissipating strength and resources so sorely needed for the main thrust common to all the groups—the overturning of the residue and stigma of the uprooting and incarceration of 120,000 people with race as the sole criterion. Why minorities engage in intra-group bickering and fighting, even as the common target of the forces of injustice smilingly stand aside, is one that has always puzzled me. But I've seen it among various minority groups. It's so obvious that internecine forays are self-destructive.

PERHAPS IT HAS something to do with the continuing feeling of insecurity which, in turn, needs the antidote of personal recognition, a pat on the back. If that be so, let those who need the pats on the back have them, but also let them stand aside or—better yet—then put their shoulders to the common wheel and get our common project rolling. In so doing, you will be joining a number of outstanding AJA's. I do not know all of them, and I cannot say I know any intimately; but I do know something about some of them.

COLUMBUS DAY, 1985



FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S Bill Hohri from Chicago, who is the guiding light and mainstay of the monumental NCJAR lawsuit which continues in Washington, D.C. Aware of the great obstacles which they faced, the NCJAR folks nonetheless proceeded, raising over \$75,000 to conduct the lawsuit. And they need more, for it is a most costly campaign to conduct a full-blown litigation from scratch: costs of research, discovery, documentation, exhibits, witnesses, and so on.

We continue to wish NCJAR our warmest *yoroshiku*.

DURING THE COMMISSION hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco, we came across a group of dedicated workers of the NCCRR who had organized "community" hearings held at night for those folks who, because of physical infirmities or work during the day, were unable to attend the regularly scheduled hearings. At least three of the commissioners attended such hearings in both cities. One of the principal workers of NCCRR was a personable fellow by name of Bert Nakano.

We were deeply impressed by all of these NCCRR folks: dedica-

ted, unselfish, hard working.

ALL THE OTHER people—those dedicated lawyers and workers volunteering their time to the *coram nobis* lawsuits, the concerned veterans including those from "Go For Broke, Inc."—are also deeply concerned and reflecting that concern by their work.

These are some of the great talents, the fine people, that are working on behalf of all of us.

IT IS GOOD that President Sato initiated this dialogue among all these groups and JACL. In unity there is strength.

## Some Things Never Change

ONE THING  
LEADS  
TO ANOTHER

Bob  
Shimabukuro



This past weekend I had the good fortune to take advantage of the "airfare wars" going on along the West Coast and went back to Portland to visit my daughter and attend the wedding of a close friend. The intention was, of course, to write a few articles in peace away from the frequent interruptions of phone calls here at the office.

However, as you can well imagine, old friends calling and visiting made that nearly impossible and I quickly gave up and decided to have a good time instead.

Whenever I'm with my daughter, I get caught up in her world and it takes me a while to re-adjust to the PC office after being immersed in the world of Seventeen and Teen magazines, Esprit clothes, gels and mousse for the hair, Crayons by El Greco, and lest we forget, the ever present topics of boys, braces, and music videos. All right? All right. Okay? Okay. OK. Repeat 100 times.

While we debate the value of beauty contests, we should also take a look at the world of teenage fashion and those magazines which push these products, from nail polish to hair care products to Crayon clothes(?) (remember when that was something you colored with?). These magazines promote a standard of beauty and acceptability equal in influence to any movie, television or video production—Mira awaits the appearance of each issue the way I used to wait for the monthly arrival of Mad and Sport maga-

zines (and tell me, does anyone await their issue of the PC with such bated breath?).

I am a little taken aback by the similarity of today's fashions with those of the late '60s, the difference being that today's fashions are a little more "sanitized." Loud, phosphorescent colors, paisley and other intricate prints. Lacy, print stockings, all clean and neat—even the "wrinkled" cotton looks as if the wrinkles are pressed into the fabric.

It's as if someone liked the hippie stuff and decided to wash and press everything. I wonder if the drugs are sanitized also.

Anyway, I ended up looking at all the ads and articles of a Teen issue. Found very few non-Caucasian models, and perhaps one Asian model (with a very non-Asian nose).

But Portland was beautiful. Only rained one day... the day of the wedding, of course. The leaves are turning, but everything else is green. Oregon and Oregon State are having problems winning football games as usual, but life goes on, unlike the pressures that mount in Southern California when teams lose here.

Oregon's coach gets a standing ovation when he meets with his booster club after a humiliating defeat at the hands (and every other part of the body) of Nebraska. I wonder what would happen if UCLA or USC lost by 40 points to Nebraska. There is a definite difference in attitude. Maybe it's the rain. After all, what's a little more rain on someone's parade?

Flew back to L.A.—it was hot. Jumped into my car—it wouldn't start. Finally made my way to the office—still no air conditioning. Back in L.A.—some things never change.

## Letters

### Rebuttal to the Rebuttal

J.K. Yamamoto's ridiculous "rebuttal" to my letter of Sept. 20 avoids the questions I raised about the PC's and the JACL's policies toward Jesse Jackson.

This is the issue: Like a street hustler, Jackson continues to woo Japanese Americans, in loud and vulgar tones; PC has been silent; does silence imply consent? Is the PC playing the passive Asian, or is it encouraging a demagogue?

Certainly Jackson's calling Japanese Americans into a "Rainbow Coalition" and his repeated offensive and preposterous comparisons of Japanese Americans with Japanese can reasonably be said to pass Yamamoto's test of being a "stupid or offensive remark" directed at Asian Americans or a foreign policy issue "somehow related to Asian Americans," and thus qualify as a matter for PC editorial comment.

Realizing the insufficiency of mere evasiveness, Yamamoto attempts to divert attention by making silly, unfounded assertions about my beliefs concerning civil rights. To get back to the issue, I cannot believe that most Japanese American organizations and publications—much less most Japanese Americans, which are not quite the same thing—endorse or could even be neutral regarding Jackson's principles of class hatred and racial antagonism.

Japanese Americans might agree to disagree about other subjects—affirmative action, President Reagan (whom Yamamoto finds the space in his column to attack, gratuitously), and yes, even redress—but I should hope that we are united in our commitment to a color-blind Constitution

protecting individual rights.

And such a commitment, as expressed in the moving language of the JACL Creed, means that the PC and the JACL must keep their distance from Jackson and the politics he represents, and not be shy about stating their differences.

I was hoping to engage PC on the issues; Yamamoto's condescending treatment of Jesse Jackson is deeply disappointing.

KEN MASUGI  
Montclair, Calif.

### Another View of Jackson

I must respond to Ken Masugi's letter of Sept. 20. His view does not represent mine nor the views of other JAs with whom I've discussed his letter.

