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NEWS IN BRIEF

Eu Announces Candidacy for Senate

SACRAMENTO — Shortly after being sworn into office for her fourth term Jan. 5, California Secretary of State March Fong Eu unofficially announced her intention to run for Senate in 1988. Promising to continue fighting for women's rights, she said, "After all, women belong in the House—and in the United States Senate." Eu, who hopes to raise \$2 million for her campaign by July, is the first Democrat to make such an announcement. Two other Democratic state officials, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and Attorney General John Van de Kamp, may also run for the seat of Republican Sen. Pete Wilson.

Trade Deficit With Japan Increases

WASHINGTON — The disparity between U.S. imports and exports rose to a record \$19.2 billion in November, reported the Commerce Department on Dec. 31. The imbalance increased from \$12.1 billion in October, and the 11-month total for 1986, \$159.1 billion, surpassed the \$148.5 billion deficit for all of 1985. Japan's share of the deficit was a record \$6.7 billion, up from \$5 billion in October.

LEC Chair Urges Concerted Effort on New Redress Bills

by Lynn Sakamoto

BUENA PARK, Calif. — JACL-LEC pro tem chair and legislative strategist Grant Ujifusa, speaking at the Jan. 10 Selanoco Chapter installation dinner at the Buena Park Hotel, called for the recommitment of Japanese Americans to the passage of redress legislation in the 100th Congress.

Twin Deficits

Ujifusa, citing what he considers to be the two biggest obstacles facing redress—the twin deficits of budget and trade—said that without the continued and renewed commitment of individual Japanese Americans, "the road to redress will be difficult."

"I don't think any of us here in this room are committed to redress by way of a Las Vegas odds-maker," he told his audience. "If you are taking odds in Las Vegas, the odds are not that good."

"On the other hand," he continued, "we are committed to this effort because we have to be committed to it."

Ujifusa likened the current fight for redress to the battles of



Grant Ujifusa

the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy. "No one... consulted a computer printout or talked to experts in Washington and decided not to fight... because it was raining and the Germans had the edge.... This [quest for redress] is an ethical commitment that we've made and that

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JA Declines to Run for Office, Opts for Board Appointment

by J.K. Yamamoto



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto
Appointee Dennis Nishikawa with Mayor Tom Bradley.

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Tom Bradley, in what he called "a breakthrough in terms of the Asian community," nominated Dennis Nishikawa, an aide to former Councilman David Cunningham, to the Board of Public Works on Jan. 16.

If his nomination is approved by the City Council, Nishikawa, 41, will be the first Asian to be appointed to the board. Citing Nishikawa's eight years of experience in Cunningham's office, Bradley said, "He's familiar not only with the problems of this city, but the way in which the city functions."

'Deal' Denied

Nishikawa had been considered a potential candidate for the 10th District seat which Cunningham vacated last year. Bradley, who once represented the 10th District, has endorsed candidate Homer Broome, a public works commissioner.

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State Bill Introduced to Fight Crimes Motivated by Bigotry

LOS ANGELES — The introduction of a State Assembly bill that would impose stronger penalties for crimes motivated by bigotry was announced Jan. 16 by Attorney General John Van de Kamp.

Speaking at Second Baptist Church, which he described as slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King's "home away from home in Los Angeles," Van de Kamp declared, "This legislation is needed now because the number of hate crimes is increasing sharply in California and across the country."

Citing such examples as harassment of a Black merchant in Glendale and anti-Semitic acts by a USC fraternity, Van de Kamp said, "During the first half

of 1986, religiously motivated acts of violence and vandalism in Los Angeles County jumped by 53 percent over the five-year average for that period. And racially motivated incidents rose a shocking 280 percent."

Commission Findings

Introduced by Assemblyman Tom Bane (D-40th District), A.B. 63 was prompted by the findings released last year by the state Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence, which was formed in 1984.

"The commission found that, under present law, many hate crimes are in a never-never land

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Nominees Suggested

Asians Seeking Representation on Rights Panel

The time is right for an Asian American to be on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, according to some members of the Asian American community.

The Washington, D.C.-based National Democratic Council of Asian and Pacific Americans announced on Jan. 8 its intention to urge President Reagan to appoint an Asian to the panel.

'Long Overdue'

NDCAPA executive director Susan Lee said that such an appointment is "key to providing Asian Pacific Americans with a means of influencing and having input in legislation and policies that affect their political, economic and social interests.... This appointment is long overdue."

The continuing growth of the Asian immigrant population, continued Lee, "has been met with considerable racial hostility, resentment and intolerance, strikingly reminiscent of the days of the Chinese Exclusionary Acts around the turn of the 20th century. The increase of racially motivated attacks against Asians and the movement to make English the official language of the country... only mirror this anti-Asian ardor, making it imperative that an Asian Pacific American be appointed to the commission."

Wakabayashi Considered

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi is among those who have been mentioned as possible appointees. The American Jewish Committee has recommended him for the post.

While he felt that his presence on the panel "would be good for the organization [JACL]," Wakabayashi told Pacific Citizen he "would have to consider" whether to accept the job if it is offered to him.

Ron Takaki, a professor at UC

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Nikkei Actress Gets Her Day in 'Night Court'

by J.K. Yamamoto

It was a role as a "Vietnamese terrorist bodyguard" in a stage comedy that led to Denice Kumagai's recurring role in the NBC series "Night Court."

A casting person from the show saw the play, called "M. Leroy in Greenland," because a friend was appearing in it. "When this part [in the series] came up just a few months later, she remembered, so she brought me in for the reading," explains Kumagai.

The part was that of Quon Le, the Vietnamese wife of Mac the bailiff (played by Charlie Robinson). The character was most recently seen in the Jan. 15 episode, in which Mac learns that Quon Le is pregnant.

Kumagai says she was ready for the role. "I've been playing Vietnamese for the last 10 years on stage, in film and in television." The difference this time is that Quon Le is "much more Americanized than any other Vietnamese character I've done."

"When I first started doing it I had a heavy accent," she recalls. "They kept telling me to get rid of it more and more... A lot of that is because in doing comedy the lines are so important, and they couldn't understand me."

Art Imitating Life

The character resembles Robinson's real-life wife, who is from the Philippines. In a 1986 episode, Quon Le brings her whole family over from Vietnam; the real Mrs.

Robinson had done the same thing. But Kumagai insists it was a coincidence. "None of the shows that we've done are his or my idea. We just sit back and wait."

Asked about what viewer response she has received, she replies, "I've gotten none whatsoever from the Vietnamese community... I get a lot of fan letters from Middle America, from the Midwest. They like the show, they like the character, they want to know what she's going to do next... They're all from white people, nothing from Asians."

"Night Court" is the only comedy Kumagai has done for TV, except for an episode of "MASH." But she has had many chances to do comedy on stage, mainly

because of her work with Cold Tofu, an improvisational group.

The group was formed five years ago "because there was no outlet for Asians to do comedy... we basically formed it to give ourselves a showcase." Kumagai is treasurer and actress Marilyn Tokuda is artistic director.

Ethnic Humor

Cold Tofu performs at Asian community events as well as at local clubs like At My Place in Santa Monica and Deja Vu Coffee House in Hollywood, where the audience is mostly non-Asian.

Some of the sketches deal with subjects like Asian women newscasters or Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, but Cold Tofu does not

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Denice Kumagai

Two Asians in JA Serving as News Director Race for L.A. of San Francisco TV Station Council Seat

LOS ANGELES — Described last month by a Herald Examiner writer as "the least known of the four candidates" in the race for the City Council's 1st District seat, Paul Da Yung Moore has been attracting attention by calling on his opponents to adopt a \$50,000 campaign spending limit he has imposed on himself.

The Tokyo-born Moore, whose surname was Yao before his mother remarried, is one of two Asian Americans whose names will appear on the Feb. 3 special election ballot for the newly created district.

Political Independence

Both he and Leland Wong have stressed their independence. Moore, responding to residents' opposition to uncontrolled commercial development, proposed the spending ceiling Dec. 8 to "insure the integrity of the election and reduce the influence of special interests."

During a Jan. 10 forum, Moore and Wong suggested that the other two candidates, Assemblywoman Gloria Molina and School Board member Larry Gonzalez, would be beholden to outside interests. Wong pointed to endorsements the two have received from current City Council members; Moore noted that Molina and Gonzalez had to move in order to reside within the 1st District.

SAN FRANCISCO — Dianne Fukami began serving as acting news director of KPIX-TV Eyewitness News on Jan. 9.

Fukami, who was promoted from executive news producer to assistant news director in October, will fill in for departing news director Bruno Cohen until a replacement is named.

