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### **News in Brief**

# Onizuka killed in space shuttle disaster

Congressmen object to USTR official's use of slur

WASHINGTON-Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) has asked to meet with Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Michael Smith and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) has called for Smith's resignation after Smith used the word "Nippers" to refer to the Japanese on Jan. 17 in a discussion with reporters during a conference between U.S., Japanese, European and Canadian trade representatives in San Diego. When questioned about the term by the San Jose Mercury News, Smith said that it was not meant to be derogatory and was commonly used in his office.

Mineta contacted Smith's boss, U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, who stated that such terms are not tolerated in his office. 'It is unthinkable that a high U.S. government official would use racial epithets, especially one who is charged with promoting international understanding," said Mineta. "I want to meet with Mr. Smith personally to express to him that such language is offensive and never acceptable." Matsui declared that Smith has revealed "a racist attitude that has compromised his effectiveness in trade negotiation."

#### Bun Vong trial delayed; defendant's complaint denied

BOSTON-At the request of the defendants, continuance was granted Jan. 15 in the manslaughter trial of John Febbi and Scott Arsenault for the August 1985 beating death of Bun Vong, a native of Cambodia. The new trial date is March 4.

Febbi's application for a criminal complaint against Som Bunyoeun, who survived the attack, was denied Dec. 16. Febbi had charged Som with assault and battery, alleging that the two Cambodians initiated the incident, which took place Aug. 4 on Veterans Parkway in Medford. Bun Vong suffered a fractured skull and died 10 days later.

In another incident of anti-Asian violence, Robert Lee Stevens was arraigned Jan. 10 for harassment of Cambodian refugees living in Revere, according to Gail Suvemoto of the Mass. Atty. General's Civil Rights Division. After reportedly being harassed on several occasions, the victims were attacked at their home in June 1985 by five juveniles and two adults. Civil orders have been served against all seven, but only one adult, Stevens, is standing trial. Apprehension of the seven was made possible by photos that the victims took of their attackers.

#### Mink declines chairmanship of Honolulu City Council

HONOLULU-The new seven-member Democratic majority of the City Council selected Councilwoman Marilyn Bornhorst as its chair Jan. 13, the Honolulu Advertiser reports. Patsy Mink, who last year led a successful recall drive against three council Democrats who had switched parties and enabled Republicans to oust her as chair, said she had decided not to retake the top council spot "from the outset" of negotiations on the new leadership slate. "By my not submitting my name, I hope to put out that last bubble of steam that the recall might have been for that small purpose," she said.

Instead, Mink will be majority leader and chair of the Housing and Community Services Committee. Among the newly elected Democrats, Randall Iwase will be Budget and Finance Committee chair, Donna Kim will be Intergovernmental Relations Committee chair, and Arnold Morgado will be vice chair and Parks and Recreation Committee chair. The three were chosen to replace ousted "defectors" Toraki Matsumoto, George Akahane and Rudy Pacarro last month.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla-'I regret that I have to report that based on very preliminary searches of the ocean where the Challenger impacted this morning, these searches have not revealed any evidence that the crew of Challenger has survived."

With these words, NASA Associate Administrator Jess Moore announced Jan. 28 the news of the explosion that occurred 75 seconds after the lift-off of the space shuttle Challenger, which carried Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, schoolteacher Sharon Christa McAuliffe, commander Dick Scobee, pilot Mike Smith, Greg Jarvis, Judy Resnik and Ron McNair.

An investigation has been ordered to determine the cause of the first fatal U.S. space flight.

Onizuka, a native of Kona, Hawaii, became the first Asian American to travel in space as a crew member of the shuttle Discovery when it placed a military surveillance satellite in orbit in January 1985.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), a member of the House Space Science and Applications Subcommittee, said, "Ellison Onizuka was my friend. He was the first American of Japanese ancestry to become an astronaut and we were all so proud of him. Christa McAuliffe captured the attention of this nation's children, and all our hopes for the future possibilities of the space program.

"And we lost so much NASA talent-veterans of past missions who with courage and commitment had devoted their careers to scientific exploration. These were exceptional men and women and we will never fully recover from this loss."

Mineta added, "We will mourn, but we will continue to push for progress in space."



NASA Photo Astronaut Ellison Onizuka

#### Statement of JACL President Frank Sato

The Japanese American Citizens League joins the families and friends in mourning the loss of the crew members on the NASA Space Shuttle Challenger. We, like all Americans, are shocked by today's tragic event.

Lt Col. Ellison Onizuka will always carry a special place in our hearts. Being the first American of Japanese ancestry to travel into space, Ellison made all of us very proud of him and his achievements were shared by our community. On his first historic mission in January 1985, Ellison carried with him pins and patches of the JACL, 442nd RCT/100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS)

He and six other crew members of the ill-fated flight were true American pioneers and we are saddened beyond words at their loss. Our sincere prayers and sympathies go to the seven-member crew and their families.

# Judges overturn dismissal of NCJAR suit

WASHINGTON-A U.S. Court of Appeals panel voted Jan. 21 to reverse the dismissal of a lawsuit filed against the government on behalf of Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

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but that the plaintiffs had simply failed to do so.

Judges J. Skelly Wright and Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia voted to overturn the lower court ruling: Judge Howard Markey dissented. "The United States cannot be presumed to be amenable to suit," wrote Wright in a 56-page opinion. "Fortunately, the founders provided that the right to obtain just compensation for the taking of one's property should remain inviolate. In so doing, they no doubt assumed that the normal statutes of limitations would apply. "But they also most certainly assumed that the leaders of this republic would act truthfully. In the main, history has proven the founders correct." However, added Wright, "extraordinary injustice can provoke extraordinary acts of concealment. Where such concealment is alleged, it illbehooves the government of a free people to evade an honest accounting.

"Should such concealment be proven here, those individuals who have not received awards .... should be free to press this cause to its conclusion."

NCJAR attorney Ellen Carson summed up the ruling: "The case



Photo by Bob Shimabukuro

Ron Yoshino of Chicago (left), chair of JACL's 1986 national convention, talks with JACL youth director David Nakayama during board meeting (story on p.4).

Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR), the suit was dismissed in May 1984 by U.S. District Court Judge Louis Oberdorfer on the grounds that it exceeded a statute of limitations requiring that a suit be filed within six years after the injury occurred.

NCJAR appealed the ruling and presented its arguments before the appeals court panel in September 1985. NCJAR attorney Benjamin Zelenko said that the government had knowingly concealed information that disproved the official claim that JAs posed a military threat during WW2. The documents needed to prove government misconduct did not become available until the 1980s, he charged. Dept. of Justice attorney Jeffrey Axelrad maintained that the suit could have been filed immediately after the war

is still alive."

NCJAR spokesman William Hohri of Chicago, in an interview with Pacific Citizen, called the ruling "a major victory."

The recent reopening of the wartime cases of Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi, in which similar charges of government misconduct were raised, were cited in the decision, Hohri said, explaining that the judges concluded that government concealment of evidence could have influenced Congress and the Supreme Court to the point where JAs could not receive a fair trial.

"The appeals court said ... the only way people could sue the government would be for the government itself to send a signal that something had gone wrong ... and we should investigate it," **Continued on page 5** 

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### Merger of E. Bay groups proposed

HAYWARD, Calif.-A proposal to merge East Bay Japanese for Action, Inc. (EBJA) and East Bay Issei Housing, Inc. (EBIH) has been developed by a task force of members from the two boards of directors.

Basic reasons for the proposal are to eliminate duplication of effort in providing services and to avoid competition in fundraising. The savings in staff salaries, office expenses and record-keeping will release more funds for direct services.

Both agencies serve the same population of aging Japanese Americans in the East Bay but provide different services: EBJA provides social services and

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EBIH develops housing, including Eden Issei Terrace in Hayward for the independent elderly and Channing Way House in Berkeley and Cypress House in Hayward for the frail elderly.

Leaders from the two groups have recognized the importance of a strong, united communitybased organization to do longrange planning for services to the East Bay JA elderly population. A combined organization could provide the resources to develop such programs as adult day health services, a JA nursing home, or social day care for the independent, mobile elderly.

The name "Japanese American Services of the East Bay" has been suggested for the new organization. Both EBJA and EBIH have approved the merger in principle.

A public meeting to discuss details of the merger will be held Feb. 8, 2 p.m., at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst (corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way) in Berkeley. Presentation of the proposal will be followed by a discussion open to the public, then a final vote by board members. Info: EBJA, (415) 848-3560 or EBIH, (415) 785-1034.

### Former union head Bridges to be feted

LOS ANGELES-West Coast labor leader Harry Bridges, founder and former president of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, will be honored at a dinner given by So. Calif. Library for Social Studies and Research at the LA. Hilton, 930 Wilshire Blvd., on Feb. 9.

"The ILWU was one of the earliest unions to accept Japanese Americans and other minorities in their ranks, and they were instrumental in organizing plantation workers in Hawaii," said Manzanar Committee founder Sue Embrey, one of the event's co-chairs.

"During the early days of WW2, the ILWU took a strong and principled stand against the evacuation and internment of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. Asian Americans would be paying special tribute to Harry Bridges by attending the dinner.'

Bridges was the leading figure in the 1934 strike that shut San Francisco down-the last gener-

#### al strike in America. As first Western regional director of the CIO, he played a key role in revitalizing the labor movement in the West during the 1930s.

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> Other dinner chairpersons include Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Julian Dixon, Assemblywoman Maxine Waters, labor leader Cesar Chavez, and actor Ed Asner.

> No-host bar opens at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 and program, featuring singer Ronnie Gilbert, at 7. Tickets: \$50. Info: Sarah Cooper, (213) 759-6063.

# **Community Affairs**

NEW YORK-Pan Asian Repertory presents Euripides' tragedy "Medea" at Susan Bloch Theatre, 307 W. 26th St., Feb. 25-March 22, Tue.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sat. matinees at 2 p.m. Alkis Papoutsis directs. Cast includes Ismail Abou-El-Kanater, Randy Chang, Roger Chang, Lynette Chun, Kati Kuroda, Mari Scott, Norris Shimabuku, Ching Valdes/Aran, and Christen Villamor. Tickets: \$10 and \$15; \$35 for opening night champagne buffet. Info: (212) 245-2660.

SEATTLE-Northwest Asian American Theatre presents "Breaking Silence," a dramatic production drawing from three generations of literature and oral histories about the JA experience, at Nippon Kan Theater, Feb. 6-19, Thur.-Sat. Originally staged last year, the show is written by Nikki Louis and directed by John Mifsud; cast includes Gregg Hashimoto, Harry Fujita, Bea Kiyohara, Fumi Higashi, Richard Lewis, and Leslie Ishii. Info: 522-0783.

LOS ANGELES-A panel of medical and health professionals discusses cancer prevention in the Asian community Feb. 9, 12:30-2 p.m., at Evergreen Baptist Church, 2923 E. 2nd St. (corner of Evergreen). Emphasis will be placed

on types of cancer common among Asians-stomach, colon, rectal, esophageal, liver, and nasopharyngealas well as nutritional, psychosocial, and cultural aspects. At 8 and 11 a.m., Rev. Phil Manly speaks on ministering to cancer and burn patients at County/ USC Medical Center. Admission free. Info: (213) 269-8918.

The Calif. Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus presents a forum on "Our Mysterious Asian Pacific Voters: Where Are They, How Do We Get Them, How Do We Keep Them?" on Feb. 8. 2:30-4:15 p.m., in the Roman Room of Biltmore Hotel, 515 S. Olive St. (enter on 5th St.). Speakers include Councilman Mike Woo and UCLA professor Don Nakanishi. Info: Mike Eng. (213) 387-2255, or Kevin Acebo, 620-4356.