Mr. Masugi's interpretation of Jesse Jackson's statement against the A-bomb as an anti-Semitic "trivializing of the Holocaust" is absurd. How can a response to any inhumanity diminish the pain felt for another? After all, do not Jewish people also feel pain for the victims of Hiroshima? For the millions of Black people who died during slavery? For the genocide of Native American people? As we all do for the victims of the Holocaust and their descendants?

Furthermore, was not Rev. Jackson alluding to the cloud of nuclear despair under which all generations after Hiroshima must now live? His was a message of peace, not hatred.

Mr. Masugi's perception of the Rainbow Coalition is equally distorted. He describes it as "politics of class hatred and resentment." Hatred and resentment, I would argue, are the by-products of powerlessness.

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## A Fitting Memorial for Heart Mountain

Conflicting schedules made it necessary to skip the Heart Mountain WRA camp reunion at San Jose, Calif., last month, but the word we've been getting is that a great time was had by all.

One of the highlights of that get-together was an announcement that the campsite, on the once-desolate Wyoming benchland between Cody and Powell, has been certified eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The notification was sent Aug. 7 to Chester and Mary Ruth Blackburn of Ralston, who homesteaded the area after WW2, and have made the history of the camp their personal project. The letter they received said the Interior Department had found:

"The Heart Mountain Reloca-

### FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill  
Hosokawa



tion Center Historic District is exceptionally significant for its historical association with the forced evacuation of Japanese Americans and aliens of Japanese descent to detention centers during WW2. The camp represents an important series of events in American social history, and it clearly illustrates both widespread war hysteria and racial prejudice ignited by the Japanese

attack on Pearl Harbor."

The next step will be actual listing of the site in the National Register, a formality that may take several months.

The notification was received just a few days after a bronze plaque memorializing the 22 Heart Mountaineers who died in military service was mounted on a huge boulder, standing nearly eight feet tall, at the memorial park near what had been the location of the camp's administration building.

But let's start at the beginning. The Blackburns and other homesteaders, who became aware of the hardships suffered by the evacuees, took on the memorial park as an American Bicentennial project nearly a decade ago.

They cleared the brush, hauled in some boulders, poured concrete and spread gravel around the weatherbeaten remnants of the camp's military honor roll, and the park was dedicated on July 4, 1977.

More recently, Bacon Sakatani of West Covina, Calif., almost single-handedly organized the Heart Mountain High School class of 1947 in a fund-raising drive to pay for the new memorial. After discussion, the sponsors agreed on the following wording:

"This memorial plaque is dedicated to the more than 600 internees who left Heart Mountain to serve in the U.S. armed forces during WW2, and to the memory of the 22 Heart Mountaineers who gave their lives for our country."

The names of the 22 men follows. Then at the bottom of the plaque is this message:

"May the injustices of the removal and incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, never be repeated. Presented by the Heart Mountain High School class of 1947 on behalf of the 10,750 persons interned here from 1942-1945, with appreciation to the people of Park County who made this memorial park possible."

There's been talk of a pilgrimage to the memorial park, possibly in June of 1986, since not many former internees have seen it. It should be a memorable event. I'd like to be there when it happens.

## Setting Ourselves Up for Failure?

### BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

Of possible interest and of great concern are the actions taken by the National Board at its recent meeting. There was a lot of discussion about togetherness and about commitment and priorities. In my mind there is either confusion about those concepts or hardly any demonstrated concern about them.

If we are to succeed and really work together as was stated, placing conditions on the LEC redress program is counterproductive. The grassroots members and chapter leaders should ask the appropriate leadership about what happened and what is really going on within the total redress program.

We hear complaints that the communication from the LEC Redress Committee has been almost nil to the grassroots since 1 June 1985. Many of our members keep asking questions to which we have no answers. The main effort of the LEC is at present the fundraising as outlined and

approved earlier this year. What is the message when there seems to be no progress report?

Some in the NCWNP District have been taken to task for supposedly sitting on our butts and not beating the bushes to raise funds for LEC. They also question the quality of motivation. There are no hard and fast answers. It would be of great value if the members and chapter leaders wrote to the leadership as to why there is a significant lag and shortfall in the funding effort within our district.

#### Staff Morale

The shortfall in the LEC fundraising has led to a significant effect on the 1986 National JACL budget. The main effect is upon the staffpersons who already have given above and beyond the call of duty. Staff morale is expected to be at an all time low, if it isn't already.

We have a staff that cares about the organization, its members and its involvement within the communities. To take an already reduced salary and ask that they give more is grossly unfair. To reduce the programming to nothing other than redress is to say that membership recruitment and retention, as well as many other worthwhile programs, are less important.

The degree of commitment for many is contingent upon the others following their agenda without serious question. That is the perception from another point of view. How does one measure commitment by the volunteer? The amount of time spent? The amount of monies committed? The ability to raise money? The ability to organize a team effort? The follow-through? What??

#### Admission of Failure?

The reduction of the 1986 budget is an admission of either serious concern or failure of the program in place. Which is it? Either or both, or something else? Polarization within the ranks of leadership at this point in time of serious deliberation and progress is the main problem as I see it.

The discussion of coming together and working together is one-sided. Only if some of us come to agreement with the other point of view is it considered togetherness. There seems to be a lack of ability to discuss the main program, as it is perceived that we do not have the political smarts to either understand or participate in it.

#### Right to Know

This article may be thought of as creating a setback, but the

members have a right to know what is going on. The future of JACL is at stake, not only the success or failure of the redress program. I believe that we are setting ourselves up for failure and not success.

#### Feedback Essential

At this crucial time, we must rally together and meet in the middle, regardless of personal differences and perceptions and any supposed loss of face. I believe that we have lost sight of the main target due to personal differences rather than based on a thorough analysis and sound, objective reasoning. It would be nice if the grassroots members out there for once would take pen and paper to communicate their thoughts on this matter as well as others. We never hear from a good cross-section of the membership or local leaders.

#### Endowment Fund Emergency

Finally, on the issue of the National Endowment Fund: What exactly are we saving it for? In this day and time of the redress program, what does it take to declare an emergency? It was declared by majority vote this past weekend that LEC redress was to have first priority over other JACL programs in funding, at great personal sacrifice by the

staff. If the shortfall in redress fundraising is not an emergency, then how do you realistically define it?

I believe that once the redress program is completed, there will be renewed emphasis on programs that will be of interest to a new generation and we should have no problem in replenishing the fund. Is there so little faith in our commitment and ability to succeed? If the time is ripe and at its most opportune pickings and all we need is money, as we have been told, then why the hesitation? Obviously there is a lack of confidence in something.