Following graduation from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Fukami joined KPIX in 1977 as a news assistant. Rising rapidly through the positions of production assistant and news writer, she went on to produce the noon, weekend and weekday 6 p.m. newscasts before being named executive news producer in 1983.

A native of San Francisco, she serves on the board of the Bay Area chapter of Asian American Journalists Association. She also served on the steering committee of the 1984 Kimochi "Sansei

Live" fund-raiser. But few differences emerged regarding local issues. All four agreed there was a need to increase police protection, continue rent control, and conduct an environmental impact study on a proposed aluminum roof over the Elysian Reservoir.

Formerly a member of Mayor Tom Bradley's staff, Moore is a director and officer of Crown International Travel. He has lived in the district since 1973.



Dianne Fukami

Live" fund-raiser.

Fukami, husband Gerry Nakano and their daughter live in the East Bay.

The district, created by the City Council last year to increase Latino voting strength, includes Chinatown, Mt. Washington, Elysian Park, Echo Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, and Glassell Park.

If no candidate gets a majority of the votes, a runoff will be held in April.

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by Yoshiko Uchida (Creative Arts Book Co., 174 pp., \$6.95)

A new edition of a book first published in 1949, this collection contains 14 Japanese children's stories—among them "Urashima Taro," "Momotaro" and "Issun Boshi"—retold in Uchida's own words and adapted "so they would be more meaningful to the children of America." With illustrations by Richard C. Jones.

Chinese Women of America: A Pictorial History

by Judy Yung (University of Washington Press, 128 pp., \$24.95 cloth, \$12.95 paper)

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First-Time Congresswoman Finds Day One 'Sobering'

WASHINGTON — For first-time congresswoman Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii), Jan. 6, the first day of the 100th Congress, was a day to remember.

"It was a sobering experience for me," she said. "When I voted for the first time with my little electronic card and I saw my name up there, I knew I was really here."

Saiki, a former state GOP chair and state legislator, defeated Democrat Mufi Hannemann in the Nov. 4 election, capturing the 1st District (Urban Honolulu) seat vacated by Rep. Cecil Heftel and becoming the first Republican to represent Hawaii in the House of Representatives.

One of her first votes was on an unsuccessful attempt by Republicans to lock the House into a firm "no change" stance on the income tax rates in the recently enacted tax reform legislation.

She said her top priorities include working for the repeal of the section of the Tax Reform Act that could substantially in-

crease taxes on the retirement benefits of government workers in Hawaii, among others.

Predicting that the trade deficit would be a major issue this year, she commented that there has been much "punitive and protectionist talk," but added, "hopefully we will find a more positive way to deal with it."

Saiki learned on her first day that she would be assigned to the Banking and Merchant Marine committees, both of which are important to Hawaii.

The congresswoman's first-day party featured macadamia nuts, pineapple, arrangements of tropical flowers, and entertainment by a Hawaiian Airlines troupe.

Later, Saiki joined the other members of the Hawaii delegation—Rep. Daniel Akaka (2nd District) and Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, all Democrats—at a reception congratulating former Inouye aide Henry Giugni, who had been selected as Senate sergeant-at-arms.

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HATE CRIMES BILL

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of law enforcement," said Van de Kamp. "Too serious to be treated as misdemeanors, but not legally qualified as felonies."

"What's more, the victims of hate crimes have only one recourse: they may sue for civil damages. But that does little to deter the acts of violence. And victims are much more interested in being protected beforehand than in being compensated after the fact."

The bill contains the following provisions:

- Increases a misdemeanor to a misdemeanor/felony punishable by up to three years in prison if the crime was committed because of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation;

- Creates a new misdemeanor prohibiting the use of force or threats to interfere with the free exercise of constitutional rights because of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation;

- Empowers the attorney general, district attorneys and city attorneys to request temporary restraining orders when such conduct is threatened. Violation of the injunction would be punishable as a misdemeanor.

"On this 58th anniversary of



John Van de Kamp

Dr. King's birth, I can think of no finer gift we might make to his memory than to reaffirm the principle by which he lived and for which he died," said Van de Kamp. "Swift passage of this legislation will serve notice once and for all that blind, unreasoning hatred has no place in the life of our state."

Among commission members present at the press conference was John Saito, JACL's Pacific Southwest regional director.

Aimed at Students

Program to Commemorate Onizuka's Accomplishments

LOS ANGELES—The Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Committee plans a space lecture series, memorial service and luau on Feb. 7 to mark the first anniversary of Onizuka's death in the Jan. 28, 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

Astronauts to Speak

Appearances by Onizuka's wife Lorna, other members of the astronaut's family and three astronauts who flew with Onizuka on the shuttle Discovery in 1985—Loren Shriver, Jim Buchli and Gary Payton—will highlight the day's activities at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 815 E. 1st St.

Space displays and films will be on exhibit from 11:30 a.m.; a student lecture series, emceed by KABC-TV news anchor Joanne Ishimine, begins at 1 p.m. Takashi Makinodan, organizer of the lectures, will give opening remarks.

According to Matt Matsuoka, president of the memorial com-

mittee, the goals of the lectures are to increase public interest in science, space, and related fields; foster awareness of education and career opportunities in the space program; enable young people to meet with astronauts; and continue Onizuka's favorite activity—talking to students about dreams, opportunities and the importance of education.

Organizers especially want to encourage Asian American students to attend. As the first Asian American in space, Onizuka, a Hawaii-born Sansei, has been a role model for young Asians.

Memorial Service

Lorna Onizuka will hold a memorial service at 4 p.m. A luau dinner follows at 6 with entertainment by the Polynesian group Na Pua Mea Keoloha.

Tickets for the luau are available for \$25 by calling Bud, 568-6777; Stan, 922-2610; Matt, 295-7541; or Herb, 625-1476.

'Unstinting Dedication'

Inouye Named as Recipient of VFW Award

WASHINGTON—Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) was named Jan. 6 to receive the 24th annual Congressional Award of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. for outstanding service to the nation.

In announcing the selection, Norman Staab of Russell, Kan., the commander-in-chief of the 2 million-member organization, cited Inouye's 27 years of service as a senator and congressman.

"Sen. Inouye's assured professionalism and unquestioned integrity have been the hallmarks of his service in the Congress," said Staab. "As a legislator and veteran, his accomplishments and deeds reflect the unstinting dedication of one who places service to his country before self."

Watergate to Contragate

Named in December to chair the Senate committee investigating the Iran-contra foreign policy crisis, Inouye gained prominence in 1973 as a member of the Senate Watergate Committee.

He is a member of the Appropriations, Commerce, Science & Transportation, and Rules & Administration committees and chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs. He was appointed as the first chair of the Select Committee on Intelligence in 1976, a post he relinquished after a two-year term. He remained on the committee until 1984.

442nd Vet

While serving with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WW2, Inouye was severely wounded in Italy and spent 20 months in Army hospitals after losing his right arm. Discharged as a captain, he received the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster and 12 other medals and citations.

The presentation of the award will be made at the 38th annual VFW Congressional Dinner to be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel on March 3. The award includes a \$1,000 scholarship to be presented by Inouye to a college or university of his choice.

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Berkeley's Asian American Studies Department, was more definite. Although he was aware that some people in the community were considering him, he told PC, "I'm not really interested in the idea."

'No Way'

William Marutani, formerly a judge on the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, has been touted as a candidate by Bill Chong, a board member of Asian Americans for Equality in New York.

But in an interview with PC, Marutani said, "I doubt whether I will be considered seriously for the appointment. There's no way the Reagan Administration would allow that. There's a long step between the engagement and the wedding, and I'm not about to go buy my bridal gown."

Others whose names have come up, according to Asian Week, include Chia-Wei Woo, president of San Francisco State University; Ling-Chi Wang, a UC Berkeley professor; and K.L. Wang of Organization of Chinese Americans.

There is some ambivalence about serving on the commission at this time, remarked one of the potential candidates, because "the commission is in kind of a tough spot right now."

Commission Criticized

Since 1983, the eight-member panel has been castigated by civil rights leaders, who claim that the commission has abandoned its original purpose by promoting the Reagan Administration's views.

The Black chairman, Clarence Pendleton of San Diego, has frequently been the focus of this criticism. He has called affirmative action "a new kind of racism," dismissed comparable worth as a "Looney Tunes" idea, and urged the Democratic and Republican parties to eliminate special caucuses for women and minorities.

The three liberal members, Mary Berry, Francis Guess and Blandina Cardenas Ramirez, have been at odds with the conservative majority, and even conservative member John Bunzel said Pendleton should step down because of his "inflammatory rhetoric."

Budget Cut

Critics in Congress, charging the commission with mismanagement, cut the commission's budget last year from \$11.6 million to \$7.5 million.