IRVINE, Calif .- Dr. Christine Iijima Hall, counseling psychologist and director of student development for the College of Medicine, UC Irvine, will lead a presentation and question-andanswer session on the topic "Children of Interracial Marriage" at the Women's Resource Center, UC Irvine, Feb. 5, 5-6:30 p.m. Info: Cross-Cultural Center, (714) 856-7215.





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### NLC endorses commission findings

SEATTLE—During its meeting Dec. 7-11, the National League of Cities, an organization of local elected officials, passed a resolution endorsing the pro-redress recommendations made by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1983.

Initiated by NLC's newly formed Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (see Jan. 24 PC), the resolution notes that Japanese Americans were "forcibly excluded from the West Coast ... by military fiat, incarcerated and confined under armed military guard without hearing or charges, and deprived of basic human rights as a result of actions of the U.S. government" during WW2.

Referring to payments by Seattle, Los Angeles, and other cities

Internships for law students offered

NEW YORK—Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund will sponsor a summer internship program for 10 weeks from June to August.

The program is designed to provide students with practical legal experience and encourage them to serve the Asian American community after graduating. Interns are assigned to work with AALDEF's staff on a variety of litigation and community education activities, including:

—Conducting client intake and providing legal counseling at clinics located at community service organizations;

—Planning and conducting community education seminars and preparing multilingual educational materials for mass distribution;

—Doing legal research and writing legal memoranda and briefs;

—Maintaining and expanding AALDEF's work with Asian American law students, Asian Pacific American Law Student Assn. chapters, and law schools nationwide.

Two training workshops are conducted: introduction to immigration, housing, employment, and other fields of law by former interns and volunteer attorneys; and introduction to current issues in the community by staff members of other Asian American agencies. Bilingual ability is a strength. Prospective applicants should send a resume, writing sample and cover letter describing their interest in working at AALDEF by Feb. 28 to: Summer Internship

Program, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, 99 Hudson St., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10013. Info: (212) 966-5932. to former employees who were fired in 1942 because of their race, the resolution states that the commision's findings have "already assisted the efforts of several cities and other local governments to remedy prior local actions and policies that denied basic rights and inflicted other injustices upon citizens of Japanese ancestry."

But it adds that "these local efforts...cannot substitute for the necessary federal actions to remedy the injustices that occurred pursuant to Executive Order 9066, nor do these local actions adequately address the issues raised in the Commission's findings or recommendations."

The resolution says that NLC "supports the [commission] recommendations... and urges Congress and the Administration to act on these recommendations." It concludes by calling the recommendations "a formal and honorable way to acknowledge these injustices in the hope that similar aberrations of justice shall never recur."



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### Tenants picket for relocation benefits in front of Alan Hotel in L.A.'s Little Tokyo.

### Little Tokyo tenants protest evictions

#### by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Residents of the Alan Hotel in Little Tokyo staged a protest Jan. 16 to demand relocation benefits for their imminent eviction.

The building which houses the Alan and Masago hotels, located on 2nd St. between San Pedro and Los Angeles Sts., has been sold by the owner to G.G.S. Ltd., a Japanese company based in Hong Kong, and will be demolished to make way for a development project. A number of hotel tenants, as well as businesses located in the building, have already moved out.

Residents and businesses evicted from other Little Tokyo buildings have received relocation benefits from the Community Redevelopment Agency if the city government initiated the redevelopment. In this case, however, the CRA is claiming no responsibility because the sale of the building is a private transaction.

"We want to be treated just like everybody else in the Little Tokyo redevelopment project," said hotel resident Mo Nishida. "We'd like to have the CRA relocation benefits apply to everybody in this building complex."

Charging that CRA will profit from development of the property through the tax increment process, Nishida said, "They're going to make a lot of money off the whole thing... We're getting the shaft Beaple are just being thrown out or chased out." Judy Nishimoto, an attorney

representing the tenants, said, "But for the fact that there's been no participation agreement [between G.G.S. and the CRA], the benefits would have been \$4,000 per tenant and relocation assistance, which includes replacement housing."

If tenants had accepted the \$550 offered by G.G.S., it "might have paid for 2½ months' rent, then they would have been homeless," said Nishimoto. "There's absolutely no alternative housing out there they can afford. They know they need the most they can get in order to survive."

Cooke Sunoo of the CRA maintained that relocation benefits in this case "may be considered a misuse of public funds" and raise "a question of precedence."

"If the basis of payments is that Alan Hotel is within a redevelopment project, then if any person is evicted in any redevelopment area, CRA may be held liable."

However, Sunoo said, CRA is concerned about "how the private owners handle this case."



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# Items for JA exhibit to be sought in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Smithsonian Institution curators Tom Crouch and Edward Ezell will visit the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., on Feb. 6 to view photos and artifacts for possible use in a 1987 exhibit on JAs.

Artifacts, news clippings, documents and other items relating to any period of JA history may be taken to the Murphy Library on JACCC's second floor Feb. 1, 10 a.m.4 p.m., or Feb. 2, noon-4 p.m. Info: Hiro Takasugawa, (213) 329-2952; Hideo Okanishi, (213) 283-4029; Cal Matsumura, (818) 289-4524; or Miles Hamada or Gerald Yoshitomi, (213) 628-2725.

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EAST WIND Bill Marutani

IN THESE COLUMNS we have attempted, from time to time, to address issues which we felt needed airing, aware that there well may be those who would prefer to leave things as is. We do not seek to gratuitously stir waters for the sake of creating any issues or controversy. (Indeed, it may be surprising to learn of the number of proposed columns that hit my wastebasket by reason of self-censorship.) On the other hand, there are issues that should be openly discussed, but because of cultural restraints that tend to over-inhibit us, many do or say nothing-except to privately grumble. I'm sure each of you have heard some of the grumbling. I have,

And so, some of these issues are aired in these columns. Oftentimes after considerable soulsearching

IN THE COURSE of such airing, we are not unmindful of the

very distinct possibility that some feathers get ruffled, that some folks do not welcome subjects or statements that are unsettling. And although regrettable, there are some who would prefer that this columnist be silenced. I should hasten to add at this point that the editors of this publication have never attempted to muzzle or impose restrictions upon this writer-even at times when they understandably might have. (I recall one instance of my writing then-editor Harry Honda and requesting that he withdraw a column that I had sent in.)