One thing is clear—if things don't go well and the result is negative, there will be a lot of finger-pointing and a lot of rhetoric about what might have been if some of us had been more positive in our effort and support.

The same can be said for the other point of view. It would be sad if the polarization leads to a failure in the main goal and there was no serious effort to compromise and come together. Remember, we all lose in the end if this program fails. Looking for fault after the fact may soothe some feelings, but it won't change the result.

## LETTERS

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The Rainbow Coalition, however, is made up of active people from all racial, ethnic, religious and class backgrounds—women and men, elders and young people—who believe we can (and must) work together with an optimistic spirit for peace, justice and freedom. There is no room for class hatred and resentment when people are too busy working for justice together.

As for Masugi's demands to know what benefits the Rainbow Coalition offers Japanese Americans, that can be best answered by us Japanese Americans who worked on the Jackson campaign and who continue to work on Rain-

bow issues. The Rainbow goals for peace, justice and freedom, its stress on the local issues, its work-style encouraging networks and listening, its optimism for the human race, are all factors which attract us. I see a lot of benefits for my children, my people, my country and the planet with such goals.

I have no problems with PC coverage, whether it is of issues I am concerned about or columns which do not reflect my views (there have been some). The PC community is just too big and wonderfully diverse for such intolerance.

D. MISA JOO  
Eugene, Ore.

### Moratorium a Mistake

At the September meeting, the JACL National Board voted, for

various reasons, to place a moratorium on participation in the Liberal Democratic Party Japan visits. As a participant, I am saddened for others who will not benefit from the experience.

Articles from the PC indicate that most critics of involvement with the LDP are those whose formative years were before WW2. It is generally accepted that during those times, the adjective "Japanese" meant "second class." The negative association with Japan caused great injustices. The sensitivities and feelings of the past are still affecting decisions being made today. The hurt and emotional conflicts caused by being identified with Japan are understandable. However, it would be tragic to permit

the wounds of one generation to scar the next.

In October 1984, the PC published my recounting of the National Italian American Foundation Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C. Over 3,000 people attended, paying \$125 a plate. President Reagan, Vice President Bush, Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidates Mondale and Ferraro were featured speakers. Italian companies were prominent sponsors. In addition to playing the Star Spangled Banner, the military band played the Italian national anthem to great applause.

The JACL should exhibit the same level of ease, maturity, and sophistication, not only in our relationships with the U.S. government, but also with Japan. A ma-

jor obstacle is our inability to reconcile being Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Participation in programs such as the LDP Japan visits expands our horizons and allows us to contribute in new arenas. Any venture has calculated risks and one is not guaranteed success. However, playing it safe should not be the slogan of a civil rights organization.

We are the progeny of pioneering people of spirit and courage who saw opportunities and acted on them. In voting to place a moratorium on involvement with the LDP, the Board acted with the best intentions. However, it is unclear if it exhibited the leadership qualities of foresight and vision.

KRIS IKEJIRI  
Arlington, Va.



# Chapter Pulse

## Chicago

CHICAGO—The Chicago Chapter JACL Scholarship Luncheon was held June 9 at Como Inn with approximately 80 guests attending. On the scholarship committee were chair Pat Yuzawa-Rubin, Glen Ikeda, Patti Adachi, Toshi Honda, Mary Terada and Alice Esaki. The following students were awarded a total of over \$7,500:

**Chicago Nisei Post Scholarship**—Eric Sato of Chicago, Lane Technical H.S.

**Tahei Matsunaga Memorial Scholarship**—Susan Nakanishi of Chicago, Mather H.S.

**Hiroshima Kenjin-kai Scholarship**—Markham Nakagawa of Park Ridge, Maine South Township H.S.; Teresa Miyagi of Chicago, Lane Technical H.S.

**Japanese American Assn.-Kono Scholarship**—Nancy Yamaguchi of Skokie, Niles Township H.S.

**Mas Nakagawa Memorial Scholarship**—Lillian Nishimura of Chicago, Art Institute of Chicago; Dawn Rivera of Chicago, American Academy of Art.

**General Mailing Service & Sales Scholarship**—Peter Ouchi of Skokie, Evanston Township H.S.

**JASC-Sam Fukaya Memorial Scholarship**—Robert Nishime of Chicago, Lane Technical H.S.; Greg Leitich of Chicago, Lane Technical H.S.; Sue Inoue of Matteson, Rich Central H.S.

**Chicago Chapter JACL Scholarship**—Kent Nakagawa of Chicago, Von Steuben H.S.

**Chicago Chapter-Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Scholarship**—Carol Murakami of Chicago, Mather H.S.; Michiya Hibino of Chicago, Lincoln Park H.S.

## South Bay

TORRANCE, Calif.—Judge William Marutani of the Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia will be honored at a Nov. 1 reception hosted by Pacific Southwest District JACL and South Bay chapter with the help of Torrance and Pasadena chapters.

A columnist for Pacific Citizen, Marutani served as the only Japanese American appointee to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

The reception is at 7:30 p.m. at the home of George and Mary Ogawa, 22947 Felbar Ave. Info: (213) 325-7622 (home), 647-0925 (work), or 626-4471 (PSW JACL).



William Marutani

## West Los Angeles

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The West Los Angeles chapter holds its annual installation dinner Saturday, Nov. 16, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7, at Holiday Inn, Bayview Plaza, 530 Pico Blvd. Guest speaker will be City Councilman Mike Woo. For reservations, call 478-1334 (night) or 390-7958 (day). Complimentary tickets will be held at the door.

## Florin

SACRAMENTO — Florin JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sacramento Hilton Inn on Interstate 80 East and Arden Way West. No-host cocktails start at 5:50 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. Congressman Robert Matsui will be keynote speaker and Dr. Kenneth Ozawa will emcee. Tickets (\$25 each, tax deductible) must be purchased before event. Event co-chairs: Alfred Tsukamoto and Bill Kashiwagi.

Ticket outlets: California 1st Bank, Downtown, 441-7900; Sumitomo Bank, Broadway Office, 443-5761; Christine Umeda, Stepping Stone, 442-7836; Ellen Kubo, Cal. 1st Bank, Roseville, 969-2300; Kay Kisaba, Sacramento JACL, 441-2188; Mary Tsukamoto, 383-3906; George Furukawa, 383-0116; Terry Mizusaka, 381-0849; Paul Takehara, 391-6490; Grace Kono, 422-3672; George Miyao, 391-0648; Glenn Taniguchi, 381-2302; or any Florin chapter member. All numbers are area code 916.

