‘Altar of Peace’ a Labor of Love for JA Woodworker

NEW YORK — A lifetime dream was realized New Year’s Eve as George Nakashima’s “Altar of Peace” was dedicated at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

“We had a fair amount of difficulty transporting it—it was a wide load,” the 8-year-old master woodworker said of the three-quarter-ton heart-shaped walnut altar, which made the trip from Nakashima’s workshop in Bucks County, Pa., to Manhattan in a 40-foot flatbed truck.

Concert for Peace

About 5,000 people gathered in the cathedral, where they heard the blessing and dedication of the altar as part of the cathedral’s fourth annual Concert for Peace.

Nakashima said that the symbolic genesis of the altar “was perhaps a thousand years ago in Japan, the time when the great forests with huge trees existed and there was a sense of man and nature was deep and real.”

Having heard that the vast Gothic space was a bit drafty, Nakashima said that Nakashima was atypically clad in a three-piece suit rather than his traditional Japanese coat.

Among those accompanying him were his wife Marion, son Kevin, daughter Mira Nakashima-Yamamoto, her husband Jon, and their children Marta, Misha, Satoru and Shanti Amagasu.

Kevin. Yarnall, her husband Jon, and him were his wife Marion, son

A block by J.K Yamamoto

The altar, which cost about $10,000, is the final chapter of a saga that began three years ago when one of Nakashima’s loggers procured the tree from a Long Island estate.

Looksy Process

The tree was hauled to North Carolina and back again. It was carefully planed and sanded and then finished with his trademark

butterfly rosewood inlays.

“Jkelt the peace movement needed a symbol, something tangible that you can put your hands on,” said Nakashima in an interview last year. “It was a great tree. Trees with this character should have a special meaning and special use.”

Religions Represented

The altar, on top of which rests a bonai tree, is flanked by two menorahs, a Muslim prayer rug and two Shinto vases, in keeping with the cathedral’s mission as “a house of prayer for all nations.”

Also dedicated that night were Rep. Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta (both D-Calif.) announced Feb. 2.

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Philadelphia's Blacks, Asians Start Dialogue

PHILADELPHIA – The controversy over remarks about Asians by radio talk-show host Cody Anderson has died down, but members of the Asian American community feel that there is much work to be done in improving relations with the Black community.

Woods, a longtime civil rights activist and host of a talk show on WDAS, became the center of attention in November and December because of his oratory statements that Asians, especially Koreans, who do business in Black neighborhoods are rude to customers and take money out of the community.

"They Suck Our Blood" He has said of Asians. "They suck our blood. They don't like Black folks, but they take our money." He suggested that if they do not improve their treatment of Black customers, extremists in the community may settle the issue "with kerosine."

Statements such as these were previously understood by editorial writers in The Philadelphia Daily News and the Philadelphia Inquirer, by Asian and Jewish leaders, and by some Black leaders, said Samuel Evans, head of the American Foundation for Negro Affairs and the Family of Leaders, said on Dec. 18 that the major reason Asians don't want to advance economically, educationally and otherwise at the expense of or to the detriment of other Americans. "Since we have experienced over 200 years of slavery because of our race, thousands of lynchings because of our race, discrimination and separatism because of our race, we should be the last persons to practice discrimination," he said, urging community leaders to "stop the Hitlers during their budding period, to catch them before they bloom."

At a meeting of Black and Asian leaders called by the city's Commission on Human Relations on Dec. 19, Woods refused to apologize for his remarks. "I have done nothing that I have to apologize for when I try to enhance Black business people. Racism is not what I'm about. The Asians are open and aware...what we have to control what exists in our community."

But WDAS general manager Cody Anderson did apologize for Woods' statements, acknowledging that "they could be construed as racist."

And on Dec. 24, Woods himself issued an open letter, later carried in the Daily News, that read: "I am not a racist. I do humbly apologize for any remarks I came out with, racism, not a racist, for I have been fighting against racism all my life. I do not want to advance our community towards economic development, taking advantage of the reources we have here, to the detriment of others."

