Matsui circulates Nat’l Geographic article in House

WASHINGTON—Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) said March 26 that he has circulated copies of "Japanese Americans: Home at Last," an article in the April issue of National Geographic, to members of the committee who serve on the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, which holds hearings on redress bills H.R. 442 on April 28.

Written by Arthur Zich and illustrated with photos by Michael S. Yamashita, the article briefly chronicles the JA experience from the arrival of the Issei to present-day perspectives.

The immigrant days are remembered by Issei Yuki Torii, Yosihada Kawai, Michiko Tanaka and Kamechiyo Takashashi. Historical and sociological aspects are given by scholars Akemi Kikumura, Franklin Odo, Peter Irons, Yuki Ichikawa and Harry Kitahara.

The internment and its impact on JAs are discussed by doctors Ford Kuramoto, Mary Oda, Kazu­ yuki Takashashi and Edward Hi­ meno as well as former internees Mary Tsukamoto, Nancy Araki and Tom Watanabe. Veterans Tom Kawaguchi, Shig Kihara, Shig Doi, Wilson Makabe and Sen. Daniel Inouye relate the story of Nisei who fought for the U.S. in Europe and the Pacific.

Others quoted in the article in­ clude playwright Philip Goto­ da, the late astronaut Ellison Onizuka; Mike Watanabe of Asian American Drug Abuse Program; John Saito, Pacific Southwest JACL director; War­ ren Furutani of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center; and Rep. Matsui.

"Japanese Americans are among the most influential, best educated, fastest growing, and least known of America's minorities," said Matsui. "The National Geographic has done an outstanding job of telling our story.

Harassment leads to shooting

PHILADELPHIA—Four white men screamed racial slurs and threw rocks at the home of a Viet­namese family, which retaliated by opening fire with rifles and a handgrenade, slightly wounding one person, police said.

Two Vietnamese were arrest­ed along with the whites in the confrontation on March 23 in the primarily white, working-class neighborhood, said Detective Capt. Matthew Veesey.

The outbreak started when the whites gathered outside the home. "They were screaming rac­ ial slurs and statements like 'Go home, Gooks,'" Veesey said. "The family told police the men out­side were terrorizing them and breaking their windows with rocks and bricks.'

One of the Vietnamese men told police he fired a rifle from the front yard to scare off the whites, but when the men con­tinued throwing rocks, two Viet­ namese men fired several shots from a window with a rifle and handgum.

Glen Embenger, 21, was grazed in the head and treated at a hos­ pital and released. Veesey said.

The commission estimated that 90,000 Asians live in the five­ county metropolitan area.

Seniors oppose firing of director

SEATTLE—The board of directors of Asian Counseling and Re­ serral Service (ACRS) is explor­ ing the possibility of forming a task force to work out a com­ promise with seven Asian Paci­ fic elderly associations which­ voted March 14 to withdraw sup­ port from the agency, board pres­ ident Benson Wong said March 18.

The associations withdrew their support from ACRS follow­ ing executive director Theresa Fujiwara's decision last month to fire Evelyn Priestley, head of Paci­ fic Asian Elderly Service Development Project for the past five years.

The task force, Wong said, would consist of representatives from the ACRS board and repre­ sentatives of the associations.

Monterey Park incumbent fearful of 'divisiveness' in city election

by J.K. Yamamoto

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—The Apr. 8 municipal election could have overtones of racial antagon­ ism because of the recent "Official English" movement, accord­ ing to councilwoman Lily Chen.

The top vote-getter in the 1982 elec­tion was Gary Arcuri, who last year led a petition drive to make English the city’s official language. Arcuri, who has a background in law enforcement, is running against incumbent Ron Morrison.

Chen, who is also a member of the Monterey Park Redress Committee, says Arcuri's stance is potentially divisive, and could draw votes away from her.

"I'm not saying it's not a language issue," she said. "It's an ethnic
Corporate, Asian Pacific leaders talk about issues

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Corporate involvement in the Asian Pacific American community was the focus of a symposium held March 22 by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), So. Calif. Gas Co., and National Conference of Christians and Jews. "I hope this is going to be a beginning of a lasting dialogue," said KCBS-TV anchor Tricia Toyota, who emceed the event. "I'm still amazed at how little knowledge there really is of our communities, of who we are and how diverse we are, of the kinds of issues we think are important."

