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City holds hearing on JAPSS dispute

by J.K. Yamamoto

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—A request that the city council prohibit businesses from using racial slurs, presented by Japanese Americans opposed to a local hair salon called J.A.P.S.S., was debated at a Dec. 5 public hearing.

Since it was established last year, the salon has been the target of protests, most recently in the form of pickets every other week by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR).

Speaking for co-owners Jerry Brennan, Armando Reyes, Peter Nagai, Simon Elcabas and Shuji Kida, who used their first initials to form the salon's name, was attorney Steven Friedman. Four of the owners (Kida could not attend) were present but did not speak.

"If the council were to choose... to enact a series of ordinances which would in any way restrict the operation of their business," said Friedman, "it would be in violation of their First Amendment civil rights."

Declaring that the owners "are not racists," he said their original intention was to "engender a positive meaning to the word 'Japs.'"

They decided to change the name after "legitimate representatives of the Japanese community" expressed concern "in an appropriate fashion," he said. "We simply want enough time to raise the money to do so."

Friedman accused NCR of slowing the process by interfering with the salon's business. The change would be made in a year "starting from when picketing stops, when harassment stops, and when vandalism stops." He suggested that NCR was behind the theft of one the salon's signs and the spray-painting of another in August, drawing an angry response from NCR members in the audience.

David Monkawa of NCR said "Japs" is "a disgusting racial slur. This isn't just our interpretation, it's an objective fact based on the



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto
JAPSS lawyer Steven Friedman.

historical usage of the term... 'Jap' is the one word that's capable of bringing together... all of the negative and demeaning experiences that Japanese Americans had to endure... since we first set foot in this country."

Now seen daily by commuters on Santa Monica Blvd., the word is "making itself more acceptable each day," he charged.

"When any group wants to determine their own identity, the first question that comes up is, what do you want to call yourselves?... To allow a term like 'Jap' to exist publicly would be going a hundred steps backward."

In urging the council to adopt an ordinance against public displays of slurs and a resolution condemning the salon's name, he questioned Friedman's promise. "They haven't taken a single step—no timetable, no commitment, not even our request to stop answering their phone [by saying] 'Japss' has been honored."

Monkawa denied any involvement by NCR in the vandalism. "We don't condone those kinds of things... But there's a lot of people who are angry about it. As long as that racist thing stays up, the chances for that to occur are there."

He reiterated NCR's demand that the signs be shielded from public view by Jan. 15 and that the name change be completed by March 1. He also asked the city attorney to conduct a study to determine the proposed law's constitutionality.

Ken Inouye, Pacific Southwest JACL district governor, said the salon has continued to use the name "despite the fact that many organizations and individuals have taken many hours to make them aware that this word is still very offensive to our community." He recommended that the council adopt the ordinance.

Other speakers opposing the salon's name included Terry Tanaka of Marina JACL, Emily Mendoza of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, and Terry Garay, broadcast standards administrator at KCOP-TV.

Mayor John Heilman said the council would take the matter into consideration but did not set a date for a decision or another hearing.

Asian students retain minority status

WASHINGTON — Educational institutions with high percentages of Asian Americans will continue to be eligible for special funding under the Higher Education Act Reauthorization, which was passed in the House of Representatives Dec. 4.

The bill, passed by a 350-to-67 vote, contains provisions that reserve funding, under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and under student financial aid programs, for post-secondary institutions with the highest percentage of minority enrollment.

Rep. Sala Burton (D-Calif.) introduced an amendment that included Asian Americans in the minority designation. They had been excluded in the bill's original language. The amendment was passed by a voice vote without dissent.

Reps. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.) had called attention to the omission of Asian Americans in a joint letter to Rep. Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.), chair of the House Education and Labor Committee.

"I am proud that my colleagues have supported me on this vital

matter to Asian Americans and to the California system of higher education," said Burton. "The overwhelming majority of Asian Americans live in California and attend college there."

"Many of these students attending the state universities or community colleges come from economically disadvantaged homes and communities. Federal assistance under this program is based on minority enrollment. If Asian Americans are not included, as they should be, all minority students would be adversely affected."