The controversy led to the resignation of Bunzel, vice chair Morris Abram, and staff director J. Al Latham. Civil rights groups had "hogtied" the commission, said Latham, and Bunzel stated that the commission had "lost its credibility" and "moral strength."

The commission, a fact-finding body that serves in an advisory capacity, was formed in 1957 under President Eisenhower. An attempt by Reagan to fire liberal commissioners in 1983 led to a compromise under which Congress and the President would each appoint four members.

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The Dream is for All

The recent commemorations of Martin Luther King's 58th birthday were held amid disturbing signs that racism against Blacks is still alive and well in this country. Black marchers in Georgia were harassed by members of the Ku Klux Klan, and memories of the mob attack on three Blacks in Howard Beach are still fresh in New York.

But equally disturbing are signs that some who fervently believe in the rights of Black people are also willing to deny those same rights to their Asian neighbors. In Washington, D.C., the Rev. Willie Wilson states that Asian merchants have "economically raped" Black residents and gained upward mobility "by standing on our backs"; in Philadelphia, civil rights activist and radio personality Georgie Woods says that Korean merchants "take our money and suck our blood" and are "the new oppressors." In addition to campaigns to rid Black neighborhoods of Asian-owned businesses, there have also been unprovoked physical attacks on Asians by Blacks in Philadelphia, the San Francisco Bay Area and elsewhere.

This is not to suggest that anti-Asian bigotry and violence are unique to Black neighborhoods (they aren't), or that Asians are never prejudiced toward Blacks or other groups (some are). But we think that some Black community leaders need to be reminded of Dr. King's example. King's message was about universal brotherhood; he did not preach that civil rights were meant exclusively for Blacks, or that being a victim of discrimination entitles one to discriminate against some other group. That aspect of King's dream — freedom and equality for *everyone* — still needs to be taught.

U.S. 'Disinformation' Is Nothing New to Internees

by Marshall Sumida
and Mei Nakano

The word "disinformation" leaped into the lexicons of thousands of Americans recently with the revelation that the Reagan Administration had carried on a "disinformation campaign." By its own admission, the administration deliberately withheld or distorted the truth in order to achieve a secret purpose.

But disinformation is nothing new. Take the case in which Japanese Americans on the West Coast were successfully herded into camps during WW2. Extraordinary efforts were made by the government to justify the removal of more than 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from their homes and imprisoning them in isolated areas of the country. This involved enlisting the support of the media, political and civic leaders and military officials in a conspiracy of disinformation.

Perhaps the least publicized of these campaigns was that perpetrated by Frank Knox, though his role in the events has been recorded in several places, notably Michi Weglyn's *Years of Infamy*.

Knox, a Republican, was at one time the publisher of the Chicago Daily News. Of some significance was the fact that he had served as general manager of the Hearst Press while it was conducting its anti-Japanese crusade on the West Coast. He had been appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Roosevelt to strengthen the president's ties with Republicans.

Knox also was a member of the president's elite corps of advisers known as the Palace Guards, and thus was privy to a great deal of inside information, including radio intelligence intercepts of Japanese diplomatic messages. Presumably, then, his voice carried considerable weight. Unfortunately, that voice became one of the most strident in calling for the mass evacuation and internment of all persons of Japanese

ancestry in the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii.

Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Knox went on an inspection tour there and on Dec. 15, 1941 issued a statement saying: "I think the most effective fifth column work of the entire war was done in Hawaii, with the possible exception of Norway."

This was followed by a letter to a congressional committee early the following year contending that there was "considerable evidence of subversive activity on the part of the Japanese" in Hawaii prior to the attack. They provided the enemy with exact information in locating their objectives, he said, and created "a great deal of confusion in the air following the attack by the use of radio headsets which successfully prevented the commander in chief of the fleet from determining in what direction the attackers had withdrawn..."

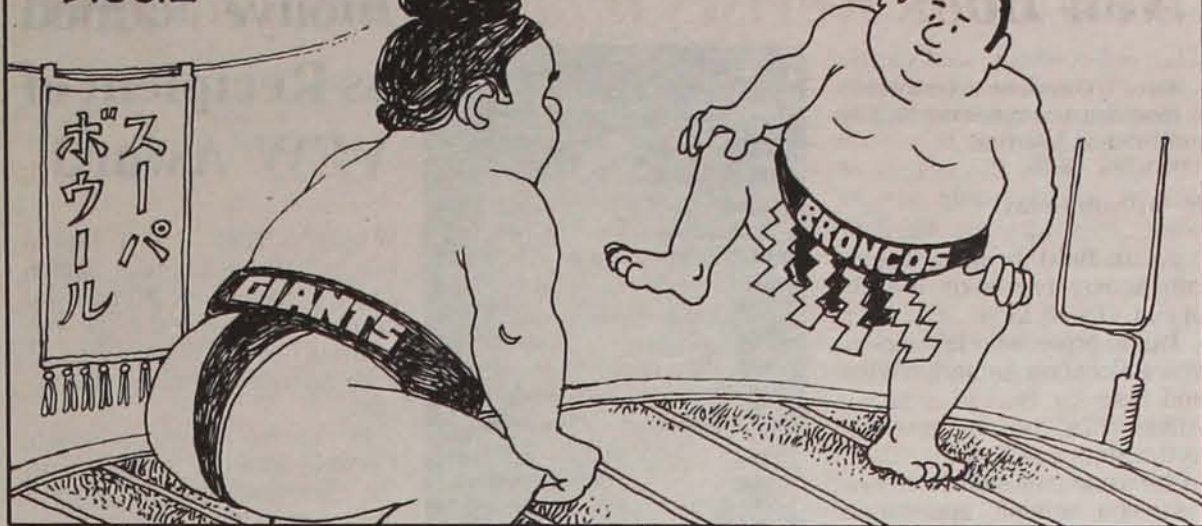
There was never the slightest proof of Knox's allegations, and Knox knew it, according to the record.

These lies were meant to provide a plausible excuse for internment persons of Japanese ancestry in Oahu, an action that Knox forcefully advocated. That step was never taken, however, chiefly because the labor shortage made it a matter of necessity to keep the Japanese on the island.

But Knox's inflammatory remarks fueled the fires of racist elements on the West Coast. Eventually, the full-fledged disinformation campaign lodged there would lead to the mass removal of all Japanese in that area.

Benjamin Disraeli, an 18th century English statesman, once said, "Justice is truth in action." That being the case, the record of the U.S. government is stained with an ugly blemish of injustice in the case of Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during WW2. Whether that blemish will be excised is entirely up to the source that caused it.

THIS WEEK'S BIGGIE



For Koreans, It's Apartheid in Japan

by Stanley Kanzaki

On Dec. 7, there were demonstrations in front of Japanese consulates of several U.S. cities. This was not because of what happened 45 years ago at Pearl Harbor, but rather a protest against the Japanese government's Alien Registration Law (ARL).

Under this law, all foreigners 16 or older, including 680,000 Korean residents, are required every five years to register, be fingerprinted, and carry an ID card at all times. The Koreans include third and fourth generations born in Japan, descendants of forced laborers brought to Japan from Korea during WW2. This system is likened to the apartheid laws of South Africa, where Blacks are also required to carry ID cards. It is just one form of discrimination suffered by the Koreans.

This point was brought out at the annual World Conference of Korean Diaspora '86 in Nyack, N.Y., attended by Korean Christian scholars and lay leaders from all over the world. They declared that "the Japanese government was worst in the treatment of the Korean residents." From this conference began the international campaign to plan and coordinate human rights action.

The various demonstrations were sponsored by Advancement of Human Rights of Koreans in Japan. The group is co-chaired by the Rev. Kyung Suk Soh, general secretary of Korean Christian Scholars in North America, and the Rev. Robert Northup, secretary of the Japan-North America Commission on Cooperative Mission, both based in New York City. These demonstrations were followed by a campaign held in many countries Dec. 10, highlighted by the Rev. Jesse Jackson's visit to Japan and meeting with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Historical Background

To get some understanding of the ARL issue, a brief historical background is necessary. Following Japan's victory in the Russo-Japanese war in 1904, the foreign affairs of Korea were assumed by Japan in November 1905. Korea became a protectorate in July 1907, and by August 1910 Korea was annexed to Japan under a military government with the stated goal of "complete harmony and assimilation."

However, the treaty which followed omitted mention of equality of Koreans and Japanese, and among other points, included proscription of teaching Korean language and history, which in effect was a policy of cultural genocide.

Emigration to Japan by Koreans was initially small, consisting mostly of students, but increased as labor agents recruited

for low-paying jobs. When Japan entered into war, the Labor Mobilization Law led to conscription of 600,000 Korean laborers. What followed was discrimination against Koreans, who were blamed for everything from unemployment to political assassinations.

