Death sentences for Korean students condemned by supporters in U.S.

by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES — Two former Western Illinois University students charged with being agents of North Korea, fomenting dissent among other Korean students, and advocating the overthrow of the South Korean government, have been sentenced to death, while a third was sentenced to life imprisonment, said Jai Hyon Lee, professor of journalism at WIU, during an interview at the Korean Institute for Humanities Research.

The three, who were sentenced Jan. 28, were part of a group of 22 people arrested last June in South Korea for allegedly belonging to North Korean spy rings in the U.S. and West Germany.

Kim Sung Man, Yang Dong Hwa and Hwang Dae Kwon attended WIU from the fall of 1982 to February 1983. According to the Korean Herald, the official South Korean government newspaper, the three were recruited by a North Korean agent living on Long Island in New York.

They allegedly received indoctrination and training from Suh Chung Kyun, a former publisher of the Korea Overseas Journal who also edited the Korean Herald as the leading North Korean agent in the U.S. through Lee Chang Shin, also a former student at WIU. Lee was convicted in absentia to an undisclosed prison term.

Lee, whose family immigrated to Chicago 13 years ago, vigorously denies the charges and plans to sue the Korean Herald for libel.

Suh denied the allegations against himself, saying that the South Korean government named him because his non-defunct newspaper was popular with Korean students in the U.S.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Suh said that he has no connection with the North Korean UN mission, has not visited North Korea, and knows only one of the three students, Hwang.

Lee Chang Shin and Suh are North Korean agents. "Lee Chang Shin is a permanent resident applying for U.S. citizenship. He went to high school in Chicago and has many friends there. Suh is a former editor of a Korean language newspaper in New York which has been very critical of the South Korean government — the repressive policies of the government."

JA's promotion causes protest

SEATTLE — Accusations of racism surfaced at a March 19 meeting of the Seattle Community College District trustees, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports.

Six speakers bitterly denounced faculty leaders for taking public action against Chancellor Donald Phelps on the eve of his bid to be Seattle Public School superintendent.

Phelps, one of six finalists being interviewed by the Seattle School Board, had drawn faculty leaders' wrath by promoting his personnel director, Naomi Iwata-Sanchez, to the newly created position of vice chancellor for human resources and intergovernmental relations.

Phelps said the promotion last month, which boosted Iwata-Sanchez's salary from $47,700 to $52,112, was in keeping with extra duties she had taken on.

But leaders of the Seattle Community College Federation of Teachers called the move a wasteful administrative addition in a time of tight budgets. Union leaders voted no-confidence in Phelps, filed a grievance and sent out a no-confidence petition to all 950 district instructors.

Iwan American community leaders praised Phelps and Iwata-Sanchez and denounced the union move as racist.

Speakers also attacked the timing of the move, calling it an attempt to undermine Phelps' career.

"This sickens me to no end to see the union come up with this grievance," said Alan Sugiyama, a member of the Asian Executive Directors Coalition.

"It seems like a matter of racism. Here's a high qualified individual and all that resistance," said Jerry Shigaki, chair of Seattle Central Community College's Asian American Task Force. "Or maybe it's a basic ploy to jeopardize the possibility of [Phelps'] becoming superintendent."

Janet Ray, the faculty union representative, said the union protest is not motivated by racism or any desire to hurt Phelps or Iwata-Sanchez. She called it the only way to speak out against adding an expensive layer of bureaucracy.

"We perceived this as an act of insensitive and inefficient leadership," Ray said. "We protested the proliferation of administrators. The faculty body has, as part of its charge, the care of this institution. We think this is one of those decisions we needed to speak out against."

Trustees, however, denounced the union and endorsed Phelps and Iwata-Sanchez.

"I resent it, as a citizen of this city," said Trustee Lee Pasquarilla, "that Dr. Phelps has the opportunity to be appointed to a major school district which is in disarray, and this has jeopardized it."

Endorsement of redress legislation considered by New York city council

NEW YORK — A city council committee heard testimony about the introduction of a bill by four New York representatives during a March 19 hearing on a resolution, proposed by Councilwoman Miriam Friedlander, urging Congress to pass redress bills H.R. 442 and S. 103.

