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Photo by Martie Quan/Rafu Shimpō
Carole Fujita

Testimony heard in Fujita sex discrimination case

LOS ANGELES—Dr. F. Carole Fujita, a pharmacist whose sex discrimination complaint against the county went before the L.A. County Civil Service Commission Oct. 23-25, felt that her case was strengthened after three days of testimony.

Attorneys Russell Iungerich and Judith Mitchell have charged that promotions of pharmacists by the County Dept. of Health are discriminatory against women and that the evaluations for promotion in Fujita's particular case were unfair.

Taking the witness stand, Fujita showed a chart of statistics, compiled from the County Dept. of Personnel, showing that no woman has ever been promoted higher than the position of Pharmacy Supervisor I even though women make up 40% of pharmacists employed by the county.

Attorney John Huerta, who is

former U.S. Deputy Asst. Attorney General for Civil Rights, stated that if such a disparity exists in the ratio of supervisors to workforce, then the burden of proof in the case should lie with the county.

Fujita was acting supervisor of the Unit Dose Program at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center from 1978-81. After the Civil Service Commission ruled in her favor in a 1980 race and sex discrimination case, she was promoted to Pharmacy Supervisor I.

She applied for Pharmacy Services Chief III in 1983 and was ranked sixth out of six applicants who made the eligibility list. When two positions opened in August 1984, she was given a rating of 70 out of 100 on the appraisal of promotability (AP).

Fujita's attorneys charged that the AP alone was used to determine eligibility, without the re-

quired written test and oral interview, and that a different rater evaluated each applicant without common guidelines.

The county had refused to comply with a subpoena to turn over documents concerning the evaluations of other candidates on the grounds that they were irrelevant and confidential. Hearing Officer Mark Burstein, however, ordered the documents released.

Further allegations focused on Harbor/UCLA Asst. Hospital Administrator Jaron Gammons, who rated Fujita. According to Iungerich and Mitchell, Gammons (1) is not a pharmacist and was therefore unqualified to rate Fujita's work; (2) never observed Fujita's on-the-job performance; and (3) lacked objectivity, having ruled against Fujita in a 1984 grievance case.

County affirmative action in-

vestigator Cecile Ochoa supported the contention that Gammons was an unqualified rater. While there were no findings that Gammons was prejudiced against Fujita, Ochoa did think a trial hearing was necessary.

Gammons also said that her serving as a hearing officer in the previous case did not affect her AP rating of Fujita.

Kamikawa's subsequent promotion to Pharmacy Services Chief III was called into question when county personnel analyst Thomas Marks confirmed that two different bulletins were posted for the 1984 examination: one, posted in August, listed at least two years of experience as a Pharmacy Supervisor I as a requirement for the position; the other, posted in September, omitted this requirement.

Marks said the second bulletin was issued because Kamikawa was ineligible under the first one. Fujita's attorneys were granted a continuance to allow sufficient time to review a statistical report presented by a county witness and to consult with Huerta. Written arguments are to be submitted by both sides Nov. 8 and closing arguments are scheduled for Nov. 13.

Fujita thought the hearing "went very well" and "strengthened our case." Throughout the hearing, she said, "discrimination and its adverse impact on women was evident."

—from reports by Rafu Shimpō

Matsunaga unhappy with appointees

WASHINGTON—Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) expressed some disappointment with President Reagan's choices for the newly formed Institute of Peace's board of directors as the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, of which Matsunaga is a member, held hearings on the eight nominees Oct. 23.

Matsunaga first introduced legislation to create a national peace institute as a freshman in the House of Representatives in 1962. He reintroduced the bill in every subsequent Congress until it was adopted as an amendment to the Defense Dept. Authorization bill in 1984.

"The importance of these hearings cannot be overstated," said Matsunaga, "for the success or failure of the Peace Institute will depend upon the caliber, integrity, foresight, dedication and basic philosophy of the members of the board."

Noting that the institute has received overwhelming support in Congress and from the general public, he added, "It is therefore disappointing that President Reagan missed the statutory deadline for submitting his nominations to Congress, which was on April 20... six months after enactment of the legislation and three months after his inauguration."

"I was told repeatedly that this was due to lengthy delays in the security clearance process. However, I am a bit skeptical about that, since the same clearance process is used to evaluate candidates for other major federal posts... If it does indeed take a full year to clear candidates for federal positions, then the clearance process needs a major overhaul."

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Settlement reached in Furukawa case

SACRAMENTO — A settlement has been reached in the case of Dr. Jessie Furukawa, who charged that her dismissal last year by the state Dept. of Education was an act of discrimination (see Sept. 27 PC).

Administrative Law Judge Philip Callis announced Oct. 28 that both parties had arrived at a settlement, but that as part of the agreement they were prohibited from publicly disclosing the ac-

tual terms.

Following the hearing, Furukawa stated that she was very pleased with the agreement and thanked those who had supported her for the past two years. She felt the support was instrumental in obtaining a favorable outcome.

Dr. Ferdinand Galvez, spokesman of the Justice for Jessie Committee, said, "It's a great day. Finally, justice for Dr. Furukawa

has been achieved and the cause of Asian Pacific Americans advanced."

During the first hearing, which started Sept. 9, Furukawa's attorney, Loren Masters, charged that the firing was based on Furukawa's race and on her advocacy of programs for Asian immigrants.

It was also charged that Furukawa's superiors deliberately gave her an excessive amount of work and too little time to complete it in order to provide a pretext for her dismissal.

Dept. of Education attorney Barry Zolotar had countered that action was taken against Furukawa solely on the basis of her job performance.

Korean takes brothers' cause to U.S.

by Brenda Paik Sunoo

SAN FRANCISCO — The pomp and ceremony anticipated in the 1988 Olympics in South Korea may be darkened by the resurgence of international support for the Soh brothers' case.

Soh Kyung Sik, a Korean resident from Japan, has been traveling to Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and Washington, D.C. on behalf of his two older brothers, Soh Sung, 40, and Soh Joon Shik, 37—Koreans who were born in Kyoto and studying in South Korea during the Park Chung Hee regime.

Both were arrested in April 1971 for being involved in an alleged "campus spy group" and subsequently indicted for violating the Anti-Communist Law and National Security Law. They have been in prison for more than 14 years.

The younger brother, Soh Kyung Sik, spoke to several Korean and American peace groups in October, revealing the renewed torture of Soh Sung, who had been transferred from Taegu Prison to Taejeon Prison on July 15.

"Prison authorities tied him up with a rope and hung him up with his hands behind his back," said Soh. He was apparently being punished for engaging in a hunger strike to protest worsening treatment of prisoners. The elder Soh has been confined to a 3'x6' cell with no windows except for a 20-cm. air vent. He has already suffered from burns all over his body.

Soh Joon Shik, who was sentenced to seven years and completed that term on May 27, 1978, has been detained under the Preventive Custody Measure, a part of the Public Security Law that

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Photo courtesy East West
Dr. Jessie Furukawa confers with Dr. Allan Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC) during her September hearing in Sacramento. APAAC was among the community groups that supported Furukawa in her discrimination case against the state Dept. of Education.

JCCCNC reaches halfway mark

SAN FRANCISCO—Construction of the main building of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is now more than halfway completed. The two-story building is expected to open in the spring of 1986.