Starting in 1946 with the Osaka municipal government, all Koreans have been ordered to be registered and fingerprinted and to carry ID cards. Violations result in fines of ¥200,000 (\$1,250) and up to one year of imprisonment. In Japan, the only other group required to be fingerprinted are criminals. The U.S. government must also share responsibility for the system, since during the Occupation there were no definitive measures taken to assure the rights of Korean residents.

On June 21, 1979, Japan became a signatory to international covenants which, among other guarantees, assure human and political rights. However, Japan's minority peoples have not been given these rights, despite the statements of Nakasone.

Fighting Fingerprinting

Even under formidable conditions, there are individuals and organizations that are fighting against this institutionalized discrimination. Americans Kathleen Morikawa and Ron Fujiyoshi, among other foreigners, have put themselves on the line by refusal to be fingerprinted and non-violent protest through the courts.

Unions, political parties, religious groups, universities and other organizations have joined in a movement to abolish the law. Even some municipal governments are ignoring the law by not reporting those who do not register. This movement is unprecedented in Japanese society and is receiving worldwide attention.

However, the Japanese government is taking retaliatory action through discretionary powers of law. Such measures as denying reentry, deportation, and refusal

to extend visas are examples. There are also recent reports that certain selected refusers were arrested and had their fingerprints forcibly taken. This was accomplished by physical restraint and use of a painful brace. Such acts could not be carried out without direct knowledge of the Ministry of Justice.

Government Position

The government defends the ARL by claiming it is not discriminatory, since it applies to all foreigners—even though Koreans, most of them born in Japan, constitute 84 percent of the total. The government also says the system is necessary since aliens have no permanent domicile, even if born in Japan. Another justification is that the law is a control measure because "some North Koreans try to smuggle themselves into Japan."

The former director of the consulate division in New York, Tetsuo Kihara, seemed to explain away the law by assuring the ease of the process to a delegation from the National Council of Churches. He said the current method was to use "a clear liquid and chemical paper, not black ink." This, he claimed, was "not so dirty. It is psychologically rather smarter than before." The fingerprinting "itself is not a criminal procedure but a scientific method of identification."

Reminder of Past

In defending the ARL, the government ignores the human rights issue and attempts to deny that a problem exists. But to the Koreans it is a continuous reminder of a dark past.

This point was made by Choi Son Ae in an emotional final statement during her trial for refusing to be fingerprinted at the Kokura branch of the Fukuoka District Court on May 24, 1985: "The present fingerprinting system is a remnant of the time of Korea's colonization... When Japan ruled it like it was their

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New Book Revises Image of Dillon Myer

Keeper of Concentration Camps: Dillon S. Myer and American Racism by Richard Drinnon, University of California Press, 1987, \$24.95.

by William Hohri

As Richard Drinnon puts it, "this is my report on the banality of evil, U.S. style."

Dillon Myer, who headed the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and later the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), "was as American as the Stars and Stripes.... Born in the white Protestant heartland, he was a walking repository of the Puritan values and traditional hostility to the very idea of the survival of separate peoples with separate cultures. Always sure he did good, he did great wrongs."

With a historian's attention to documented fact and a writer's clarity, Drinnon revises the Japanese American view of Myer. As the WRA director, Myer was honored with the Medal of Merit by President Truman, in a Washington Post editorial, and with a banquet by the JACL. *Keeper* transforms him into a gray man who could sleep well with a job that troubled the sleep of his predecessor at the WRA, Milton Eisenhower, could ignore equally the constitutional and civil rights of 125,000 Japanese Americans and 450,000 Native Americans, and left a legacy of ammunition for the anti-redress arguments of persons such as Lillian Baker, S.I. Hayakawa, and Ken Masugi.

Begins With FDR

When Drinnon discusses American racism as the cause of the Japanese American disaster, he properly places the malady at the highest levels of government, beginning with President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Henry Stimson, and Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, and continuing with Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, and WRA Director Myer.

But Myer was no mere follower. He directed his bureaucracy with skill, making friends in Congress, winning the support of the liberal press and liberal organizations, and saying all the right words.

For example, both in congressional testimony and written policy, he indicated that hearings were held for the prisoners at the penal colony at Leupp, Ariz. But after almost a year of operation, he was compelled to close this little-known camp when its director, Paul G. Robertson, upon examining his inmates' dockets, complained of "the lack of evidence... necessary to warrant a transfer to this center."

In making common cause with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and JACL, Myer succeeded in placing draft resisters and renunciants at a serious disadvantage. In 1942, the JACL and WRA began lobbying for the reinstatement of Selective Service for interned men and succeeded in 1944. When some of the internees challenged the propriety of their conscription from behind barbed wire and without the restoration of their constitutional and civil rights, they were sharply criticized by the JACL and WRA as misguided and lawless individuals.

Rights Squeezed Dry

When the already eroded civil rights of some internees at Tule Lake were squeezed dry by their brutal incarceration in a stockade, the national ACLU obstructed, thankfully with limited success, efforts by Northern California ACLU attorneys Ernest Besig and Wayne Collins to provide legal counsel to these victims of cruel and unusual punishment.

Myer had made the WRA a law unto itself, despite his many pronouncements of faith in the democratic way of life. To this end, he used his words and allies effectively.

In the book's second half, Drinnon continues this account of Myer's career into his directorship of the BIA. As bureaucrats sometimes do, Myer brought his entourage of WRA sycophants into the BIA, replacing experienced and informed persons with persons who knew little about Native Americans and who were willing to strip these original Americans of their rights embedded in solemn treaties and the U.S. Constitution.

Dissolution of Identity

Their theme was the dissolution of ethnic identity by pushing Native Americans into the mainstream of America. For the Blackfeet, this all-American truism translated as being "thrown into the Big, Wide River of the United States," not so different from the dispersal of Japanese Americans from the camps into strange cities with no more than a one-way ticket and twenty-five dollars. Somehow, I doubt that *Keeper* will be as much a revision of Myer of Native Americans as it will be for Japanese Americans.

Drinnon introduces us to a brave people who fought to retain their rights. Sarah Winnemucca spoke five languages and became an early spokesperson for her people to the Great White Father in Washington. She wrote *Life*

Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims (1883). Avery Winne-mucca followed in his grand-aunt Sarah's steps and joined Albert Aleck and Warren Toby in a visit to Washington to fight the policies of Dillon Myer.

When the Paiutes sought Myer's approval to spend their own funds for this trip, Myer replied, not with money, but by questioning the wisdom of "the expense of sending a delegation to Washington." (This has a familiar ring: in the 1980s there were persons who questioned the wisdom of Japanese Americans paying a law firm in order to file a lawsuit against the United States.) The delegation went ahead on borrowed money and persisted despite repeated failures. Incredible as it seems for 1951, one of their demands was "to use our own money to hire our own lawyer to help us fight our legal battles." Attorney selection required prior approval by the BIA.

Myer's Adversary

Drinnon includes among these brave people attorney Felix S. Cohen, called "Double Runner" by his Native American clients. The son of the well-known philosopher Morris Cohen, he earned both a Ph.D. and a law degree, wrote two books, fought against conscription, was a socialist, fought a losing battle against Communist control of the National Lawyers Guild in the 1940s, and became an expert in federal Indian law, a staunch advocate of Native American rights, and an adversary of Dillon Myer.

Cohen's contributions were numerous. He helped the Blackfeet to challenge the appointment of Guy Robertson, former project director of the WRA camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo., as superintendent of their reservation. He led a confrontation with Robertson when BIA attempted to take ownership of Blackfeet property.

He also provided the counterpoint of the Native American liberation of America. He tells us that the Indian way—"each man has respect for his brother's vision"—is the true American way of life.

"The real epic of America is the yet unfinished story of the Americanization of the White Man, the transformation of the hungry, fear-ridden, intolerant men that came to these shores with Columbus and John Smith."

Keeper is a book to read, to keep, and to hope by.

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FINGERPRINTING

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own country and controlled Koreans in complete disregard of their feelings... We are not resisting the act of fingerprinting, we are resisting the attitude behind fingerprinting."

She said she looked to a future when she would be able to "save the children yet to be born from a society of despair and to give them a society of hope."

Choi, who was born in Japan, speaks Japanese only. She has been in a legal battle for over five years. At present she is studying in the U.S. and cannot reenter Japan, where her parents reside.

Japan has established itself as a world economic power after losing a devastating war. In the next century, what will history state when it comes to its record on human rights?

As for Japanese Americans, it seems at present that there are no organized movements against the ARL. Therefore, we as individuals must take action. It should not be guilt for the sins of some of our forebears that we do so, for we are not of that system. Rather, let us do so as Americans who know discrimination and are concerned about human rights.

