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Battle lines drawn on language issue

by J.K. Yamamoto

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — A proposal to make English the official language of Monterey Park has prompted the formation of a group opposing the move and focused national attention on this multi-ethnic city.

"The people of Monterey Park don't like foreign-language signs that dominate the business district," says photographer Frank Arcuri, who is leading the drive to place the measure on the April ballot. "It alienates us."

Asians, many of them immigrants from Hong Kong and Taiwan, make up 40% of the population here, and signs in Chinese are a common sight. (Latinos

make up 37% of the 58,000 residents; Anglos are 22%.)

Arcuri thinks those signs "divide the community" and constitute "discrimination against Americans" who cannot read Chinese. "This is America. Immigrants are welcome here, but they have to join in the brotherhood."

The proposed measure, authored by Arcuri and teacher Barry Hatch, reads, "English is the language that we use in Monterey Park when we want everyone to understand our ideas. This is what unites us as Americans, even though some of our citizens speak other languages. Let us make English our official language as a symbol of this

unity."

Arcuri describes the measure as "a symbolic policy statement" that he wants the city council to use "as a guide [in] future policy decisions."

He denies accusations of prejudice by saying, "There is nothing racist about saying English is a good language, a practical language."

The Coalition for Harmony in Monterey Park (CHaMP), which held its first press conference Nov. 1, has proposed a counter-measure which reads, "Although we recognize that English is our common language in Monterey Park, we believe that making English the official language of our city would lead to violations of our constitutional rights."

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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto
Michael Eng



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto
Frank Arcuri

Hayakawa calls for official language

by Katie Kaori Hayashi

NORTHRIDGE, Calif.—English should be the national language of the U.S., so a measure to prevent other languages from becoming official should be adopted, former senator S.I. Hayakawa said Nov. 13.

The California Republican circulated petitions at California State University Northridge to put a measure on the state ballot making English the official language. "Melting pot, yes. But the Tower of Babel, no," he shouted.

"Unofficially, you can speak any language at home, at church, at crap games and at bingos," said author and semanticist Hayakawa, who is honorary chair of the Washington, D.C.-based organization U.S. English. But one language, English, should be used at official places such as Congress, state legislatures and city council meetings, he said.

Since the U.S. consists of various peoples who practice different customs, ideas and religions, the use of one language "dissolves distrust and fear and draws up understanding and agreement," he said.

"A common language is what makes society possible. American society is a melting pot, so one public language makes people unite."

"But in the past several years," he added, "the idea of a melting pot has been changed... some people say we should think of it [the U.S.] as a salad bowl."

In San Francisco, a bilingual ballot initiative supported especially by Hispanic leaders was passed without much debate in 1975, he said. "This is in direct contradiction to the immigration laws that require immigrants to learn English to become American citizens."

As a senator, Hayakawa introduced in 1981 a constitutional amendment, which was never passed, that would make English the nation's official language.

As part of Calif. Committee for Ballots in English, Hayakawa pushed for passage of Proposition 38, approved in November 1984, under which the governor urged the federal government to eliminate bilingual ballots and other election materials.



Photo by Jon Takasugi/Rafu Shimpo
Former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa during a Los Angeles appearance in June.

Asians prefer GOP, survey suggests

PASADENA, Calif.—A new survey indicates Asian Americans are more likely than Latinos to oppose special government programs for immigrants and to support President Reagan and call themselves Republicans, the Washington Post reports.

The phone survey, conducted by Bruce E. Cain and D. Roderick Kiewiet, associate professors of political science at Calif. Institute of Technology, reached a random sampling of 593 Latinos, 305 Asians, 335 Blacks and 409 whites.

Cain and Kiewiet said they designed their survey after observing Democratic efforts, particularly by presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, to unite minorities under the party's banner.

The poll suggests that Asians do not believe they share the problems facing Blacks and Latinos or need help from traditionally Democratic-sponsored programs. The researchers note that 29% of Asian discrimination complaints were job- or housing-related, compared to 59% for Blacks and 44% for Latinos.

The poll also showed 67% of Asian respondents voted for Reagan in 1984 as opposed to 36% of Latinos.

Democratic councilman Mike Woo of Los Angeles said he was not surprised by those results. "They see him as a strong anti-communist," he said, noting that many Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese immigrants have seen communism first-hand.

Woo said the predominance of Democrats among Asian American elected officials may be due to their concentration in areas

with large numbers of other minorities who tend to vote Democratic. But he expects to see Asian Republicans elected from Korean and Vietnamese neighborhoods.