## Gardena Valley

GARDENA, Calif.—Gardena Valley JACL and Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (JCI) present "Parenting Adolescents in the 1980s" Wednesday, Oct. 23 and 30, 7:30-9 p.m., at JCI, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl. In the first seminar, adolescent and family psychiatrist Dr. Edward Himeno will discuss issues and problems that face Japanese American families and how to cope with them; in the second, parents and adolescents will discuss the issues in small groups. Info: Betty Matsui, (213) 973-3137.

## Placer County

PENRYN, Calif.—Placer County chapter holds its 45th annual Goodwill Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19, with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7, at Placer Buddhist Church hall, 3192 Boyington Rd. Guest speaker is JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi; Lee Kusumoto will emcee. Seating is limited to about 225, so reservations should be made as soon as possible. Tickets (\$15 each) are available from Hugo Nishimoto, Tsuda Grocery, Auburn; Harry Kawahata or Frank Kageta, Main Drug, Loomis; Ken Tokutomi, Newcastle; Ellen Kubo or Hike Yego, Goto's Market, Penryn; Bill Tsuji, Rocklin; or Dick Nishimura, Calif. 1st Bank, Roseville. No tickets will be sold at the door. Info: (916) 652-6367.

## San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.—San Mateo JACL Community Center Senior Programs will attend a matinee performance of San Francisco Opera Company's production of Giuseppe Verdi's comedy "Falstaff" on Thursday, Oct. 31. Tickets available at community center for \$13, bus transportation included. Contact: (415) 343-2793. Mrs. Taz Takahashi, teacher and curriculum consultant for San Mateo School District, presents a pre-opera workshop at the center on Oct. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance.

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## Memories Abound at Camp Reunion

Nearly 1,000 former residents of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming, came from as far away as Hawaii and New York to the 2nd Reunion held in San Jose over the Labor Day weekend and departed with a great feeling of a trip worthwhile.

The group got off to a rousing start Friday night in the local Buddhist church annex with chairman Jimi Yamaichi and his committee serving the crowd of 500 a full-course meal. Following the dinner, part of the crowd separated into various smaller groups for high school class reunions and sports club, social organization and block gatherings.

Golfers had a tournament at Pasatiempo Golf Course in Santa Cruz under the chairmanship of Yas Shimoguchi.

About 130 former and present Washington and Oregon residents had a gala get-together at the Issei Memorial Building on Saturday morning. There are now many from the Pacific Northwest living in the Santa Clara Valley area.

The magnificent collection of camp photos, arts and crafts, bound issues of the Heart Mountain Sentinel, and a pot-belly stove from the camp displayed by Bacon Sakatani of West Covina attracted a huge crowd. Also, the slides and movies shown by display chairman Eiichi Sakauye and Sakatani drew a full house at each showing.

The Red Lion Inn ballroom was packed for the evening ban-

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## A Look at LEC Director Uyehara

by Robert Shimabukuro

Grayce Uyehara, the newly appointed executive director for the LEC, has been working in the JACL since she was 19 years old. She has been an active participant in the JACL redress program since 1978, first as the redress chair for the Philadelphia chapter, and more recently as the EDC Redress coordinator and a member of the National Redress Committee. For the past year, she has been a member of the LEC Board, on its executive and legislative strategies committees.

Uyehara has been responsible for raising \$14,250 (as of Sept. 7) for LEC from the Eastern District, the highest total of any district.

With respect to her new position, Uyehara told the Pacific Citizen that she sees her role as one of implementing the legislative strategies paper (see accompanying article on LEC). "Beyond that, one of the things we have to restore is the working relationship with the chapters and particularly with the regional and area redress coordinators."

"There has also been a real need to develop communication with the chapters and the redress workers. So that will have high personal priority because we know there are people who are interested in the issue. I plan to prepare a monthly newsletter keeping our troops informed as to [the progress being made] in Washington."

Seeing a credible program moving forward is another priority Uyehara has set for herself. "The purpose of the lobbying program is to make sure that the



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Present at awards luncheon in which Pacific Citizen was recognized by L.A. County Human Relations Commission were (standing, from left) Rose Ochi, National JACL v.p. of membership; Jane Ozawa, advertising; John Saito, JACL Pacific Southwest District director; Harry Honda, general manager and former editor; Candy Yamagawa, ad asst.; Robert Shimabukuro, editor; Warren Nagano, legal counsel; (seated, from left) Tomi Hoshizaki, circulation; Karen Seriguchi, Asian American Journalists Assn. director and former PC editor; and asst. editor J.K. Yamamoto.

two bills are passed in Congress. The strategy paper has as its first priority the raising of funds to carry out the LEC program. We feel the funds will come through when the community sees that there is a program that is moving and is credible. And so I see that as my primary responsibility."

As far as advice to the general membership, Uyehara urged people to contact their congressional representatives. "Those of us who have gone on the hill and talked to the 4 Nikkei members of Congress have been told that the constituents are the most important people, that members of Congress will respond [to letters and direct contacts]. And that responsibility falls on each person who cares about the redress program."

—Lobby the full Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), chair of the committee, is a co-sponsor of SB 1053. The only other co-sponsor of the bill in this 13-member committee is Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.). According to Ujifusa, Stevens is prepared to move the bill out of committee in 1985 and have the full Senate consider the bill in the spring of 1986.

—Move for neutrality from the White House. Realistically speaking, "the redress bill will not get Administration support," said Ujifusa. "If we get open opposition, we are most likely dead."

—Build support among other civil rights, ethnic and labor groups. "Many national groups have already endorsed redress, and we now have to engage the active support of people belonging to those groups at the local level."

At a late-night session Sept. 20, Cherry Kinoshita made a motion for the appointment of Grace Uyehara as the interim LEC executive director. Art Morimitsu seconded the motion. LEC Board member Rose Ochi questioned the need for the position, asking, "What is this person going to do that our Washington office can't do now?"

When asked of her expectations of the redress bills by national convention time next year, Uyehara replied that she hoped that the hearings in the subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Affairs would result in movement to the full Judiciary Committee.

She added, "[It is] also our understanding that there is a good chance that the Senate bill, through the leadership of Sen. Ted Stevens [R-Alaska], will be able to go to full committee. And as far as LEC is concerned, the fund-raising plan is for three years, so our target is to complete the task during the 100th Congress, recognizing that the window of opportunity will not remain open the further we get away from the time the commission report was put out."

Yasui answered that "what we need is the coordination of activities. We really haven't had the coordination or a central source of information going back and forth. We need someone to again pick up the momentum that we had."