Friedlander said that passage of the bills "would finally redress this outrage of violation of basic civil rights suffered by the Japanese American and Aleutian people during this shameful chapter in American history."

Speaking before the Council Committee on International Intragroup Relations and Special Events were Leslie Inaba-Wong of Concerned Japanese Americans, 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran William Kochiyama, and Stan Mark of Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Kochiyama related his experiences as an internee and as a soldier fighting for the U.S. in Europe.

Inaba-Wong discussed the hearings held by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and the introduction of redress legislation based on the commission's recommendations.

Mark explained the significance of the recent Korematsu and Hirabayashi rulings, which had paved a legal basis for redress.

All of the council members present voted to co-sign the resolution, which now goes to the full city council.

Redress supporters are confident that the resolution will be passed.

"Of necessity, the focus will be on the restitution issue," Uyehara said. "We will again have to tell of the humiliation, the lost years, and the betrayal and rejection by our nation, because seven of the ten members are new to the subcommittee."

Four of the members are co-sponsors of the bill: Barney Frank (D-Mass.), George Crockett (D-Mich.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), and Frederick Boucher (D-Va.).

LEC is currently lobbying members Harley Staggers (D-W.Va.), Hank Brown (R-Colo) and Patrick Swindall (R-Okla.). Also on the subcommittee are Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio) and Howard Coble (R-N.C.).

"If it will take to advance the legislation to the full committee," said Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), "to convince a majority of the subcommittee, or six members, that redress should be and must be considered by the Congress."

"I am pleased that the committee has given H.R. 442 a high priority and set the date for the hearings soon after Congress returns from its recess...I am confident that H.R. 442 will receive a fair hearing from an informed panel."

"I hope that this bill will move quickly through the committee," said Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.). "Now that the bill has more than 120 sponsors in the House, I believe our chances for success are getting better and better."

"1986 has been a good year for national efforts for redress. Recent judicial decisions indicate that the courts support the findings that the government hid information about the internment, which reinforces our cause. The resolution of this issue is long overdue."
Onizuka fund drives under way

Three scholarship funds established in memory of astronaut Ellison Onizuka, who died in the Jan. 28 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, continue to receive donations.

- In Onizuka’s native Hawaii, donations to the Ellison Onizuka Memorial Scholarship Fund surpassed $200,000 as of Feb. 27, the Honolulu Advertiser reports.

The fund was created by Bank of Hawaii and Hawaii Advertising Agency.

One candidate from each of Hawaii’s public and private high schools will be considered at the recommendation of the principal.

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- Have an academic standing in the top 10% of his/her class.
- Have demonstrated leadership skills, discipline and a commitment to others through participation in extracurricular activities or civic organizations.

The first recipient will be selected in April by the fund’s steering committee.

Campaign co-chair H. Howard Stephenson, Bank of Hawaii president, said the drive has been helped considerably by Hawaii school groups.

Any school group can make a donation by calling the nearest Bank of Hawaii branch or the bank’s community relations department at (808) 357-8010. A bank officer will visit the school to formally receive the donation.

Donations can also be sent to P.O. Box 3710, Honolulu 96822.

- In Boulder, Colo., Martin Marietta Corp. gave $10,000 on Feb. 13 to an engineering scholarship fund established at University of Colorado in memory of CU graduate Onizuka, according to the Rocky Mountain News.

Martin Marietta president Peter Teets, who presented the check to CU president E. Gordon Gee, urged other businesses to contribute.

The fund was established when unsolicited checks started arriving at the university a few days after the shuttle disaster.

Onizuka earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in aerospace engineering at CU. Aboard with the shuttle was the CU-designed Spartan-Halley satellite that was to analyze the gas makeup of Halley’s comet.

According to Gee, there may be enough money to support more than one student a year starting as early as next year. Recipients must be in the engineering school but may not have to specialize in aerospace, he said.

Tax-deductible donations payable to CU Foundation—Ellison Onizuka Memorial Scholarship Fund may be sent to Engineering College, Campus Box 422, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

- The National 4-H Council has established a fund honoring Onizuka, a former 4-H member who actively promoted the organization.

The Onizuka 4-H Fund for Excellence will provide science and technology scholarships to young people and support 4-H leadership development initiatives across the country.