A COLUMNIST SHOULD be replaced when his/her writings and thoughts no longer have appeal to a larger readership of this publication, if they no longer address the concerns of the readers, or otherwise fail to uplift, if not entertain. Any columnist welcomes reactions from the readers, including critical ones. I certainly do. And I make it a point to personally respond to every one of them-as some of you out there who have written to me know. Dead silence is one of the most devastating results, at least for me. I welcome dialogue.

THE REASON THAT this subject comes up at this time is that there is active discussion and re-

evaluating over the format, contents, columnist contributions, etc., relating to this newspaper. That's healthy and is to be applauded. Without change, things become stagnant and irrelevant to the progress of the times. And such change should not overlook this "East Wind" column. Indeed, in times past I have suggested that this columnist bow out and have someone else fill this space. And I stand by that suggestion today-and will continue to do so. In so doing, I have further suggestions at the same time.

THE FIRST IS that the replacement be someone outside of the Pacific Coast area. While AJA's, no matter where they may reside, share many common concerns and thoughts, at the same time the perspective of someone long removed from the Pacific Coast can often reflect a different facet on a particular subject. And this is healthy, and needed. We are by no means of a monolithic mentality, and heterogeneous views can be a catalytic forcealthough I have to admit that whatever heterogeneous thoughts I have proposed through this column have withered a-borning. More than once I have thought how ineffectual and useless have been my writings.

But we continue to try. Hoping,

THE REPLACEMENT OUGHT to be someone who is willing to speak out, strongly if need bebut not with rancor, not to be destructive. Preferably, the replacement ought to be someone who has some perspective of the AJA and the milieu in which we find ourselves, and be willing to openly comment thereon. With hope rather than bitterness. (Having listed these criteria, I guess that eliminates this writer.)

If anyone knows of any such candidate out there, drop "East Wind" a line with details. Seriously.

# **JACL Board cleans house**

#### by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES - Housekeeping was the order of the day as the JACL National Board met Jan. 18-19 at Little Tokyo Towers and the Bonaventure Hotel.

The termination of JACL's Redress Education Program (REP) as a formal program was unanimously passed; the staff pay freeze and reduced district allocation enacted at the September meeting were rescinded; the payment schedule for the transfer of \$75,000 from JACL to JACL-LEC at the rate of \$10,000 per month starting March 1 was approved; convention details were discussed; and the moratorium on LDP-sponsored trips to Japan was extended to the July convention.

In terminating the REP, the Board instructed Executive Director Ron Wakabayashi to restructure the associate director/ public information position into a permanent staff position. It also

passed a motion to eliminate the position of redress director held by John Tateishi until he resigned Jan. 15.

#### History

In February 1981, Tateishi, citing personal reasons, resigned as chair of the JACL National Redress Committee, after serving 2½ years and overseeing the passage of the congressional bill establishing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

In March, then-president Jim Tsujimura appointed Min Yasui to chair the redress committee, and Tateishi was hired as staff coordinator to the committee, with the understanding that the position would be a temporary one.

At the 1982 convention, the JACL-LEC, a lobbying group (and therefore a tax-exempt but not tax-deductible organization) was formed with Yasui as chair, with the understanding that the LEC would be activated when the National Board deemed it necessary. It remained dormant for two years.

In February 1984, the JACL Redress Committee was redefined and staff coordinator/director Tateishi was given authority for all redress operations, with a reorganized structure consisting of eight regional coordinators and 36 area coordinators to oversee legislative activities and education and media efforts. Yasui was made head of a newly formed National Redress Advisory Council, although his duties were unspecified.

At the August 1984 Honolulu convention, the National Council activated the LEC. Questions had been raised about the legitimacy of lobbying activities of the REP, which was funded by chapter pledges and carried out under the JACL, a tax-deductible organization.

### South Africa Tours

I write to express a strong "Amen" to the views expressed in the letter of Ms. Marii Hasegawa (Jan. 17 PC).

Letters

JACL, like most organizations and individuals, has changed over time. I have been gratified to see that its policies have reflected an increasingly necessary sensitivity to the fact that we Japanese Americans are a part of a large minority in America striving for equality. This should make us particularly sympathetic and understanding of the struggle of Black people in South Africa.

Like many Japanese Americans, and particularly as a newly elected member of the LEC Board, I am committed to the attainment of justice for the victims of internment through passage of the redress legislation. We say that we fight this battle not just for ourselves but for American principles. We must then recognize that it is one battle being fought on many fronts, the one against apartheid in South Africa being another. I agree that the comment about the government not advising against travel in South Africa is a cop-out. It was the government that locked us up in 1942 and it is the present administration's policies that are undermining hard-won civil rights gains. I suggest that the tours be withdrawn, and if not, that the advertisement be declined. Perhaps, since I note that the tours do not appear in the Jan. 17 edition, the issue is moot-hopefully.

In regards to the letter from Marii K. Hasegawa concerning the ad on the South Africa tours in the PC, I have talked to Bill Hamada and the ad no longer carries the South Africa tours. I agree with Ms. Hasegawa that the Pacific Citizen and JACL should not support racism and that probably that part of the ad should have been deleted.

I know Bill would not have included the tours if he thought it would have been offensive to anyone. In his reply he did not mean to imply unconcern, and because of Ms. Hasegawa's letter he immediately changed the ad.