A lengthy discussion on the responsibility for the "loss of momentum" and the "lack of communication" ensued; an appeal for an end to the bickering and for unity and cooperation between JACL/LEC and JACL redress by Kinoshita brought the matter to a close; the question was called and Uyehara's selection passed with one dissenting vote.

## PC receives John Anson Ford Award

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Citizen received the John Anson Ford Award from the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations "for timely and balanced coverage of human relations and issues of importance to the diverse peoples of Los Angeles County" during an Oct. 2 luncheon at the Music Center.

The award was presented by County Supervisor Ed Edelman, who said that PC "focuses on education, public relations, communications as a means of achieving inter-group harmony and understanding." County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn added, "Your paper speaks out for human rights. I'm proud of your paper."

PC general manager and former editor Harry Honda accepted the award "with deep gratitude and a sense of responsibility to continue on."

Other award recipients were:

—Boy's Market, Inc., for contributing to "community development and an improved human relations climate" by opening stores in South Central L.A. even though other businesses avoided the area after the Watts Riots.

—Nancy Mintie of Inner City Legal Center in the Skid Row area "for advocacy on behalf of the homeless and unwavering dedication to equality and justice for all persons."

—Rafer Johnson, 1960 Olympic

athlete and 1984 Olympic torchbearer, "for steadfast involvement in human relations and civil rights" in fair housing, equal employment, and the Special Olympics for the handicapped.

—Rev. George Van Alstine, pastor of Altadena Baptist Church, for "support of school desegregation and commitment to the achievement of equality in education."

The awards were named for John Anson Ford, county supervisor from 1934-58, who was responsible for establishing the Human Relations Commission in 1944 following the wartime "Zoot Suit" riots. He died in 1983 at age 100.

Keynote speaker Bill Stout, KCBS-TV commentator, praised Ford's work and dismissed the notion that civil rights are no longer a relevant concern as "so much nonsense... People do care, people are concerned."

Commission president Albert DeBlanc said that the commission is still needed "because no community in the world has ever coped with such diversity and we are trying to learn how to overcome tensions and misunderstandings" among L.A.'s various racial, ethnic and religious groups and "how to use the vast creative potential of our diversity."

"Contrary to the assumptions of much public opinion and public policy," said DeBlanc, "many of the old forms of prejudice and discrimination are still with us... For every 'Cosby Show,' there is a 'Year of the Dragon.'"

Sworn in as new commission officers were DeBlanc, vice president Morris Kight, and secretary Eleanor Montano. It was Kight who nominated PC for the John Anson Ford media award.

In Washington, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), in a speech given Sept. 24 in the House of Representatives, stated that PC "has provided balanced reporting on issues of concern to the Asian American community... [and] served as a community kiosk where ideas and opinions can be discussed and analyzed."

"The Pacific Citizen is a vital and important asset to... all Americans who seek to celebrate and promote better relations among our great nation's diverse population... Its editors, writers and readers are to be congratulated for a distinguished record of achievement. They are richly deserving of this important recognition."

## Businessman and engineer honored

LOS ANGELES—Keiji Higashi and William Yang were honored at an Oct. 4 awards banquet co-hosted by Asian Business Assn. (ABA) and Asian American Architects and Engineers (AAA&E) and held at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Higashi, who was named Business Owner of the Year by ABA, is president of Monterey Furniture and Alu-Mont Inc., chairman of the board for Omni Bank and a board member of two local hospitals. He is also a contributor to philanthropic and youth organizations in Monterey Park.

Yang, principal of William Yang & Associates, was named Engineer of the Year by AAA&E. He is a founding director and board member of AAA&E and is also affiliated with Assn. of Minority Consultants and Calif. Chinese Assn. of Construction Professionals.

## LEC

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rently more than cautiously optimistic," Ujifusa cited Rep. Henry Hyde's co-sponsorship of H.R. 442 as a sign for optimism.

In addition, Rep. Sam Hall (D-Texas), the ex-chair of the subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Affairs, where the bill presently resides in the House, has been replaced by Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kansas), who is more sympathetic to redress.

Ujifusa listed the priorities for LEC as follows:

—Raise money. Commented Ujifusa, "The situation in Washington has changed for the better, making chances for passage of the redress bill much brighter. But we cannot capitalize on the good news unless the community has a full-time staff director in Washington to lead and co-ordinate the lobbying effort."

—Work for 2 votes on Glickman's subcommittee. With 3 co-sponsors on the subcommittee, Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), and George Crockett (D-Mich.), plus a sympathetic Glickman, Ujifusa felt that only 2 more votes were needed to move this bill out of subcommittee.

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## 'Dim Sum': A Family Affair

by J.K. Yamamoto

Wayne Wang thinks that his new film, "Dim Sum," will "provide an alternative—since it's out at the same time as 'Year of the Dragon' is out—for people to see a whole different kind of film with a more realistic portrayal of the Chinese."

Those who lambasted "Dragon" for its one-dimensional portrayals may well find what they've been looking in "Dim Sum," which focuses on interpersonal relationships in a Chinese American family, particularly between a daughter and her immigrant mother.

A longtime film buff who says his father, having just seen "Red River," named him after John Wayne, Wang first gained recognition with "Chan is Missing," a story of two cabbies who search San Francisco Chinatown for their vanished business partner.

Wang characterizes "Dim Sum" as different from "Chan," though not necessarily better. "This one is much more female oriented. 'Chan is Missing' is more male oriented. 'Chan is Missing' was a broader, more complex picture of the Chinese community, and this one is much more focused and specific."

In fact, the final cut of "Dim Sum" was even more specific than the original story. "Initially it was sort of like a 'St. Elmo's Fire'—five Chinese American women... sort of an ensemble piece, which got changed because I felt I couldn't grab onto what the movie was really about."

"One of the stories was much stronger than the other four, for me, which is the mother and daughter story. So we stopped it and focused in on this one story."

If there seems to be a physical resemblance between mother and daughter in the film, it's no accident; Geraldine (Laureen Chew) and Mrs. Tam (Kim Chew) are mother and daughter offscreen as well as on.

"We actually sat down with the daughter by herself and the mother by herself, the mother and daughter together, and did a lot of research," explains Wang. "We took the information and created a story based roughly on their own lives."

Wang thinks the real-life relationship between Mrs. Chew and her daughter "helped more than anything else. There were a lot of things that were so natural for the two... There were other scenes where, because the lines they were saying echoed certain real feelings in themselves, that triggered off very real emotions."

And how did the movie affect the two? "I think it helped both of them to think more clearly about their relationship... Laureen was more forced, by doing the movie, to think about herself and the relationship with her mother and make a decision. Toward the end of the filming, she actually decided she was going to live away from the house, at least half of the time."