Also "I also encourage my listeners to concentrate on the positive and stay away from any prejudice or discriminatory language for any misunderstanding concerning racism. I apologize." Asians Asseps Relations

"Weiss' tune has changed. It was very, very hostile" at the December meeting, said she, "But he's a sincere man and tune now," going so far as to discuss the possibility of having a member of the Korean Business Association as a guest on his show. "Out of our confrontation, sometimes there can be a good resolution," said Chen.

Sam Hwang of the Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia described the meeting as both a crisis and an opportunity. "We certainly don't tolerate what happens. I think what has come out of all this is a lot of support—from Asians and non Asians—and a desire for the future, for which we stand," he told PC.

Also, he said, "It gave us an opportunity to have a dialogue with certain elements within the Black community by which had some bias and bad feelings against Asians."

ALTAR OF PEACE

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who describes himself as a "Hindu Buddhist," earned an architectural degree from Massachusets Institute of Technology and has studied at the University of Tokyo, Tongi and Poldi cher, Turin, where he lived in a Hindu art museum. In San Francisco, he moved to New Hope, Pa., where he has been practicing the craft of furniture-making ever since.

Nakashima's works are included in the permanent collections of the American Craft Museum, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the National Museum of Modern Art in Tokyo, and elsewhere. He summed up his philosophy and technique in the 1961 book The Altar of Peace.

JACI named him Ja of the Biennial Award. He is also a member of the communications category in 1980.

Contributions Accepted

Awardees on whose recognition the contributions are still being accepted for the first altar. "If we have any surplus, we just put it into the second altar," he added.

Talents eligible for contributions can be mailed to "Honorary Woodworker" category. Contributions should be at least $50,000,四项 Pearl—$2000, English Oak Burl—$250, Claro Walnut—$25. Address contributions to: Nakashima Altars for Peace, Office of the Dean, of Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1487 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025.
DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — A 7-foot, $3,000 Japanese stone lantern, surrounded by trees in a small, grassy clearing between a lake and a hill in Morikami Park, was dedicated Jan. 25 in memory of astronaut Ellison Onizuka.

When the shuttle Challenger went down on Jan. 28, 1986, few knew that the first Asian American to travel in space was on board.

In the aftermath of the disaster, there was little mention of Onizuka’s distinction, and Jack Curtiss, chairman of the Asian American Federation of Florida, "it saddened the Asian community that only one publication was dedicated Jan. 25 in memory of Onizuka's first flight was on the Challenger." However, there was no mention of Asian American Federation of Florida in the statement. The editors of this paper said the dedication of the memorial, "The Asian community of Florida is making a small gesture to overcome the oversight."

Secret Mission
Onizuka’s first flight was on a secret Defense Department mission, Curtiss said. Onizuka did not receive the same media coverage after his tragic death as did his fellow astronaut Black hawk astronauts nor Black, who had been a member of the Air Force space program. Curtiss said. "A lantern such as this is often donated in memory of people."

The lantern, dedicated by the Asian American Federation of Florida (a coalition of 25 community groups) and the South Florida chapter of the Japan American Society, will be a lasting reminder of Onizuka’s accomplishments.

Although Franklin Chang-Diaz, a friend of Onizuka’s, told the Associated Press that the outdoor dedication that Onizuka nev­er strove for special recognition, Chang-Diaz said that "Onizuka was a friend of ours and a hero," said Chang-Diaz. "He just did his best."

Onizuka's family and friends who attended. "Onizuka's spirit shall forever remain to guide those who will follow him," said Onizuka’s wife Lorna.

A Guide for Others
"I have no doubt his spirit will communicate with the new astronauts and guide them," said Pas­ tate Senate’s Shima of Florida. Hindu Parishad.

"This lantern is a beacon of the light that shined on us, and is a beacon to guide those to come so they can follow the example of this young hero." The other major faiths of the Asian community—Christianity, Islam and Budhism—were also represented Onizuka was a Bud­ dhist.

The Japanese lantern dedicated to the memory of Astronaut Onizuka.

"Lanterns such as this are often donated in memory of people," he suggested.

"It's an appropriate addition to the site of the Onizuka Memorial Pavilion and Museum, in Kona, Hawaii," said Dr. Frank Narine Sharma of Florida State University.