A series of statistics on Asian Pacifics, with emphasis on California and the Los Angeles area, was presented by William Ouchi, vice president of LEAP, professor at UCLA's Graduate School of Management, and author of Theory Z.

"The State of California, which is home to one out of every ten Americans, is home to one out of every three Asian Pacific Americans," he pointed out. "Today, Asian Pacifics comprise 25% of all the college students in the state of California. If the future greets us, if we work to establish that future, then we can all look forward to the day, when 25% of the business leaders of California, 25% of the judges, 25% of the state senate and assembly, 25% of the mayors, 25% of the civic leaders will be Asian Pacifics.

"But it's not at all clear that that future will greet us unless we begin now to understand the agenda—social, economic, moral, political—on which we must all agree... if we are to make full claim on what so many of us have worked so hard to achieve."

Some statistics, he said, can be misleading. "Many statistics will show you that Asian Pacifics are doing well economically. Those numbers refer primarily to household income. They reflect the fact not that Asian Pacifics are individually doing all that well in the job market, but rather the fact that there are so many wage earners [per household]."

"Showing 1984 voter registration rates for LA County, ranging from 43% for Japanese to 4% for Vietnamese—compared to 94% for whites—Ouchi commented, "We are not yet a political force to be reckoned with, and whatever the reasons, we have got to find the means by which to bring Asian Pacifics more into the political process."

Lilly Lee, chair of United Way of Los Angeles Area, was presented by William Ouchi, Robert Jones, William Tan, Lilly Lee, United Way, and June Pouesi, Office of Samoan Affairs. "We have to listen very carefully to the Asian Pacifics more into the agenda, when the reasons, we have got to find the means by which to bring Asian Pacifics more into the political process."

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Among participants in corporate/community seminar were (from left) Irene Hirano, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics; Robert McIntyre, So. Calif. Gas Co.; UCLA professor William Ouchi; Robert Jones, National Conference of Christians & Jews; Delbert Wong, NCCJ; William Tan, LEAP; Lilly Lee, United Way; and June Pouesi, Office of Samoan Affairs.

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APA Democratic Council forms

WASHINGTON—Asian Pacific Democratic leaders announced March 23 their decision to create a National Asian Pacific Council of Asian and Pacific Americans.

The decision followed a March 4 meeting of community representatives from throughout the country, including leaders of Asian Pacific Democratic clubs and the Asian Pacific Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, and delegates and alternates to the 1984 Democratic Convention.

"The March 4 meeting followed a proposal made by Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul Kirk last November to create a new organization "to give the Asian Pacific community a greater role in the affairs of the Democratic Party."

Joining Kirk in calling the meeting to discuss the proposal were Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga from Hawaii, Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California, Danny O'Connell of Alaska and Cecil Heftel from Hawaii, and Fotof J.F. Sunia from American Samoa.

Thomas Hirsch of San Francisco was selected to serve as interim chairman of the proposed National Council. He said that the national caucus and the 23 state caucuses created since 1983 "will provide an initial base for organization and development of the new council."

Kirk pledged that the National Democratic Party is committed to providing the necessary resources to help the council in its proposed role. "The council will function as an independent body, with strong ties to the local, state and national party committees."

Bush backs Saiki's candidacy

HONOLULU—Congressional candidate Patricia Saiki has received the endorsement of Vice President George Bush and a $2,000 check from his political action committee, the Honolulu Advertiser reports.

Saiki told a crowd of about 400 at a Queen Kapiloli Hotel fundraiser March 19 that the Vice President's backing is "a shot in the arm; it adds to the momentum we already have."

In February, Saiki was endorsed by U.S. House Republicans over another GOP congressional hopeful, Rick Reed. Both candidates want to succeed Democratic congressman Cecil Heftel, who plans who plans to run for governor. Republican Party regulars at the $100-per-head dinner were joined by city managing director D.G. "Andy" Anderson, gubernatorial candidate John Henry Felix, state senator Hiram Fong, and businessman Henry Walker. Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi, who had indicated that he would try to attend, was absent.

Campaign spokesman Franklin Kometani said Saiki is one of the first candidates in the country whose campaign is being supported by Bush. Heftel's seat is one of the few in the Western U.S. now held by a Democrat that will be open to a newcomer, said Harvey Hukari, a San Francisco political consultant hired for Saiki's campaign. "The Democrats are going to have a difficult time because there is no natural successor to Cecil Heftel," said Hukari.