Immigration Issues

Asian respondents supported sanctions against employers for hiring illegal aliens 51% to 34%, compared to Latino opposition of 42% to 40%. Whites and Blacks supported sanctions by somewhat wider margins than Asians.

All ethnic groups supported amnesty for illegal aliens already in the country, though the margin of approval by Asians was 43% to 33% compared to 61% to 20% for Latinos. The disparity may be attributable to the fact that the proportion of illegal immigrants is greater among Latinos than among Asians.

A similar Asian-Latino split occurred on bilingual education, with Asians supporting it 51% to 40% compared to 69% to 22% support from Latinos. (Blacks were 63% to 25% in support and whites were 51% to 42% against.)

Monterey Park councilwoman Lily Chen, a Democrat, said the split may be explained in part by media accounts that concentrate on bilingual programs for Spanish speakers and put little emphasis on services available for speakers of Asian languages.

Latinos supported bilingual ballots 60% to 31%, as did Blacks, 49% to 38%. Asians opposed them 50% to 43% and whites were 67% to 29% against.

However, slightly more Asians, 47%, than Latinos, 43%, said they usually do not speak English at home.

DNC plans outreach to Asian/Pacifics

SAN FRANCISCO—Democratic National Committee chairman Paul Kirk announced a major outreach program directed at Asian Pacific Americans during a Nov. 13 reception at Dimasalang House hosted by Tom Hsieh, DNC Asian Pacific Caucus chair.

"With the support of key political leaders in Congress," Kirk said, "I am proposing creation of a national federation that will give the Asian Pacific community a greater role in the affairs of the Democratic Party."

"The federation will afford Asian Pacific Democrats the au-

tonomy to pursue a wide-ranging political agenda of importance to the community, but it will also provide a strong link to the formal Democratic Party organization."

Kirk announced that he will convene a meeting of Asian Pacific elected officials and DNC members by the first of next year to plan and implement a structure for the federation.

"We want this new organization to be planned by the Asian Pacific American community itself, not imposed by the National Party Committee," he said, add-

ing that he is soliciting suggestions from the community.

Kirk promoted his party by saying that Asian Pacifics are known for "hard work, resourcefulness, self-discipline and devotion to family. Those are qualities which have historically been identified with the Democratic Party."

"We are eager to forge a closer working relationship with the millions of Americans of Asian Pacific descent... The Democratic Party best reflects the diversity of this country which is its fundamental strength. Asian Pacific Americans are an essential element of that strength."

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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) holds a reception for the "Born Free and Equal" exhibit of Ansel Adams' Manzanar photos at Doizaki Gallery, Japanese Cultural & Community Center, 244 San Pedro St., on Dec. 3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Donation: \$5. Info: Miles Hamada, 628-2725.

The second annual Shogun Santa Children's Parade ushers in the Christmas season Dec. 1, 2-5 p.m., in Little Tokyo. Children from the L.A. School District, ethnic language schools and community youth groups will participate. During closing festivities at Japanese Village Plaza on 1st St., Shogun Santa will present awards for best costume, performances, and banners. Info: (213) 620-8861.

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American Theater Co. presents "All Through the House" by David Ginn, the story of a

yuppie couple trying to recapture the magic of Christmas, Dec. 4-22, 8 p.m. weekdays and 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sundays, at Ft. Mason Center, Bldg. B. Info: Adrienne Fong, (415) 928-8922.

San Francisco Choraliers, a bilingual children's group directed by May Murakami, performs a Christmas concert Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Info: 567-3988.

SEATTLE—Tomo No Kai, a widow and widowers support group, holds a Christmas potluck Dec. 14, 6 p.m., at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Info: Hana Masuda, 322-0691.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Sheridan Tatsuno, industry analyst at Japanese Semiconductor Industry Service, Dataquest, Inc. speaks on licensing and joint ventures in the semiconductor industry Dec. 5 at Red Lion Inn. Reservations

required. Info: Japan Society, (415) 986-4383.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Bassist Mark Izu performs at Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m. Also featured will be performance artist Brenda Aoki, percussionist Jeanne Aiko Mercer and saxophonist Russel Hisashi Baba. Admission: \$5. Sponsored by Kearny St. Workshop. Info: (415) 658-1868.

Book on Santa Clara JA farmers released

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—An autograph party for the authors of the newly published *Japanese Legacy: Farming and Community Life in California's Santa Clara Valley*, is scheduled for Dec. 14, 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St.

Authors Timothy Lukes and Gary Okihiro, both Santa Clara University professors, will be present.

