Attacks on Vietnamese barred

BOSTON-Two Vietnamese American women named Shih Kam Mei, 72, on Oct. 5, 1984, and her daughter, a woman named Butch, 25, on Oct. 6, 1984, drove to an East Boston restaurant to meet the restaurant's manager, who had been travelling to Vietnam to assist Vietnamese refugees. The manager was suspected of being a member of the Vietnamese Communist Party, which the U.S. government had labeled a terrorist organization.

U.S., Japan mayors back free trade

PORTLAND, Ore.-The Japan-American Chamber of Commerce President and the Portland mayor are calling for a continued open market. The Chamber is promoting "bilateral efforts to promote free trade and to open up markets between the United States and Japan." The mayor is planning to visit Japan to support free trade.

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 35-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 Tresón. Kerr's four-year-old lawsuit, which is still pending, charges Tresón and the district with sexual harassment (see June 20, 1984 PC).

Over 100 friends and supporters gathered to hear testimonials tracing her nine years in the U.S. that began in December 1979, 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, loneliness, 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."/Continued on Page 7

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-raisers Harry Kiihara, Kiihara moved to ask JACL for $50,000 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."

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Administration position on bilingual education opposed

by Karen Wong
East West

SAN FRANCISCO—The Reagan Administration will seek to deregulate federal bilingual education programs to give local school districts more control over their programs, said Secretary of Education William Bennett on Sept. 26, 55 years after the war against words from local Chinese American educators and community leaders.

"It's outrageous that Bennett is proposing to give local school districts more control over the programs than what 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 covering too many areas" over the last 20 years and that "too many children have failed to become fluent in English."

"After $7.5 billion of federal funding," he continued, "we have no evidence that the children who were sought to help have benefited."

"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 what 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, Tom said, 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.

"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, 10-3 p.m. at Montebello Golf Course. Open to all medical, dental and allied health personnel. An award dinner follows the course. There is also a special flight for non-handicapped. Ticket price: $12. Info: (213) 259-8888.

NEW YORK—Pan Asian Rep presents "Once is Never Enough, " by R.A. Shere, Oct. 26, 8 p.m., at George Washington University, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Keynote speaker is George Washington University, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Keynote speaker is David Castro of the Center for Japanese American Resources, on the Hyatt International Hotel, 405 Hegenberger Rd., Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is David Castro of Alameda County Personnel; topics include welfare, Medicaid, and compensation and benefits. Fee: $30 for APPA members; $35 for non-members. Info: Doug Chin, (415) 970-1029 or Dorothy Chen, (415) 335-9903.

WEST COVINA, Calif.—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese American Community Center, 2303 W. Puente Ave., presents a Halloween Party for high school and college age young adults Oct., 26, 8 p.m.-12 midnight in the center gym. Cost: $5 includes costume contest, disc jockey, dancing, and refreshments (no alcohol). Info: (818) 600-2366 or 337-6121.

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, 1790 Sutter St. Info: (415) 977-6000.

GARDENA, Calif.—Legal education presentations on Seniors' Rights on Nov. 9, 3 p.m., at Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 2125 S. Gramercy Pl., will cover social security, medicare, immigration, family law, conservatorships, wills, and other subjects in English and Japanese. Admission is free. Info: JCI, Gardena Pioneer Project, Japanese American Bar Assn.
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Involvement include the office, Rights Advisory Committee on the distinction of public affairs for the U.S. Currently, she is a member of the LA County Board of Supervisors.

Chen was elected to the Monterey Park city council in 1985, 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 LA County Dept of Children’s Services. Her record of achievements led to two presidential appointments—Gerald Ford named her to the 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 LA College Alumni Assn’s Outstanding Community Service Award and a special commendation from the LA County Board of Supervisors.

For additional information, call Mark Groner at the ADL office, (213) 630-2000.

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. 20 performance in Pioneer Square (see Sept. 26 PC). Mark Murphy of On the Boards, who 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. 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 Keopuolani; Liholiho, Kamehameha II; Kamehameha III; Alexander Ki-hololute-Kamehameha IV; Lot Kapua‘i-Iwaa-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.

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 Walker’s offices at the Hawaii Capitol and Honolulu Hale.