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Wishing you a "happy weekend"..
PORTLAND, Theater, and Northwest Asian American Theater are directed by Rita Giomi in "The House," while Portlanders June Tanoue Wong. Funded in part by the Metropolitan Naturalization Service test at 8 p.m. and Sun at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $18. $13, Couples. Info: (503) 455-5000.

SACRAMENTO-Asian Social Assn. day; Apr. 9-traditional dances, Apr. 9-martial arts, Apr. 10-Asian Social Assn. day; Apr. 10-traditional dances. Info: (916) 449-7300.

IRVINE, Calif.-"An old violinist from Japan, will make her debut in Irvine with Sumitomo's Yo! Sumi- Sumi's O'kay! May 4. Proceeds go to development of the Adult Day Health Care facility. Cost: $15 per person, $25 per couple, $30 per family. Info: (714) 556-0723.

PASADENA, Calif.—Mitsui, a 15-year-old violinist from Japan, will make her first appearance in the United States on May 10. She will perform at Dvorak's "Violin Concerto" with the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Tickets: $18, $13, Couples. Info: (213) 445-8111.

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Defining the Role of Staff
by Lillian C. Kimura
President, New York JACL

Yosh Nakashima, vice president for general operations, has invited input on the formulation of job descriptions for regional directors. Being a staff member of a large national agency, I have few thoughts.

Writing job descriptions is a relatively easy task as long as the purpose of the organization is clear. And as biennial goals and objectives are adopted, staff develop their own annual work plans to implement these policy directions and program thrusts.

The problem, in my mind, is not the lack of staff job descriptions but board confusion of its roles and responsibilities. In an organization where program implementation at the local level is done by volunteers, it is easy to see how one may become confused as he/she operates on the national level. One must know that the National Board is another ball game.

We have national staff to carry out policy-program directions adopted by the National Council and interpreted by the National Board. The board holds the executive director accountable for the management and administration of the organization. The executive director is the chief staff officer who provides leadership, not only to the staff but to the board as well.

The writing of job descriptions is a responsibility of the regional staff, with input from staff, a task board.

Having been governor of the Midwest District for five years, I’ve observed that regional directors are regarded as stepchild—doubly so because they frequently participate in staff meetings, their salary category was at a different scale and organization. The promotion flow was sporadic, they were left to their own devices. And when the money crunch was on, their jobs were threatened as the district allocations were the first to be cut.

The solution to the concern about the regional staff is not job descriptions, specific or otherwise, but to include them in the “power” structure of the organization.
Recipe for Success

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa

Yaeko Katagiri, who narrowly escaped death in a U.S. air raid on Senda in the late stages of WW2, was working at an Army PX when she met and married an American serviceman. They raised a family, living all ties with her family, she and her husband moved to South Carolina in 1952. The marriage soon fell apart. Yaeko won a divorce. In time she met Ken Davis, a Marine, and they were married.

Up to this point her story differs only in detail from that of scores of Japanese women who, for any number of reasons, left family, home, country and culture after the war to make new lives for themselves in the nation that had defeated them.

With only a limited knowledge of English and no occupational skills to speak of, there was much Yae could do other than work as a waitress at Japanese restaurants which were springing up along the East Coast. But she was not lacking in good sense. What makes her story unusual is that she moved to Florida when she met two young cooks who had come from Japan to work in teppan-yaki restaurants. They were Kenichi (Ken) Shimizu and Takeshi Takashima, who soon became known as Yaeko, who had two boys of her own, took a motherly interest in the cooks, who were lonely and homesick. She would often take over. She was a superb camera work recapturing the essence of that event or occasion at great personal risk to herself. Yaeko's special skills with customers unfamiliar with Japanese food had much to do with a superlative silence among the tall and pleasant simplicity and effective presentation. No one will ever forget the evening was all occasion for bringing together a former Dachau inmate, William George Oiye, who was at the liberation of Dachau by the U.S. Army, Robert Links of the American consul general of France, stated that the accomplishments of the 100th/442nd remain very important in the collective memory of the people of France.

Today, Shibuya-Snell is the highest ranking Japanese-American in the Deukmejian administration. In addition to managing the programs and services within her department, she oversees the 41 boards, bureaux and commissions.