In addition, the South Africa tours will be deleted from JATC and Nikkei will be encouraged to travel to other countries. I can appreciate Ms. Hasegawa's concern, but both for JATC and PC it's sometimes hard to draw a line in the so-called gray area. How about trips to or ads for other countries, such as Chile, the Philippines, Russia, etc.would some people object? Anyway, it's good that there are people like Ms. Hasegawa who speak up and hopefully keep all of us honest. As the volunteer chairman of JATC, I have to admit I was busy on other matters and missed the inclusion of the South Africa tours, and I agree with Ms. Hasegawa and apologize for the furor it caused. HENRY S. SAKAI Chairman, JATC Long Beach, Calif. **Great Holiday Issue** 



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Much of 1985 was spent discussing and drawing guidelines on lobbying and education responsibilities between the REP and the JACL-LEC. In addition, questions about fiscal responsibility and accountability continued to be raised by some chapters about REP

At the September 1985 National Board meeting, tax consultant Ward Pynn said that JACL could, under a 501(h) election, spend up to \$230,000 for lobbying efforts and could transfer some JACL funds into the LEC.

With limited funds available, the board agreed to put more emphasis into the lobbying efforts (educating members of Congress); in effect the JACL REP is being replaced by JACL-LEC as the program moves primarily into Continued on page 6

JERRY ENOMOTO Member, LEC Board Sacramento

Being editor of a Japanese American newspaper is a thankless job! Just as I was about to Continued on Next Page

### And the Winner Is...

**FROM THE** FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

My thanks to the more than 30 of you who submitted entries to the Frying Pan column's informal, unofficial "most devastating putdown contest."

was for the best response to the comment, usually well-meaning, about how well a Japanese American speaks English. We were looking for something wittier, and serious in your Dec. 13 column, more effective, than the usual "I

was born and educated in the United States.'

The entries came from such diverse places as Guadalajara, Mexico, and Wapato, Wash.; Amherst, Mass., and St. Paul, Minn.; Morton Grove, Ill., Alexandria, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., and numerous places in California, Oregon and Washington. (Advertisers please take notice: 30 entries may not be overwhelming, but obviously Pacific Citizen is read by a nationwide audience.)

I was particularly interested in The contest, you may recall, a letter from Gordon Hamachi of Oakland, Calif., who admonished me as follows:

> "I can hardly believe you are 'Speakee Englishie?' Do you real-

ly advocate responding with a devastating put-down when someone ignorantly and inadvertently offends you? What you propose to do is worse than what is done to you; your offender has no idea that what he does is wrong, while you act with a deliberate intent to hurt him. This is simple revenge which will not correct or educate; it will only foster rage, humiliation, and more bad feelings toward all Asian Americans...

'If you must have a contest, a far more constructive approach is to ask readers to send in accounts of the most amazing, bizarre and ridiculous 'Speakee Englishie' incidents they have experienced. By making these stories known you can give your readers an awareness of the problem and its ramifications."

Good point, We may do just that. In fact, various of the entries did relate amusing incidents, and some of them will be presented in mented on his English, he rea future column.

But on with the contest. I finally got the finalists down to five. I like Judge Bill Marutani's erudite answer to someone who comes up after a speech and compliments him with "My, but you speak English good." Marutani's response: "No, sir. You speak English good; I speak it well." Marutani lives in Philadelphia.

Esther Torii Suzuki of St. Paul recalls that when she went to Minnesota to attend college during the war a stranger asked directions, complimented her English, and asked how long she had been here. "Two weeks," Esther replied. When the stranger expressed amazement that anyone could speak English so well after only two weeks, Esther responded: "I'm a linguistic genius.

Naomi Kashiwabara of San Diego says when someone complied: "Thank you, I couldn't speak a word when I came to this country." Next question: "When was that?" Kashiwabara's response: "I was born here.'

Ray Yamamoto of Wapato, Wash., replies: "Thank you. One of my buddies in school was a Puyallup Indian. His mother believed everyone should speak our native language correctly. She tutored us.

I wish I had more than one book to give as a prize, but since there is only one, it will go to a puckish entry likely to leave the target scratching his head and wondering what's going on. It's from George Wakiji of Alexandria, Va., who after being asked where he learned to speak English so well, he responds:

"I studied English at U-C-R-A. As you can tell, I still have difficulty with my L's."

# NCJAR LAWSUIT

and thus 1980-the year Congress established the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians-was chosen as the beginning of the six-year limit, Hohri said.

In response to the ruling, the government "can go to the Supreme Court" or "ask for a larger panel of judges from the appeals court" in order to avoid a trial, according to Hohri.

"The government certainly realizes that once we go to trial, the odds shift greatly in our favor."

The ruling was hailed as "welcome news" by JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi. "This decision expands the vehicles for Japanese Americans to seek redress...through both the legislative and judicial process."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) called the decision "a giant step forward for redress" but added, "I hope that the trial will proceed quickly and that the Reagan Administration will not direct the Justice Dept. to drag its feet.

"Whether success arrives

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mail off my letter thanking you for a wonderful Holiday Issue, the Jan. 3 issue came in. Scanning the letters section, I found only one letter referring to this collection of touching stories and intense interviews-and it criticized the layout of the issue. Why do we do this to each other? So here it is, PC, short and sweet-thank you for the wonderful issue; a thank you to the beautiful Asian sisters and brothers who shared their lives with us; thank you, Lawson Inada, for giving us Cherry and Rose-and our wish for a new year full of support for one another as we struggle together to make sense out of it all, and even make it poetry from time to time. One more thing. I like the coverage. Those of us out in the hinterlands with no Japanese community to grapple with ideas together appreciated the PC coverage of Fumiko Kimura. We were all asked by non-Japanese about it

through the courts or through the Congress, I am confident a positive resolution will be reached."

Matsui said the ruling is "a positive step" that proves "redress from our government is overdue," but expressed a preference for the legislative approach. Both he and Mineta are co-sponsoring House redress bill HR 442.

The disadvantage of the judicial approach is that it puts JAs "in an adversarial position against the government, having to prove their losses," he said.

Hohri also noted a "down side" to the ruling. Those who received compensation under the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act would not be considered members of the class suing the government, he said.

In addition, of 22 causes of action against the government in the original suit, the judges allowed only one to remain-the 5th Amendment clause against the taking of private property for public use without just compensation. Hohri hopes to reinstate the other charges, which include a variety of other constitutional violations.