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by Ron Chew
Editor, International Examiner

There's a different way of life for someone who is about to graduate to a "professional job" in journalism. A newspaper of national scope may offer him a job that is not only a professional job, but a "professional" one in the sense that it pays a living wage, provides respect for his work, and makes enough on ads to pay printing bills and "have some coffee money left over." This is what I'm proud to work for a community newspaper. The community presses are the ones with a voice to communicate, advocate and inform.

The JACL Reporter
In the late 1970s, I crossed paths with one of my heroes—James Baldwin once described the response of an audience to his writing, the community press: "It's great when you can make a difference, when you can touch someone's shoulder. Invariably he was coming because of a meeting or both.

For over 20 years, the JACL Reporter, the monthly newsletter of Seattle JACL. The publication, a sheaf of pages with single-spaced typing, was as useful as any newspaper, crammed with signatures of meetings, announcements and tidbits of news that hinted at issues beginning to develop. You couldn't find this stuff anywhere else.

During the time I knew Era—until his death in 1988—he had to be aware of Asian American News by the Associated Press, the main line, and he knew it. His old typewriter had long since given way to self-reliance, and the JACL Reporter and the microscope machine that printed the newsletter long since yielded to the offset press. But he held fast, undeterred, driven by his great commitment to community service.

One of the last times I saw Era, I bumped into him on the third section of Uwajimaya. I told him, as I always did, how much I admired him. Then I let him know that the JACL Reporter. He shrugged in a somewhat bewildered look, as if to say, "Well, someone has to do it.

Then, adopting a familiar expression, Era turned and spoke out of the side of his glasses, his lips pursing in a slight grin, and said, "You know I write about many things because I can also speak Japanese. The younger generation, they have a good education, but they can't communicate with the Issei."

Dinosaurs With a Purpose
He was acknowledging that yes, the younger generation has dinosaurs serve a purpose: they provide a bridge to the past. Today, I still think about Era's commitment and the extraordinary stamina—qualities found in an abundance among the well-educated and precocious journalists of this current generation, whose work is worth more by the promise of recognition, money and notoriety.

I asked Cherry Kinishita, a perennial activist who belongs to the earlier generation, if Era ever got paid for his work on the JACL Reporter. The answer was a resounding "no, obviously; she laughed and said, "Oh, no. In our generation, nothing was paid position.

Another community journalist of this generation is Emiliano Francisco, a young man who has published a Filipino community newspaper in Seattle called "Hi-Lo" for his entire life, barely funny—what I hear in the talk of the old Filipino men of the neighborhood, and that's why I admire him. I used to laugh and ask him if he ever got a raise. He usually remark on the volume of ads in the paper and ask if we would plan to go in a check. "How's the money?"

He's happy, he says, when he can get contributions on ads for printing and typesetting bills and "have some coffee money left over."

His newspaper, the Filipino American Herald, is published once a month. He says he once published a weekly forerunner to the Herald during the Depression and nearly "lost my shirt." This paper, now worn and time-worn, is filled with an odd grab-bag of press releases, columns, reprinted articles and mugshots of community queen contestants and Filipino lodge members. The stuff is now reduced to Francisco, who col¬lects the last bits of JACL community functions, and his wife, who handles the billing and does the pasting. She "is good at filling up all those cubbyholes on the page," he says. "My wife, she tells me. What happens when you die? There won't be any newspaper community say, "Anyway, that's why I keep doing it."

Repeal the Tradition
My wish is that more Asian American journalists, armed with the education and resources not available to past generations, return to replenish the tradition of the community press. The community press should never be left without the resources to rejuvenate and expand publishing and create a new publication where an old one no longer exists.

I propose a toast to some of the fine community journalists across the country who continue to nourish the tradition: Patty Wada and Julie Mathoc at the Mainichi; Mainichi's Attorney; Hon. Hong, Bob Shimabukuro, Lynn Nakamura, and Gama¬to at the Pacific Citizen; Gil Roy Gore at the Philippine American Herald; Sunset at the Korean Times; and Penny Fujiko Willard at the New York Times. I am looking forward to an appreciation to show up to the con¬ference whose unselfish work has sustained and enriched the International Examiner in the past year.