An Advocate for Fairness

by Clayton Fung

Marie Shibuya-Snell may never be a household name, but her work has affected many lives in California.

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A Peace-Loving Man

In October 1968, a group of Japanese and American Nisei soldiers, who had served in WW2, met halfway around the world to bury their hatreds by shaking hands and walking over the River Kwai Bridge in a spirit of reconciliation.

The bridge, a part of the rail line through the tangled jungles between Thailand and Burma, symbolizes for all time a place of infamy, for it was there that more than 10,000 British, Australian, Dutch and U.S. POWs and some 100,000 Asian laborers are said to have perished during its construction.

Ten years have passed since that symbolic meeting of former enemies. It was there that my late dear friend, Dennis Roland, walked arm-in-arm over the bridge with the Buddhist monk who was one-time interpreter for the Imperial Japanese Army, the man who brought the Buddhist message to the prisoners of war who were imprisoned by the Nazis in the nearby concentration camp.

The film that brought this story to the screen was intercepted by the British and those aboard were held in internment camps as illegal immigrants. Eighteen months later, his father, too, had volunteered

quiet," Mr. Nagase recently told an AP reporter before leaving for Kurashiki City, where he teaches English. Thus, time and again, Mr. Nagase has returned after raising money in Japan. To date he has made the pilgrimage more than 30 times.

One of his early philanthropic projects requiring many trips was to build a school in Bangladesh. He subsequently helped to organize and build a modern farm not far from the site of the bridge. Moreover, he has been busy soliciting funds to purchase medicine for the poor, and he is hiring Thai doctors to treat the impoverished, especially in the River Kwai area.

Moreover, with the help of two Thai Nisei who received from fellow Japanese veterans, and royalties he got for translating a book about the infamous "Bridge on the River Kwai," Mr. Nagase recently finished building a Thai-style temple in close proximity to the bridge. Remarkably, as a part of the solemn dedication of this shrine to the thousands who died there, the long-tormented Mr. Nagase became a monk.

Mr. Nagase's legendary life mission, extolling endless self-sacrifice, may never win the Nobel Peace Prize. But his dedication deserves to be acknowledged by all of us who also yearn for peace, compassion for the oppressed, and the slow, steady dis- solution of hatred among peoples who inhabit this small planet Earth. Those who wish to extend gratitude with supportive monetary offerings to one of the most remarkable Japanese to come out of that awful war may do so by writing Mr. Nagase's Ta- kashi, No. 4382, Ojiuma, Kurashiki City, Japan 710.

MICHISHIHARA WEGLIN

New York
TATEISHI

Continued from Front Page

Tateishi, she said, was "one who championed the cause of [redress] from when the possibility was only a distant dream to today, where it is a visible possibility."

JACL national director Ron Nakabayashi gave Tateishi a bag of Zoo Doo, a product of the San Francisco Zoo, as a reminder of the struggles through which staff members go.

Speaking directly to Tateishi's children, he said that "a lot of people... feel better about them­selves because of your dad's work. Your dad is a being who... made heroic contributions to the redress issue."

State Sen. Milton Marks, S.F. Supervisor Louise Renne and Sally Osaki, representing S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein, presented resolutions commending Tateishi's work. Osaki said the mayor had declared March 22, 1990 as "John Tateishi Day in San Francisco."

Tateishi's wife Carol also spoke, noting that criticism had never deterred her husband because "he was so sure of what he was doing." She thanked many of those in attendance for their support.

National JACL vice president Yosh Nakashima read letters and telegrams from Sen. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, National JACL president Frank Sato, and Gracey Uyehara and Min Yasui of LEC.

Nakashima, who is in charge of personnel, remarked that the JACL staff "is the most under­paid staff of any organization I'm aware of." He then presented Tate­ishi with a certificate, which paid $450 with raised funds from the dinner, entrusting the bearer to a personal computer.

The guest of honor told his well-wishers that his term as redress chair was a "long journey for me and my family, but it was worth it." He asked the audience to "think about how far we've come."

Tateishi described the redress movement as a movement "for dignity and honor... to glorify some magnificent people who went through some very bad times."