A community-wide campaign, chaired by Univ. of Calif. regent Yori Wada, has raised over \$1.7 million toward completion of the center complex, which will cost an estimated \$3 million.

A volunteer staff of over 150 is currently fund-raising for the remaining \$1.3 million, which is needed for construction of a community hall/gymnasium.

The project is the community's response to the loss of community facilities resulting from the wartime evacuation and urban renewal in Japantown during the late 1960s and 1970s.

Scheduled to move into the JCCCNC are Nihonmachi Legal Outreach; Nobiru Kai, which



The half-completed Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif. as it appeared in September viewed from Sutter St. west of Buchanan Mall.

provides services for newcomers from Japan; the administrative offices of Japantown Art & Media Workshop (JAM); Kimochi, Inc.'s senior nutrition program; and Go For Broke/Japanese American Historical Society, Inc.

JCCCNC's own administrative office will manage the operations of the center and undertake educational and cultural arts programs focusing on the unique heritage of Japanese Americans.

Applications for remaining program and office space will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Info: (415) 567-5505.

Nikkei history book due for release

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Japanese American Curriculum Project's first publication, *Japanese American Journey: The Story of a People*, is due for release Nov. 30 in hardback and paperback.

The book, which covers the history of Japanese Americans along with constitutional issues that arose as they sought equal rights, is dedicated to the late Edison Uno, civil rights activist and member of JACP.

Eleven notable individuals are profiled in the book: Joseph Heco, Kanaye Nagasawa, Kyutaro Abiko, George Shima, Keisaburo Koda, Kiyoshi Hirasaki, Yoshimi Shibata, Mike Masaoka, Daniel Inouye, Yoshiko Uchida, and Edison Uno.

Also included are three short stories: Yoshiko Uchida's "Uncle Kanda's Black Cat," in which a young girl learns about the fragility of life; Toshio Mori's "One Happy Family," which shows the heartbreak of family separation during WW2; and Valerie Ooka Pang's "Gambatte," winner of JACP's short story contest.

The text contains over 70 historical photographs and illustrations by Jack Matsuoka and Hideo Chester Yoshida.

The objective of this two-year project was to help young adults recognize the historical and cultural contributions JAs have made to the U.S.

Tax-deductible donations are being accepted until Nov. 30. Donors of \$25 will receive an autographed hardcover edition. Info: JACP, 414 E. 3rd Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401; (415) 343-9408.

Asian films to be screened in D.C.

WASHINGTON—Asian American Arts and Media, Inc. and Organization of Pan Asian Women announce the fourth annual D.C. film festival showcasing works by Asian and Asian American filmmakers Nov. 23 at Biograph Theatre, 2819 M St., N.W.

Program 1 (12:10 p.m.)—"Mas-

ters of the Wok" (1984) by Sue Yung Li, a film on gourmet master chefs in China.

—"Kites and Other Tales" (1975), the origins and history of kites in various Asian and Polynesian cultures.

—"Dance of Tears" (1984) by Jean-Daniel Bloesch, a documentary on the struggles of the Khmer Classical Dance Troupe, which seeks to preserve a traditional Cambodian art form among refugees in the U.S.

Program 2 (3 p.m.)—"Sweet Jail" (1984) by Beheroze Shroff, a documentary on the Sikh community in Yuba City, Calif.

—"Stopover" (1983) by Larry Hoki, an experimental film about a man seeking overnight refuge in an abandoned power station.

—"Wang Yien the Puppeteer" (1983) by Ruey Jiing, a portrait of one of Taiwan's few surviving puppeteer masters.

—"Fine Line" (1984) by Ang Lee, a romantic drama about a Chinese American woman and an Italian American man from opposite sides of Canal Street in New York. Best film/best director winner at 1985 New York University Film Festival.

Tickets: \$4 per program, with discounts for students and seniors. Info: (301) 946-9313.

Memorial fund set up for air crash victims

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—A memorial fund has been established in honor of Aimee Hironaka, 38, and her 11-year-old daughter Anne, who were killed Aug. 2 when Delta Airlines Flight 191 crashed in Dallas en route from Florida to Los Angeles.

The fund will provide a library corner, plaques, pictures, books and scholarships in their memory at Monterey Highlands School, where Anne was a fifth grader in the gifted program and Aimee was a volunteer in PTA, field trips, and other school activities.

Donations can be sent to Hironaka Memorial Fund, c/o Monterey Highlands PTA, 400 Casuda Canyon Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754. Info: Patricia Seki, (818) 576-0825.

—Rafu Shimpo

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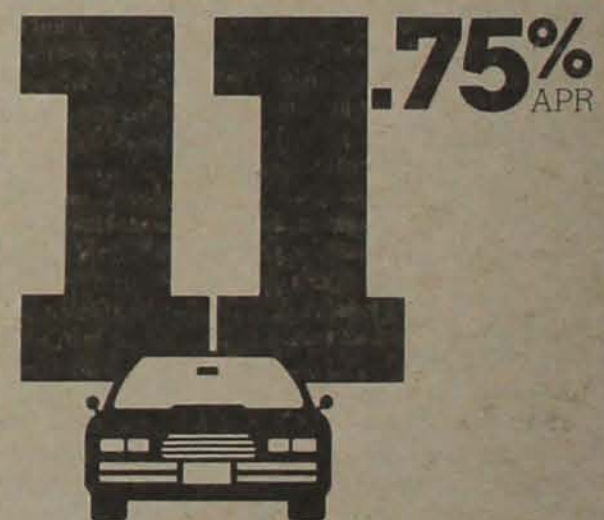
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NEW YORK—Asian Women United hosts "An Evening with Asian Women Poets" Nov. 20, 6-9 p.m., at Middle of the Road, 37 Grand St. (off West Broadway). Admission: \$7. Info: Sharon, (718) 458-7380; Sokie, (718) 784-0766.

PORTLAND—Paintings by Robert Dozono will be on display at North View Gallery at Portland Community College, 12000 SW 49th Ave., until Nov. 26. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

BERKELEY, Calif.—The last mid-term class of Berkeley High School, fall '65 to January '66, holds its 20-year reunion in the Grand Ballroom of Shattuck Hotel, 2066 Allston Way, Dec. 27, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 until Nov. 15. A family picnic is planned for the following day. Info: Lorene Okawa Nagagiri, (415) 233-9422; Donna Hataye Ikuta, 235-3633; Mary Henderson, 838-8911.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Khevan Lennon-Onaje performs on piano and saxophone, accompanied by Kay Sato on koto and Elliot Bey on keyboards, Nov. 15 and 22, 8:30 p.m., at Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave. Admission: \$4. Info: (415) 658-1868.

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. James Wong will do vision screenings for seniors 60 years of age or older Nov. 14 and 21, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at Kimochi Home, 1531 Sutter St. The free screening includes tests for cataracts, glaucoma, and near/distant vision. Space is limited; call Donna Otis, (415) 922-9972, to make an appointment.

Asian Skiers International Assn. holds its 2nd biennial Asian Ski Week in Sun Valley, Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 1986. Over 200 from throughout the U.S. have signed up since August, and arrangements have been made for over 300 skiers. Contact: June Wong, 3915B 24th St., S.F. 94114 or call (415) 282-7666.