"Many of these students are recent immigrants and refugees," Mineta said on the House floor before the amendment passed. "The students of Asian ancestry attending predominantly minority schools have genuine needs, especially in the development of written and oral language skills."

"By adopting this amendment, we not only protect the rights of those students of Asian ancestry, but we also assist all schools with a significant portion of minority students."

Noting that Secretary of Education William Bennett abolished his department's offices of Asian and Hispanic concerns last month, Mineta added, "Let us show that regardless of what the Dept. of Education thinks, the Congress takes the interest of minority students of all races equally seriously."

"While many Asian Americans have become affluent, we are still subject to the same racial discrimination that affects other minority populations," Matsui said. "All too frequently, Asian Americans are referred to as a 'model minority' when, in fact, the statistics show that Asian Americans attending urban public colleges are economically and socially situated similarly to Blacks and Hispanics."

"If you exclude one group from minority status, you open the door for other legislation that could erode the minority status designation."

"Asian Americans now have minority status under the federal Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act, and Small Business Administration set-aside programs, to name a few. We cannot afford to stumble in our efforts to redress and overcome discrimination."

United Way releases study on A/Ps

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Pacific Research & Development Council of United Way, Inc., released on Nov. 6 a detailed study on L.A. County's Asian Pacific population entitled "Pacific Rim Profiles."

According to council chair Lily Lee, the report identifies distinct characteristics of the Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Asian Indian, Samoan, Hawaiian, Guamanian and other Asian Pacific communities.

"Each ethnic group was examined in relation to language, education, employment, immigration, health and other characteristics. The result shows vast differences between the groups. Some are our country's most wealthy and educated minorities while others are severely depressed with little schooling."

The Asian Pacific population increased 92%, from 238,000 to 457,000, between 1970 and 1980, the report states.

The 1980 figures show Japanese as the largest group at 117,200, followed by Filipinos, 100,040; Chinese, 94,200; Koreans, 64,500; Vietnamese, 26,040; Asian Indians, 17,720; Samoans, 7,440; Hawaiians, 6,220; Guamanians, 3,596; and 20,004 "other Asians," in-

cluding Cambodians, Thais, and Indonesians.

The county's current Asian Pacific population is estimated to be as high as 792,000, although Lee believes the actual number may be about 1.1 million, or 14% of the county's 8 million residents.

Foreign-born Asians make up 65% of the county's Asian Pacific population; the American-born make up 35%. The 73,600 refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in the county by mid-1983 were the state's largest concentration of Southeast Asian refugees.

According to the report, 6% of Asian Pacifics speak no English and 21% do not speak it well. A 67% increase in Asian Pacific public school students in need of bilingual education between 1980-84 was also reported.

Groups with rates of college graduates above the county average were: Asian Indians, 48%; Filipinos, 47%; Koreans and Chinese, both 38%; and Japanese, 27%. Vietnamese had the lowest education level, with 26% of the adults having 0-8 years of schooling.

The report attributes the relatively high household incomes of Asian Pacifics to more workers

per household, longer hours per week at work, and high education levels. At the same time, the Asian Pacific poverty level rose from 9% in 1970 to 13% in 1980, "largely due to the very low income of Vietnamese refugees."

Among the recommendations on Asian Pacific service needs:

- **Language** — English classes are needed for adults at basic and advanced levels; bilingual staff and materials can improve outreach and service delivery to non-English speakers.

- **Employment** — Job training linked to basic education is needed for immigrants with low skill levels; small business technical assistance is needed for small-scale businesses; and immigrant professionals need help in obtaining licensing in the U.S.

- **Immigration** — Legal services are needed to help Asian Pacifics

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New co-sponsor for Senate redress bill

WASHINGTON—Senate redress bill S 1053 has gained Sen. Rudy Boschwitz as a co-sponsor, Pacific Citizen has learned. The Minnesota Republican is on the Budget, Veterans' Affairs, Foreign Relations, Small Business, and Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry committees.



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto
David Monkawa of NCR.