---from a report by Holubetu Manoishi

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Redress Pledges

| Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL  | 
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| Headquarters for the period:  | 
| 24 FEBRUARY, 1990  | 
| 1990 CLOSED  | 
| Total:  | 
| $15,255.00  | 
| Prorated:  | 
| $200.775  | 
| This Report:  | 
| (6)  | 
| Grand Total:  | 
| $2,411.00  | 
| Twin Cities JACL:  | 
| $1,733 (final 85)  | 
| Reno JACL:  | 
| $600 (2 check)  | 
| Arkansas Valley JACL:  | 
| $250 ( 85 pledge)  | 
| Tulare County JACL:  | 
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| Riverside County JACL:  | 
| $435 ( 86 pledge)  | 
| Marysville JACL:  | 
| $329 ( 96 pledge)  | 

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100 Club Roll

| Year of Membership Start  | 
|--------------------------|---|
| 1970  | 
| Active (previous total)  | 
| 655  | 
| Current total:  | 
| 716  | 

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missions that license and otherwise regulate a half professionals. These agencies cover diverse businesses, including accountants, hair stylists, autoworkers, dental practitioners, pharmacists, and contractors.

Her responsibilities also include advising the governor and legislature on matters affecting consumers, initiating legal proceedings on behalf of consumers; and representing consumers' interests before federal and state agencies.

Though she had never worked in state government, she came to Sacramento with a working knowledge of the problems facing consumers. Prior to her appointment, she was with KNBC-TV in Los Angeles.

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"Yes, some Asians do very well in school, but there are many who are dropping out, who are getting involved in unproductive activities."

Tomio Choo of the Asian American Civil Rights League said that cultural and language barriers are "the single most important issue in the Asian community. Many Koreans, for example, are locked into self-owned businesses because the government doesn't understand the economic and social structure, their English is too limited, their management skills are too limited." He added that there is a "serious lack of social services for all levels."

June Poesi, executive director of Office of Samoan Affairs, said that her community suffers from "limited education, lack of marketable skills, lack of fluency in English, conflicting culture values, and general lack of preparation for a reallity of life in a highly competitive and technological society." She urged the private sector to focus on the problems of Samoans, who she felt are often overlooked because they are fewer in number than other Asian Pacific groups.

Royal Morales of Search to Involve Filipino Americans also touched upon problems concerning seniors, youth, and immigrants. He urged cooperation between the various Asian Pacific groups as well as between Asian Pacifics and corporations. "A sincere dialogue guarantees a lasting association," he said.

Shibuya-Snell said that the Public Defender's Office of Samoan Affairs said that although there may be as many as 160,000 Cambodians in the U.S., they are often overlooked. "Most of the

Cambodians that came to this country came after 1990. That is the reason why the 1990 census did not reflect a sizable number of Cambodians—we were classified under "Other." Because of continuing political turmoil in their homeland, the number of Cambodian refugees will continue to increase, he added.

Another area that has focused her efforts on is legislation. Last year, for example, the department tracked over 600 bills and kept consumer groups apprised of their status through bimonthly newsletters.

The department has also sponsored dozens of measures, including the "Lemon Law," which gives new car owners an avenue for replacement if they've bought a "lemon"; and one strengthening the rights of tenants regarding security deposits.

Shibuya-Snell said that the only significant side effect of her job is that her husband, a physician, lives in Southern California. "A weekend marriage has been difficult, but my husband has been extremely supportive. In fact, he encouraged me to take this position."

"It has resulted in some very long-distance phone bills, but very happy to serve in this administration."

Pong is a representative for the California governor's office of Community Relations.

Chapter Pulse

Mt. Olympus

SALT LAKE CITY—Mt. Olympus Chapter holds its annual Fund-a-Rama on Apr. 12, 6:30 p.m., at Central High School, 3001 South 200 East. Dinners are $5 each. The event also includes raffles, bingo, manju, aushi, baked goods, and a management games and children's games. Proceeds support Presidential Classroom award, scholarships, and other chapter activities. Info: Helen Omiki, 277-9555; Sadie Yoshimura, 484-6604, or Dan Watanabe, 567-3942. Diane Akiyama was selected to represent the chapter at the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans from March 8-15 in Washington, D.C.
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issue. He's trying to divide people by color lines... We can't afford this divisiveness.

She cites Arcuri's statements that Monterey Park "is no longer America" as part of his strategy "to attack Asians."