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ALL TOO LONG there has existed competitive bickering among Japanese Americans, dissipating strength and resources so sorely needed for the main thrust common to all the groups—the removal of stigma from the uprooting and incarceration of 120,000 people with true as the sole criterion. Why our minorities engage in intra-group bickering and lighting, even as the common target of the forces of injustice smingly stand aside, is one that has always puzzled me. But I’ve seen it among various minority groups. It’s so obviously 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, then let those who put the nails 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 those who are, indeed, doing it. I do not know all of them, and I cannot say I know any intimately; but I do know something about some of them.

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE’s Bill Hohri from Chicago, who is the guiding light and maismail of the permanent campaign which continues in Washington. D.C. Aware of the great obstacles 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 goroshibi.

COLUMBUS DAY, 1985

OK—OK—SO YOU PROVED THE WORLD IS ROUND, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE SEAS?

DURING THE COMMISSION hearings in Los Angeles and San Francisco, we came across a group of dedicated workers of the NCNR who had organized “community” hearings held at night for those concerned about physical intimidations or work during the day, were unable to attend the regularly scheduled hearings. At least three of the commission’s staff attended such hearings in both cities. One of the principal workers of NCNR was a personable fellow by the name of Bert Nakano.

We were deeply impressed by all of these NCNR folks: dedicated, unselfish, hard working.

ALL THE OTHER people—those dedicated lawyers and workers volunteering their time to the corum nobi lawsuits, the concerned veterans including those from “Go For Broke, Inc.” are all 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 us all.

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 LED 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 arranged to fly 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 in that way I used to wait for the monthly arrival of Mad and Sport magazine.

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Another View of Jackson

I must respond to Ken Masugi’s letter of Sept. 20. His view does not reflect 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

BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

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 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?

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Chicago Nisei Post Scholarship—Eric Sato of Chicago, Lane Technical HS.

Tabei Matsumura Memorial Scholarship—Susan Nakanishi of Chicago, Mather H.S.

Hirashima Kenji-ku Scholarship—Markham Nakaaga of Park Ridge, Maine South Township H.S.; Teresa Miyagi of Chicago, Lane Technical H.S.

Japanese American Asan-Kono Scholarship—Nancy Yamaguchi of Skokie, Niles Township H.S.; Patricia Ouchi of Chicago, Park Ridge, Maine South Town of Chicago Mather H.S.; Teresa Kato of Chicago, Lane Technical HS.; Teresa Kawata of Chicago, Lane Technical HS.

Tech JACL Scholarship Luncheon was held June 9 at Como Inn. Guest speaker and emcee, Alfred Tsukamoto and Bill Kashiyashi.

Ticket outlets: California 1st Bank, Downtown, Los Angeles, Sumitomo Bank, Broadway Office, 443-5761; Christine Umeda, Stepping Stone, 442-7066; Ellen Kubo, 1st Bank, Roseville, 909-200-159; Kay Kisaba, Sacramento JACL, 441-2188; Mary Tsukamoto, 383-3000; George Pumianawa, 381-0185, Toru Ozawa will emcee. Tickets ($25 each, tax deductible) must be purchased before event. Co-chairs: Alfred Tsukamoto and Bill Kashiyashi.

Placer County

PENRYN, Calif.—Placer County chapter holds its 45th annual Goodwill Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sacramento Hilton Inn on Interstate 80 East and Arden Way West. No-host cocktails start at 5:30 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. Reservations are 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 Kayeda, Main Drug Loomis, Ken Tokutomi, Newcastle; Ellen Kubo or Hike Yego, Golo’s Market, Penryn, Bill Tsuji, Rocklin, or Dick Nishimura, Calif. 1st Bank, Roseville. No tickets will be sold at the door: Info (916) 632-6937.

San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.—San Mateo JACL Community Senior Center Programs will attend a matinee performance of San Francisco Opera Company’s production of Giuseppi Verdi’s comedy “Falstaff” on Thursday, Oct. 31. Tickets available at community center for $15 each, with reservations included. Contact: (415) 343-2523. Mrs. Tak Tashihara, teacher and curriculum consultant for San Mateo School District, plans a pre-opera workshop at the center on Oct. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance.

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.

Two events were held off a roost start Friday night in the local Buddhist church annex with chairperson Jim Yamauchi and his committee serving the crowd of 50, a full-course meal. Following the dinner, part of the crowd separated to various smaller groups for high school class reunions and sports club, social organization and block gatherings.