The next planning meeting for the **APA Arts Conference-LA.** will be held Dec. 17, 6-7:30 p.m., JACCC 2nd floor. The conference is tentatively scheduled for May 23, 1986. Input is needed to finalize: dates and times for the conference, location, theme, program, participants, and cost. Info: Linda Malabot, (213) 680-4462; J.D. Hokoyama, (213) 743-4999.

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Kagawa centennial director being sought

BERKELEY, Calif.—The American Committee for the Kagawa Centennial Project is seeking a director for fundraising in conjunction with the 100th anniversary in 1988 of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa's birth.

Kagawa rose to fame through his work in the Shinkawa slums of Kobe in the early 1900s. Subsequently he played a prominent role in the Christian, labor and cooperative movements in Japan. In his overseas lecture tours he preached the brotherhood concept and exhorted thousands to become community activists in self-help groups.

He visited many churches in the Nikkei community, organizing Seicho No Ie (Society of Jesus). In 1941, while on an unsuccessful mission of peace to the U.S., he was the featured speaker at a retreat of the No. Calif. Japanese Young Peoples Christian Conference. He returned on the last boat to Japan before the outbreak of WW2.

During the war the Japanese government restricted his movements and imprisoned him at times. He made a controversial visit to China to demonstrate the concern of the Japanese people for the Chinese people and was castigated by both sides. In the postwar period he was an advisor to Gen. MacArthur on reconstruction policies and was instrumental in the rebirth of churches, farm and consumer cooperatives, and labor unions in Japan.

The Centennial Project recently engaged the services of Robert Schildgen, free-lance writer and former co-editor of Berkeley Co-op News, to write an updated biography of Kagawa. Translations of Kagawa's own writings, including poetry, are also planned.

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THE GRACEFUL CITY of Kyoto—from the picturesque wood-block print appearance of the Gion section, through the hustle and bustle of the markets in the narrow Nishiki-koji (a must for every visitor), to the stately temples and shrines throughout the area—has always been my favorite place in Japan.

Even the *ben* (dialect) of Kyoto is gentle. The area is steeped in the history of Japan, Nijo Castle of the shogunate probably being the most familiar to foreign tourists. This *fu* also lays claim, and justifiably so, to some of the best *tsukemono* that yen can buy or the palate can savor. There are famous restaurants throughout the city, some of them in such nondescript places and settings that only the local denizens can point them out. (A comprehensive guide book for Japanese tourists will list these hidden gems.)

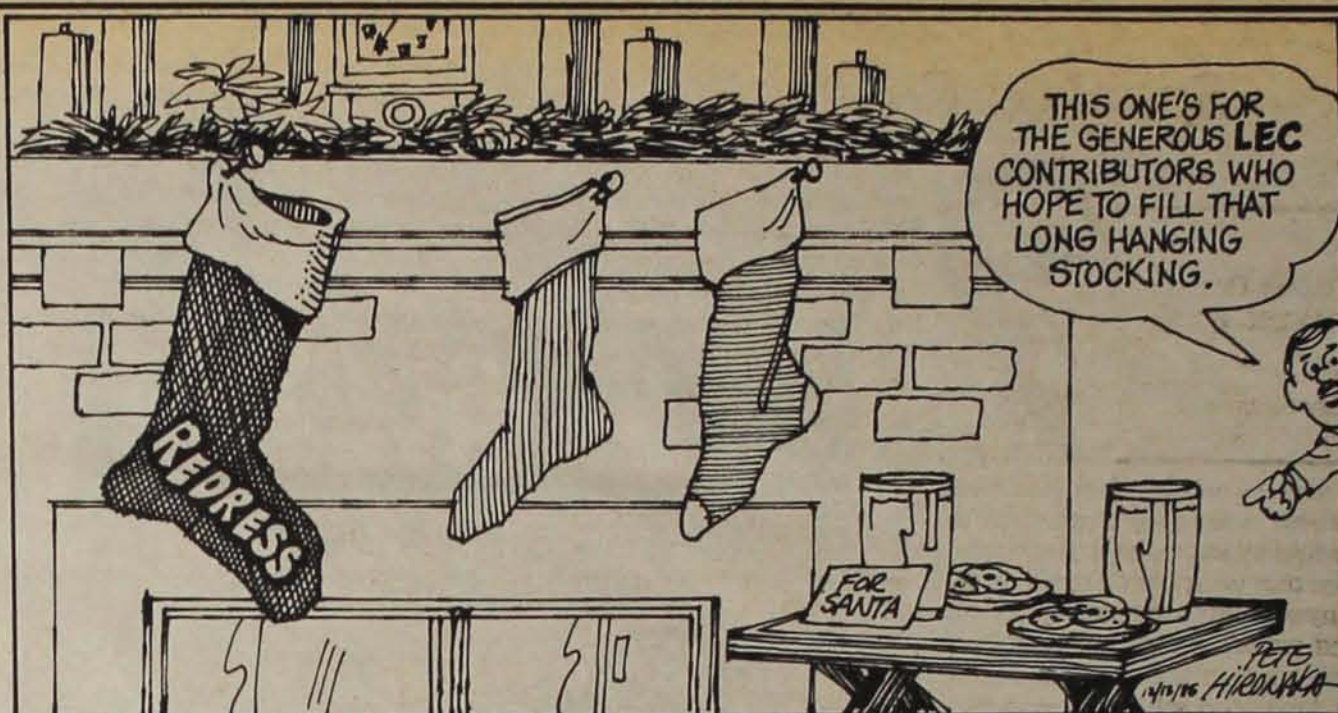
MOST JAPANESE STREETS are crowded, narrow and har-