Published by the California History Center at De Anza College, the book traces the history of the Santa Clara JA farming community from about 1895, when the first agricultural laborers arrived, to 1945, when the first JAs returned to the valley from wartime internment camps.

The book also records how local politicians and landowners profited from the presence of Japanese farmers.

Illustrated with 60 historical photographs collected by Duane Kubo, *Japanese Legacy* was produced with funding from Calif. Council for the Humanities, American Assn. for State & Local History, Sourisseau Academy at San Jose State University, and SCU's College of Arts & Science and Ethnic Studies Program.

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Asians wary of new Chinatown film

SAN FRANCISCO—A rally was held Nov. 12 in Chinatown to protest the 20th Century Fox film "Big Trouble in Little China," which is now in production.

About 25 people, organized by Bay Area Coalition Against "Year of the Dragon," carried signs and chanted "No more racist movies" at Ross Alley, where the "Little China" film crew had been scheduled to shoot.

Described by director John Carpenter ("Starman") as "an adventure-comedy-kung fu-monster-ghost story about the imaginary world underneath Chinatown where the ghosts live," the film is written by W.D. Richter ("Buckaroo Banzai") and stars Kurt Russell and Dennis Dun as truck drivers searching for a woman kidnapped by the mysterious Lords of Death.

Protestor Gordon Mar said that the film "is portrayed as light-weight fantasy, but it promotes a very dangerous image... The film includes prostitution

rings and underground slave chambers."

Another of the coalition's complaints is that the Chinatown in the film is the site for open warfare between "Yellow Turbans" and "Red Turbans" using knives, meat cleavers and hatchets.

Concern about the film has been expressed by National Asian American Telecommunications Assn., the San Francisco based Chinese for Affirmative Action and the Los Angeles-based Asian Pacific American Media Watch, which, like the Bay Area coalition, was formed in response to Michael Cimino's film "Year of the Dragon" in August.

The Bay Area group demanded that 20th Century Fox halt production of the film until it has met with coalition members and resolved the issue, and that the City of San Francisco adopt a policy which considers minority community concerns when issuing permits for location filming.

—from a report by East West

JAM 1986 calendars now available


SAN FRANCISCO—Japantown Art and Media Workshop (JAM) has released its 1986 calendar, which features 13 limited-edition prints silk-screened by hand.

Artists whose works are featured are Chester Yoshida, Wes Aoki, Wes Senzaki, Holly Calica, Cecily Chow, Richard Szeto, Leon Nancy Hom, Rich Tokeshi, Russell Miyaki, Stephanie Lowe & Peter Man, Art Matsuura, and Coleen Nakamura.

"Calendar JAM," which costs \$50 (20% discount for JAM mem-

bers), will be available Dec. 14-15 at Nihonmachi Little Friends' Christmas art and craft fair at the West Building of Japan Center and Dec. 14 at Tygress 50 Asian Art Gallery, 2118 Haynes St.

JAM is a non-profit organization which sponsors cultural events and provides graphic services and art workshops and classes for the Asian American community. Membership is \$20 general, \$10 students, seniors and low-income persons. Info: (415) 567-3851.



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'Nisei Soldier' wins film and TV award

NEW YORK—Loni Ding's documentary "Nisei Soldier" was awarded a gold medal in the history and biography category at the 28th annual International Film and Television Festival of New York on Nov. 15 at the Sheraton Center.

The film, which documents the story of Japanese Americans who fought for the U.S. in Europe during WW2, has been broadcast on PBS and received numerous media awards.

Producer and director Ding was represented by Tooru Kanazawa, who said on her behalf, "We accept with pride this gold medal in the name of the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and their families, whose heroism and moral courage the film wishes to remember and celebrate."

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Needs of ethnic communities explored

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Over 250 community leaders and volunteers tackled the issue of meeting the health and human services needs of the city's expanding ethnic population on Nov. 7 at California State University, Long Beach.

Jointly sponsored by Long Beach Area Planning Council of United Way, Junior League of Long Beach and National Conference of Christians and Jews, the conference was entitled

"Building Bridges to Intercultural Understanding."

Than Pok, executive director of United Cambodian Community, told participants that the Long Beach ethnic population has grown from 30% to more than 50% in the past five years.

"More needs to be done to understand these people and to incorporate them in the service delivery system," he said. "In so doing, we hope to have a harmonious community where black

and white, yellow and brown can live peacefully side by side."

Dr. Stephen Horn, president of CSULB, spoke about the vital role higher education plays in providing opportunities, though he lamented that only one-third of the student body represented ethnic minorities. "We need to build networks to bring these students into our university."