LOS ANGELES—Koto virtuoso Mme. Kazue Kudo performs Dec. 14, 7 p.m., at Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., with guest artists Masatoshi Mitumoto and orchestra, Kazue Asawa on flute, and Moriyuki Takata on shamisen. Other koto performers include June Kuramoto, Yoko Awaya, Kathy Mizokami, Tamae Flemming, Shizuko Wagner, Ayako Motoyasu, Yayoi Terasawa Rice, Joyce Sugino, Akemi Ishii, Susan Yamakawa and Amy Doi. Tickets, \$20 and \$25, are available at the theater box office. Info: (818) 286-8351.



Kazue Kudo

Mega Millions, the Nisei widow/widowers group, has its annual Christmas party Nov. 30, 6 p.m., at Marina Del Rey Marriott Inn, 13480 Maxella Ave., with dinner, dancing and "mini Las Vegas." Info: J. Sato, (213) 733-4023 (eve.), or B. Oka, (714) 835-5330 (day), 636-8207 (eve.).

Los Angeles Maturidaiko Aiko-kai sponsors a **Taiko Matsuri** featuring Oedo Sukeroku Taiko from Tokyo and San Francisco Taiko Dojo on Nov. 16, 2 and 7:30 p.m., at Japan America Theater. Tickets (\$12) available at theater box office or Bunka-Do in Little Tokyo. Info: (213) 680-3700.



George Nagano at the Jimmy J. Mura Produce Co. in Los Angeles in 1935. From George Nagano family album

Family album project receives grant

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Family Album Project was awarded a major grant of \$140,000 by the National Endowment for the Humanities to carry out the production of its traveling exhibit, "Turning Leaves: The Family Albums of Two Japanese American Families."

The exhibit explores the ways that families use family photos and albums as a means of communication; how they depict themselves; how they use albums and photos as symbolic forms; how they preserve their cultural identity; and what changes take place over several generations.

The National JACL will be acting as the umbrella organization to sponsor the traveling exhibit, and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC) of Los Angeles will act

as co-sponsor.

Funding for the exhibit began July 1. The exhibit will open at the Lowie Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley in January 1987 and is expected to travel to a number of sites, including Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Seattle, Phoenix and New York.

The success of the project is also due to the families who contributed to the pilot exhibits and who will be participating in the current planned exhibit. For the planned exhibit, the families are the George Nagano family of Los Angeles and the Miyamura/Uyeda family of Gallup, New Mexico.

The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology was also a major supporter, sponsor and contributor to the New Mexico pilot exhibit. The Los Angeles pilot exhibit was sponsored by the JACCC.

First Asian woman on Seattle PD finds work rewarding

SEATTLE—Tami Aoyama, 26, began work as the city's first Asian woman police officer on Oct. 8, according to International Examiner.

A south Seattle native who completed an 11-week program at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy on Sept. 24, Aoyama was paired with a field training officer to begin the first phase of work as a police officer.

Aoyama, a 1977 Franklin High School graduate, attended Central Washington University in Ellensburg as a music major, then developed an interest in emergency medicine and obtained a license as an emergency medical technician. Finding herself unable to get a job in that field after school, she "worked in a couple of different jobs, but I wasn't going anywhere," she said.

Earlier this year, she decided to take the Police Academy test even though "the chances are small that you can pass." She was accepted, and passed the various academy tests, which included jumping a six-foot wall and an eight-foot fence. "I had problems with the wall at first, but once I was told how to do it, I was able to deal with it," said Aoyama.

Police work, which she says has always fascinated her, now gives her the satisfaction of "serving the community... It's rewarding to help people."

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I DON'T KNOW just what it is, but whenever the Bukkyo-kai in Seabrook (N.J.) conducts an affair, the weather cooperates. Several years ago, in the summer we attended a *bon-odori* and notwithstanding the humid heat of the day, in the evening when the dancers took their places—it was a breezy, balmy evening. This past weekend we were invited to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Buddhist temple, and the weather cooperated. Whereas the following day, the temperature fell to below 60, on the celebratory day it was a gently sunny 70+ degrees.

In these parts, if you want to make absolutely sure whether a particular day (or evening) is going to be great, find out whether the Seabrook Buddhist Church is

having some kind of an affair. If so, it's bound to bring terrific weather.

THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE in Seabrook must be the largest east of the Rockies. Los Angeles and San Francisco have good-sized *otera's* as does Denver. San Jose also has a very attractive temple. Beyond those, I do not recall seeing any temple of any significance—which isn't to say there isn't one. It's just that I don't recall seeing others.

From bits and pieces that I tried to assemble that day in Seabrook, I surmise that the structure was commenced sometime in the late '60s with non-Buddhist members of the community, including Caucasians, cooperating. For example, one supplied materials at cost and just about all the labor was donated.

This is what is known as a "barn-raising," a religious one at that. It tells a lot about a community and the folks that make up that community.

AS A CHILD I was required to attend *sekkyo's* with my parents. To this day I recall a ceremony at the home of next-door-neighbor Tsubota's. I had no idea what the



occasion was, but I vividly recall to this date the *butsu-dan*, candles, *senko* and the priest in his colorful embroidery. I recall being mesmerized by the chant and purportedly "memorizing" parts of it (which is an impossibility for me) and palming it off as the real thing to my playmates.

To this day I can mimic the prayer chant—which I do only in the consternated presence of my wife. (Out of respect, I never do it in public.)

AND SO SITTING at the services at the Seabrook Buddhist Church that day, it was an experi-

ence for me reaching back into yesteryears with tinges of *deja vu*. And during the service, I recognized a number of precepts that I had, somewhere, heard before. And in my daily tasks, not being exposed to *nihongo*, it was a refreshingly novel experience to hear the language—and being able to understand, surprisingly enough, a fair amount of it. (The gaps are filled in by interpolation, and it's amazing how much you then think you understood.)

The entire program was well-organized and carried out most competently. We enjoyed it.

MANY TRAVELLED DISTANCES to participate in this auspicious event. Rev. Shingetsu Akahoshi, who had come out of retirement to minister to the flock in Seabrook, came from Osaka. Dr. Hanayama, who is from Tokyo and one of the earliest of those to serve the followers of Buddha in the Seabrook area, was also present.

Oh, yes. And Ken and Jane Yasuda came down from Connecticut, arriving the evening before. They're almost part of the Seabrook community, so regularly do they support events there.

Getting Your News in the News

by J.K. Yamamoto

I mentioned in an earlier column that Pacific Citizen is the only Nikkei newspaper read nationwide. It was nice to get an award from Los Angeles County (see Oct. 11 PC), but please don't take that to mean we give special emphasis to L.A. stories. We try to be more even-handed.

Covering the whole country from an office in L.A. with an editorial staff of two does present problems, of course. One way you can help us promote your community events is to adhere religiously to the following rules:

- Send press releases directly to our present address, 941 E. 3rd St., Rm. 200, L.A. 90013. A lot of mail is delayed because it is sent to our former address (244 S. San Pedro St.) or to JACL Headquarters in San Francisco. Some people even send stuff to PC's old, old addresses on Weller St. or 1st St. (Maybe some mail is still sent to

Salt Lake City, where PC was published during the war.)