Arcuri has in turn charged that Chen represents only the interests of Chinese residents, to the detriment of non-Asians. Chen responds that "I'm representing all residents of the city. But I'm not afraid of speaking up when there's injustice."

While expressing concern about possible gains by the opposition, Chen also expressed hope that voters "are not going to be voting on an emotional response, but rather on the quality and record of each candidate.”

Author Uchida receives award

SAN FRANCISCO—Author Yoshiko Uchida of Berkeley was one of six writers honored at the fifth annual awards ceremony of the Bay Area Book Reviewers Assn, on March 21. Uchida's "The Happiest Ending (Athenaeum/McElrvey Books) won the award in the children's literature category for best book of 1985. Set in Berkeley in the mid-1930s, the book continues the story of Rinko, a Nisei child who appeared in two earlier works, A Jar of Dreams and The Best Bad Thing. A reviewer in the San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner noted that "Uchida is not afraid to tackle uncomfortable problems [such as racial prejudice]... but this is not a flat problem novel. The third book about Rinko again provides a warm and lovely glimpse into Japanese American life, all the while keeping Rinko's own coming-of-age story focused sharply. It's a beautifully balanced book—gentle yet strong, sensitive yet unsentimental, positive yet unidealized."

Reunion planned for Salinas Nikkei

SALINAS, Calif.—The Poston, Ariz., Block 213 Reunion Committee announces a change in plans for the Aug. 30 event at Toro Park in Salinas. Due to the enthusiastic response, the committee is extending an invitation to all former residents of Salinas. Those interested in attending are asked to contact: Harry Sasaki, 612 Bautista Dr, Salinas, CA 93901; Helen Asham Kitaji, 490 Cabrillo Ave, Salinas, CA 93901; or Fusako Miyagawa Nakai, 61 Irving Ave, Atherton, CA 94022.

The amount of tuition assistance to attend the program. Contact chapter presidents or district governors regarding this. Info: JACL National Headquarters, 1755 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 921-5525.

Nikkei Helpline seeks volunteers

LOS ANGELES—Over 100 people attended a reception for Nikkei Helpline on March 14 at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. The benefit raised more than $5,000 for operating expenses. The Helpline, which can be reached at 1-800-NIKKEI-1, has trained volunteers on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer the telephone.

The service was created to provide help in dealing with family crises, drug abuse, violent crime, consumer complaints, and other problems.

Volunteer Mary Ann Takemoto said, "The Helpline has been in operation for about a month, and so far we've received over 50 calls expressing a broad range of needs both in English and Japanese. For this reason, we are in need of additional volunteers."

We're really excited about the second series of training sessions, and nine new people have already signed up."

Training sessions for new volunteers will be held on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings starting in mid-April and ending at the end of May, at the Union Church in Little Tokyo. Info: (213) 690-5720.

It's Happening Again

by Edna Ikeda

A couple of months ago, I helped out at a San Diego fundraiser for the Big Mountain Indians from Arizona who face forcible relocation from their lands unless Public Law 90-341 is repealed. The aim was to make sure these people from their lands has been compared to the WW2 relocation of Japanese Americans.

At the next table sat three Navajo women who were in town for the event. They reminded me of Japanese with their black, straight hair, dark eyes, and distinctive cheekbones. I flashed back to pictures of Issei women during the evacuation—strong, proud women. Except this was not 40 years ago; this was 1966.

The justification for removal of these people is based on a phony "land dispute" between the Hopi and the Navajo. These two tribes have coexisted peacefully for over a century in the Big Mountain area. However, greedy mining and contracting companies want access to the Indian land, which is rich in uranium and other minerals. Over 10,000 Navajo and 100 Hopi people face destruction of the culture, which is closely linked to the land.

As an activist for redress, I felt most uncomfortable, since part of our reasoning in fighting for reparations has been "to prevent this from ever happening again." I felt impotent and small at this table selling Big Mountain T-shirts and buttons. I pictured government troops moving in to take away these people. We would yell "Stop!" and hurl ourselves in front of the soldiers while holding up our "Repeal 90-341" banners.

The loud music at the fundraiser made it impossible to hold a conversation with any of the Navajo women, but I attempted to ask a few questions. The youngest of the three looked about my age, in her late twenties. I asked her how her people were holding out. She replied that things were hard, but that everyone had to be part of a support system. When one person broke down, everyone would go cheer him up. They all had to be strong and keep hoping for the best. There was a distant sadness in her expression.