Fernando del Rio, v.p. of public affairs at KHJ-TV, said, "I realize how frustrating it must be for those of you who work in minority affairs to get your message heard and understood. Those of us in the media have an obligation to serve all segments of the community."

Workshops were devoted to identifying areas that impede delivery of services, determining bridges to solve the problem, and developing a plan of action.

Speakers dealing with the Asian American community included:

—Santa Ana College counselor Tuyet Pham, United Cambodian Community assistant director Prany Sananikone and Kavouth Huv of Catholic Welfare Bureau Immigration and Resettlement Services on understanding cultural variations in family dynamics;

—Mike Watanabe, executive director of Asian American Drug Abuse Program, on securing, selecting and orienting intercultural staff;

—Leland Wong, director of public policy development for United Way, on planning programs to accommodate changing demographics;

—Dr. Kong Chhean of Khmer Buddhist Church on the role of the church in bridging intercultural barriers;

—Alan Kumamoto of Center for Non-Profit Management on orientation to fundraising.

Pearl Harbor invoked in ad campaign

HOUSTON—A public relations consultant and former state legislator has run full-page advertisements in local papers stating, "Japan is stealing American jobs. It's an economic Pearl Harbor."

Henry "Hank" Grover, who operates Grover & Associates in the Montrose area, placed the ads in the Nov. 12 Houston Chronicle and Dallas Morning News to promote bumper stickers with the slogans "Remember Pearl Harbor/Save American Jobs," "Boycott Japan/Buy American," and "Buy American/Save Your Job."

"Let's awaken Americans to this serious crisis with a nationwide bumper sticker campaign," the ad reads in part.

"The trade deficit costs 925,000 American jobs. [Grover says that 25,000 jobs are lost per \$1 billion in the \$37 billion trade deficit with Japan.] Maybe your job or the job of a relative or friend is one of them. Many American industries are being destroyed forever—or owned by Japan."

Grover, who said he is acting for himself, not on behalf of a client, wants to "send a message to Tokyo that we want equal treatment. If they want an open market in the U.S., let American goods in. Free trade is a two-way street but we're the only country that practices it."

He plans to place ads in newspapers all over the U.S. and hopes a national movement will force change.

Grover was elected state representative as a Democrat in 1960, 1962 and 1964 and to the state senate as a Republican in 1966 and 1968. In 1972 he narrowly lost to Dolph Briscoe in the race for governor; he unsuccessfully ran for U.S. senator in 1984.

Jean Choate, executive director of the Japan America Society in Houston, said Grover's charges are "biased, old hat and not true. This is the same old hate stuff that's been going on since the war."

Japan has made an honest effort to eliminate many of its trade restrictions, she said, adding that the U.S. has many trade barriers of its own.

Many of the society's corporate members, said Choate, are "making lots of money over there. Americans who make an honest attempt to do business with Japan do very well."

The U.S. has a large trade deficit with Canada that hasn't attracted the same kind of attention, she added.

Grover said that he has targeted only Japan because it is the worst offender.

—from a report by Houston Chronicle.

Video on Asian stereotypes planned

BOSTON—Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) has been awarded \$10,000 by Mass. Council on the Arts and Humanities to produce, promote and exhibit a 30-minute videotape on images of Asians in the media.

The proposed videotape will document the history of Asian stereotypes in print, film and TV and critically analyze their role in shaping social attitudes toward and self-images of Asian Americans.

Peter Kiang, AARW program director, said the project will show "how stereotypic images have been used to justify exclusion and institutionalized discrimination throughout our history. Especially in light of the rise in racial harassment and violence against Asian Americans, it is critical to understand the role of media images like 'Rambo' and 'Year of the Dragon.'"

"Asian American media producers have been struggling for many years to create more positive, accurate media images," said production team member Julian Low, who was production assistant for Wayne Wang's film "Chan Is Missing." "Through the

videotape, we want to show that it's important not only to protest racist stereotypes but also to support and promote our own works as alternatives."

Production will end in January and exhibition will begin in spring 1986.

"During the first year, we will primarily show the tape to Asian Americans student and community groups in the Greater Boston area," said Helen Liu, coordinator of AARW's Media Group. "Secondarily, we plan to reach other audiences of color as well as educators and media producers interested in the Asian American experience."

"We're not aware of any other recent productions that deal with the issues of stereotypes in this way, so we may be able to distribute the tape nationally."