1000 Club Roll
(Year of Membership Roll) * Century. ** Corporate. J. Life. ** Century Life

Atlantic City
1. Cherry Kinishita, 1987, $1,775.00
2. Harry Kafrayara, 1987, $1,600.00
3. J. K. Yamanaka, 1987, $1,500.00

Pacific Northwest
1. Judy Niki, 1987, $2,700.00
2. Tim Sakamoto, 1987, $2,000.00
3. Mary Tama, 1987, $2,000.00
4. Thomas Sakamoto, 1987, $2,000.00
5. Edward Sakamoto, 1987, $2,000.00

Central California
1. James Hara, 1987, $2,400.00
2. John K. Sakamoto, 1987, $2,700.00
3. Janice Togawa, 1987, $2,100.00
4. Cherry Hiroshi, 1987, $1,500.00
5. Robert F. Sakamoto, 1987, $1,500.00

Pacific Southwest
1. Brad T. Kame, 1987, $2,700.00
2. Paul Sakamoto, 1987, $2,000.00
3. Roy Sakamoto, 1987, $1,500.00
4. Dennis Sakamoto, 1987, $1,500.00
5. Ron Sakamoto, 1987, $1,000.00

Pac Islander Roll
1. Ken Sakamoto, 1987, $1,500.00
2. Robert Togawa, 1987, $1,500.00

The LEC Fund Drive: A Progress Report
by Harry Kajihara
LEC Fund Chair Drive

The LEC Fund Drive Campaign was initiated June 7, 1985, and reached its midpoint Dec. 31, 1985. To date, more than $300,000 has been raised through the dedicated efforts of prime solicitors, chapters and event chairs. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those individuals and groups whose efforts have enabled LEC to continue its work for redress.

In addition, I would like to remind all of you that the campaign still has another year and a half to go. There is still much to do, and I urge your continued support.

A listing of prime solicitors from the eight districts and monies raised are as follows:

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REDRESS PLEDGES

DISTRICT (Amount Received/Total Pledge)

Pac. S.W. ($10,615/$3,347) 28% 60%
Nor. Cal. / Nev. ($4,860/$4,655) 42% 100%
Pac. Northwest ($5,330/$7,475) 40% 103%
Mountain Plains ($2,505/$2,095) 39% 100%
East ($4,137/$4,025) 40% 103%
Midwest ($3,185/$3,145) 39% 100%
Intermountain ($1,505/$857) 27%

Under the Weather, But Progressing

LEC UPDATE

Grecy Uchvara

The nation's capital came to a grinding and idling halt with much heavier than expected snowfall on Feb. 22. There was a repetition of this event on the following Sunday and Monday, with an increased amount registered.

Washington can't operate without public transportation and air transportation. Because of inability to remove the slush from the individual graves and their cars created a total gridlock pattern all around the city, and whatever snowplows and sanding and salt trucks were available certainly were not seen on the roads.

The results were that appointments and meetings were cancelled and offices closed. The pristine beauty an anti-traffic silence which results from a heavy snowfall are to be appreciated, but in big cities it presents major problems and wastes valuable time.

The weather-related problems were most frustrating. HR 442 had been introduced Jan. 6. It was mainly the House that took the district work period from Jan. 47, while many of the Senate committees continued to meet.

The House bill would move forward under the leadership of Congressman Barney Frank who has been a strong supporter of the redress issue from the beginning of the legislative efforts. LDC sent Ambassador Gary Utjina and I have an appointment with Frank this week to discuss the Senate bill during this session of the 100th Congress.

Questionable timing

At the installation dinner of the Washington, D.C. on Jan. 31, when Sen. Daniel Inouye was the key speaker, we were also honored with the presence of Sen. Spark Matsunaga and fresh- man Rep. Patricia Saiki of Hawaii. Matsunaga announced that he had now 32 co-sponsors for the Senate bill. He intended to pursue contacts with his colleagues in order to win 50 co-sponsors so that the votes for the bill can be in place for serious consideration.

In my Feb. 2 meeting with the senator, I received the list of names, which had gone up to 35 sponsors. Since the bill has not yet been reintroduced, it does not have a Senate number. The senator plans to introduce the bill in February, and it will be essentially the same as S. 1003, introduced in the 99th Congress.