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

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

The magnificent collection of camp artifacts, crafts, bound papers of the Heart Mountain Sentinel, and a pot-helly stove from the camp displayed by Bacon Sakatani of West Covina attracted a huge crowd. Also, the slides and movies shown by display chairman Elsie Sakayama and Sakatani drew a full house at each showing.

The Red Lion Hotel ballroom was packed for the evening banquet.
A Look at LEC Director Uyehara

by Robert Shimabukuro

Graue Uyehara, the newly appointed executive director for the LEC, has been working in the JACL since she was 16 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 of Directors and legislative strategies committee.

Uyehara has been responsible for raising $14,250 as of Sept. 442 as a sign for optimism. "The purpose of the lobbying program is to make sure that the priorities for moving the bill out of committee and to the floor will be 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. We have to go to different people, and we need to pick up the momentum and the lack of commitment from the Senate bill, through the leadership of Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), will be able to go to full committee. As far as LEC is concerned, the fund-raising plan is for three years, so our target is to complete the task during the 106th Congress, recognizing that the wind of opportunity will not remain open the further we get away from the time the commission report was put out."

The present at awards luncheon in which Pacific Citizen was recognized by L.A. County Human Relations Commission were (standing, from left) Rose Levin, Joan Ozwald, 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) Tami Hoshizaki, circulation; Karen Seriguchi, Asian American Journalists Assn. director and former PC editor; and asst. editor J.K. Yamamoto.

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Ujifusa listed the priorities for LEC as follows:

- Raise money. Commented Ujifusa, "The situation in Washington has changed for the better, making it easier to pass 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 cosponsors on the Senate bill, 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.

- Build support among other civil rights, ethnic and labor groups. "Many national groups have already endorsed redress, and we hope to build in 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 Hara as an executive director. Art Morimoto seconded the motion. LEC Board member Joe Ochi pointed out the need for the position, asking, "What is this person going to do that our Washington office can't do now?"

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PC receives John Anson Ford Award

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Citizen received the John Anson Ford Award from the L.A. County Council of Human Relations, "for timely and balanced coverage of human relations and issues of importance to persons of diverse backgrounds in 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."

Council 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 Los Angeles that 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 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 Asmn. of Minority Consultants and Calif. Chmn. of Construction Professionals.

A Look at LEC Director Uyehara
‘Dim Sum’: A Family Affair

by J.K. Yamamoto

Wayne Wang thinks that his new film, ‘Dim Sum’, will “provide an alternative to the usual Hollywood film” and “a more realistic portrayal of the Chinese.”

These who lambasted ‘Dragon’ for its one-dimensional portrayals may find that what they’re looking for is ‘Dim Sum’, which focuses on interpersonal relationships of Chinese American families, particularly between a daughter and her immigrant mother.


Wang characterizes ‘Dim Sum’ as different from “Chan,” though not necessarily better. “This is a more realistic sort of a movie,” he says. “I think the story is more focused and specific.”

In fact the last cut of “Dim Sum” was even more specific than the original story. “Initially it was sort of 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; I felt in the middle of the movie, it’s no accident. Geraldine (Laureen Chew) is the mother and daughter offscreen as well as on.

“Wayne Wang thinks the real-life relationship between Mrs. Chew and her daughter ‘helped more than anything else’ in bringing ‘Dim Sum’ to life. ‘I’ve added so much of life to the movie because the lines they were saying echoed certain real feelings in themselves, that triggered off very real emotions.’

And did the movie affect the two? ‘I think it helped both of them to think more clearly about their relationship with each other’.

Wang thought that the relationship between mother and daughter was more forced, by doing the movie, to think about herself and the relationship with her mother. ‘When I was growing up, my mother and father were divorced. The problems were never discussed.’

Wang insists that the movie is the story of two people – the mother and daughter – and not about the Chinese American community.

His feelings about the film’s appeal were vindicated by the response, which was says 85 to 90% positive. And when ‘Dim Sum’ premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, its 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. H.L. Wu will just inspire different people to make more movies like ‘Dim Sum’.

**Woman Warrior**

S.F. - The winners of this year’s ‘Woman Warrior’ Awards, presented by Pacific and Asian American Women’s Bay Area Coalition, will be honored Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m. at a luncheon at the Presidio Officers’ Club. The recipients: 

Arts - Ruth Asawa, a sculptor whose works include the mermaid fountain in San Francisco and a brass sculpture in the Hyatt Hotel in Union Square.