Funding comes from the Heritage Program, a new program of Mass. Council on the Arts and Humanities that supports projects which increase public awareness and appreciation of the heritage of Afro American, Asian American, Hispanic, Haitian, Cape Verdean and Native American peoples.



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thing such as ordering *hi-no-maru* style would do the trick. Not so; it's *me-dama* (eyeballs). When the order arrived, I couldn't help but think of two reddish-orange eyeballs staring up at me from the plate, watching me drinking my (strong) coffee.

I think I prefer my eggs "sunny-side up."

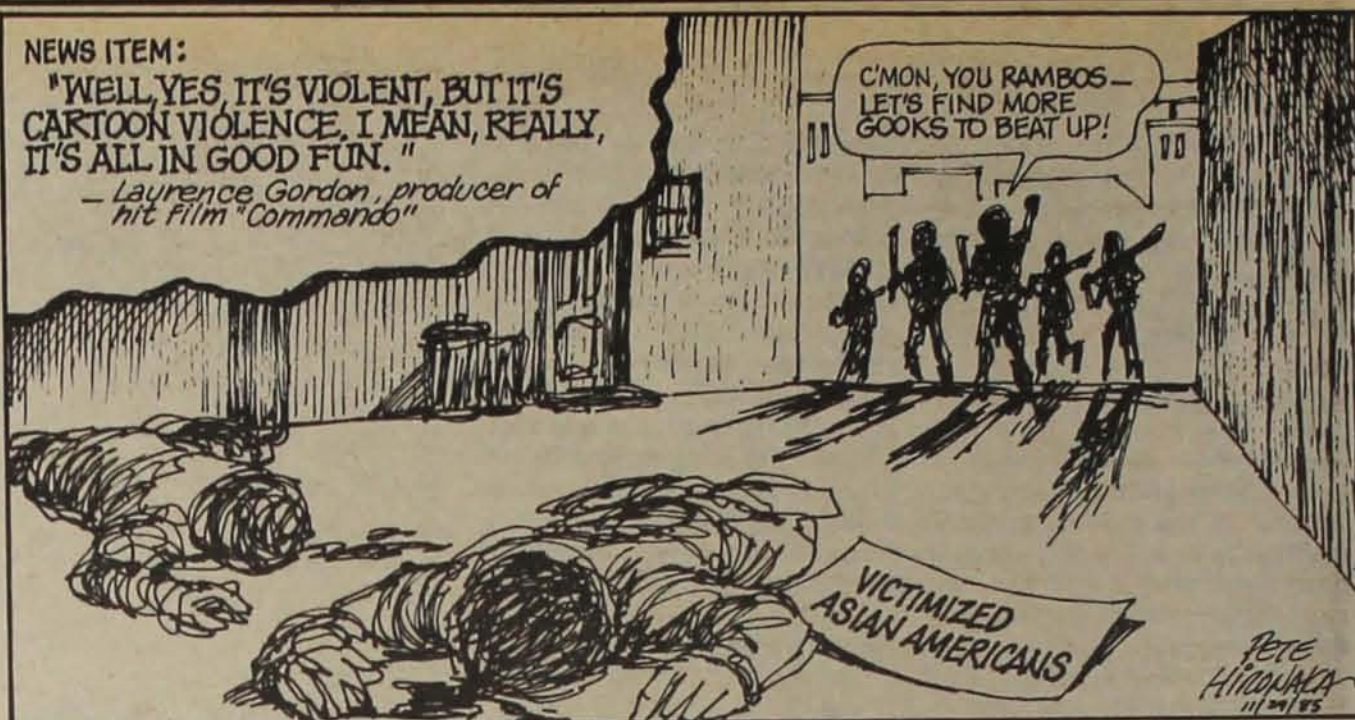
SPEAKING OF BREAKFAST, the *yo-shoku* (Western) comes with a salad—which may not be a bad idea once one gets used to it. The *pan* (bread), we were reminded, is sliced very thick and tends to be taller than it is wide. Some AJA's rate Japanese *pan* as tops. We understand that Japanese-style *pan* is sold in stores in California, such as in the Gardena area.

We'll stick to our bran muffins for breakfast since such *pan* is not, to my knowledge, available on the East Coast of the U.S.

THE BIG TRUCKS on the road are still equipped with three green lights atop the cab. Each light lights up depending on the truck's speed. When all three are lit, the truck is going at top speed (a specific speed) so it's very easy for the highway patrol to spot violators.