By the way, all articles should be addressed to editor Bob Shimabukuro or me. Harry Honda, Peter Imamura and Karen Seriguchi are no longer PC editors. I was surprised when a longtime JACLer (who should know better) recently sent a note to Peter, who hasn't been here for three years!

- Remember that PC is a weekly, not a daily. In San Francisco and L.A., which have two Nikkei dailies each, it is common practice to send press releases to all of the JA papers two or three days before the event. While the dailies can handle this, PC cannot. Our deadline is one week before the publication date.

Also, if your event takes place on the publication date or one or two days after, chances are people won't see the article until too late. So notify us a minimum of two weeks in advance, even if you are

in the L.A. area.

- The farther you are from L.A., the farther in advance you need to inform us. Usually, Seattle readers get the PC later than Bay Area readers; folks in Chicago, New York and Washington D.C. get it later still; and in Hawaii and Japan, they're probably getting the June issues around now. So keep that time lag in mind when you send out press releases.

Chapter newsletters should be sent to PC first class instead of bulk rate; otherwise, the "upcoming events" will have come and gone by the time we hear about them.

- If all else fails, phone the information in. Our number is (213) 626-6936. You might even be able to call collect, but don't quote me on that.

If these simple steps are kept in mind, PC can make more people in more places more informed.

Holiday Issue Plea

ONE THING
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TO ANOTHERBob
Shimabukuro

It's getting close to my anniversary here at the PC, which reminds me that I started work here in the middle of a confusing time here at the office. That was in the midst of the Holiday Issue production. Ads were coming in from the chapters as late as the day before we went to press, which made life difficult for all.

So, I'm issuing a very personal appeal to the chapters to get the

ads in early. The deadline for reserving space is Nov. 15; the deadline for the ads is Nov. 30. Some chapters are getting in the spirit, but come on, delinquent chapters, we're trying to make things a little easier for the staff here. We need all the help we can get.

The theme for this year's HI is "Interracial Families—Interracial Children." We are soliciting photographs of both children and families—snapshots, and/or formal photos. We are getting some real nice intergenerational ones with grandparents included, but we do need more.

Names of the people in the photos should be listed on the back of the photo. These photos should be ones that you can spare as we cannot be responsible for their return.

There is a lot of interest being generated in this year's HI. Those wishing to order extra copies may do so by sending \$3 and the address to which the copy is to be mailed by Dec. 10.

From here on in, the PC staff is looking at a lot of work and hopefully a lot of interest and enthusiasm; with help from the readers, the chapters and the national organization, we can put together a Holiday Issue that will assist in creating a sense of community for all of us. With a little bit of luck, we could even have fun doing it.

tributors (\$1,000 or more) from Hawaii to Connecticut, as well as hundreds more who have allowed us to pay our own way for the lawsuit and to continue financially solvent.

Our legal initiative is carried

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Letters

It's Not Just Me

I do appreciate Judge Marutani's kind words about me and his endorsement of Frank Sato's attempts at unifying the redress movement (Oct. 11 PC). I wish, however, to acknowledge a much broader movement of persons behind NCJAR's class action lawsuit. I don't know much about the workings of others in the effort toward Japanese American redress, but NCJAR is a movement.

NCJAR has a modest, even minimal institutional structure consisting of its board and newsletter. We pay neither rent nor salaries. But our reach is nationwide and embraces some critical activities.

Aiko and Jack Herzig, our sup-

porters in Virginia, for example, have converted their substantial master bedroom into a "Japanese American branch" of the National Archives. Their work fueled the research of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, provided the factual base of NCJAR's lawsuit, contributed to the *coram nobis* actions, and generally has given the movement its historical foundation.

Our movement also has a network of individuals who, though we do not own them, are making their contributions to the movement, such as Frank Chin, Peter Irons, Joy Kogawa, James Omura, John Toland, Nicholas Chen, Joyce Okinaka, Lloyd Wake, and others. We also have 40 *ronin* con-

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Artistic Tribute

FROM THE
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Bill
Hosokawa



It was several years ago, I don't recall exactly how many, that we drove up into the foothills northwest of Denver to attend a show of an artist named Alice Tsuyako Kaneko. We had known her casually. She ran a beauty shop and

reared two fine children and when her marriage broke up, as they sometimes do, she had turned to art.

Tsuyako had moved from painting into sculpture. Even with my limited knowledge of art, her work was impressive. But it was hard to figure how to find a place in our home for one of her bronzes. So we thanked her for the opportunity of viewing her work, murmured some sincere words of congratulations, and came on home.

That visit to her show came back to mind the other day when George Kyotow of Cliffside Park, N.J., dropped me a note. Kyotow said he had known Tsuyako in San

Francisco before the war, and that in his travels around the country he dropped in on her occasionally in Denver.

"I visited her in August," Kyotow wrote, "and was surprised at what she was creating in her garage turned studio."

What Kyotow saw was a bas relief in bronze titled "Freedom is Fragile." It depicts some 19 or 20 figures of all ages, Issei, Nisei and Sansei, caught up in the trauma of the Evacuation. A folder explains the bronze "expresses the closeness of family ties and the Japanese philosophy of acceptance and courage and reveals their anguish in the face of their loss of freedom."

The facial detail does indeed capture these emotions in a striking way. There is, for example, the seamed, stoic face of an Issei man, jaw set, lips tight, squinting defiantly into the sun. We've seen many men like that, the wiry Issei bachelors who maintained the railroads and sawed the timber and picked the crops. And then there is the little Sansei girl with the pageboy bob, her expression pensive and hurting. That famous photograph of a little girl waiting to be evacuated, apple in hand, sitting on her luggage, may well have been the model.

This particular bronze is a substantial work in more than one sense. Its dimensions are 60 inches by 30 inches and weighs 280 pounds, and has been cast in a limited edition of 10.

Viewing that bas relief, Kyotow came up with an idea. Why not commission Tsuyako to create a small scale Japanese American history in bronze for JACL headquarters? Or bronze heads of JACL pioneers, perhaps bronzes of the first four presidents—Tom Yatabe, Jimmie Sakamoto, Walter Tsukamoto and Saburo Kido—who courageously led the organization through the precarious pre-war and wartime years?

Well, why not? Money, for one thing. The organization is having problems and artistic tribute to its history is unlikely to win high priority at this time.

But it's nice to know that there are people like George Kyotow thinking with a sense of history, and artists like Tsuyako who could do justice to his vision.

Call For Unity

by Cherry Kinoshita

Responding to the concerns raised by a member of the National Board in the Oct. 11 PC regarding the success or failure of the LEC redress program, a clarification of the background of the LEC/JACL may lead to greater understanding by the readers.

LEC was established in 1982 as the 501(c)4 lobbying arm of JACL to protect the tax-exempt, tax-deductible status of JACL. However, LEC was not activated until last fall when its initial priority was to raise funds to prepare for a concentrated lobbying effort.

LEC to Lobby

Before the fund-raising had a chance to get off the ground, at the May 18 National Board meeting the decision was made to transfer all lobbying activities from JACL to LEC.