rowing. Trucks, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles dart in and around, avoiding one another only by inches. The annual death toll on the roads is 8,000—which is about 6½ times less than that of the U.S. Of course, we have more than twice as many people, more motor vehicles and a higher speed limit; but then we're not all crowded as they are here in Japan, nor are our streets shared by all moving vehicles and pedestrians at the same time.

As soon as I set foot back on U.S. soil, I must unlearn the habit of looking to the right first before stepping off a sidewalk. But until then, looking to the right it shall continue to be.

THERE ARE MANY thoughtful touches, such as traffic signals that emit musical notes or chirping sounds when the light turns red for traffic. This, of course, for the benefit of the blind. I think it was in Hiroshima where the traffic audio signals differ, depending on which crosswalk is clear for (blind) pedestrians.

Those of you who have visited Japan—and those who will be doing so—noticed or will notice yellow bump patterns in the pedestrian walkway, and that the pattern changes upon approaching an intersection. You've also seen them near the edge of railway platforms. Although I did not verify this with anyone here, such markings are undoubtedly



for the benefit of the sightless—and some sighted, but inattentive—pedestrians.

SPEAKING OF RAILWAYS, I suggest that you travel with reserved seats (*shitei-seki*), but it isn't necessary to go by "Green Car," which provides travel accommodations a notch or so better. Reasons: on the *shinkansen* ("Bullet Train"), travel time is short; reserved seating cars are ample; and the additional cost of the Green Car is more than the train fare itself. For example, the trip from Hiroshima to Himeji is an hour's pleasant run—but the cost of the Green Car accommodation was an additional \$70 or so, which could have been better spent rather than riding in slightly wider seats for an hour

looking at the same passing scenery.

From Himeji to Kyoto, we considered "going native" by buying a *futsu* ticket and taking a local. But when the station master informed us it would take twice as long to travel, we stayed with the *shinkansen* (*shitei-seki*). And a good thing, too; at Shin-Kobe the train filled up.

WHEN TRAVELLING IN Japan, carry your own paper towels, because public toilets are not equipped with anything to dry your hands. No soap, either—so be prepared. And speaking of public toilets, don't become upset if the men's section is not very well screened; or, even if screened, the cleaning woman comes in to tend to her work; or,

at times, a female (usually a middle-aged woman) comes in and enters a booth, presumably because the women's section has a full house.

For those of you who have to smoke cigars: bring your own supply. *Hamaki* (cigars) are available only in the cities, then only at very large tobacco counters (such as the major department stores), and even King Edward cigars are prohibitively expensive.

And get in shape for long walks up long steps. Much as I had thought I was in pretty good shape, those "ole dogs" started aching after several miles of trudging. Nothing a good hot-soaking in the bath won't relieve—but age is inexorably catching up.