Continues to amaze me how the operators of buses and trucks are able to maneuver their vehi-

NEWS ITEM:
"WELL, YES, IT'S VIOLENT, BUT IT'S CARTOON VIOLENCE. I MEAN, REALLY, IT'S ALL IN GOOD FUN."
—Laurence Gordon, producer of hit film "Commando"



cles along these narrow streets and mountain roads.

And, oh yes. The *kanko* (tour) buses for the denizens do have chandeliers. Saw a couple of double-decker buses which had a bar and lounge downstairs.

THERE ARE VEHICLES—cars, trucks, cycles—of models, names, sizes, etc. never heard of back home in the states. One of the newest models is a two-door Honda, somewhat akin to the Civic-DX we see on the road in the states. Except this one is even shorter, has a greatly slanted nose, and has a two-lunger engine.

Saw one on the road announcing that it was equipped not simply with a turbo-charger but a

"super-turbo." I wonder what a two-cylinder engine with a super-turbo will do in a one-minute run? Might leave some of those fancy sports cars eating dust.

Although we've never driven one, we understand that the Honda Civic CRX can really leap from a standing start, maneuvers like a sports car, and is easy on the gas. It's available in the states—with dealers charging premiums because of the high demand for this auto. Even though its proportions are somewhat awkward in our opinion.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS: Saw a TV program which was teaching the speaking and reading of the Korean language. It is good that the Japanese society thinks enough

of the Korean language and culture as to disseminate them through the television media.

Last night I saw the use of television in conjunction with *kara-oke* (sing-along) which was quite advanced and imaginative. The live performing singer is backed by a video-cassette which projects the words as subtitles on a moving picture appropriate to the song. There is background music of the band. And as the live singer (from the audience) sings, the TV monitor picks him/her up and projects his/her face onto one corner of the projection screen.

And so it goes.

Marutani this week writes from Kagoshima.

LANGUAGE

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Coalition members present included Michael Eng, Anthony Miera, Lucy Rios, Ruth Willner, Pete Hollingsworth, Fred Rivera and David Chen.

Eng, an attorney, fears that Arcuri's measure "is a first step of a two-part program" that will eventually eliminate bilingual education as well as driver's pamphlets, voter information, and emergency services that use languages other than English.

Arcuri is no fan of bilingual education, which he considers "costly and ineffective."

Both sides argued their cases at a Nov. 12 council meeting during which Arcuri presented petitions with more than 3,000 signatures (1,500 verified signatures are required to place an initiative on the ballot) and the CHAMP measure was placed on the ballot by a 4-to-1 council vote.

Describing the atmosphere at the crowded council meeting as tense, Eng says the effect of the English initiative has been to "play on every single prejudice, every fear of citizens in our community—the fear of overcrowding, the fear of being left out of the economic pie..."

"When you play on fears like that, I think the mood turns very ugly, because then people are not thinking about working together; they're thinking about how to protect what little they have."

He cites as a "bad precedent" a similar resolution passed earlier this year in Fillmore, Calif., which has a large Hispanic population. "It's pitted neighbor against neighbor, race against race. There are people there who've said that they grew up as friends and neighbors and now don't speak to each other... There's a recall attempt against the city councilpeople who voted

for that. The entire city is in turmoil..."

"If those citizens had come together and, instead of fighting with each other, spent that same amount of time teaching English, providing programs to wipe out illiteracy, to establish a commission on racial harmony... it would have been much more worthwhile."

Each side claims broad support. Eng describes CHAMP's membership as "Asians, Hispanics, Caucasians, all age groups, longtime residents, newcomers, immigrants."

Arcuri, who calls the opposition a "coalition of hate" trying to create a "segmented, isolated, fragmented" society, says his supporters are one-third Hispanic and one-third Asian, including Chinese immigrants who have become citizens. "Japanese people are supporting me, almost to a man," he adds.

The English measure has been endorsed by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, honorary chair of U.S. English (see related story on page 1). "I have been in contact with him," says Arcuri. "We have



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Businesses on Atlantic Blvd. in Monterey Park show a mixture of languages.

the full support of U.S. English."

That support may take the form of legal assistance from the Washington, D.C.-based organization as Arcuri continues his fight to have the measure placed on the ballot. City Atty. Richard Morillo ruled it invalid Nov. 20 on the grounds that it lacked the proper legal wording of an ordinance.

Arcuri is confident that the measure will be voted on next year. "I don't take no for an answer."

"There is always a legal possibility that he can get it reinstated through some lawsuit or some sort of civil procedure," agrees Eng. "So I don't think anyone can call this a victory at this particular time."