The least we can do now is write letters of protest to the Japanese prime minister, foreign minister, justice minister, ambassador and consul generals, and the UN. Copies of these letters should be sent to the American ambassador in Tokyo. The other step is to get Japanese American organizations to take a definite stand without fear.

Nobel laureate Elie Weisel has stated, "The real danger, the real evil, the major issue of our times, is indifference." Let us heed these wise words and give a few moments to help the Koreans in Japan, who must continue to live under oppressive and unjust conditions.

Kanzaki writes from New York.

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Jan. 30-31
8 p.m. Kodo, the heartbeat drummers of Sado Island, will perform at the Japan America Theater of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: (213) 680-3700.

Jan. 30
8 a.m. A major policy conference, "Immigration Reform Act: Impact on the Workplace and the Community," will take place at the Amfac Hotel, 8601 Lincoln Blvd., sponsored by the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations. Fee for the daylong event is \$100. Info: (213) 825-8034.

Feb. 6-7 Journalism Opportunities Conference for Minorities will take place at the USC Davidson Conference Center on the university campus. Business recruiters will be interviewing students and professionals interested in newspaper sales, promotions, advertising, marketing and circulation. Conference is being sponsored by the California Chicano News Media Association, the Asian American Journalists Association, the Black Journalists Association of Southern California and the Task Force on Minorities in the Newspaper Business. Further information may be obtained by calling (213) 743-7158.

NEW HAVEN

Jan. 30-31 Spring semester conference, "Myth or Reality: Perspectives on the Asian American Success Story," will take place at Yale University, sponsored by the Asian American Students Association. Topics will include stereotypes, affirmative action policies for Asian Americans in higher education, and student participation in political and community organizations. Info: Steve Ing, (203) 432-8381.

SAN FRANCISCO

Jan. 30
8 p.m. Premiere performance of "The Trip," a play written by Wakako Yamauchi and directed by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, will be performed as a staged reading by Nikki Bridges and Sachiko Nakamura at National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St. Event, sponsored by Center Players and the Center for Japanese American Studies, is free and open to the public.

SAN JOSE

Jan. 31
9 a.m. Registration for the summer session, June 22 through July 16, at Suzume No Gakko, will take place at Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. Fifth St., for children in grades 1-6. Suzume No Gakko is a nonprofit Japanese cultural school. Info: (408) 973-8063.

'86 Donations Help JACCC Toward Fund Drive Goal

LOS ANGELES — A total of 15 donors gave \$10,000 or more each to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's "Challenge Countdown!" capital campaign during 1986, announced JACCC President Toshikazu Terasawa.

Terasawa said that the drive to clear the mortgage on the JACCC is now in its home stretch. The Community Development Agency has agreed to grant the last \$350,000 of the mortgage, if the remainder is paid up by Jan. 31, 1987. Less than \$250,000 of the original \$2 million mortgage loan remains to be raised.

The \$10,000-plus donors will have their names placed on plaques to be attached to the Friendship Wall of the terrace overlooking the James Irvine Garden.

Joining such early donors as the National Endowment for the Arts, the Getty Trust and Yaohan are George and Sakaye Aratani, \$50,000; Mas Kawaguchi and the Kawaguchi-Kihara Memorial Foundation, \$30,000; Masami and Yoko Shusui Nakamura, \$20,000; and Takeji and Toshiyuki Shinden, \$15,000.

Other \$10,000-plus donors are Nippondenso of Los Angeles, friends of John and Tomi Maeno in commemoration of the couple's golden wedding anniversary, and JACCC board member Minoru Tonai, who made a gift of stocks.

Also giving \$10,000 were California First Bank, Dr. and Mrs. George Kambara, Tom and Kay Kamei, Toshikazu Terasawa, the Tokai Bank of California and the U.S. Suzuki Corp. And, \$5,000 each was donated in memory of Moriso and Asako Nishihara and Mutsuko Nishihara, Ph.D.

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Maria Eva Gomez, second from right, president of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education, and Thomas Sakalis, right, superintendent of schools, present members of the Nakamura family of Whittier, Calif., with a plaque for "outstanding contributions to our community through the fostering and perpetuation of fine arts." Family members are, from left, Yoshio, Daniel, Grace and Joel Nakamura, Linda Nakamura Oberholtzer and Jay Oberholtzer, all of whom have works on display in "A Family Creates," an exhibition at the Pico Rivera Art Center, 9110 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, through Jan. 31.

Network Offers Free Legal Aid

LOS ANGELES — Free legal advice, counseling and representation are being provided by the Labor Defense Network, 1636 W. Eighth St., Suite 313, to unemployed persons who have been denied unemployment insurance

benefits, workers who have not been paid wages for work done, and women who have been sexually harassed in the workplace.

The network, a non-profit legal service clinic, also provides information and referrals on employment discrimination, wrongful discharge and occupational safety and health complaints at intake sites located throughout the Los Angeles area.

Sites include the Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 411, on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 2-4 p.m.

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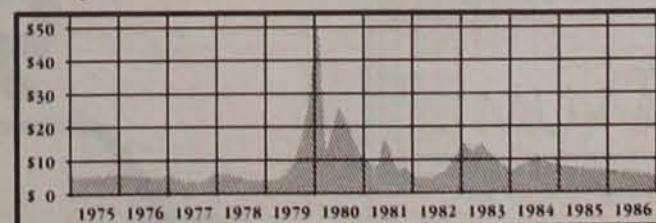


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'Fool's Dance'

Film on Aging Wins Golden Eagle Award

WASHINGTON — The film "Fool's Dance," written by Karen Ishizuka and directed by Robert Nakamura, received the Golden Eagle Award, given by the Council on International Nontheatrical Events, at the 29th annual Golden Eagle Exhibition and Presentation ceremonies on Dec. 6.

The award was accepted by JACL Aging and Retirement Committee co-chair and former National JACL president K. Patrick Okura. "I am very proud to receive this coveted award on behalf of Karen and Bob," he said. "Their film challenges traditional Western ideas about life and death and reaffirms the joy of living even in the face of old age and death, and despite individual differences in ethnicity, culture and religion."

Chosen by Jury

"Fool's Dance" was among the films chosen by a jury of 300 film specialists from throughout the country to represent the U.S. in international film festivals.

The half-hour comedy-drama, which features Mako as a Buddhist who takes up residence in a convalescent home, has also received a National Media Award from the Retirement Research Foundation and will be featured at the upcoming conference of the American Society on Aging in Salt Lake City and the National Spirituality and Aging Conference in Claremont, Calif.

The film is being aired on PBS stations as a segment of the "Silk Screen" series, which showcases Asian American films.

'Promotes Insight'

Dr. Robert Atchley, director of the Scripps Foundation Gerontology Center in Ohio and president-elect of the American Society on Aging, said, "I think 'Fool's Dance' could be used to trigger discussion in a variety of areas: death, ethnicity, and the role of philosophy and spirituality in the caring process. It deals sensitively and symbolically with the heart of old age from the experiential perspective and promotes insight into how to enrich life at any age."

Ishizuka, who was a gerontologist before turning to writing, and Nakamura, an associate professor at UCLA's Department of Theater, Film and Television, have made another film, "Conversations: Before the War/After the War," which is touring the country as part of the International Asian American Film Festival.

For purchase or rental information, contact Generation Films at 11051 Westwood Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, (213) 202-0166.

8 Chapters Plan Mass Installation

LOS ANGELES — Second annual mass installation dinner-dance for eight area chapters will take place Feb. 21 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Wilshire, 3515 Wilshire Blvd.

South Bay Chapter, which is spearheading the event, will be joined by the co-sponsoring Marina, Torrance, Pasadena, Wilshire, Latin American, Orange County and Venice-Culver chapters.

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JACL Aging and Retirement Committee co-chair K. Patrick Okura (left) accepts award for "Fool's Dance" from Dr. Gene Weiss, president of Council on International Nontheatrical Events, at Washington, D.C. event.

Central Calif. District Discusses Redress, Honors Old-Timers

VISALIA, Calif. — The first quarterly meeting of the Central California District Council JACL was held Jan. 11 at the Holiday Inn. Dr. Mae Takahashi, district governor, presided.

Guest speaker Grant Ujifusa discussed the redress program. Tom Shimasaki reported on local redress activities.

Shimasaki was presented with a plaque by former governor Peggy Sasashima Liggett for 60 years of service to JACL. Fred Hirasuna, who received his plaque at a recent CCDC banquet, was also honored.

The Nikkei Service Center,

which serves senior citizens, received donations of \$500 from Clovis JACL and \$150 from Taro Katajiri of Fresno. (CCDC is planning a \$1,000 donation.) Bob Kanagawa gave the service center report. The center is holding a benefit film showing Apr. 14 at the Fresno Buddhist Church annex.