## For a Peaceful Future

#### by Sharon Maeda

WARSAW, Poland-A conference on peace held in Poland? At first glance, this hardly seems appropriate. A closer examination would reveal, however, that the contradictions are more in the Western media images rather than the reality. Warsaw and the surrounding countryside were virtually destroyed by bombings, burnings and the mass genocide of millions of Jews at the hands of Hitler's army.

Poles have worked for over 30 years to rebuild Warsaw exactly as it was before, painstakingly replicating ornate period architectural details. And, like Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the people carry the pain with a sense of dignity and pride in having rebuilt their city into the beautiful center of architecture, art and culture it once was.

#### **Downgraded Conference**

The New York Times, Voice of America and other Western press downgraded The Congress of Intellectuals for a Peaceful Future of the World, even before the opening session began. Yet, artists and scientists, theologians and attorneys, historians and poets, and cabinet level leaders came from 45 different countries and every continent-from western NATO countries to the Soviet Bloc to the non-aligned Third World countries. They conversed, debated and agreed that the issue that brought them together-global peacewas far more important than the issues that might divide them. The Congress was patterned after a similar one held in Poland in 1948. At that Congress, notable intellectuals came and Pablo Picasso created his now famous dove of peace on the wall of the conference center. The Polish government which financed the event, and the Polish intellectuals that organized it, hoped that the 1986 Congress would make a significant contribution toward global peace under today's more ominous conditions. I had the dubious distinction of being the only woman and nonintellectual, and one of two

people of color in the U.S. delegation. I happily joined with the Asians and other Third World representatives.

Delegates from Kampuchea to India, Thailand to Japan, China, both Koreas and Vietnam-from the distinguished Chinese scientist Zhou Peiyuan to the Japanese avant garde poet Kazuko Shiraishi-talked about peace, told jokes and shared information across languages and translations from French to English to Japanese, the most common languages amongst us.

We parted with the traditional giving of gifts to each other; I wondered how I could carry all the books and artwork back, but I wasn't about to leave anything behind.

Asians were very visible throughout the Congress. Opening greetings were delivered by Yasushi Akashi, Under General Secretary of the United Nations, and Dr. Kinhide Mushakoji from the U.N. University of Tokyo was the major presenter.

#### North-South Militarization

Mushakoji spoke of North-South militarization rather than the usual East-West polarization. In the North, he said, militarization is characterized primarily by the nuclear build-up while in the South it is a diversion of precious survival resources for civil/ border disputes, often supported or instigated by the North. He urged all peace movements from Christian to Marxist, from Humanist to Gandhian, to develop a pluralistic approach to peace. Romesh Chandra of the World Peace Council related other critical global issues, like hunger and unemployment, with peace. In a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, he ended his presentation with, "I too have a dream ... of a world in which the weapons of war are only in the pictures of history ... of a world in which no child is afraid of war and the price of mankind will be so high that no man can buy another...[of a world in which] the cost of living becomes so low that bread is available to everyone."

Now that the Congress is over, I don't know if something as symbolic as Picasso's dove of peace will endure, but I do know what I will carry with me forever: my meeting with Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski. Yes, the one that we see on television with his militaristic posture and dark glasses.

The General that I met was far from that media image. He was personable, warm and listened to every one of the delegates at a reception he hosted at the state palace. Being short, I was pushed aside several times before I got my chance in the receiving line.

By that time, my legs were aching from standing in high heels too long and I had forgotten what I had been rehearsing under my breath for the preceding halfhour. I said something about being from the U.S. and the General took it from there.

He said he was very glad that Americans came and that the Polish people have no hate for Americans, only hate for war. I nodded to convey that I understood and appreciated what he was saying and mentioned that my grandmother's family was from Hiroshima.

Before the translator could finish the sentence, the General clasped both of my hands in his until he let go to wipe a tear from his face. I was stunned by that moment of emotion and unity. It was something that I will never forget And, for the record, General Jaruzelski wears photo-gray glasses that turn dark with the TV and camera lights; he wears a back brace from a war injury; and he lifted martial law in July 1984

story everywhere. It was nice reading comments from Japanese Americans to help sort through the whole complex thing. The news reported by the PC surely isn't reported by any pa-

since the press played up this

pers I read-and I read the local daily, a Seattle paper, a Seattle community paper, and a national weekly. You're doing a good job. I'm thankful you are here and that you care.

> D. MISA JOO Eugene, Ore.

### Good Job, Bob

Just a short note to let you know how much I enjoy reading the PC, especially Shimabukuro's stuff. His topics are relevant, his style refreshingly new, and his insights sensitive, candid, and thought-provoking. Bob seems to have a knack for sharing ordinary, "everybody-has-them" experiences and being able to present them so delectably!

Are there others who share my views?

> DICK OBAYASHI Inglewood, Calif.

Maeda is executive director of Pacifica, a five-station, non-profit radio network.

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# **District Beat**

#### PNWDC

BELLEVUE, Wash. - Pacific Northwest District Council, Seattle Chapter's International Relations Committee and Lake Washington Chapter sponsor the first PNWDC JACL U.S.-Japan Relations Workshop on Feb. 15, 2-5 p.m., at Greenwood Inn, 625 116th NE. Presentations are as follows:

-Historical U.S. Nikkei and Japan ties (Ken Nakano, Seattle JACL International Relations Committee chair)

-Japanese private and government graduate scholarships (Tetsuden Kashima, Asian American Studies Dept. Director, Univ. of Washington)

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the lobbying phase. The action taken by the board on Jan. 18 formalizes that emphasis and approach.

#### **Other Board Action**

Yosh Nakashima, vice-president of General Operations, moved, for the purposes of discussion, that the moratorium on LDP-sponsored trips to Japan until May be reconsidered. Nakashima had earlier discussed changing some of the guidelines with the governors' caucus to make it more acceptable to the membership.

However, PNW Governor Denny Yasuhara, chair of the governors' caucus, said that the sentiment of the governors was that the trips would have a negative impact on the redress effort. Peggy Ligget, Central Calif. governor, stated that her district was concerned not only with the LDP trips but with the purposes and goals of the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee.