The music got louder and louder. We ended our attempts to talk, and she got up and drifted toward the kitchen. I was left with a deep sadness as I compared her predicament with that of Japanese Americans during WW2. The racism and greed which justified removal of the Big Mountain Indians was the same as the mentality which justified placing us in concentration camps for "security" reasons, while at the same time allowing legal seizure of businesses, prime farmlands, fishing fleets, and homes.

And anyway—who says that Indian genocide is a thing of the past?
The Joy of Natto

Minamoto Yoichi, the 11th century warrior, was on an expedition to visit the aborigines of the northeastern region of Japan who for centuries had resisted Japan's encroachment on their domain. And were they making their last stand at Hi­ razumi? One night, Yoichi’s soldiers were bolting soy beans for their horses’ feed, when the Yezo attacked. The soldiers hastily put the leftover soybean scraps into a sack bag before joining the battle. After repelling the enemy they opened the bag to find the beans had fermented and were now producing the rich vegetable protein for the Japanese.

Natto is soy protein as compared to beef's 2.2% and chicken's 2.5%. It has no cholesterol, and only 191 calories per 100 grams. In the traditional pre-Meiji diet, and probably the richest vegetable source of protein for the Japanese.

A line on the map from Japan to Nepal and back to Japan. The great triangle so defined is what Professor Emeritus Masao Umezawa, University of Tsukuba, named the Natto Triangle. In this vast area are nations whose peoples use soybeans in some fermented form similar to natto. In Nepal it is known as khami, and is used as seasoning for meat dishes, and as ingredient of soups. The Nepalese raise their soy beans exactly as the Japanese raise their soy beans, on the ridges between rice paddies.

The Japanese have tempeh, a refined form of natto, made with hulled soy beans. Unlike natto, tempeh is a sticky smelly that usually turns off non-Japanese, tempeh has a sweet, nutty flavor. It is a thick, firm, sticky mass, which creates problems in handling, especially in the United States.

Tempeh's protein content is broad. Throughout Indonesia there is a whole repertoire of tempeh, using the traditional method. Boiled and hulled soy beans are placed between hygro­ mus or banana leaves and are al­ lowed to ferment. The fermenting agent, Rhizopus oryzae, is natural, as are the organisms.

At the Tsukuba Research Aca­ demic City, where the Interna­ tionally Active Fermentation Institute, the International Congress on Saltern Fermented Soy Beans recently concluded its 10th session, 68 scientists have generated the most serious discus­sions was the fermented soy beans. One solution to world hunger.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Coro Foundation has announced that the spring session of its Seminar Course in Public Affairs for Asian Pacific Community Leaders will be held this year.

Kuro Hoshi

Kuro Hoshi, children of the most taken-for-granted and essential pre-Meiji diet, and prob­ ably of later years, it was the rich­ est source of protein in Japan to Nepal.

Beans in their straw ridges between rice paddies.

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Deaths

Kume Imamura Inouye, 82, mother of Sen. Daniel Inouye, died March 2 at an Hilo hospital. She was born in Hilo, Hawaii, on May 26, 1904, and attended Maictured School and McKin­ ley High School. In Oahu she married in 1923. In addition to son Daniel, she is survived by her son Robert and daughter Tomomi of Kona.

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Takei: Actors Need Support

by John Nakashima

Actor George Takei, best known for his role as Mr. Sulu in the "Star Trek" TV and movie series, says the success of Asian American actors in the 1980s will depend mainly on themselves and their supporters.

"I think the future of Asian American actors is up to the actors," said the 46-year-old Takei in a recent interview. "But the community has a great responsibility as well."

Takei feels that many actors rely on their ethnicity, rather than their skills, to get parts. "We are lazy as Asian American actors in preparing ourselves for professional requirements of our roles," he said.

For example, he complained of many Asian American actors playing Asians—badly. "The most reprehensible thing for me is to see a Japanese American play a Japanese and pronounce Japanese horrendously," he said.

"I think someone has to be a trained actor to be able to hold one's own in the arena." Takei believes the Asian American community must actively support its own actors.

Many leaders, he said, criticize performers for appearing in demeaning roles or exploitative material, while "failing to promote and sponsor positive alternatives." The so-called spokesmen of the community, Takei said indignantly, "How many plays have they done? How many movies do they go to? How do they support the movies, the actors, and the scripts that need support?"