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Los Angeles—Actor Robert Ito will teach “Advanced Acting: Play Role,” a 10-week course, during the spring quarter at CSU Los Angeles.

The studio will be held Tues.-Thurs., 4:30-7:10 p.m., and begins Apr. 1.

Ito will guide students toward finding their own method of acting. “I can’t teach them to act, to feel,” he said. “I can only open doors for them. I would like to be a catalyst that triggers their motivation and drive to really want to become an actor.”

A singer and dancer since childhood, Ito has performed in the National Ballet of Canada and in numerous stage, screen and television productions. He was a regular on the TV series “Quincy” and recently starred in the plays “Yellow Fever” and

“Song for a Nisei Fisherman” at East West Players.

The course, usually taught by actress Nobu McCarthy, is part of CSULA’s effort to develop an Asian American cultural program.

“Considering the ethnic makeup of Cal State with our high enrollment of Asian students, it seems natural and necessary to have a program that will build awareness of Asian American culture and arts,” said Yuki Nakamura, chair of Asian American Theatre Arts Project, a group of campus faculty and staff that encourages Asian American students to become involved (and possibly pursue careers) in the arts.

In conjunction with the Theatre Arts Dept., AATAP has presented the plays “The Music Lessons” and “And the Soul Shall Dance” by Wadako Yamauchi and “Year of the Dragon” by Frank Chin.

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SACRAMENTO—In accordance with its decision last year to become a national organization, the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California has changed its name to Asian Pacific American Coalition USA.

Established in 1981 as a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization, APAC has regional offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego. The possibility of opening an office in Washington, D.C. is being considered.

The goals of the multi-ethnic coalition include monitoring, analyzing and disseminating information on matters of concern to Asian Pacific American communities as well as identifying and influencing public policies affecting that community.

The group has promoted such causes as redress, bilingual education, and opposition to anti-Asian violence, and efforts to make English the official language of the U.S.

For more information, contact APAC at P.O. Box 214969, Sacramento, CA 95821; (916) 972-7387.

Cupertino Calif.—The third annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival features traditional Japanese food, entertainment and displays of Japanese culture at 2-9 p.m., at Oak Street Shopping Center on Stevens Creek Blvd. (across from De Anza College). Highlights include two performances by San Francisco Taiko Dojo, a tribute to Toyokawa, Cupertino's sister city, and a children's handcrafts on table. Admission free.

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LOS ANGELES—Koreisha Chushoku Kai, the nutrition program for the elderly, marks its second anniversary this month. The group has distributed more than 5,000 million meals to 450,000 recipients, more than 80% of whom are elderly. The group is organizing a special drive on May 17. For more information, contact APAC at P.O. Box 214969, Sacramento, CA 95821; (916) 972-7387.

American Pacific American Advocates of California holds its fifth annual conference Apr. 5, 8 pm, speakers presentations and a San Diego tour are scheduled. Tickets are on sale now at Volunteer Centers. Information: 800-823-6268 or 239-258-9245.

ON AUGUST 19, 1973, IN THE KOREAN RESTAURANT, 7TH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AN AMERICAN SENATOR FROM MONTANA, RONALD W. PECOS, WAS ASSASSINATED. THE KOREAN RESTAURANT STAFF, A GROUP OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF KOREAN ORIGIN, WERE THE VICTIMS OF THE VIOLENT ACTS COMMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF 100, AN ORGANIZATION OF 4,000 WHITE MURDERERS WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO PROTECT THE REPUTATION OF THEIR CLIENTS, THE 4,000 WHITE MURDERERS, FROM THE RESUMPTION OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

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SACRAMENTO—In accordance with the theme "A Day of Honor and Commitment," the annual Cherry Blossom Festival will take place Apr. 13, 13-1 p.m., at San Francisco Medical Society, 250 Masonic Ave. Donation: $20. Persons 70 or older will be guests of Kichino. There will be a light buffet and entertainment. RSVP: Apr. 6: 800-565-0281.

San Francisco—A recently published study by Dr. Chalsa Loo, director of Chinatown Research Center and visiting professor at UCLA, questions arguments used byponents of bilingual ballot arguments.

"We examined three arguments posed by those who wish to eliminate bilingual ballots and found that facts fail to back up their claims," said Loo. "The English-only ballot will work against the assimilation of language minorities."