The conflict in the film comes from the wish of the widowed Mrs. Tam, who believes she will die soon, to see her daughter married as soon as possible. Although Ger-

aldine has a boyfriend (John Nishio) in Los Angeles, she doesn't want to be pushed into marriage; nor does she want to see her mother living alone and unattended.

Searching for a solution, Geraldine consults with Uncle Tam (Victor Wong), who may have marriage plans of his own, and with her independent friend Julia (Cora Miao), who does not seem to be bound by family ties.

"Dim Sum" is a family affair in more ways than one, since the actress who plays Julia is Wang's wife. In one scene, she expresses her dating preferences by describing Chinese men as "dead wood." "That's sort of like an inside joke for myself," Wang says, "one to keep me honest and a little more critical of myself."

Asked how he thought non-Asians would react to the film, he replies, "I knew that there was enough stuff there for them to identify with and be moved by, because the bottom line of the movie is that it's really about family members and their interaction."

Inspired by Japanese filmmaker Yasujiro Ozu, Wang added many "empty shots" of inanimate objects—rooms in the Tam household, shoes left by the doorway.



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto  
Wayne Wang

Wang feels that such shots reflect the experiences of the family to the point where the house itself becomes a character in the film. "The shoes sort of locked everything in," adds Wang, "in that it's just a nice image of the generational differences—the daughter's shoes versus the mother's shoes."

Wang anticipated that reviewers would either love the film or hate it "because we took a lot of chances... the film is basically a very quiet sort of non-Hollywood film that has what's called a very thin story."

His feelings about the film's essential appeal were vindicated by the reviews, which he says are 85 to 90% positive. And when "Dim Sum" premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, "the European response was really strong... it was really well received."

As for the possible impact of the film, Wang says, "Hopefully it will help other Asian American films that will come along very soon... Hopefully it will just inspire different people to make movies like 'Dim Sum.'"

## 'Woman Warrior' awardees named

SAN FRANCISCO — The winners of this year's Women Warrior Awards, presented by Pacific and Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition, will be honored Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m., at a luncheon at the Presidio Officers' Club. The recipients are:

Arts—Ruth Asawa, a sculptor whose works include the mermaid fountain in Ghirardelli Square and a brass sculpture in the Hyatt Hotel in Union Square;

Community Service — Carole Jan Lee, who serves in the Bay Area Committee, Episcopal Asian Ministries, the board of Chinese Culture Foundation, and San Francisco YMCA;

Media/Communications—Michi Onuma, English editor of the Nichibei Times;

Political/Community Advocacy—Mabel Teng, chair of the No. Calif. Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus and co-chair of San Francisco Rainbow Coalition.

Special recognition will be given to National JACL program director Lia Shigemura and Helen Tao, president of Asian Americans for Political Advocacy.

KTVU-TV reporter Betty Ann Bruno will be guest speaker. Proceeds from the event go to the PAAWBAC women's scholarship. Reservation deadline is Oct. 18. Info: (415) 668-3473 or 668-9099.

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## NAATA receives grant for radio facility

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has accepted a proposal by National Asian American Telecommunications Assn. (NAATA) to establish a state-of-the-art audio/radio production facility.

NTIA, through the Dept. of Commerce, will grant up to \$80,000 for the facility if matching funds are obtained through private sources. This grant is the first of its kind offered to a non-profit Asian American media organization.

NAATA's agenda includes distribution of quality programming about Asian Americans, advocacy of realistic portrayals in the media, and greater Asian American access to existing media.

The "Bamboo Radio" series, distributed by NAATA, is being aired on National Public Radio this month. Produced by Michael

Yoshida, the series includes documentaries entitled "Almost Home: Violence Against Asian Americans," "Home is Here: Southeast Asians in the Tenderloin," "Korean Small Business," and "Sweatshop Labor in Chinatown."

In November, NAATA's "Silk Screen" series will be seen on PBS. Three hour-long segments will feature the films "Jazz Is My Native Language," "Freckled Rice," "The Departure," and "Turumba."

In the wake of recent protests against the film "Year of the Dragon," NAATA will also help form a national coalition to monitor film and television portrayals of Asian Americans.

For more information on the grant or NAATA's other future activities, contact: James Yee, NAATA executive director, 346 9th St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, 94103; (405) 863-0814.

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Discussing immigration issues are (from left) Craig Mousin, Travelers Aid; Mayor Harold Washington; Al Raby, director, Comm. on Human Relations; and Paul Igasaki, City Asian American Liaison and Chicago JACL president.

## Immigration bill discussed with mayor

CHICAGO—Mayor Harold Washington convened a community meeting Sept. 18 with representatives of Asian, Hispanic and white ethnic groups to discuss the Simpson Immigration Bill. The City of Chicago will give testimony to a joint House/Senate committee concerning possibly discriminatory aspects of the proposed legislation.

Chicago Asian American liaison Paul Igasaki, JACL regional director Bill Yoshino and Organization of Chinese Americans counsel Tony Shu discussed the bill with Washington and other city staff people at the mayor's office.

"Asian American leaders," said Yoshino, "are concerned about the sanctions against employers who hire the undocumented. Many will assume it is

safer not to hire anyone who appears 'foreign,' leading to discrimination against citizens and residents alike."

Shu said that Chinese Americans would like to see an increase in the colonial quota included in the bill so that immigrants from Hong Kong would be allowed into the U.S. in increased numbers.

"No one doubts the need for immigration reform," said Igasaki. "But the Simpson legislation reflects the same kind of xenophobic scapegoating that occurred during the Yellow Peril hysteria earlier in this century."

"Immigrants are being blamed for all manner of economic ills. We forget that we are all immigrants in this country, and that immigrant contributions far outweigh any burdens on our economic system."

## Women's writings being accepted

WASHINGTON—Dec. 31 is the deadline for submissions to Pan Asia's second creative writing contest for Asian Pacific American women. The contest's purpose is to replace stereotypes with accurate, multi-faceted and positive portrayals.

The first contest, held in 1983, focused on immigrant women. This year's subject is those who are American-born or came to the U.S. at an early age. The entry may be based on personal experience or on the experience of someone known to the writer.

Submissions should: be previously unpublished; provide insight into the feelings, struggles, sense of accomplishment, hope, expectations and daily realities of young Asian Pacific women; and convey the richness of these women's experiences with all its challenges.

Asian Pacific women of all ages may participate; both poetry and prose are accepted. Entries must be typed and double-spaced and cannot exceed 10 pages. Manuscripts will not be returned.