However, none of the funds in the JACL redress budget were made available to LEC since, it was stated, IRS prohibited transfers of funds from a 501(c)3 to the 501(c)4 arm (although there were

opinions to the contrary regarding this interpretation).

Additionally, LEC was charged with taking over some of the expenses (i.e., portions of the Washington office and staff expenses) which have been long-standing normal expenditures of the general JACL budget prior to redress.

Thus, LEC was faced with the gargantuan task of raising not only sufficient funds for a massive lobbying effort but raising even the very funds it needed to begin operations. Small wonder that without staff or staff support, without an office, without equipment or other facilities, communications broke down within the chapter redress network.

Endowment Fund Loan

At the 1982 National Convention, the National Council endorsed a loan request to be made to the Endowment Fund of \$100,000 per annum for a period of 3 years for redress, to be repaid by pledges of \$5 per member each year for a 3-year period. The pledges from chapters totaled \$100,310 in Year

1, and \$125,150 in Year 2. Corresponding expenditures for the JACL redress program have totaled \$131,000 in '83 and \$190,000 in '84.

No Orderly Transition

It was the common understanding that at such time as LEC would assume the lobbying activities, all redress activities, including staff, would be transferred to LEC.

Instead of an orderly transition, with LEC adequately funded to begin operations, there has been sustained under JACL a "JACL Redress Education Program" separate from LEC, which has been and will continue to be funded by the redress allocation—essentially funded by the Endowment Fund loan and chapter pledges, resulting in a current deficit.

Expanded Education Program

Geared to long-range "public education" with events targeted for several years hence, i.e., the Bicentennial of the Constitution, the Statue of Liberty Foundation, the Smithsonian Exhibit, etc., the proposed program no doubt includes worthwhile projects—but only remotely relevant to direct lobbying needs.

An educational adjunct is essential to LEC's lobbying activities—the preparation of hearing testimonies, lobbying handouts, and other congressional lobbying needs—as has functioned well in the past.

But the question which has led to polarization is whether JACL can afford the costly luxury of an expanded and supplemental "public education program," given the dire need for lobbying funds.

Intent of Loan

The resolution authorizing the loan from the Endowment Fund refers to "the continuing efforts to win redress" and that "the time has now come to prepare for the final push in the drafting of legislation for consideration by the Congress..." It has always been first and foremost a priority of JACL to "get redress legislation passed," and (correct me if I'm wrong) it was never the intent of the National Council to fund, by the Endowment Fund loan and chapter pledges, a supplemental \$100,000 "Redress Education Program" separate from lobbying activities.

National Determines Cuts

It was this untenable financial situation and the expansive funding of a separate redress education program that led to the LEC request for \$150,000 from JACL; in other words, a request for funds intended for redress which are channeled into JACL.

(Long belated research with tax experts has at this late date confirmed that indeed a 501(c)3 may transfer funds, within certain guidelines, to its 501(c)4 affiliate. According to the national office, technically up to \$230,000 could, based on JACL's budget of 1.2 million and under certain guidelines, be expended on lobbying.)

The transfer of \$75,000 to LEC in 1986 was approved by the National Board Sept. 22. It was a decision of the national leadership to find these funds by freezing staff salaries and applying drastic cuts in district and program allocations.

It is therefore inaccurate and

unfair to blame the "shortfall in LEC fund-raising" for the area in which the cuts are being made. Ironically, the questions being raised about the direction which the national office has been taking with its creation of a dual redress program, funding one at the expense of the other, has had its part in adversely affecting the LEC fund drive.

Pull Together

The call for coming together is addressed to the distinct feeling that persists that many of the national leadership and staff view LEC as "the other side," as an outside entity, rather than part and parcel of JACL, an arm which is charged with implementing the priority goal of JACL.

Lacking up to now is a feeling of wholehearted support (both financial and staff) that we are all fighting for the same thing.

Harry Kajihara has done a yeoman's job of getting the fund drive rolling. LEC prime solicitors have been doggedly working to bring in funds. A legislative strategy plan is in place.

Grayce Uyehara has not only led the Eastern District's top fund-raising record, but she has had the courage to volunteer to serve as an interim LEC Director—a tough, tough job.

Let us match her dedication by giving her full support and by pulling together to reach that goal of redress—come what may, success or failure. At least we can say we gave it our best shot.

Kinoshita has been designated acting LEC chair in the absence of Minoru Yasui, who will be out of the country until Nov. 15.

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by the firm of Landis, Cohen, Rauh and Zelenko. Our court complaint of 22 causes of action and our memoranda debating the procedural barriers are documents Japanese America can be proud of. If we fail in our challenge, it will not be for want of preparation, skill or competency.

It is misleading to construe NCJAR as a one-man movement. We are a movement of many persons. Instead of persona, I see the Mandate of Heaven as our driving force. We have based our actions on legal-constitutional principles, primary historical documents, and a solid faith in the existence and value of justice.

WILLIAM HOHRI
Chicago

Attn: Merchant Marines

I am writing with the hope that you might help me in a research project that I am working on. I would like to contact any Japanese American or Japanese Canadian who served in either the U.S. Merchant Marine or the Canadian Merchant Navy during

WW2. The purpose of this research is to obtain first-hand recollections of service and experiences of these people. The resulting article will be made available to anyone who has an interest in this aspect of Japanese American history.

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Congrats, PC

Congratulations on winning the recent award for the Pacific Citizen. I am pleased with the depth and variety of coverage. It brings JACL out of the closet into the light of being a pan-Asian, multi-racial organization. This perspective is essential if we are going to combat institutionalized racism in general and obtain redress in specific.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your professional coverage.

PEGGY NAGAE
Eugene, Ore.

Nagae is assistant dean of academic affairs at Univ. of Oregon School of Law.

Although the title of this article is "Leadership Development," it could just as well have been "The Future of JACL." In my view, JACL has problems in developing its young leadership. However, these problems are not insoluble.

JACL has long had the practice of bringing in new members, especially enthusiastic Sansei, and throwing them in the fire from the start. What usually results is a case of JACL "burnout," an overload of responsibility leading to frustration and an eventual parting of the ways.

This is not to imply that Sansei can't accept responsibility, but

Leadership Development

THE RECRUITMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

—by Tom Nakao

rather that they are given too much responsibility too soon. As in any company or large organization, the future leaders need to be broken in slowly. They have to learn the ropes and understand the workings of the organization in order to become effective leaders.

Another problem is the inability or reluctance to "turn over the

reins" totally to young leadership. Many may disagree with this and back up their contention by pointing out that there are a number of Sansei in leadership roles on the local, district, and national levels of JACL. Let's examine, however, these leadership positions carefully.

Are these Sansei true leaders with "power" or do they just occupy an office? I think it's more of the latter. Lest anyone become concerned about the implications of the word "power," let me define it. Power, within the context of JACL, is the ability to effect

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LEC Fund Drive Plan

by Harry Kajihara

The JACL-LEC Board agreed at the May 1985 meeting that \$1.5 million was the amount needed to fund the redress pursuit. It is well-known that interest groups spend a great deal of money pursuing the passage of legislation. In my opinion, \$15 million would not be an unreasonable amount to spend in order to pass HR 442 and S 1053; however, JACL is not that affluent. So with justice on our side, and with the concerted effort of dedicated volunteer grassroots nationwide, the Nikkei members of Congress and a handful of JACL staffers, we pursue enactment of HR 442 and S 1053. A very modest goal of \$1.5 million over a 3-year period is targeted.