The study, funded by the San Francisco Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health, is based on surveys of a representative sample of San Francisco Chinatown residents and on U.S. Census data.

The results of the study contradict claims of language minorities that are unaware that learning English will improve their socioeconomic status; that immigrants are unwilling to adjust to American ways; and that learning English should not be difficult for Chinese immigrants because European immigrants are able to learn English.

The study found that Chinese immigrants are aware that English facility would enhance their opportunities. "Nine out of every ten Chinatown residents believed that learning English would qualify them for a better job," said Loo. "Moreover, Chinese immigrants want to adapt to American ways. They judged as many American traits to be worthy of acquiring as they judged American traits worthy of retaining."

According to the study findings, it is more difficult for Chinese to learn English than for European immigrants because the structure of Asian languages is entirely different from that of European languages. "The more dissimilar the native language is, the more difficult will be the task of acquiring the English language," said Loo.

In addition, English language education is more difficult for those who, like nearly 90% of the Chinese immigrants interviewed, came to the U.S. in their adult years.

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Japanese Peruvians, Part II

EAST WIND

Bill Marutanai

SOME MONTHS AGO in this column (see Oct. 4 PC), we wrote about the repatriation, shipment to the United States and the resulting imprisonment of Japanese Peruvians during WW2. Through a correspondent, we received some additional bits of information which we'd like to share with you.

ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS that the Peruvian government does not like or look kindly upon this subject, we've received some additional information relating to this tragic episode.

Notwithstanding, the story of this act, involving the then-president who was very hostile to the Peruvians, is not well-known among the Peruvian public, involving some high officials of our government.

In the ensuing roundup, there were instances reminiscent of what occurred in Nazi Germany and elsewhere, when Jews were being rounded up: some sympathetic non-Japanese Peruvians warned their fellow Peruvians of Japanese ancestry of an impending roundup and told them to hide. How successful such warnings were, we do not know. We doubt that one could avoid at least for long, a military bent upon imposing its will upon helpless people.

IT MAY BE that Japanese Peruvians, not unlike some of their counterparts in Japan or America, do not tell or admit their feelings or unacknowledged love, as all too frequently. If one knew that June loves the good doctor, and doesn't tell him why he doesn't love her, one would be discouraged from proceeding with the Peruvian government, involving some high officials of our government.

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Love, Japanese Style

I know Rex Morgan loves June, my dad used to tell me frequently, "I don't know why he doesn't just come right out and tell her that. And I know that June loves the good doctor, and I don't understand why she doesn't tell him so."

If I had been a little more aware of my feelings at that time, I might have answered, "Because Rex and June are really Japanese." But I wasn't, so I didn't. I never could understand exactly what the appeal of the comic strip was to my dad, but it was one of his favorites.

Since that time, I have watched a few Japanese soap operas on the tube when I was home, as some Tora-san movies, some Japanese "modern" movies (as opposed to samurai movies). Much of the drama stems from unspoken or unacknowledged love, as characters romance get passed over because the time is just not right, people are too afraid to express or acknowledge their feelings (although all viewers just know that the couple in question are in love—like Rex and June), and they are usually forced to remain silent about their commitments to others.

I used to think that what was a better source of drama than those of American soaps which seemed to dwell quite a bit on who was screwing whom, and where love and sex and power were somehow synonymous. But now I wonder.

Since the advent of "Cheaters" a few years back, we have seen a new genre on TV—the "will they or won't they" television series, modern day television versions of Rex Morgan. MD Now this is not really new, since I used to wonder about Perry Mason and Della Street, Clark Kent and Lois Lane, and a few other TV work couples. But television has provided its own twist to the woman's movement: let's get a woman be paired off professionally, and keep the audience guessing as to whether she is going on between the two. "Scarface" and "Mrs. King," "Remington Steele," and the latest, "The Equal," are all based on this type of relationship.

The problem with these series is that after a while I end up feeling the same way my dad felt about Rex and June: What's wrong with these guys, anyway?

But a program like "Cheaters" lost some of its humor and drama once Sam and Diane got it going, the writers had to separate them to try to regain some of their earlier sparkling dialogue. So these programs have a way of self-destructing. Viewers either get bored because the couple appears to be too uptight to let the sparks fly between them, or the viewers get bored if the couple lets the sparks fly because as we all know, courtship is definitely more interesting than consummation...isn't it?