Reynolds' Rap

ONE THING
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The PC regularly receives reports from the Justice Dept. which report on the department's activities with regard to its civil rights program and goals. Often we receive copies of Asst. Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds' speeches to various groups.

For the most part Reynolds defends President Reagan's approach to civil rights and quotas,

citing various statistics, programs, and the commitment to equality of opportunity to "prove" that civil rights leaders are out of touch with their constituency, that affirmative action does not work, and that it is, in fact, contrary to basic American principles.

Affirmative action has taken on a new meaning under this administration, which translates it as "giving unqualified minorities opportunities because their predecessors were discriminated against."

This definition makes it easy to justify the dismantling of affirmative action programs; who in his right mind would want to be recruited under such a designation? But it is this designation which Reagan and Reynolds and

a large part of the American public believe to be the case when they see minorities in positions which defy their own stereotypes of an identifiable group of people, usually non-white.

Since this country, especially the present leadership, places such an emphasis on athletics, let's suppose that you are the president of a college or university. And suppose that your football team is all-white, despite the fact that your student body is 20% black.

The public is now questioning your football program. Well, after consultation with your football coach you manage to convince him that it would be prudent to spend some of his recruiting budget to do a little affirmative action.

He recruits a few blacks—mostly running backs, wide receivers and defensive backs. A few years down the road, you notice that more than 20% of your team is black. Do you decide to cut back on its affirmative action plan? I don't know of a school in the country which has.

Basketball especially is a sport where affirmative action has far exceeded any goals or quotas set and in fact has rendered quotas meaningless.

Quotas are simply the statistical data by which the attainment of the goals of equality of opportunity can be judged. Removing quotas removes any concrete way to judge the effectiveness of a recruitment program; it also removes the pressure to find qualified minority applicants.

If affirmative action presently has negative connotations, it is because businesses and educa-

tional institutions have not committed themselves to the original concept, which was based on the notion of equality of opportunity rather than the notion of simply having the numbers.

The "tokens" were recruited and hired only to meet regulations. Programs designed to locate and train qualified personnel for "power positions" were put aside in favor of the "quick solution" of simply satisfying the numbers game.

Only in cases of "acceptable" public stereotypes (black athletes and performing artists, Asian engineers and bureaucrats) have there been serious, continuous attempts to locate, educate and train qualified personnel.

The Justice Dept. should be enforcing the spirit and intent of affirmative action programs rather than trying to gut the whole idea as a failure because it does not fit in with this administration's concept of a "color-blind" (in other words, "white") society.

The institutions of this country work on the principle of the "good ol' white boy" network. Friends and associates of those in power, schoolmates from the Harvards, Princetons, Yales, and

Stanfords, are hired and promoted before any thought is given to qualifications.

As a graduate from Harvard Law School is given top legal employment opportunities, so will a graduate of the USC football program be given better football employment opportunities (well, maybe not from this year's team). Room is made only for associates; without affirmative action there will be a lockout.

Just think for a second: ever wonder why colleges and universities will spend a lot of their resources searching for a good, qualified athlete—going outside their "normal" friends and acquaintances—and not spend a dime looking for a future research scientist, writer, artist, or, if you'll pardon the expression, humanist?

Also ever wonder why nobody has filed suit against any top ten college basketball team for "reverse discrimination"?

And as long as we're at it, with all this talk about defectors, ever wonder why immigrants from Asia, South and Central America are called "aliens," while those from non-Asian communist countries are called "defectors"?



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FROM THE
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Bill
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There's nothing that irks a Japanese American more than to be told by someone with a white face that he speaks English well. Why shouldn't he? It's his first and probably only language. He was born in the U.S., educated in American schools, and possibly has never been out of the country except for brief trips as a tourist or perhaps as a member of the U.S. armed forces. If he (or she) didn't speak English well, there'd be something wrong.

Of course, the dolt who makes the comment means it as a compliment. But by that action he demonstrates his ignorance. He fails to understand that people with Asian faces also can be native-born Americans. He assumes, out of thoughtlessness or ignorance or unintended racism, that one must be white to be able to speak English. He needs to be corrected and educated. He also needs to be put down so definitely and so devastatingly that he'll never forget the lesson.