Prime Solicitor Network

To raise the \$1.5 million, 250 prime solicitors (PS) are sought.

With each PS raising \$2,000/yr., \$500,000/yr. will be raised. So far, 80 PS have stepped forward. We need only 170 more. The basic idea for the PS network formation is that these persons can outreach to the community at large, JACLers and non-JACLers, to spread the word on redress, and through personal contact seek funding participation of concerned persons on this constitutional issue legislation.

Keypersons

Eight keypersons cover the nation. Their responsibilities include "quarterbacking" all matters pertaining to fund raising, coordinating the district prime solicitor's efforts, passing along the latest information and developments obtained from the National Board, LEC Board and fund drive chair. The district govern-

nors have "volunteered" to serve as keypersons because they interface most with the grassroots JACLers and receive the latest information from Board meetings.

JACL-LEC Fund Drive Progress

The Fund Drive progress as of Oct. 7 was reported in the Oct. 25 PC. Of the \$117,333 targeted for Oct. 1985, \$61,129.24 has been raised. Targeted amount for June 1986 is \$352,000, with an additional \$148,000/yr. goal set to establish a cash reserve for the services of a professional lobbyist in the future, if required.

Fund Raising Strategy

From now until March 30, 1986, district keypersons will be responsible for raising \$250,000. The plan is as follows:

(1) PS who have not raised any funds will raise \$1,000 each, while other PS will raise another \$500 each—\$50,000.

(2) Past and newly-elected chapter board members will contribute an average of \$100 per board member per year—40,000.

(3) The PSW LEC Fund Drive Dinner with Nikkei members of Congress at \$100/person—\$60,000.

(4) Mass solicitation of funds by contact and mailers, and projects by chapter board and members will accumulate another \$100,000.

Individual Contribution

On Oct. 5, 1985, my wife Itsuko and I passed up a movie and a dinner out. We calculated a savings of \$29.87 and sent a check to LEC. If we do this periodically, say 12 times a year, JACL-LEC will be the beneficiary of \$358.44 and we won't much notice the

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change. This means the ability to do this without first consulting those longtime JACLers who have brought the organization to this point in time.

These problems are not without solutions. To combat JACL "burn-out," I think that we have to bring the Sansei up to speed slowly. This means not making them committee chairs or presidents just because they are enthusiastic. Let them get a feel for what JACL is all about. Have them work up from the bottom with committee assignments first, adding more responsibility as time goes on. This will not only prolong their enthusiasm,

but provide some continuity to the organization.

A solution to the "turning over the reins" problem is to develop a mentor system. In every community there are Nisei leaders who are the backbone of JACL, who would be ideal candidates for a mentor program. With proper guidelines this system can be implemented to develop the Sansei leaders. They can help plug the new leaders into the existing power structure and aid the new leadership in their development of contacts.

First of two parts. Nakao is former president of Cleveland JACL and currently serves on JACL's national committee on Leadership Development and Recruitment.

Chapter Pulse

Pasadena

PASADENA, Calif.—Pasadena chapter's redress fundraiser at the Oct. 12 Pasadena Cultural Festival was a success. The booth, decorated by Wes Senzaki, Mary Tokeshi and Nolan Zane, garnered first prize. Food was prepared and served by Miyo Senzaki, Ruth Deguchi, Frances Hiraoka, Ruth Ishii, Harris/Elizabeth Ozawa, Ruth Tanaka, Sophie Toriumi, BudJane Tsuboi, Bob/Mae Uchida, and Alice Young, with help from Sam Maeda and Yosh Nakashima. Mack Yamaguchi, who represents the chapter on the festival committee, reports that the next event will be held in June 1986.

San Diego

SAN DIEGO—"Impact of Asian Americans—Now and the Future" will be the topic discussed by Gil Ontai at San Diego chapter's 52nd annual installation dinner on Sunday, Dec. 1 at Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island Drive.

Ontai is founder/owner of The Ontai Partnership, a land use planning and architectural design firm; a board member of Centre City Development Corp., Downtown Marketing Consortium, Partners for Livable Places, Friendship Garden Society, and Oceanside Economic Development Corp.; and board chair of Union of Pan Asian Communities, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, and Yantai Friendship Society.

Tickets: \$15. Info: (619) 277-5460.

Carson

CARSON, Calif.—The annual chapter Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Bowling is scheduled for Nov. 10, 2 p.m., at Bowl-O-Drome, 21915 Western Ave. in Torrance. Cost: \$1.40; free use of shoes.

Reno

RENO—The installation dinner for Reno chapter officers is set for Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Ramada on 6th and Lake. This dinner will be a re-installation as the entire slate of officers has agreed to stay in office for the next year. Sam Wada will be the official delegate. Cost of tickets is \$12 per person. Reservations: Henry Hattori.

Chicago

CHICAGO—Bill Yoshino and Ross Harano were reappointed to Mayor Harold Washington's Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs Oct. 21. Washington stated his appreciation for their "substantial commitment of time and resources" and for "a splendid job reflecting well on you and the city."

The advisory committee was created in 1984 through a mayoral executive order to identify subjects of concern and to make recommendations to the mayor on matters pertaining to Chicago's Asian American community.

Harano is a former chapter president and MDC governor while Yoshino serves as the JACL Midwest Director.

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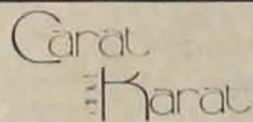
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Matsunaga was also disappointed that Reagan "did not use his authority to nominate a more diverse slate of candidates. However distinguished the nominees may be, the board includes no business leaders, no labor leaders, no civil rights leaders, and no professionals in the field of conflict resolution."

He also noted that no women were nominated despite the fact that the American Assn. of University Women and the Young Womens Christian Assn. "were among the earliest and staunchest advocates" of the institute.

In addition, he said, the nominees were from the Northeast/mid-Atlantic region and the West Coast, with no representation from the Midwest or the South.

"The board's lack of diversity is no trivial matter," said Matsunaga, "for one of its major tasks will be to develop and conduct outreach programs which will include a broad cross-section of the American public."

The nominees are: Dr. John Moore of Charlottesville, Va.; Dr. Dennis Bark of Stanford, Calif.; Dr. Evron Kirkpatrick of Bethesda, Md.; Dr. Scott Thompson of

Goffstown, N.H.; Rev. Sidney Lovett of West Hartford, Conn.; Pastor Richard Neuhaus of New York; Dr. Allen Weinstein and W. Bruce Weinrod, both of Washington, D.C.

After the eight presented statements to the committee regarding their qualifications and goals for the institute, Matsunaga said he was pleased with the overall caliber of the nominees despite his criticisms.

The nominees will be presented with additional written questions. Reagan has still to nominate three members to the 11-member board.

Grant given for mail-order bride study

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Racial Justice Program staff of the Presbyterian Church USA to support the Women's Concerns Committee's investigation of mail-order bride catalogue businesses operating in the U.S.

The committee has issued a preliminary investigative report on this issue and taken a strong stance against such businesses (see Feb. 22 PC).