My dad would probably like "Moonlighting" but he would still be asking the same question. Being more aware, I would probably answer, "Because I think television's turning Japanese."

And it may well be. "Gung Ho" is being turned into a weekly series by Paramount, only two weeks after the movie opened here in Los Angeles. At a press conference I was asked by actor Sab Shimono what I thought of the movie. I told him that I would have been more interested in a portrayal of a Japanese American in a company run by a Japanese management team or one that was in direct competition with Japanese companies. He replied that maybe they could cover that aspect in the series. I'll be watching for it, believe me.

If they need any technical advice, I know who they can ask. Up in Portland, Ore., there's an executive director of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, said that Onizuka will serve as an inspiration for American Indian children for years to come.

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The late Ellison Onizuka was a representative for quite a few groups, it seems. The PC has received many news items regarding Onizuka. In addition to being the first Asian American in space, he was also the first Buddhist and the first native of Hawaii. He has also been honored as a Univ of Colo. graduate and a former Eagle Scout and 4-H member.

During my recent trip to Portola and Eugene, Miss Joo passed on to me an article from a Latekota Times which stated that Onizuka carried a sacred eagle feather into space as a message of hope to all Indian people.

The feather had been presented to Onizuka by students at the Chinowa Indian School in Salem, Oregon. Norbert Hill, executive director of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, said that Onizuka will serve as an inspiration for American Indian children for years to come.

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For the Record

The obituary of George Misato Kamide of Arvada, Colo., which appeared in the Jan. 3-10 PC, was written by Bill Horikoshon, not George Yasukochi.

In the LET Fund Drive Report (March 21 PC), the amount for Selancano Chapter should have been $8,000 rather than $8,000. The Pacific Southwest District Dinner donation of $37,500 was not included in the total under "Donations Received." The corrected total is $180,698.88
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PEGGY NAGAE
Eugene, Ore.

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NISEI IN JAPAN

Barry Salki
Portland, Ore.

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Wasserman, 39, has been an assistant U.S. attorney since 1982. Her appointment was approved by the state Judicial Council in May 1980 and confirmed by the Senate in June 1981.

The firm, which is manufacturing the Frantz oil filter in Fresno, is one of the leading producers of the filter in the United States.

The filters are made for domestic and foreign internal combustion engines used in cars, trucks, buses and aircraft. The firm also makes filters for hydraulic systems, automatic transmissions and liquid fuel systems.

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Company president Soh Yamamura (center) chews out employee Gedde Watanabe while nephew Sab Shimono looks on in a scene from "Gung Ho.", mousy, obedient Japanese management team. All are intimidated by the silent, stern, very officious "big boss," Mr. Sakamoto, played by Japanese actor Soh Yamamura.

It is through the characters of Steven and Kazuhito that Howard attempts to resolve these differences. The problem with the movie is he doesn't. As in "Splash," about midway through the movie the humor is lost. Serious topics have been introduced, Racism, immigration, photos, management techniques, labor's resistance to change, and quality control are brought out for a look, then relegated to the back seat.

What starts off as a movie with an interesting concept ends as a television melodrama in which everyone wins (except the book) Saito because the big boss has a sense of humor after all. The humor will get us through it all, Howard seems to be saying. Those who find Hollywood humor engaging will probably like the movie. Those unaccustomed to off-beat characters, are indeed funny in parts.

Howard's attitude toward racism seems to be if you make fun of everybody, nobody can complain but Kazuhito has no touch of bone or creativity; he vacillates between listening to Saito, who happens to be the boss's nephew, or Steven. And only Steven has enough gull to stand up to Sakamoto. Maybe someday, we'll see an Asian American actor play someone who stands up for what he believes in and wins—hopefully with a more meaningful role. We will just have to get by with Mifune's reruns for gratification.

**Journalsform D.C. chapter**

WASHINGTON—A Washington, D.C. chapter of Asian American Journalists Assn (AAJA) was established March 16 at the offices of "The Washington Post," located in the Hearst Building. 

- "We're very excited about the chapter's formation," she said, "and we're hopeful that we can make a difference in the long scheme of things, especially in terms of encouraging other Asian Americans to consider a career in journalism and in developing contacts among ourselves."