Most of us can't think of the properly devastating thing to say at the moment of the affront. So our retort lacks the proper sting. We say something accurate but totally inadequate, like, "Of course I speak English, I was born in the United States."

Compare that to the remark attributed to Wellington Koo, a Western-educated Chinese diplomat. According to the story, he was at a luncheon when a fellow at the table, attempting to be friendly, asked: "You likee soup-

ie?" Koo smiled, nodded and continued with his lunch.

A short while later, Koo was introduced as the luncheon speaker. He rose and delivered his speech in magnificent English. Then, as he sat down he turned to the man at his table and asked quietly, "You likee speechie?"

Congressman Norman Mineta of California is credited with a more Americanized put-down. It happened at the dedication of the Fremont plant where General Motors and Toyota are now building cars in a joint venture. Mineta was called on to say a few

words, which he delivered with his usual vigor and polish. This impressed a high GM official to the point that he was moved to compliment the Nisei congressman on his ability to speak English.

Mineta's eminently appropriate retort: "Thanks. You might be interested to know I'm familiar with two more words: (Expletive) you!"

A more gentle response which I heard recently goes like this: "Thank you very much. You speak English very well, too. Where did you learn it?"

Okay, now listen up.

This column is sponsoring a contest for the best put-down for anyone dumb enough to compli-

ment a Japanese American on his ability to speak English. It doesn't have to be original, but credit the source if you can. Write it down and send it to me.

The address is 140 S. Upham Ct., Denver, CO 80226. Deadline is Jan. 6. There will be just one judge, me, and the judge's decision will be final. The one and only prize is a copy of the book *Thirty-five Years in the Frying Pan*, a collection of Frying Pan columns. The best retorts will be published in a future column.

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WASHINGTON — At a Nov. 27 ceremony, Andrew Kuroda was awarded the Third Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by Ambassador of Japan Nobuo Matsunaga at his official residence.

Presenting a scroll signed by the Emperor and the ribboned medallion of the Japanese government, Matsunaga explained that the honor was being conferred in recognition of Kuroda's contributions to Japanese studies in America, and thus to understanding between the U.S. and Japan, during his 35 years in the Library of Congress.

A naturalized citizen of Japanese ancestry, Kuroda was a Methodist minister before WW2 in Washington and Oregon. Following his evacuation in the spring of 1942, he served the U.S. government in the Office of Strategic Services.

While employed by the Library of Congress in the postwar years, he also tended the religious and other needs of the Japanese American community in the Washington, D.C. area. In that capacity, he participated in the burial of the first Nisei war dead of the 442nd at Arlington National Cemetery and in almost every Arlington burial service since then for JAs killed in WW2, Korea and Vietnam.



Photo by Horace Tadokuma

Six Gardena Valley Japanese American Cultural Institute pioneer leaders were honored, four of them posthumously, for past contributions and support at the annual JCI endowment dinner held Nov. 21 at Long Beach (Calif.) Hyatt. Seated with plaques are (from left) George Yamauchi for father Toshinori; Hannah Sato for husband Lloyd; John Yamane; Yoshio Kobata; May Koga for husband Paul; and Eiichi Kamiya for father Kay Kaei. Other participants included (back row, from left) Bruce Kaji, dinner chair; George Nakano, Torrance city councilman; James Armstrong, Torrance mayor; Paul Tsukahara, Gardena mayor pro-tem; Mas Fukai, Gardena city councilman; Robert Horii, JCI president; and Wimpy Hiroto, JCI executive director.

Now retired, he remains active in the Washington, D.C. JACL, especially in civic and religious matters.

At the ambassador's invitation, the chief librarian, assistant librarian and other Library of Congress colleagues of Kuroda attended the ceremony, as well as Congressman and Mrs. Norman Mineta of California, Helene Matsunaga, wife of Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, and Kuroda's wife Julia and sons Frank and Bert.

JACL-Blue Shield gets new contract

SAN FRANCISCO—No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District JACL-Calif. Blue Shield Health Plan recently completed a 1986 contract.