In other district business, Larry Ishimoto was named the new secretary and the 1987 CCDC convention was tentatively set for Nov. 20-21. Resolutions on aging and anti-Asian violence were discussed.

The next CCDC meeting will be held March 18.

JA's Decade of Service to Los Angeles Recognized by Mayor

LOS ANGELES — Sue Kunitomi Embrey received a 10-year service pin from Mayor Tom Bradley on Dec. 2 in recognition of her longtime services to the city.

Embrey is a teacher of vocational ESL (English as a second language) with the Metropolitan Skills Center of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

She served as president of the

Commission on the Status of Women in 1980 and 1981 and served two three-year terms on the national governing board of Common Cause, a public interest organization.

Embrey also is a consultant to the Smithsonian Institution for its upcoming exhibit commemorating the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution.

Chapter Pulse

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• Chapter's installation dinner will take place Jan. 24 at Yet Wah Restaurant, 20050 Highway 40. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Installation of new officers will begin at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Peggy Saika, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus. Tickets are \$16 per person.

• Bill Hirose, CPA, will be guest speaker at the chapter's Jan. 23 meeting at East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Program will begin at 8 p.m.

DOWNTOWN L.A.

• Annual installation dinner will take place Feb. 8 at the Okada Restaurant, 517 W. 7th St. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Officers will be introduced and installed by Ken Inouye, PSW district governor. Tickets are \$25 per person. For further information and reservations, contact Mary Nishimoto, (213) 489-6146, or Cindy Ogawa, (213) 739-5273.

GARDENA VALLEY

• Annual installation dinner will take place Jan. 25 at the Ports O'Call Restaurant, Berth 37, Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$21 per person. Reservations may be obtained by calling Deena Hard, (213) 538-1459.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

• Annual installation dinner will take place Jan. 24 at the Airtel Plaza, 7271 Valjean, Van Nuys. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo. Info: (818) 789-0985.

SEATTLE

• Chapter's installation banquet will take place Jan. 24 at the Atrium, 5701 6th Ave. S. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be obtained by sending check, payable to Seattle JACL, to Ayako Hurd, 9040 Meridian North, Seattle, Wash. 98103.

ST. LOUIS

• Annual installation dinner will take place Jan. 24 at the House of Hunan Restaurant, 3730 S. Lindbergh, Sunset Hills. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Keynote speaker will be James Shimoura of Detroit. Info: George Sakaguchi, (314) 842-3138.

STOCKTON

• Annual installation dinner will take place Jan. 31 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sampan Restaurant. Tickets are \$10 per person. Info: Ruby Dobana, (209) 957-1801.

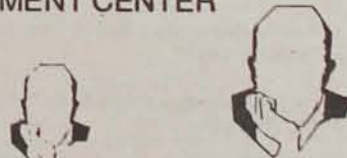
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• U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye will be guest speaker at the chapter's installation dinner-dance Jan. 31 at the Ft. Myer Officers Club in Arlington, Va. Cocktails will be served from 6-6:45 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$16 for students. For reservations, call Barbara Nekoba, (703) 360-4820, or Katherine Matsuki (301) 946-6995.

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Furutani Now Official School Bd. Candidate

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Having gathered support for his campaign since last year, Warren Furutani formally filed as a School Board candidate for the 7th District on Jan. 16.

"One person can make a difference," he told reporters outside City Hall after filing, "and I want to make that difference on the level of the Board of Education."

Half a Million Reasons

Flanked by his supporters, Furutani said he had "over 500,000 reasons" to run—a reference to the student population in the L.A. Unified School District—and added that two of them—his sons Sei and Joey—were with him.

He also raised the issue of representation, noting that no Asian American has ever been elected to the School Board.

The 7th District includes Gardena, Carson, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, and Watts. Furutani will face off with the incumbent, John Greenwood, in the Apr. 14 election.

While stressing the need for change in the 7th District, Furutani said, "We're not running against John Greenwood, we're running for the seat." But he added that only those satisfied with the status quo should vote for the incumbent.

'Not a Bureaucrat'

"I will be an advocate for public education, not a bureaucrat," he promised, citing his "ability to organize, to bring different groups of people together, form new



From left: Warren Furutani and supporters Carmen Perez and Mas Fukai.

Student Chosen for D.C. Program

SAN JOSE — Michele Horio, a senior at Leigh High School, will attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C., March 7-14, under the sponsorship of the San Jose JACL Chapter.

Horio is the daughter of Mike and Mae Horio.

partnerships, find new solutions."

Also appearing at the press conference were Gardena City Councilman Mas Fukai and former LAUSD Superintendent William Johnston, both co-chairs of Friends of Warren Furutani; campaign steering committee chair Ryo Komae and vice chairs Kai Parker and Carmen Perez; and Furutani's wife Lisa.

Furutani is coordinator of student/community projects at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center and a county youth commissioner for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

San Diego Is Site of Newest AAJA Branch

SAN DIEGO — Local journalists have announced plans to form a chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA).

Serving as interim chapter officers will be San Diego Union reporter Jeannie Wong, president; Oceanside Blade-Tribune reporter Elena Acoba, chief financial officer; and El Cajon Daily Californian reporter Della Elliott, secretary.

"A chapter is long overdue to help increase Asian American representation in the local news media and to provide mutual support among minority journalists," said Acoba.

The decision to form the chapter came at a meeting of eight journalists and students Dec. 13 in Mira Mesa. Those attending the meeting expressed a desire to provide scholarships and other support for Asian American journalism students and to sponsor workshops and seminars to help improve job skills.

First formed in 1981 in Los Angeles, AAJA now has chapters in San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

A meeting for the new chapter is set for Feb. 14 at a site to be determined. For more information, contact Jeannie Wong at (619) 746-9550.

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NISHIKAWA

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Asked whether he had given Nishikawa the nomination in exchange for not running for City Council, Bradley replied, "Absolutely not... There was no arrangement dealing with the 10th District at all."

Bradley pointed out that Nishikawa would replace commissioner Royal Schwendinger, who recently resigned, rather than Broome, who technically is still on the board.

In explaining his decision not to run, Nishikawa said he had to reconcile his "desire to continue in public service" with the needs of his "young family" (he is mar-

ried and has two children). If he ever decides to run for office, he added, "the time will come."

Councilman Mike Woo, the first Asian on the City Council, was on hand to applaud Bradley's appointment of Nishikawa.

'Very, Very Dedicated'

"Being the first Asian Pacific appointee, I feel that my presence will greatly enhance the city," said Nishikawa. "But as everyone knows, I have been very, very strongly dedicated to working for all communities within the city of Los Angeles."

Nishikawa worked six years in the state Legislature before joining Cunningham's staff in 1978.

REDRESS

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is essentially how it should be looked at."

Ujifusa's concerns about the budget and trade deficits were reiterated in his discussion of the redress bill's standing during the 99th Congress.

"Sen. [William] Roth [R-Del.] was chairman of the Committee of Governmental Affairs, which had jurisdiction over the bill," he recalled. "And, although he was sympathetic and fully aware of the injustice done to Japanese Americans during WW2, he felt passage [of the bill] was just not possible due to the large federal deficits."

'Like a Traffic Cop'

As a result, said Ujifusa, "He sat on it. It was bottled up, no hearings, nothing."

"The chairman of a committee or subcommittee can become like a traffic cop," he told PC. "If he says 'stop,' it stops all movement."

The new chairman of the committee is Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), whom Ujifusa considers "more sympathetic."

The outlook for redress legislation in the House, according to the LEC chair, is looking up. "There are now about 124 [co-sponsors] of the 139 that were on when the last session ended," he said. "We picked up four new co-sponsors among the 124, and I think it is just a matter of house-keeping before we again find ourselves at 139, perhaps more, which is a very, very substantial number of co-sponsors."

Ujifusa was similarly pleased with the naming of Rep. Jim Wright (D-Texas), last session's chief sponsor of the bill, to Speaker of the House.

"He is the most powerful man in the House and he is committed to the bill," he said.

Ujifusa also expressed satis-

faction with the naming of Tom Foley (D-Wash.), the bill's new chief sponsor, as Majority Leader, and Tony Coelho (D-Calif.) to the number three position in the House's Democratic leadership.

And with this change of congressional leadership comes a change in LEC strategy. According to Ujifusa, efforts that were concentrated on the House during the 99th Congress will now be equally focused on both the House and Senate in a stepped-up attempt to attain a near-term goal: movement.

"If we could get the bill out of the subcommittee or reported out of full committee, I think it would be an occasion for celebration," said Ujifusa. "It is something we haven't been able to show up to now."