Other governors felt that this issue required the consultation of the National Council. As a result, Nakashima's motion to reconsider the moratorium passed. as did Yasuhara's subsequent motion to extend the moratorium until the entire U.S.-Japan relations program (including the LDP trips) could be considered by the National Council at the national convention in July. Convention

Ron Yoshino, 1986 Convention

—Teaching experiences in Japanese university (Kanako Kashima)

-Sansei study in Japan (Masae Okano)

-High school exchange program (Harvey Watanabe, White **River JACL**) -Functions of Japanese Consul General's office/International law (Seattle Japan Consulate staff)

-Japanese language/cultural programs in Seattle School District (Aki Kurose, Seattle JACL)

-Goals and objectives of JACL U.S.-Japan relations program (Ken Nakano, PNWDC Governor Denny Yasuhara, Cherry Kinoshita, Seattle JACL)

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

planning. The Yamada Travel

Agency (1-800-237-3762, ext. 974)

has been asked to handle the

travel arrangements for the July

20-25 convention in Chicago. The

convention will be held at the

Hyatt Regency Hotel, close to

shopping areas on N. Michigan

Ave., downtown and Illinois

Center. JACL Youth will be run-

ning their own separate conven-

Vice-president Nakashima re-

ported on the nominations and

elections guidelines adopted by

the Nominations Committee

headed by Teresa Maebori. Al-

though not binding, Nakashima

said he hoped all candidates and

their supporters will abide by

didate for national office by a

member of the nominations com-

mittee; (2) The use of titles (e.g.

governor, chapter president,

vice-president) by an individual

or candidate in an endorsement

may not be used in the campaign;

(3) A national JACL officer may

not nominate or second a candi-

date for office; (4) Candidates'

views will be published in the

Pacific Citizen prior to the con-

vention; (5) The results of the

election will be posted after the

announcement of the winners'

names. Tallies will not be an-

nounced but will be posted; (6) A

campaign expenditure limita-

tion of \$1,000 will be recom-

mended; (7) All present officers

and committee chairs of the Na-

tional JACL should refrain from

(1) No campaigning for a can-

the following guidelines:

tion simultaneously.

### Arizona

PHOENIX — The 1986 Arizona Chapter officers were installed by Pacific Southwest District governor Ken Inouye on Jan. 11 at China Doll Restaurant. Over 70 members attended the dinner. Entertainment was provided by the Karaoke Group and Hank Morimoto. The officers are: Tony Shimizu, president; Richard Tadano, v.p.; Nancy Tanita, secretary; and Harry Hirohata, treasurer. Board members: Wendell DeCross, Gary Tadano, Hotsy Miyauchi, Masako Takiguchi, Joanne Kimura, Uta Eto, Helen Tanita, Gary Backer and Joe Allman.

#### **Marin County**

MILL VALLEY, Calif.-The annual chapter spaghetti dinner/ bingo night takes place Feb. 8 at Marin Buddhist Church, 390 Miller Ave. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., followed by bingo. Cost: \$3.50

#### 1000 Club Roll

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cific candidate; (8) PC should not run free ads for candidates. News stories will feature each candidate with their background and platform.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and Marc Hershman, aide to Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), were guests at the meeting. Mineta reported that the major item of business in Congress is the Gramm-Rudman Bill, which was passed in December. All offices funded by the federal budget, including congressional offices, have been under pressure to find ways to cut down staff costs, he said. Hershman added that this bill affected him personally as a staff member.

Mineta also mentioned the House subcommittee hearings on redress bill H.R. 442 to be held March 19 in Washington, D.C., and added that West Coast hearings are planned but still have to be justified to the rest of the committee so that money will

# Chapter Pulse

adults, \$1.50 children. Info: Steve Gotanda, 897-9058.

NCWNP governor Mollie Fujioka installed the chapter's 1986 cabinet on Dec. 8 at Royal Mandarin Restaurant in San Rafael. They are: Dennis Sato, pres.; Steve Gotanda, 1st v.p.; Pat Orr, 2nd v.p.; Ken Yoshikawa, rec. sec'y; Mas Fujii, cor. sec'y; David Nakagawa, treas.; Alice Nakahata and David Nakagawa, official delegates; Steve Gotanda, newsletter; Kenji Tomita, Bob Nii, Gene Oishi, Aki Watanabe, Rose Nieda, directors at large. Entertainment was by playwright/actor Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who read a humorous potpourri of poetry depicting his childhood.

#### Marina

LOS ANGELES-Marina chapter's 1986 officers are: Shirley Chami, pres.; William Kaneko, Sharon Kumagai, Florence Oshita, and Terry Takeda, v.p.s; Joyce Enomoto, sec'y; Larry Takahashi,

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- Alameda: 20-Hajime Fujimori, 17-Setsuko Yoshisato.
- Boise Valley: 19-James N Oyama. Diablo Valley: 6-Edward E Kubokawa, 2-Raymond T Yamada.
- Downtown Los Angeles: 34-Shigeji Takeda. Eden Township: 11-Dr George Y Takahashi.
- Florin: 6-Alfred I Tsukamoto, 6-Mary Tsuruko Tsukamoto.
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uye. Mile High: 1-Harold F Riebesell. Monterey Peninsula: 8-Jack E Russell. Oakland: 13-Shizuko Akahoshi. Reno: 1-Chiyoko Peterson, 4-Roy Peterson. Sacramento: 10-Dr Ernest Takahashi. San Francisco: 4-Jane H Wong, 9-Kiyoshi

Joe Yukawa. Twin Cities: 15-George Ono.

Washington, DC: 5-Hideki Hamamoto. West Valley: 25-Ko S Sameshima.

White River Valley: 12-Margaret Okitsu

CENTURY CLUB 8-Jack E Russell, 6-Ko S Sameshima.