The top three entries will be published in the Pan Asian News newsletter. (Submission will constitute consent for publication.) First prize is \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25.

Four copies should be sent to: Pan Asia Creative Writing Contest, Organization of Pan Asian American Women Inc., P.O. Box 39128, Washington D.C. 20016. Info: (301) 946-9313.



Deems Tsutakawa

## Asian American Jazz Festival due soon

SAN FRANCISCO—The 5th annual Asian American Jazz Festival, sponsored by Kearny Street Workshop, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays: Oct. 26 at Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park and Nov. 2 at Baha'i Center, 170 Valencia St.

The first program features the James Newton/Allan Iwihara Ensemble with Newton on flute; Iwihara on koto; Kei Akagi, piano; and Anthony Brown, drums.

The second program features Visions with Alan Furutani, flute and sax; Marsha Furutani, voc-

als; Jesse Acuna, percussion and vocals; Lance Saegusa, guitar; Al Criado, bass; Herb Shon, piano; and Danny Yamamoto, drums.

Also performing will be Maiden Japan with Dave Yamasaki and Peter Fujii, guitar; Shido, bass; and Deszon Claiborne, drums. Pianist Deems Tsutakawa will be special guest.

Both programs begin at 8 p.m. and are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Asian Art Museum and Baha'i Center are co-sponsors; National Endowment for the Arts provided additional funding. Info: Aiko Murase, (415) 668-2641.

## Haruyama scholarship winners announced

NEW YORK—The 1985 recipients of the Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund awards are:

Ken Saito of San Mateo, Calif., an intern at Sturge Presbyterian Church and a student at Univ. of Dubuque Theological Seminary;

Steven Yamaguchi of Santa Barbara, Calif., formerly junior high ministry director at First Presbyterian Church in Salinas, Calif., and minister for youth at El Monte-cito Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara; now enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Claudia Genung Yamamoto of Redwood City, Calif., a former United Methodist missionary/social worker in Japan, now pursuing an M. Div. degree at Pacific School of Religion.

Toshimasa Yamamoto, a native of Tokyo, also a student at Pacific School of Religion and former YMCA program director in Tokyo.

Each awardee received \$700. The annual scholarships are given to full-time students in accredited Protestant seminaries in the U.S. who intend to serve Japanese American congregations.

Founded to commemorate Rev. Justin Haruyama, who served as pastor of Japanese American United Church in New York City, the program has given \$7,400 in grants to date.

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quet in which Judge Raymond Uno of Salt Lake City spoke on the topic of "Race to the 21st Century," giving a comprehensive account of Japan's leadership in high-tech developments and growing power in the world banking business. He was eloquently introduced by retired judge Wayne Kanemoto.

Greetings were given by Karen Shiraki, a Heart Mountain-born Sansei, who spoke on behalf of Mayor Tom McEnery of San Jose, and by Rod Diridon, chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Congressman Norman Mineta, who could not at-

tend, sent his greetings.

Presentations to friends who gave support during the difficult days of evacuation and resettlement were made by Tats Hori. Present were: M/M Sam Della Maggiore, San Jose; Mrs. Owen Minton, Mountain View; Gerde Isenberg, Redwood City; and Barbara Barret Locke, Palo Alto. Those unable to attend included Frank Duvenck, Owen Minton, Don Kaufman, and Arnold True. Posthumous recognition was given to M/M Claude Settles, Rev. Patrick Peabody and Clara Hinz.

Plaques of appreciation were given by awards chair Ben Furuichi to Judge Uno and M/M Chester Blackburn of Ralston, Wyoming. Also recognized were the

youngest delegate, Lynn Mikami of Gardena, and the oldest, Mrs. Osako Uno (Judge Uno's mother), 91, of Salt Lake City.

The crowd enjoyed the outstanding performance by Asha "Patti" Hanada-Rogers, a professional dancer and choreographer from Alhambra; and a ballroom dance exhibition by San Jose's own Tom and Nadine Yamamoto, instructors at local JACL dance classes.

The Sunday brunch proved to be the most popular and frenzied place as the crowd came surprisingly early and stayed as long as possible to catch up on meeting and greeting friends.

Kudos to co-chairs Ernie Inouye and Karl Kinaga for their

## Korean Republican group formed

BURBANK, Calif.—California Republican Party chair and Los Angeles County supervisor Mike Antonovich announced Oct. 1 that charter membership has been extended to the Korean American Republican Assn. (KARA).

KARA qualified for the state charter after organizing at least 10 county-chartered groups. "It is another indication of our growing acceptance as the party of the future and the party of ideas," said

leadership in the one-year preparation for the highly successful reunion.

—Phil Matsumura

Antonovich. "I wholly endorse this charter, which is the first Korean Republican group statewide in our party's history."

Dr. Julian Lee, an Orange County businessman, is KARA chairman. Joseph Chu will serve as 1st vice chairman. New leadership is scheduled for election in January 1986.

Other Asian Republican groups in California include Asian American Assn., Chinese American Assn., Japanese American Assn., and Filipino Republican Force. The leaders of these groups met with Antonovich at the party's state headquarters to plan registration and recruitment drives.

## Senior Meals Program Facing Hard Times

by Roy Nakano

LOS ANGELES—One of the celebrated social service groups in Little Tokyo has been facing some financial problems recently. Koreisha Chushoku Kai, a hot meals program that serves more than 300 Japanese American elderly, incurred a \$40,000 deficit last year.

"It has been very difficult," said Emi Yamaki, Koreisha director. "We have had fundraisers during the last two years in an attempt to alleviate the financial problem. This year, we project a deficit of \$35,000."

Koreisha's problems arose after changes in government funding policies were implemented in 1983. Ethnic nutrition programs were severely affected, and Koreisha is the only remaining ethnic nutrition program serving the Asian elderly in Los Angeles.

## Hunger in Little Tokyo

The roots of Koreisha go back more than 15 years, during a time when most of the general public was unaware of any particular social or economic problems confronting Japanese Americans.

During the 1960s, national magazines had published articles hailing Japanese Americans and other

Asian groups as "model minorities." In addition, the often-used phrase, "we take care of our own," effectively dismissed any thought that Nikkei needed help.

But in 1969, a handful of community workers and college students decided to look into the living conditions of Issei in the Little Tokyo hotels. One former Little Tokyo community worker recalled, "The students gained access to the upper floors of the old hotels by posing as peddlers."

"This effort led to a discovery that a sizable number of our Issei elders were living in poverty and experiencing varying degrees of malnutrition. Some of the Issei had been surviving on a can of soup per day."