The report stated, in part, that "Our primary concern is for the

Fundraiser to honor JA lawmakers

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Southwest District JACL holds a national kick-off dinner Jan. 17, 1986 at the Bonaventure Hotel to raise funds for the JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC).

Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii) and Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) will be recognized for their contributions to the redress movement.

LEC is lobbying for passage of S 1053 in the Senate and HR 442

in the House, both of which are intended to implement the 1983 recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which declared the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans an injustice and urged monetary compensation for the victims.

The four Nikkei in Congress, all co-sponsors of the redress bills, have stated that the JA community has made significant progress toward securing passage but that there are still many difficult obstacles to overcome.

One such obstacle is the high cost of LEC's proposed legisla-

tive campaign. PSWD governor Harry Kajihara, fund-raising chair, is urging financial support through donations to LEC.

Cost for the event, which begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7, is \$100 per person, \$1,000 for a table of 10. Table sponsors and other donors of \$500 or more will be acknowledged in the program booklet if contributions are received before Dec. 17.

The dinner is chaired by Toy Kanegai. Co-chairs include Rose Ochi and Gene Takamine. Info: Toy Kanegai, (213) 820-5250; co-chair Leslie Furukawa, (213) 627-7727; or co-chair Susan Kamei Leung, (818) 796-6359.

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Former Seabrook Farms manager dies

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Marion Glaeser, best known to East Coast Japanese Americans for her help in resettling many JAs during WW2 and after while office manager at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey, died August 15 at Eyrie County Medical Center. She had been a resident at Amherst Presbyterian Nursing Center in Williamsville, N.Y.

In the July 4-11, 1980 PC, columnist William Marutani wrote of Glaeser:

In the '40s, when the Issei and Nisei were relocating from the various camps in the West, Marion, who was then working as an Office Manager in the main of-

fice of Seabrook Farms in New Jersey, was instrumental in settling many at the Seabrook operation, smoothing their way to resettlement. And when Issei became eligible for citizenship, it was Marion who eased the way for these noble pioneers to attain that long-delayed status. It was through her unstinting efforts that in that rural community, with its limited number of Issei, that nonetheless there was the largest naturalization ceremony of Issei in the United States. The total in that ceremony was some 160 Issei.

After retiring from Seabrook, she lived in Philadelphia before returning to Buffalo, her hometown.

Prior to WW2, she was an employee of the American embassy in Tokyo.

women involved in these seemingly blind and exploitative arrangements...

"The tawdry catalogs, in which identifying numbers are given to photos of Asian women, represent women in a dehumanizing manner, as inanimate items for display and purchase... thereby providing implicit permission to treat Asians in a less-than-human manner."

At the urging of the Women's Concerns Committee, the JACL National Board also passed a motion opposing such businesses. Other national and local organizations are also attempting to address issues of racism and sexism raised by the mail-order bride controversy.

For more information, contact Lia Shigemura at JACL Headquarters, (415) 921-5225.

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money because it is going out in small amounts. Try it, people. It's so much easier than giving a big lump sum.

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Influencing Foreign Policy

by Yasumasa Kuroda

Michael Yoshitsu, who formerly taught political science at University of Virginia, was appointed in May to the post of North American Deputy Director of the Trilateral Commission in New York. He is one of the first Japanese Americans to represent the U.S. in dealing with Japan.

There has been much discussion in JACL for the past several years on the merits and demerits of Japanese Americans playing a role in the development of better U.S.-Japan relations. This is a report on one JA who plays an important role in the constructive development of relations among North America, Western Europe and Japan.

The Trilateral Commission is a research group which helps define economic and foreign policies of the leading capitalist countries. Yoshitsu's new job will not only bring him into contact with such figures as Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, Robert McNamara

and other members of the Commission, but would also allow him to work on reports that might influence the foreign policies of Western Europe, Japan and the U.S.—and therefore the world.

His position calls for the editing of position papers on such issues as relations with the Soviet Union and forwarding his work to policy-makers in the three regions for consideration.

His second area of responsibility is administrative oversight of the Commission's annual meeting of North American members and its yearly international conference of North American, Japanese and European members. Both events bring together a wide array of elite statesmen and business leaders to review issues of common interest.

Recent participants include Zbigniew Brzezinski, Kiichi Miyazawa, Karl Kaiser, and Saburo Okita. The issues they discussed include U.S.-Japan trade friction and ASEAN development. Last year's conference was held in Rome and culminated with an au-

dience with Pope John Paul II. Last April, the conference was held in Tokyo and ended with a reception attended by Prime Minister Nakasone.

How did Yoshitsu get where he is today? Although he attended Stanford and Columbia, obtaining a Ph.D. in political science in the process, his new job is hardly the result of careful planning. It was a series of accidents, trials and luck.

But my hunch is that receiving a good liberal arts education at two of the nation's first-rate universities helped him to prepare for the coveted position he now holds. There is no doubt that his parents' undying support for their son provided him with the family environment needed for maximum growth of his human potential.

Upon entering college, he knew exactly what he wanted. Having visited Japan for the first time the previous summer, he was convinced that life was not worth living unless he became an international lawyer specializing in U.S.-Japan relations.

That career, he believed, would enable him to pursue his roots as a Sansei while permitting him to

make a major contribution to two countries he dearly loved. Reality, however, stomped all over that idea as time passed.

Once in law school, he confronted a world of casebook cramming and what seemed to be money-mad students. It was, to say the least, not the horizon-broadening experience he had anticipated law school to be.

Disappointed but undaunted, he soon embraced a new dream. To pursue his roots and make his major contribution, he decided that life as a scholar was for him. He would be free to pursue his own interests. Especially appealing was the possibility of learning and teaching others about his two beloved countries.

Reality again stomped all over him. After five years of graduate school and five years as an assistant professor of political science, he began to recognize the limitations of what he was doing. Although he enjoyed his students as well as his writing, which resulted in the publication of a couple of books on Japan, he felt that was not enough.

Without real world stimulation

and experience, he would fail to grow intellectually and personally. (I suspect that his meager salary did not make him very happy either.) His search for a new future eventually led to the Trilateral Commission.

Having been at the Commission for five months, he informs me that he has never been happier. (Of course, this may be a result of his getting married in June.) His job offers him every challenge he could have asked for. His parents in Honolulu are both happy and proud of their son.

Of course, reality may be waiting in the wings to stomp all over him again. If that happens, he'll be well prepared. For if he has learned anything from his disappointing past, it is that planning for the future is fine so long as one is flexible enough to adjust when things don't go according to plan.

He admits that this is not particularly profound. But then again, life seems easier when one is not too profound about it.

Kuroda, a political science professor at Univ. of Hawaii-Manoa, chairs Honolulu JACL's International Relations Committee.

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SOH BROTHERS

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states "any person with a strong possibility of committing a crime again" can continue to be held.

The Preventive Custody Measure was applied to Soh Joon Shik three more times in 1980, 1982, and 1984, making his detention longer than the original completed sentence. His lawsuit to repeal the application of this measure is still pending.