Hayakawa's support adds a national dimension to the issue, Eng observes. "U.S. English is targeting California for its national campaign because California is like a weather vane for the nation as far as issues concerning immigrants... The eyes of the nation are watching."

Because Arcuri plans to run for city council, Eng charges that "the 'English Only' drive is simply an opportunistic attempt to promote someone's political career."

City Councilwoman Lily Chen feels that as the only Asian American on the council, she is "definitely a target" of Arcuri's campaign. During the council hearings, his remarks were "par-

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A 'Mild' Error

FROM THE
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The Nov. 23 issue of the Japan Times Weekly, which is a reprint of material published in the daily Japan Times in Tokyo, carries a story which begins with this paragraph:

"Liberal Democratic Party Vice President Susumu Nikaido said that during his recent visit

to the United States he found protectionist sentiment on Capitol Hill less severe than he had expected."

The story went on to say that few of the many congressional leaders he met in Washington expressed strong support for protectionist sanctions as a means of reducing America's trade deficit with Japan. The newspaper also credited Nikaido as saying he perceives a growing awareness among U.S. legislators that protectionism is the wrong solution to the problem.

The headline over the story was: "Protectionist Sentiment in U.S. Mild."

Come again? Mild? That's grossly misleading. There is nothing in the story to give the impression of mildness in the American attitude toward protectionist legislation. Nikaido, according to the story, said he found protectionist sentiment less severe than he had expected, but of course we don't know from the story exactly how severe he had expected it to be.

The headline is either an excellent example of unprofessional workmanship or the product of editorial manipulation. But more than that it is the sort of erroneous information that can adversely affect relations between the two countries.

Protectionist legislation damaging to international trade is

still alive and kicking in Congress. If the Japanese are led to believe our legislators are being "mild" about the issue, and ease up on their efforts to bring trade into closer balance, the problem is going to get worse.

On a quick trip to Washington recently I had an opportunity to talk with Congressman Norman Mineta about this problem. The fuss over trade issues, he says, have deteriorated into "a very bad situation" and congressional patience has become "very short," as witness House passage recently of the textile restriction bill directed mainly against China, South Korea, Hong Kong and Japan.

"Japan keeps saying things are going to get better, and Prime

Minister Nakasone says things will get better, but it isn't," Mineta contends. "The result is that Americans are using war rhetoric to describe the situation—expressions like 'trade war' and 'we're being bombed by imports.' That's unfortunate—for one matter it may affect Asian Americans—but it's happening."

That doesn't sound like mild. Even an economic illiterate can understand that a trade imbalance running into the billions of dollars cannot be eliminated in a few months. It will take time for remedial measures to become effective and patience is necessary. But an unrealistic appraisal of the problem won't do a thing to solve a critically pressing problem.

LANGUAGE

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ticularly directed at me," she says.

Arcuri is of the opinion that Chen's constituency is limited to Chinese immigrants. "She represents their interests first," he charges.

Like Eng, Chen thinks the initiative would mean "a regressive direction that could potentially eliminate... bilingual measures which are so necessary to help newly arrived citizens become a part of our mainstream. They need help during this transitional period..."

"What the citizen ought to be doing, if he's really interested in helping the new immigrants learn English, is to support..."

English as a second language. We have many projects designed to help the immigrants learn."

The initiative, she says, is based on "a wrong assumption that the people are not willing to learn. They're too anxious and willing to learn. It's just that we don't have enough resources."

One area of agreement is that the issue will not die easily. "Everybody in Monterey Park recognizes we have problems," Arcuri says. "The only question is how to go about solving it."

"Even if the initiative is defeated, the fears and the issues are not going to go away overnight," notes Eng. "A lot of the fears and tensions which the 'English Only' petition plays on require long-term solutions."

DEMOCRATS

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A joint statement issued by Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California, and Fofu Sunia of American Samoa praised Kirk's proposal.

In an effort to recruit more Asian Pacifics to the party, Kirk has appointed Hsieh to the DNC Executive Committee; Matsui to the Democratic Policy Commission; Linda Yang to the Fairness Commission, which will make delegate selection rules for the 1988 national convention; and Sandy Mori as an at-large DNC member.

Suggestions can be sent to Kirk c/o DNC, 430 South Capitol, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, until Dec. 31.

Broadcast dates set for 'Silk Screen'

The first installment of "Silk Screen," a series showcasing documentaries and dramatic films by and about Asian Americans, will be broadcast as follows:

Atlanta: WPBA, Ch. 30, Wed., Dec. 4, 6 p.m.

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New York: WNET, Ch. 13, Sun., Dec. 22, 11 p.m.