Community workers responded by forming the Pioneer Center for the Japanese American elderly. The formation of the Pioneer groups was followed by a number of other social service organizations, among them the Little Tokyo Hot Meals Program, or Oshokuji Kai.

## Oshokuji Kai

Oshokuji Kai began as an all-volunteer effort to address the nutritional needs of the elderly Nik-

kei community. The organization tested the waters by offering the meals on a monthly basis at the old Union Church. "The core of volunteers consisted of community workers from various parts of Greater Los Angeles, while other volunteers came from campus, church, and social service organizations," according to Oshokuji Kai co-founder Karen Chomori Uyekawa. "Food was mostly donated by the markets in Little Tokyo."

"A nominal fee [50¢] was charged for the meals. The fee, however, was established primarily so that Nikkei elderly would not see the meals as a hand-out."

Despite its efforts, however, Oshokuji Kai was limited by its lack of funds and lack of paid staff. In the mid-1970s, efforts commenced to obtain government funding so that the program could operate on a daily basis.

## Koreisha Chushoku Kai

On April 2, 1976, the government-funded Koreisha Chushoku Kai was established in Little Tokyo. Koreisha acquired a paid staff, and eventually offered its meals five days out of the week.

Two locations were secured: the Union Church in Little Tokyo, and Evergreen Baptist Church in Boyle Heights. In addition, a home delivery system was established for the immobile elderly.

Koreisha's meals are available to anyone over 60 years old. Its clientele has been mostly Japanese American, the other recipients being primarily of Korean and Chinese ancestry. The program has kept its lunch fee to \$1 per meal.

## Friends Of Koreisha

In response to the recent financial problems, some of the founders of Oshokuji Kai have reunited in an attempt to help Koreisha.

Uyekawa said, "I think we as a community have come a long way since discovering en masse that Nikkei are not without social or economic problems. Through the community's effort, programs such as Koreisha got off the ground and got funded. Now we need the community's support again to ensure Koreisha's survival."

For information on Friends of Koreisha, contact Emi Yamaki, (213) 680-9173.

## AA Studies Center receives donation

LOS ANGELES—Yuji Ichioka, research associate at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, announced Oct. 1 that Motoko Murayama Nakazawa of San Francisco has donated \$3,000 to support research on Japanese American history.

Her donation was in memory of her father, Hakuyo Murayama, pioneer in Chinese classics and journalist; step-father George Kiyoshi Matsumura, M.D.; mother Namiye Murayama Matsumura, midwife; brother Tamotsu Murayama, JACL organizer, Boy Scout leader and journalist; and sisters Masuko Kishi, Fumiko Pentler, pharmacologist, and Etsuko Murayama, Peace Corps volunteer.

Nakazawa attended the conference, "Coming of Age in the Thirties: the Nisei and the Japanese Immigrant Press," held Sept. 14-15 under the sponsorship of Asian American Studies Center and Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

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## ● Books

Grant Ujifusa and Michael Barone have compiled *The Almanac of American Politics 1986*. Published by the Washington D.C.-based National Journal, it provides detailed background information on the President, the senators, the representatives and the governors of the U.S.

## ● Education

Yoshio Nakamura has been named v.p. of community and student services at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, Calif. Starting his tenure at the college in 1963 as Fine Arts Dept. chair and professor of art, he became dean of community and student services in 1973. He is also regional representative for Calif. Community College Chief Student Services Administrators Assn.

Robert Takechi, a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Kindel & Anderson, has been appointed to the Pomona College Board of Trustees. A specialist in corporate law as it applies to international trade and investment, he is co-author of *Setting Up Enterprises in the USA: Japan's Guide to Business in America*.

## ● Scholarships

Winners of the 1985 Toshi Koba Scholarships are: Colleen Nakamura (\$800), who is pursuing a physical therapy degree at UC San Francisco; Ryo Yoshida (\$500), who will pursue a Ph.D. at Pacific School of Religion; and Jennifer Jones (\$500), who will study at S.F. Theological Seminary. The scholarship was established in 1983 for young JAs and Blacks.

## ● Religion

The appointments of Rev. George Nishikawa and Rev. Hidemi Ito to Centenary United Methodist Church were announced at the recent California-Pacific annual conference of the United Methodist Church. Nishikawa is starting his third consecutive year at Centenary; Ito, in his first year at the church, becomes Japanese language division pastor. He previously served at Harris Memorial Church in Honolulu, Sage United Methodist Church in El Monte, and Simpson United Methodist Church in Denver.

## ● Awards

Stan Uchiyama, an agriculture instructor at North Salinas H.S., received a teacher of excellence award at a conference of California agriculture teachers at Calif. Polytechnic Univ. in June. One of 10 awardees statewide, he was selected as outstanding teacher in a region extending from Santa Ynez to San Jose.

Gerri Handa was one of 11 honored at Rep. Barbara Boxer's "Women Making History" luncheon in June. She was honored for her work with Friends of Hibakusha, a support group for atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. The theme for this year's fundraiser was "Women as Peacemakers."

Army ROTC cadet captain Theodore Yoneda, a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, is this year's recipient of the George C. Marshall Award, which is given to the outstanding 4th year cadet in each collegiate ROTC detachment in recognition of excellence in military studies and leadership.

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## ● Government

T. George Hayakawa, president of Hayakawa Associates, a consulting engineering firm, has been appointed by Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian to the State Building Standards Commission. A USC graduate, Hayakawa is a registered professional engineer in 22 states. His firm, founded in 1959, has been responsible for the design of about 50 million sq. ft. of projects in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

## Mexican PANA members reported safe

MEXICO CITY—At least three Nikkei were hurt in the disastrous earthquake that struck Mexico Sept. 19, according to a telegram from Carlos Kasuga, president of Pan American Nikkei Assn. (PANA). Kasuga had asked his brother-in-law in Japan to relay the message to the U.S.

Kasuga, his family and other PANA members in Mexico are well, the message read. Kasuga

requested that the news be forwarded to Japanese ambassador to the U.S. Nobuo Matsunaga, who was once ambassador to Mexico.

A number of Nikkei-owned buildings have sustained damage, but damage was said to be minimal at the Japanese-style cultural center and educational complex where the first PANA convention was held.

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### ● Politics

Among the Republicans who met with President Reagan at a private reception during his Aug. 22 visit to Los Angeles were: Ruth Watanabe, past president of Japanese American Republicans; Noritoshi Kanai, president of So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce; and Kanzo Watanabe, senior vice president of Mitsubishi International Corp.

### ● Law Enforcement

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