According to an informational booklet published by the Save the Soh Brothers Society in Japan, more than 60 Koreans from Japan have been imprisoned as political prisoners in South Korea. Among the 35 in jail now, one was sentenced to death, 14 (including Soh Sung) were sentenced to life imprisonment, and two (including Soh Joon Shik) have not been released although their prison terms have already expired.

After the 1965 treaty restoring diplomatic relations between Japan and South Korea, about 200 Koreans in Japan went to study in South Korea every year. Most of them, like the Soh brothers, hoped to learn their own language, traditions, and culture to reestablish their national identity and to improve their living conditions.

Both brothers were students at Seoul National University, which at the time was closed down by Park Chung Hee for "opposing military training during college and opposing Park's upcoming reelection." Soh Sung was studying

sociology and Soh Joon Shik was studying to become a lawyer.

Supporters say that Park Chung Hee fabricated the spy case with the aim of striking a blow at the movement for democracy. The two brothers were arrested at least 10 days before Park's reelection.

Soh Kyung Sik described his brothers' case as a "legacy of the Cold War policy" that sought to create hysteria over "an invasion from the north." He expressed an urgency to revitalize the support movement which has collected over 200,000 signatures, mainly from Japanese citizens, since 1971. Among their supporters are Bishop Aloisus Nobuo Soma, Japan Catholic Justice and Peace Commission; and Rev. Tsutomu Shoji, General Secretary, National Christian Council in Japan.

"The South Korean government faces a conflict. On the one hand, it has to strengthen their oppression; yet they have to show an open society in the eyes of the world in 1988," said Soh.

Amnesty International, the London-based human rights body, reported abuse of prisoners in South Korea in their recent publication, *Torture in the Eighties* (1984): "After the lifting of martial law at the end of January 1981, torture continued to be used regularly in the case of people who were suspected of pro-communist or socialist sympathies and anti-state activities."

Both the Soh brothers have been named as "prisoners of conscience" (for non-violent opposi-

tion to a government) by the group and have been adopted by Amnesty groups in the U.S., England, Canada, and West Germany. The headquarters has on several occasions made the Soh brothers the focus of its "Prisoners of the Month" and "Urgent Action Campaigns."

"My brothers' case is typical and symbolic of what other political prisoners face in South Korea," said Soh. "Both identified with the Korean nation and believed they should help the movement for democracy in South Korea and reunification of the homeland."

Soh Kyung Sik has not been able to visit or write to his brothers. "Nowadays, I can get very little information about my brothers. My mother visited the prisons more than 60 times until her death in 1980. But after her death, my sister visits the prison two or three

times a year, and Joon Shik is allowed to write not more than once a month," he explained.

The younger brother hopes to accomplish very specific goals while lobbying in Washington, D.C. He plans to encourage Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) to write a letter of concern to the Blue House in South Korea and possibly make a statement on the congressional floor that will be put into the Congressional Record.

Meanwhile, peace, religious, student, and community groups are being requested to circulate petitions demanding the Soh brothers' release, send letters to President Chun Doo Hwan and cards to the Soh brothers, and help raise money for their support campaign.

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Asian Men: Who Wants Them?

by J.K. Yamamoto

BURBANK, Calif.—Are Asian American men unwanted in the TV industry? According to a panel of men working in the business, that is often the case; but they feel that Asians themselves, as well as the media, bear some responsibility for the problem.

Speaking on the subject at an Oct. 2 program sponsored by Asian American Journalists Assn. and held at KNBC Studios were Mario Machado, independent broadcaster and producer; Frank Kwan, host of "Free 4 All" and producer at KNBC; Sam Chu Lin, consultant to Hewlett Packard and reporter for KTLA; and Gene Leong, director at KNBC.

Machado, who is of Portuguese and Chinese parentage, has worked for CBS, PBS, and ABC and locally on KNXT (now KCBS), where he was a reporter, anchor and co-host of the "Noon-time" talk show. While being an Asian male has not prevented him from working, he did think it was a factor when he was turned down by major shows like "Entertainment Tonight" (for which he had been the original host) and "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

"Why is there not an Asian game show host?" asked Machado. "Take commercials... how many times have you seen an Asian spokesman... a positive, dynamic guy selling a car?"

Damaging Stereotypes

The answer, he said, lies in popular images. "Asian men are perceived to be shrewd, cunning, conniving, hard-working businessmen... They also have an image [of being] very conservative, don't project, and therefore don't have the skills to communicate. We



Frank Kwan (left) and Sam Chu Lin

can make deals, but we don't have charisma, we don't have the twinkle in the eye."

"The problem," said Kwan, "is we're bucking decades' worth of motion picture and television images... that portray both Asian men and women as certain types... To try to counteract that is very difficult because the amount of programming that you can generate is miniscule compared to the avalanche of stuff that keeps coming down."

In recent years, "stereotypes have even been more exaggerated or come more to the surface with the competition now with the Far East," said Lin.

"The Asian woman is very appealing to the white man—he covets the Asian woman," Machado said, also noting that when there was a push for stations to hire more women and minorities, "it was easy to hire a lot of minority women... therefore they satisfied two minorities at the same time," and in the process Asian men "had their job opportunities halved."

The crux of the problem is that TV decision-makers "don't want

to see decisive, strong Asian men in positions of dominance," he stated. "It's as simple as that."

Kwan, observing that there is only one Latino male anchor and no Black male anchor in Los Angeles, said the problem applies to minority males in general because of "a perception [that] to the general public, minority males represent a threat."

Playing It Safe

In television, "a lot of decisions are motivated by simply fear... fear of making the wrong decision," he said. "Most of the entertainment that you see is very copycat because there's very little risk-taking."

If a producer's show has "all the right elements" and fails anyway, his job will be intact; but if he takes "the wrong chance," such

as hiring an Asian male host, he will suffer the consequences if the show is not successful, Kwan explained.

"Even if there were an Asian decision-maker," added Machado, "could we expect him to make that risky choice, or is he going to play it safe?"

Lin predicted that in the future, "each rating point is going to be worth more money, and they will take less chances in many respects."

Internal Factors

Leong suggested that part of the problem "stems from the fact that when you're young, your parents have a certain amount of influence as far as which direction you're going to go into. Maybe it is safer to be an accountant. Maybe it's safer to be a doctor. But show business, that's kind of like a gray area, like an unknown."

Machado agreed, noting that when he goes to "Career Day" speaking engagements, "very few Asians are in the communications seminars" and that job inquiries he receives "seldom come from Asians."

"If we have no one going to school, no one training for these jobs," said Lin, "it's our fault too... Asian males will have to really be willing to hone their craft while in college, work at these

little \$200 [entry-level] jobs, and be at the right place at the right time."

The difference for Asian women is that they have role models such as Tertia Toyota on KCBS and Connie Chung on NBC News, said Machado. "With women, they see the opportunities because there are more women emerging."

Panelists expressed hope that Asian males who do break into the business are breaking ground for others. "I think what's represented here is really the first generation of people coming through," said Kwan.

Sponsors and stations may gradually bring about change on their own volition, the panelists added. "The major corporations... recognize the fact that there is this buying population of educated Asians and we are a force to be reckoned with," Machado said. "They will force some of that change, because they know we are consumers."

Lin partly attributed his being hired at KTLA to the fact that "they are recognizing that there is an Asian population out there... They perhaps feel a little pressure."



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