The list of senators who have co-sponsored the redress bill is as follows:

Alabama: Frank Murkowski (R)
Tide Strawbridge (D)
Alaska: Alan Clamton (D)
Colorado: Tim Wirth (D)
Connecticut: Christopher Dodd (D)
Lowell Weicker (R)
Hawaii: Spark Matsunaga (D)
Daniel Jospe (D)
Nevada: Jim Gibbons (D)
Maryland: Barbara Mikulski (D)
Massachusetts: Edward Kennedy (D)
John Kerry (D)
Michigan: Carl Levin (D)
Donald Huisingh (D)
Minnesota: Rudy Boschwitz (R)
Montana: John Melcher (D)
Nevada: Harry Reid (D)
New Jersey: Bill Bradley (D)
Frank Lautenberg (D)
New York: Daniel Minyard (D)
Alliance D'Amato (R)
North Dakota: Quentin Burkle (R)
Ohio: Howard Metzenbaum (D)
Oregon: Mark Hatfield (R)
Pennsylvania: Arlen Specter (R)
South Dakota: Thomas Daschle (D)
Washington: Brock Adams (D)
Daniel Biasi (D)
Wisconsin: William Proxmire (D)

Total 32 (3 D, 2 R)

JACL/LEC is most appreciative of Sen. Matsunaga's personal support for the cause of redress. Just before the snowstorm, his office listed 18 co-sponsors; an incredible amount of work went in rounding up 15 more supporters during a special campaign.

During this first session of the 99th Congress, two supporting senators from the 99th Congress who are being followed up are James Exon (D-Ne.) and Paul Simon (D-Ill.)

Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) will be majority chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to which the bill will be assigned. The subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and Civil Service of the Senate Committee on Civil Service has Sen. David Pryor (D-Ark.) as majority chair. At this time we do not have the minority chairs.

Matsunaga announced that he would introduce the bill in February, and it will be essentially the same as S.103, introduced in the 99th Congress.

Will be introduced in the 100th Congress

Matsunaga urged that we must continue a nationwide letter-writing campaign. He reminded us that in the campaign for passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act in 1952, 15,000 letters and telegrams were sent. We will develop a letter-writing campaign to the re-district bills to the bicentennial of the Constitution. The first coordinated effort will be made at the end of June, before the Independence Day district work period.

Matsunaga made a strong appeal for constituents to organize the letter-writing campaign using the personal support and civil rights organizations and other groups that have passed resolutions to support redress. All of this must be done at the district level.

The big push for completion of the effort to seek redress will be made during the 100th Congress. Are you with us? We know we have our big chance now if we can coordinate the grassroots lobbying throughout this nation.

Remembering Sala Burton

From her deathbed, the late Sala Burton co-sponsored HR 442 when it was introduced in the 100th Congress.

The cause to redress Americans of Japanese ancestry for the loss of freedom and due process of their constitutional rights has lost a strong supporter.

I wonder if the congressman from the early supporter of redress she cosponsored the redistrict legislation in the 99th and 100th Congresses—because of her birth in Poland and her Jewish faith and she wisdom and dedication to her identification for her, she was a leading voice for the ERA and feminism issues, and she was known for her feeding the hungry—but mainly for seeing that democracy was advocating for those who have no power.

Burton wrote in March 1984, "I am committed to the effort of seek redress to be made during the 100th Congress. Are you with us? We know we have our big chance now if

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Thank You!
Florin Nikkei Hold Dinner for Tsumakumo

SACRAMENTO — More than 250 well-wishers gathered Jan. 9 at a special recognition dinner at the Sherraton Suite Hotel to honor Banzai Bando, chairman of the President’s Committee of the San Francisco Bando Association, for his long years of service to the Japanese-American community. The event was co-sponsored by the AlamedalContra Costa County Community Relations Board and the Alameda County Tatsumi Festival Coordinating Committee.

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A special recognition plaque was presented to Mr. Bando, who was honored for his contributions to the Japanese-American community. The plaque was presented by John Kawamoto, president of the West Valley JACL Chapter, and by Dr. Ronald Watanabe, president of the Alameda County Tatsumi Festival Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Bando was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Bando, and their children, who also attended the dinner dance. The event was attended by a large number of guests, including members of the Japanese-American community, who came to honor Mr. Bando for his contributions to the community.