San Francisco: KQED, Ch. 9, Tue., Jan. 21, 10 p.m.

Los Angeles: KCET, Ch. 28, Fri., Jan. 31, 10 p.m.

Seattle: KCTS, Ch. 9, January (date and time to be announced).

The three-part series begins with Renee Cho's "Jazz Is My Native Language," a profile of musician Toshiko Akiyoshi.

Former Heart Mountain internees needed

CASPER, Wyo.—KTWO-TV is producing a documentary on the Heart Mountain relocation center, according to Bacon Sakatani of West Covina, Calif.

Former internees who can converse in English and are at least 67 years old can contact Sakatani at 210 N. Shadydale, West Covina, CA 91790; (818) 338-8310.

Women's experiences are especially needed. Taping begins in early December.

JAPSS hearing Dec. 5

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—A public hearing on the use of the name J.A.P.S.S. by a local hair salon will be held by the city council Dec. 5, 7 p.m., at West Hollywood Park Auditorium on San Vicente between Melrose and Santa Monica Blvd.

The meeting was initiated by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, which has been picketing the salon and circulating leaflets and petitions demanding that the name be changed.

Momii joins staff

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Philadelphia

MOORESTOWN, N.J.—Children are invited to meet Santa at the chapter Christmas potluck party, Dec. 14, 2-7 p.m., at the Friend's Meeting House, Main St. and Chester Ave. Arts and crafts, a piñata, tree trimming, and singing are some of the activities planned.

A \$1 donation for members (\$2 for non-members) will be charged. Children are free. Those attend-

ing are asked to notify Sim Endo, (215) 844-7317; Eugene Gonzalez, (609) 871-1028; or Gladys Kamihi-ira, (609) 866-1476, of the names of the children attending and the category of food (salad, main dish, or dessert) they will contribute.

Seattle

SEATTLE—Chapter president Dave Okimoto, director of Seattle's Dept. of Human Resources, appears in the December issue of Esquire along with 115 others selected as "America's New Leadership Class—men and women under 40 who are changing the nation." Others on the list include Bruce Springsteen and Garry Trudeau.

Okimoto, 35, who directed the Asian Counseling and Referral Service for nine years, was honored for his social work aiding Asian refugees. "I was simply the person heading up an organization that was successful due to the efforts of many people," he said modestly.

San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Hand-made items such as Japanese-style

Christmas ornaments, sushi serving boards, planters, aprons, and table decorations will be among the items on sale at the Tomodachi Senior Club's Holiday Boutique Dec. 6, 3-8 p.m., and Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. A Japanese quilt created by Setsu Ninomiya will be presented to the winner of Saturday's drawing. Proceeds will be used to purchase office equipment for the center.

Seniors will greet Santa Claus at the JACL Community Center holiday party Dec. 12, noon-3 p.m., at Central Park Recreation Center, 50 E. 5th Ave. For reservations, call 343-2793 by Dec. 10.

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Nikkei hospital to be subject of study

DAVIS, Calif.—Troy Kaji of Gardena, Calif., a medical student at UC Davis, has been awarded a \$960 SmithKline Beckman Medical Perspectives Fellowship to study the evolving role of City View Hospital in Los Angeles.

According to Kaji, several Japanese American hospitals were established during the 1920s and 1930s, but only City View remains today.

The project will focus on how the health care needs of the JA community have changed with succeeding generations and how the hospital has changed to meet those needs.

"I'd like to know how big the need is for special health care services and whether it warrants an ethnically oriented hospital," said Kaji. "I think there might be a need for this kind of hospital in Los Angeles. If so, I'd also like to determine what led to the demise of other similar hospitals in the Japanese American community."

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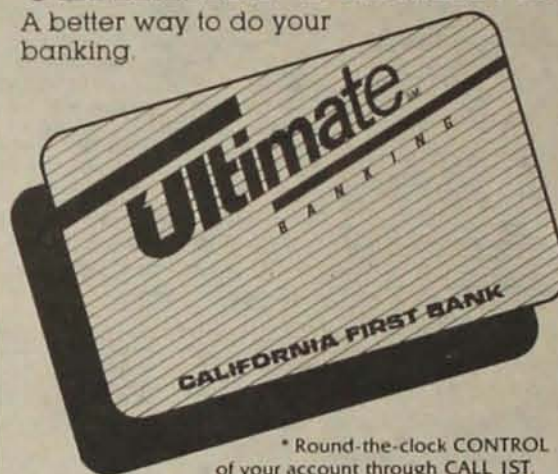
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