Community Service - Carolen 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, editor of the ‘National 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 Shimamura and Helen Tao, president of Asian Americans for Political Advocacy.

**KPLIV reporter Betty Ann Bruno will be guest speaker.**

**For More Information:**

- To sign up, please contact: Linda Hamada, San Francisco Asian American Cultural Center, 1333 Taraval St., San Francisco, 94116; (415) 928-5817.

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**NAATA receives grant for radio facility**

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

NTIA, through the Dept. of Commerce, will grant up to $100,000 for this 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 the history, culture, and diversity of Asian Americans. The “Radio Bamboo” program, distributed by NAATA, is being aired on National Public Radio this month by Michael Yoshida, the series includes documentaries like “Almost Home: Violence Against Asian Americans.” “Home Is Here: Southeast Asians in the Tenderloin.” “Korean Small Business,” and “Sweatshop Labor in Chinatown.”

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; (415) 686-0184.

**Books from Kodansha International**

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- The Complete Garden of the Old Masters, by Masaaki Hayashi. $75.00.

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Discussing immigration issues are (from left) Craig Mousin, Travelers Aid; Mayor Harold Washington; Al Rabj, 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 representative s 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 possible 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."

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 in Santa Barbara, Calif.; formerly junior high ministry director of the 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 Geung 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.

For more information, write: Justin Haruyama Ministerial Scholarship Fund, c/o Japanese American United Church, 257 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001.

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 stories about 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. 20009. (301) 946-0013.

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 Iwohara Ensemble with Newton on flute; Iwohara on koto; Kei Akagi, piano; and Anthony Brown, drums.

The second program features Visions with Alan Furutani, flute and sax; Masaru Furutani, vocals; Jesse Acuna, percussion and vocals; Lance Saeuga, guitar; Al Criado, bass; Herb Shon, piano; and Danny Yamamoto, drums.

Also performing will be Maiden Voyage with Dave Yamasaki and Peter Fujii, guitar; Shido, bass; and Dezson Claiborne, drums. Pianist Deems Tsutakawa will be a 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: Alko Munase. (415) 668-5961.

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quent 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 the high-tech developments and growth of power in the world banking business. He was eloquently introduced by retired Judge Wayne Kurokawa. Greetings were given by Karen Shiraki, a Heart Mountain-born Samsei, 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
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Recent history, the occupation of the Japanese American elderly.
Koreisha’s problems arose after the anti-Japanese laws had been passed in the late 1930s. The result was a "state of emotional exile," according to Oshokuji Kai co-founder Karen Chomori Uyekawa. "Food was mostly don­ated by the markets in Little To­kyo.
A nominal fee [50c] was charged for the meals. The fee, however, was established prima­ry so that Nikkei elders would not feel ashamed to be 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.
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**Education**

- **Sage United Methodist Church** in El Monte, (213) 620-0808
- **The Intermountain Daily** in Boise, Idaho (208) 460-3673
- **The Mountain Mail** in Lomita, California, (310) 931-8808

**Religion**

- The appointments of Rev. George Nishikawa and Rev. Hideki Ito to Cathedral 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 Cathedral. Ino, in his first year at the church, becomes Japanese language division pastor. He previously served at Harumi Memorial Church in Okinawa, Japan, and Simpson United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Books**

- Grant Ufija and Michael Barone have published "The Complete Roll of the All American Party," a history of the political party. The book was 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.

**Sholarships**

- Winners of the 1985 Toshi Koba Scholarship are: Colleen Aki, 1983 ($10,000); Roberta Kikuchi, 1983 ($5,000); and Blacks 1985 ($500).

**People**

**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. Hayakawa, a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona, is a registered professional engineer in 22 states. His firm, founded in 1989, has been responsible for the design of approximately 500 million sq. ft. of projects in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

**Health Care**

- **Taco Bell** has patented a new condiment for its famous "Mild" Taco flavor. The "Mild Taco" condiment is a blend of spices that includes chili powder, paprika and cumin. It is expected to be available nationwide by the end of the year.

**Sports**

- **Cal State Fullerton** football team announced that they will play their home games at Titan Stadium during the 1985 season. The stadium was recently renovated and is expected to hold up to 25,000 spectators.

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