And that movement, he added, depends a lot on the Japanese American community.

"Roughly 6 percent of California is now Asian, which means that potentially, Asian Americans hold the balance of power in a very large state," he said.

Using the Power

Ujifusa called on his audience to utilize that power and "take a more active role" in the fight for redress.

He stressed the importance of letter-writing to congressmen and senators, asking for their support or continued support.

"Letter-writing is no small thing," he said. "Letters are counted every day in Washington. They can make a difference."

"Too often we [Asians] feel that we're too small, that we have no leverage, that we can't exert real power, particularly in a state like California."

"But," he concluded, "it is not enough to say 'I hope redress succeeds.' One must say instead, 'redress begins with me and I must begin to work.'"

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Rhetoric, Resentment Can Be Deadly Combination for Asians

Following is an edited version of a Nov. 28 article on anti-Asian violence by Wall Street Journal reporter Jan Wong.

Sun Mam knows better than to walk to work. When he does, he runs a gauntlet of youths who pelt him with rocks and bottles. In winter, they have hurled chunks of ice. Once, someone tried to beat him up, but Mam outran his assailant.

"They say, 'Cambodian, you go back home,'" says Mam, 36, who now drives to his job as a store manager in Revere, a working-class suburb of Boston, though he lives just a block from home. Vandals have smashed his tires, smashed his windshield, and, one night, flipped his car over. Recently, someone tossed a Molotov cocktail onto his porch, but it failed to explode immediately and a friend kicked it away.

So far, Mam hasn't been injured. His friend, Bun Vong, whom he met five years ago in a refugee camp, was less fortunate. In 1985, after a traffic dispute, a white electrician punched Vong, shattering his face and pushing a facial bone into his brain. Vong died 10 days later. Because the only witness, a Cambodian friend riding in Vong's car, didn't speak English, it was never established whether racial epithets—a key indication of racial motivation—had been used in the altercation. Asian groups protested the incident and called it racist.

Sparked by economic rivalry with Asia and fueled by an influx of immigrants competing with the poor for scarce resources, anti-Asian racism is worsening around the U.S. In an East Peoria, Ill., church, parishioners taunt Vietnamese newcomers. In Washington, D.C., arsonists firebombed Korean stores (at least 11 such incidents have occurred in the past two years). And in a play area at San Francisco Zoo, a tiny voice tells three-year-old Jay Wakabayashi, a fourth-generation American, "This sandbox is for white kids only."

And while some blue-collar workers attack Asian immigrants in their neighborhoods, corporate executives have used racial slurs in their fight against Asian competitors.

"What is going on reflects how powerful the economic resurgence is in Asia," says Ezra Vogel, director of Harvard University's U.S.-Japan program. "At local bars, people are talking about it, and there's one kind of expression. In board rooms, it has another kind of expression. The feelings of competition are very powerful and very deep."

Adds Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), "There is a latent anti-Asian sentiment in this country. The trade imbalance is merely the trigger."

Awareness of prejudice directed at Asians is leading to some changes; lawmakers and judges have become tougher on ethnic "hate crimes."

Still, Asian Americans say, verbal and physical attacks are getting worse. "It's very sinister... You're not even a second-class citizen, you're a foreigner," says Doris Koo, executive director of Asian Americans for Equality.

The racism directed at Asians is hardly unprecedented. But animosity subsided in the post-WW2 period only to become resurgent in recent years, according to UCLA sociologist Gene Levine. The latest wave began in the late 1970s, when Asian companies—particularly Japanese—started to edge out American ones and

large numbers of Southeast Asian refugees entered the U.S. in the aftermath of the Vietnam War.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, in a 1986 report, concluded that violence against Asians is a national problem. The Justice Department reports a 62 percent increase in anti-Asian incidents in 1985 over 1984. In Los Angeles County, Asians were the target of 50 percent of racial incidents in 1986, compared with 15 percent in 1985, according to the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. Anti-Asian incidents now account for 29 percent of racial crimes in Boston, up from 2 percent five years ago, according to the Boston Police Department, which has a special unit to deal with racial crimes.

"Violence against Asians in this region and throughout the country is the fastest-growing area of discrimination," says Martin Walsh, a Justice Department official in Boston. Though part of the increase may be the result of better reporting, he says, some racially motivated crimes aren't classified as such and thus go uncounted.

Some Asians blame inflammatory rhetoric by business leaders for the street violence.

Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca told a group of House Democrats in 1985, "It's not Russia that's laying waste to my business... It's Japan." While the U.S. aims missiles at the Soviets in "the front yard," he said, "our friend is taking over the back yard."

In January 1986, Michael Smith, a deputy U.S. trade representative, referred to the Japanese as "nippers" in an on-the-record discussion with reporters. His office, asked about the remark, says Smith "does not recollect using the term" but that, nevertheless, he "deeply regrets any offense."

General Motors Chair Roger Smith told Fortune Magazine in an August issue that his goal was to "beat the hell out of the Japs" in the auto industry. Smith "really kind of got carried away," says a GM spokesman. But, the spokesman adds, auto executives do use

"Jap" among themselves, though "not with any intent."

Some businessmen go beyond words. In November 1985, Henry Grover bought ads in Texas newspapers to sell bumper stickers reading, "Remember Pearl Harbor, Save American Jobs." Asked whether this inflames anti-Asian passions, Grover, who has sold several thousand stickers, snaps, "Nonsense. The Japanese have never forgiven us for whipping them in WW2. They're evening the score by destroying American industry."

Russell Harrington Cutlery Inc. of Southbridge, Mass., stamps on its butcher knife blades dates of WW2 battles with Japan. "It's a way of identifying that we're fighting enemies," says Edmond Neal, the company's chief executive. He, too, denies he is fostering racism. "In business competition, you fight for your market. There's nothing vicious or vituperative about that."

Some corporations, on the other hand, are sensitive to anti-Asian slurs. At a 1985 strategy meeting at Intel Corp., a salesman showed a cartoon of WW2 bombers with a caption that read, "Beat the Japs." Andrew Grove, president of the semiconductor company, ordered the slide destroyed. "We're locked in bitter competition with Japanese manufacturers," he says. "But I said, 'Hey, that's tasteless. They're Japanese. Call them Japanese.' Besides, we aren't fighting WW2."

The Chicago Tribune quit using "Jap" as an abbreviation in its syndicated crossword puzzle after readers complained last summer. Similarly, some movie producers are now more sensitive.

Louis Malle's film "Alamo

Bay" won an award from the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists for its portrayal of Vietnamese fishermen harassed by white Texan competitors. And Universal Studios recently edited the videocassette version of its comedy "Sixteen Candles" after objections were raised.

The studios "would have a lot of second thoughts about using 'nigger' in a script. But using 'chink' or 'Chinaman,' they just totally miss that," says Stewart Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, which negotiated the cuts with Universal. Although two "Chinaman" references were kept in, certain scenes were deleted from the videotape.

"The Asian community is becoming better organized, more aware, more vocal," says Ruben Estrada, a Universal official. "Now, if we make a film where we think there's going to be a problem, we'll call [a community group] and say, 'What do you think?'"

But despite new sensitivity in the movie business, there are few other signs, particularly at the grass-roots level, that things are getting better.

Asians now are the biggest group of legal immigrants. Last year, they accounted for nearly half of U.S. immigration, up from one-third a decade ago. Like poor European immigrants before, the newly arrived Asians tend to work hard and cluster together. In Rhode Island's Providence County, for instance, officials estimate that one in 30 residents is Southeast Asian. The high visibility and numbers sometimes provoke resentment—and worse.

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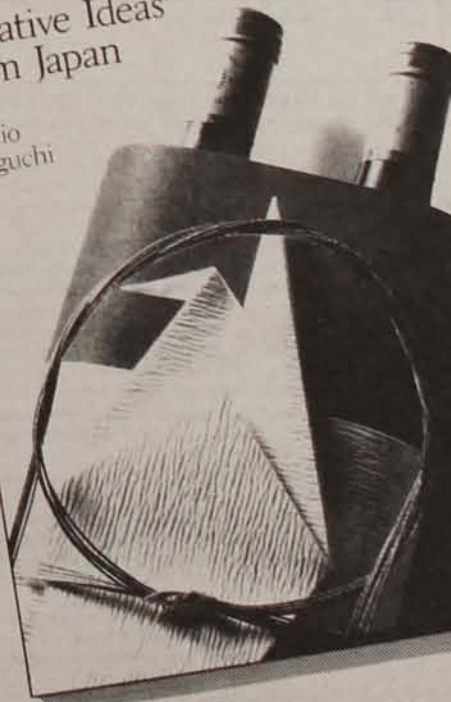
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Author Discusses Research on JA Women

LINCOLN, Mass. — Evelyn Nakano Glenn, introducing her new book *Issei, Nisei, War Bride* at a Nov. 16 meeting of the New England JACL Chapter, described the public response as "enthusiastic and gratifying."