Other participants in the chapter include: Yoichi Okamoto, Los Angeles Times Washington Bureau; Dean Inouye, Wall Street Journal; Jao Hoon Ahn and Francis Tanabe, both of Washington Post, Helen Chang, United Methodist Church Society for Religious and Peace Building Services; Patrick Chu, USA Today; Theo Feng, Asian American Art Media; Akiko Koshimura, Oshima Media Services; George Waki, freelance, and Yoko Arthur and Susan Rumbold, both of Corp. for Public Broadcasting.

The next meeting has been set for April 10 at the USA Today Building, Info: Yoko Arthur, (202) 955-5155.

Founded in Los Angeles in July 1971, AAJA has chapters in San Francisco, Seattle and Sacramento during the past year.

**Entries sought for literary contest**

SAN FRANCISCO—Japantown Art & Media Workshop is sponsoring its sixth annual school literary contest to encourage development and expression of Asian AmericanPacific Islander culture and to support student interest in creative writing. In both the short story and poetry categories, there will be a $75 first place, $50 second prize and $25 third prize. Last year's winners included students from San Francisco and Oakland as well as Los Angeles.

Any high school student is eligible to enter. Submissions must deal with some aspect of Asian American Pacific Islander life. Each entry, include name, address, grade level, name of school, and if manuscript is to be returned, a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Send to JAM Writers Workshop, 1730 Fillmore, S.F. 94115. Info: (415) 667-3381.
FASHION—Five students of Asian ancestry have won the top awards in the 45th annual Vestinghouse Science Talent Search, it was announced March 3.

Sharing honors for first place were Wei-Jing Zhu of New York, a candidate in advanced physical sciences, and Wendy Q. Chung of Chicago, who was selected on the basis of creative science projects and interviews with a panel of distinguished scientists, each of whom would receive a $20,000 college scholarship. Zhu, 16, born in Canton, China, attends Brooklyn Technical High School. His project involved algebraic number theory and developing different representations for a class of numbers. Chung, 17, the only American-born student among the five, attended Miami Killian Senior High School. She studied the behavior of the Carribean fruit fly in an attempt to determine at which stage of ripeness the fruit is most likely to be attacked.

Yoriko Saito, 18, a native of Kyoto who attends Homewood High School in Homewood, Ala., won the $15,000 third-place award. She established a new line of plant tumors from other tumors grown on tomato plants infected with a certain bacterium. George Je-Chi Juang, 17, of New York, a native of Taiwan and a student at Benjamin Cardozo High School, won the $10,000 fourth-place award. Her experiment involved tracing the trajectories of beams of light in solids with liquids suspended in them.

Anh Tuan Nguyen-Huy, 17, of Cleveland, a Vietnam native who attends University High School in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, received the fifth-place award of $10,000. He submitted a project indicating the effects of age on cell cultures.

The contest is sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corp. and administered by Science Service, a non-profit science education organization. Since 1972, five winners have received Nobel Prizes.

—from a report by Associated Press

Artist's career to be reviewed


The exhibition of 18 oil paintings and six drawings encompasses the artist's career and will be expanded for a national tour.

Kuniyoshi was acclaimed during his lifetime, but after his death and later taught at the Rhode Island School of Design and the University of California, Berkeley. He has been hailed as an inspiration to many.

Mineta critical of Pearl Harbor ad

WASHINGTON—Radio listeners in the San Francisco Bay area were asked, "Do you re­member Pearl Harbor?" in a recent political advertisement, and Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said he is angered and surprised that this racial hysteria never seems to end. The ad, put out by Republican Tom Skorimski, a candidate in California's 12th congressional district, begins with the Pearl Harbor reference and goes on to mention the U.S.-Japan trade situation.

"There is no reason to connect Pearl Harbor with U.S.-Japan trade relations," said Mineta, "except ignorance and bigotry. "We cannot have cordial and positive relations with other na­tions when such hatred and prejudice exists. And when Americans of Asian ancestry are victims of racially motivated violence, it is impor­tant to recognize that this is racial hysteria.

The 12th district, which includes the Silicon Valley, is currently represented by Republi­can Ed Zechan, who is running for the Senate.
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