Plan chairman John Yasumoto said that since the claims utilization of the group during the past year continued to be favorable, the Administrative Committee decided to take the opportunity to improve dental and maternity benefits in the hopes of attracting younger JACLers to join the plan. The improvements are as follows:

—The dental schedule will be paid at a higher level. Procedures will be increased from 11% to 58% over present schedule.

—The new calendar year den-



John Yasumoto, JACL-CBS Group Health Plan Committee chair, receives 1986 contract from Manuel Nuris, director of group retention of No. Calif., Blue Shield of California.

tal maximum will be increased to \$1,000 per person.

—The maternity benefits will be paid in the same manner as any other illness.

—The \$1 million lifetime maximum per individual will be increased to \$2 million.

—A \$100 cash bonus will be paid to subscribers and covered dependents when they use one of the 180 Blue Shield preferred hospitals. (Blue Shield will send \$100 directly to the subscriber each time he uses a Blue Shield preferred hospital for medically necessary in-patient overnight services covered by the health plan.)

With this additional coverage, dues will increase by about 5%, Yasumoto said. The new quarterly rates, effective Jan. 1, 1986, are as follows: Subscriber—\$226.74; Subscriber and 1 dependent—\$453.63; Subscriber and 2 or more dependents—\$577.62.

Yasumoto added that for those nearing or over age 65, the plan provides greater benefits than most plans available by covering pre-existing conditions, dental, and paying the balance of Medicare, Part B, professional fees in full at the prevailing and reasonable level. It also includes standard coverage for prescription drugs, private duty nursing and worldwide coverage.

Info: JACL-CBS Group Health Plan, 1765 Sutter St., S.F. 94115; (415) 931-6633 or local chapter commissioners.

Three LEC board members elected

SEATTLE—Minoru Yasui, current LEC chair, and James Tsujimura, incumbent LEC Executive Committee member, were re-elected to the LEC Board in the Nov. 20 mail ballot election. Their current terms expire this month.

Jerry Enomoto, past National JACL president, was elected to

fill the third opening on the board. A former director of the Calif. Dept. of Corrections, he is a part-time professor of criminal justice at CSU Sacramento.

Nominations were opened to the public in July. Nominations by mail were closed Aug. 31; nominations were opened from the floor at the Sept. 18 LEC Board meeting.

The slate of candidates consisted of incumbents Yasui, Tsujimura and David Nikaido and three nominees at large: Enomoto, Peggy Nagae, and George Ogawa. Terms of newly elected members run Jan. 1, 1986-Dec. 31, 1988. The board is comprised of 8 at-large members and 7 representing JACL.

Dr. Kaz Mayeda, national v.p. for public affairs, and Mollie Fujioka, No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District governor, were nominated to fill the position of Yosh Nakashima, who declined to run for reelection, and were unanimously approved by the LEC Board as nominees of the National JACL Board.

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Berkeley

EL CERRITO, Calif. — Welcome in 1986 with George Yoshida and his Sentimental Journey Band at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7707 Moeser Lane, at the chapter's New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Ticket prices, which includes bento, refreshments, and party favors, are \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. Co-sponsored by the Berkeley Methodist United Church. Reservations: Bea Kono, 527-8141.

Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY—The former Spencer library has been purchased by the chapter for the purpose of establishing a permanent location for the SLC chapter office and a meeting and recrea-

tional center for the Nikkei in Utah.

Landscaping and inside work has come from volunteer engineers, architects and other professionals. Anyone wishing to donate time and/or services should contact Sadao Nagata at 531-1275.

The down payment was met with \$6,000 from the chapter and donations of \$1,000 each from Raymond Uno, Sadao Nagata, Terry Nagata, Byron Nagata and Mits Kasai.

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Selanoco

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — The Wintersburg Presbyterian Church at 13711 Fairview St. is the scene of the chapter's mochitsuki, Dec. 21, starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for Presidential Classrooms for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. Mochi will be sold for \$2/lb. Info: Cerritos—Jun Fukushima, 865-5039; Fullerton—Clarence Nishizu, 526-4667; Anaheim/Orange—Charles Ida, 974-1076; Fountain Valley/Huntington Beach—Gene Takamine, 964-1576.

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