Collection of Nikkei author's works established at UC Berkeley library

BERKELEY, Calif.-The Bancroft Library of UC Berkeley has announced the establishment of a Yoshiko Uchida Collection in its archives.

Uchida has devoted most of her career to creating a body of Japanese American literature for young people with the hope of giving them a sense of continuity and kinship with their history. She has also written a book and many articles for adults. The original manuscript and galleys for Desert Exile, the story of her family's wartime uprooting and internment, are part of the collection, which includes copies of all editions of her 28 books as well as many school

readers and anthologies in which her works appear. Also included are original manuscripts and galleys for her children's books, correspondence with publishers, letters from children, interviews, and photos of early Issei from her family's collection.

Of special interest is a scrapbook compiled by her father while interned in Montana during WW2. It is on display until Feb. 15 as part of an exhibit open to the public. All of Uchida's papers will eventually be housed at the Bancroft Library, and interested scholars and students are invited to make use of the collection. Info: Marie Byrne, (415) 642-1586.

treas.; Paula Miura, membership chair; George Kodama, redress chair; and Elma Nishi, insurance commissioner.

#### Fowler

FOWLER, Calif.-Gerald Nakayama is Fowler JACL president for 1986. Other cabinet members are Howard Hiyama, 1st v.p.; Kyogyo Miura, 2nd v.p.; Bobby Teraoka, rec. sec'y; Stanley Mukai, corr. sec'y; Kenny Hashimoto, treas.; Tom Nagata, official delegate; Tad Nakamura, alt. delegate; Joe Yokomi, 1000 Club; Harry Honda, Issei-Nisei Project chair; Art Fujikawa, Blue Shield Insurance; and Thomas Toyama, publicity.

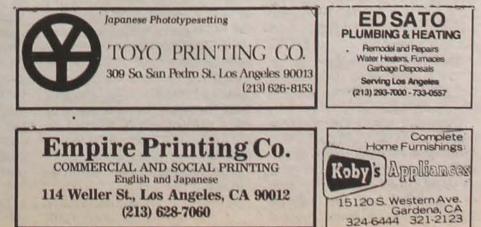
Board of governors: Karl Morita and George Shimoda, city; Katsuya Miyoshi and James Renge, Iowa District; Setsu Kikuta and Mike Yoshimoto, West; Tom Shirakawa and Wataru Takeda, East; Chuck Ideta and Roy Kato, South.

Nakayama called the first meeting of the year and announced the following chronology of events for this year:

Jan. 26-benefit showing of the films "Plumeria no Densetsu no Kisu" and "Keiji Monogatari 3: Shiosai no Uta" at Fowler Hall; Feb.-general meeting; Marchdinner meeting; Apr.-community picnic, application for chapter scholarship; May-Memorial Day services at Roedings Park in conjunction with Fresno and Hanford Nisei VFW; June-presentation of chapter scholarship at Fowler H.S. commencement; July-National JACL convention in Chicago; Sept-chapter nominations; Nov.-Central Calif. District Council convention; Dec.-revival of Christmas party.

publishing articles in the PC chair, reported on convention which endorse or support a spebe made available for hearings.





# People

#### Accounting

Thomas Iino, CPA, of Pacific Palisades, Calif., was elected president of National Assn. of State Boards of Accountancy for 1985-86 at the association's annual meeting in Maui on Oct. 1. He has served on NASBA's board as regional director, vice president, and president-elect and was Calif. State Board of Accountancy president 1983-84. Iino is a partner in the firm of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells.

#### Education

Toshiye "Joyce" Itatani, a 15-year Board of Education member in Santa Clara (Calif.) Unified School District, was recently honored at a gala reception hosted by Supt. Rudy Gatti. Elected from the Alviso area, she was board president in 1983 and v.p. in 1976 and 1982. She has been praised for her emphasis on programs for special educa-

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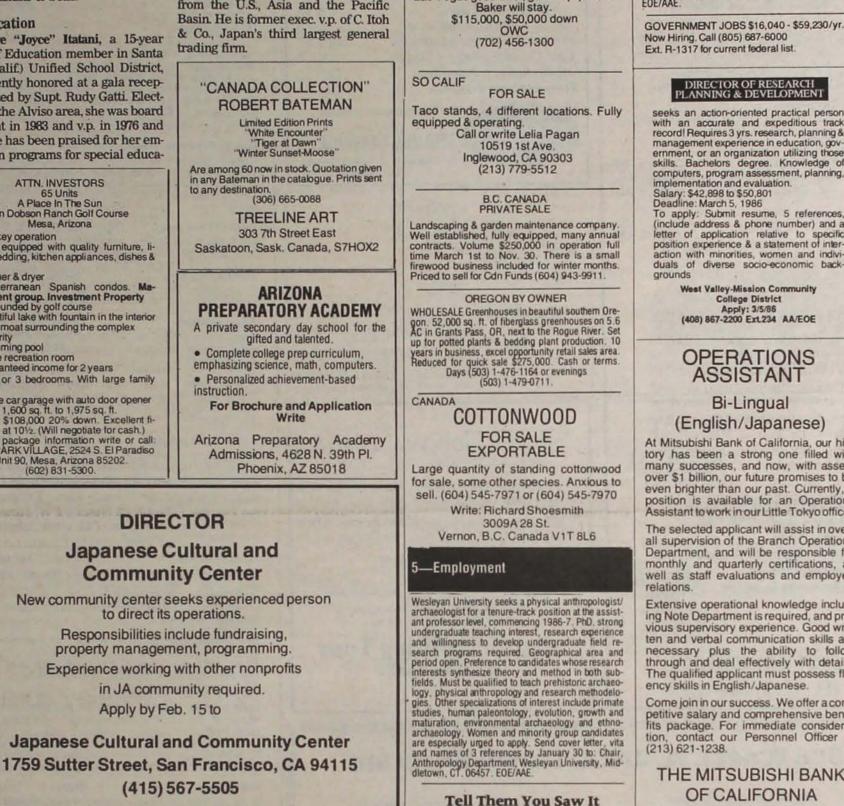
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