Published in August by Temple University Press of Philadelphia, the book sets forth a theoretical framework for understanding the role of paid domestic work in the lives of three generations of Japanese American women.

The book is based on data collected by Glenn in the San Francisco Bay Area. She conducted in-depth interviews with Issei, Nisei and war brides who had worked as domestics at some point in their lives. The author also carried out extensive historical research and collected information on immigration patterns and occupational distribution statistics.

In her presentation to the chapter, Glenn said that the book combines long excerpts from the women's own descriptions of their lives with sociological analyses of how their status as domestic workers affected their relationships with their employers, husbands, and children, as well as their self-perceptions.

Acclaim From Scholars

The book has received acclaim from the academic community. Professor Edwin Reischauer of Harvard University commented in a review that the study "is enlivened by the life stories and long quotations from the women themselves, which put life and reality into the study."

Professor Ronald Takaki of UC Berkeley wrote that the book "is a breakthrough in the scholarship on Asian Americans and also women... What moving and dis-

turbing stories [the women] have to tell us about work, family, husbands, and themselves."

Educated at UC Berkeley and Harvard University, Glenn has taught at Boston University and Florida State University and is now on the sociology faculty of State University of New York, Binghamton. She serves on the board of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and has been president of the Massachusetts Sociological Association. She is the daughter of long-time JACL members Makoto and Haru Nakano of Alameda, Calif.

Glenn has been invited to many meetings and forums, including Harvard's 350th Anniversary Symposium, to present findings from her book. She is scheduled to speak at the Hawaii Sociological Association meeting in Honolulu and at the University of Hawaii, Hilo, in February.

KUMAGAI

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constantly do ethnic material, says Kumagai. "We don't care to hit anybody over the head with it. But I think just the fact that we're Asian American and we are up there doing comedy says something."

Originally from San Jose, Kumagai moved to Los Angeles in 1975 and joined East West Players, appearing in Wakako Yamuchi's "And the Soul Shall Dance" (later produced for TV by PBS) and other plays. She went on to other stage roles, including the part of Tiny Tim in a Mark Taper Forum production of "A Christmas Carol" ("My size worked to my advantage," she says).

In her initial TV work, "I would play children all the time... I'd always play 18 or younger." One reason she likes "Night Court" is that "I'm playing my age."

But in one respect, she felt fortunate. "I know a lot of [Asian] girls that all they do is play hookers, and they're tired of it... they hate it. Never have I been asked to play a hooker, and that's probably because I'm not the type."

She can next be seen as a student in a Jan. 31 "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation, "The Room Upstairs." And a return to "Night Court" in the near future is a certainty. "I'm supposed to give birth," she says. "That will be interesting."

Opportunities for Work in Japan Offered

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ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE

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In California, angry fishermen fired shots at a Vietnamese boat in 1985. Vietnamese fishermen "fish all day long," says Chieu Pham, executive director of Vietnamese Fishermen Association of America in Oakland. "They don't go in for a beer. They don't go in to watch football. That makes other people mad."

Wallace Warfield, the Justice Department's acting director of community relations in Washington, says Asians own more shrimping boats on the Gulf Coast than whites do.

The conflict isn't just with whites. In New York City's Harlem, Blacks boycotted several Korean stores in 1985, charging that shopkeepers were rude and didn't hire Blacks. In Los Angeles, there are more disputes between Hispanics and Asians, says Fred Fujioka, a criminal lawyer. "The poor," he says, "are scrambling over the same scarce resources."

In Revere, Robert Gaber, a neighbor of Sun Mam's, says he disapproves of the rock-throwing youths, but adds, "Immigrants used to come from countries nearly as civilized as the U.S. These people come from jungle communities." His street, he complains, "looks like a refugee camp."

Others believe the Asian immigrants win government aid at the expense of white have-nots. Catherine Penn, a former Revere city councilor, says refugees enjoy special privileges, including driver's licenses obtained without demonstrating fluency in English (which isn't required). She adds, her voice lowered, "The rumor, strictly a rumor, is that they eat dogs."

In fact, because many of these newest immigrants take two and sometimes three jobs, they are soon off welfare. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement considers welfare merely a transitional phase for Southeast Asians.

Savuth Sath, 34, has two jobs that make his workweek 70 to 80 hours long. He also finds time to study for a real-estate licensing exam. Last February, he bought a two-family house in Lynn, Mass. Now, five years after arriving in this country from a refugee camp, he is planning to buy a second property.

"For the American poor, it doesn't take too much hot weather [before] people are sitting around, drinking beer and feeling sorry for themselves," says Jerome Winegar, headmaster of South Boston High School, which

as a result of busing is 13 percent Asian in a neighborhood that is 97 percent white. "The next thing, they're over kicking the windows out of the new Pontiac."

Authorities are looking for ways to reduce ethnic crimes. At least 14 states have passed laws dealing with racial offenses. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) has co-sponsored a bill requiring the Justice Department to compile statistics on "hate crimes."

Courts are also cracking down. The laid-off Detroit auto worker who clubbed Vincent Chin to death in 1982 was convicted of civil rights violations in 1984 and sentenced to 25 years in prison. That conviction was overturned on appeal, and the case is to be retried. Last June, Scott Arsenault, the electrician who killed Bun Vong, was sentenced to seven to 12 years in prison.

Nonetheless, tougher sentencing hasn't yet reduced anti-Asian violence. In Revere, youths still menace Bun Vong's friend, Sun Mam. He can do little but try to ignore them as he drives that one block to work. "I try to close my eyes. I try to close my ears. Because this is my second country," he says. "I already lost my first country to the Communists."

Drugs Topic of Speech Contest

SAN FRANCISCO — Nikkei Lions Club's student speech contest, themed "Drug Abuse — What is the Solution?" will take place Feb. 28 at Christ United Presbyterian Church.

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Top winner of the speech contest, which is being sponsored by the multiple Lions Club districts of California and Nevada, will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

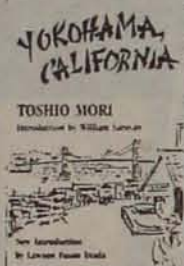
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No Asian on Governor's List of Supreme Court Nominees

Hopes that California Gov. George Deukmejian would appoint an Asian to the state Supreme Court were dashed when the governor made public his list of candidates on Dec. 30.

Among those who expressed dismay was outgoing Chief Justice Rose Bird. "It's the last barrier, having an Asian on the Supreme Court, one of the very last barriers we have in the state of California," she said on Jan. 4 during her final public appearance as chief justice. "I was disappointed to see that."

Three Vacancies Created

It was the ouster of Bird and justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin in the Nov. 4 election that created three vacancies on the high court. On Deukmejian's list of potential replacements are state Court of Appeal Associate Justice John Arguelles, a Latino; San Diego Superior Court Judge Patricia Benke; and state appellate court justices David Eagleson, Hollis Best, Marcus Kaufman and James Scott.

California Secretary of State March Fong Eu echoed Bird's sentiments on Jan. 5. "I really think it would be good if he did nominate an Asian because he has nothing to lose," she said. "I think it would have been a very important move for him."

She added that Deukmejian had damaged himself politically with the Asian American community. "Time will tell us how badly," said Eu.

Support for Low

Eu and others in the Asian community had been pushing for the appointment of Court of Appeal Justice Harry Low, who presides over the 5th Division of the 1st Appellate Court District in the San Francisco Bay Area. Eu and Low, both Democrats, are childhood friends; both were born in Oakdale.

There was bipartisan support for the idea of an Asian justice.

Court of Appeal Justice Elwood Lui of Los Angeles, a Republican, had said that the appointment of an Asian was "overdue." And Dr. Dennis Wong, co-chair of Asians for Deukmejian, felt such a move would be "politically wise" for the governor.

Ben Yee, chair of the state Contractors Licensing Board and an adviser to Deukmejian, called Low "the best qualified candidate" because of Low's 20 years of experience as a judge.

Henry Der, director of the San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action, had said that "it would only be justice at long last" to have a Chinese American on the state Supreme Court. In 1850, the court barred a Chinese from testifying against a white man accused of murder.

Issue of Representation

There has never been an Asian on the Supreme Court, which got its first woman and Black justices in 1977 and its first Latino justice in 1982. In pushing for Low's appointment, community leaders pointed to the underrepresentation of Asians in state government. Eu is the only Asian who holds a statewide office, and there are no Asians in the Legislature.

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