Takei cited two examples of fine, yet neglected, Los Angeles-area plays with Asian American actors: David Hwang's "The Sound of a Voice" and Luis Valdez's "I Don't Have to Show You No Stinking Badges."

"When I look at the audiences of the performances of these plays, they are dominantly Caucasian," he complained.

The veteran actor maintained there must be "greater dialogue" between the community and its actors in coordinating their efforts to place more skilled Asian performers in responsible leading roles. Takei said he is happy that some of his colleagues have re-nominated for this year's best actor for "Molly's Game." He spent two years in the United States, and Massachusetts. After his first professional film at 18, The Films of Kurosawa, Osawa and Ozu stimulated his early interest in film; he also cites the influences of Fellini, Bergman, Coppola and Scorsese.

At Massachusetts' Hampshire College, he designed his own curriculum in film studies. "Tryptych" won him entrance into the prestigious American Film Institute's Center for Advanced Film Studies Program. Patrick was one of five young directors selected from 25 candidates to continue in the program's second year.

Funded partly by the National Endowment for the Arts, "Graffiti" was produced on a minuscule budget. "The film cost only $30,000," notes Patrick. "The film wouldn't have been possible without the cast and crew of talented people who donated their time and energy." The screenplay, adapted by Patrick and Randee Russell from a story by Julio Cortazar, is a bitter-sweet story of an unrequited love set in an unidentified Latin American police station. The hero, Enrique, discovers secretly on the wall of the city, only to see the graffiti erased each morning by the authorities. Self-expression in this society is a covert and dangerous activity.

He finds that whimsical addition

George Takei alcaned stardom. Of Pat Morita, star of "Karate Kid" and its soon-to-be-released sequel, he said, "I am delighted with his success. He brings a great deal of interest to his character's history to his performance."

He also praised Haing S. Ngor, an Academy Award winner for his performance in "The Killing Fields," as "an instinctive actor."

Currently, Takei is filming his fourth "Star Trek" movie, scheduled for December release. He admitted he was "very unhappy" with the size of Mr. Sulu's part in the new movie. However, he acknowledged the importance of having an Asian actor "playing a positive role" in a major motion picture.

Takei: Actors Need Support

San Francisco—Supervisor candidate William Gee advocated the community for it. "As far as bilingual ballots are concerned, they are needed to encourage more and more of us to vote so that we can become registered voters."

Gee strongly endorsed the bills in the House and Senate that would provide redress for Japanese Americans who were "held in violation of their constitutionally guaranteed rights during WW2."

He was critical of cuts in social service and human services. "The cuts have been very severe. We have had a guy [Gov. George Deukmejian] in Sacramento for the last four years, and one of the results of those four years is that we have a lot of people who are in need of mental health therapy, running around our streets, who should be in state hospitals. We are in a very sad position now as far as human services are concerned."

"I will work for all the people as a member of the Board. "As a supervisor, "he said in conclusion. "I will focus strongly on civil rights issues within the framework of the law to see the law changed where it is unfair."

Class on JA history starts Apr. 15

Pacifics, Cal.—The "Origins and Causes of Japanese Immigration," a community class on Japanese American history taught by Professor Yoji Ishioka, is scheduled every Tuesday for seven weeks beginning on Apr. 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC), 12693 Branford St.


The course is being offered by UCLA's Asian American Studies Center and SFVJACC for $25 with a 20% discount for seniors (55 and older). For information: Gayle Desai before the program, starting at 3:00 pm on the 2nd floor of the community center or by phone at (213) 880-1000.

The 28-minute film, shot in Los Angeles, was screened at the San Francisco International Film Festival last month. Negotiations are underway for possible broadcast on HBO and PBS.

Patrick thinks his nomination will make getting his next project "a lot easier." He hopes to work on a feature-length film next, concentrating once again on international themes.
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senatives of the elderly associations who would sit down to work on the funds for ACRS, said she is seeking more volunteer activity in the associations and is committed to maintaining funding and staffing for elderly services. But, she said, the firing of Priestley will not be subject to review by the board unless Priestley appeals the decision.

Priestley stated that she has hired an attorney and plans to present an appeal of her termination to the full board at its next meeting. The board is scheduled to meet on March 14, at a special meeting of the ACRS board in

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