The dinner dance was a success, and the attendees enjoyed a night of music and entertainment. The event was a great way to honor Mr. Bando and his contributions to the Japanese-American community.
Judge Urges Vets to Keep Fighting Racism

LOS ANGELES — While proudly
recalling the heroic and legend-
ary record of Japanese American
soldiers during WWII, Super-
ior Court Judge Kathryn Doi
Todd reminded her audience that
the fight against anti-Asian vio-
ence and racism still re-
mains. A guest speaker at the
70th annual celebration com-
memorating the late Dr. Yukio
Uyeno gave the opening prayer
and a half-track carrier to the
Nisei paraders.

They were responsible for the participation
in the Torrance Armed Forces
Day Parade last year. They
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PC Seeking Stringers

As part of a stepped-up effort to broaden and expand its news coverage, the Pacific Citizen is now accepting applications for its new stringer network.

A select number of writers from strategic areas of the country will be chosen to participate in the network, which is being designed to provide maximum first-hand coverage of news for and about Asian Americans.

Stringers will be paid on a per-assignment basis at a rate to be determined prior to each assignment. Fees are projected to be in the range of $50 to $100 per article.

Applicants must have previous journalism experience or strong writing skills. Photography experience is an added plus, but not required.

Interested persons are asked to send their resume, writing samples and a short cover letter to Lynn Sakamoto, Editor, Pacific Citizen, 3441 E. Third St., Los Angeles, CA 90063. Deadline is March 1, 1987.

HOMELESS SHELTER

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Community Development Advisory Committee, meeting Jan. 22, agreed "the presence of such a shelter in Little Tokyo for such a long period of time could have a disastrous impact on the senior community, merchants, and general public," according to Gerald Yokohi, executive director of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, which urged JACCC tenants to attend a Jan. 23 City Council meeting to voice their objections.

Council members, not dissuaded by appeals from the community, voted instead to waive the 15-year-old City law barring such shelters in Little Tokyo for such a long period of time.

"We have an increasing security problem, and the whole notion of the homeless continual to swell, the county might create labor camps. It would be not unlike your situation in the 1940s-concentration camps," he said.

Dr. Linda Morimoto, co-chair of the Little Tokyo Anti-Crime Association, said: "We felt that there was no safeguarding, no promise of in- crease in police protection.

She cited the murder of an 18-year-old resident of Little Tokyo, who was a member of Japanese Lutherans. Some residents believe the killer was a transient, although no suspect has been identified or apprehended. Bon-fires started by homeless people on cold nights pose another danger, said Morimoto. One such fire gutted an abandoned building on Los Angeles Street last year, killing two people.

The shelter opened without in- formation, is the cleanest block in the Little Tokyo community, and as a result, the Cultural District has lost its identity. "If we had a more secure environment, we would rather have the building on its own," he said.

He added, "Another group of JA community leaders met that evening with Ted Hayes, organizer of Justice Ville, a homeless rights group. "We are concerned for your safety and business, as we are for ours," Hayes was quoted as saying in the Rafu Shimpo. "It's not our fault, it's not our business, but it's obvious that this problem won't just disappear."

Arguments Not Heard

About 50 members of the Little Tokyo community, as well as a number of homeless people, went to City Hall on Jan. 30 to address the City Council. The council, however, adjourned the meeting without opening a public hearing. Council President Pat Russel, looking over the list of requests to speak, said simply, "They are the people we heard from before.""How do we get such a large turnout and not even be heard?" asked Brian Koto, owner of Pacific Market, on 1st Street. "I don't get it."

After hearing from his angry Little Tokyo constituents, Coun- cilmember Gilbert Lindsay replied, "I'm doing everything I can ... to get these homeless out of the pilots' house." Immediately after the meeting adjourned, Hayes, speaking to reporters on Feb. 3, said, "We were organ- ized. We cleaned up. We turned around. We brushed the feet of the community that we would turn it into a slum. Instead, it has turned into a nice place, in fact becoming a buffer zone between the Little Tokyo community and the rest of the homeless people.

However, his group may vacate the building anyway—because of objections from Little Tokyo but because the city had turned over operation of the facility to the Salvation Army. "They treat on little children, they paternalize us," he said, adding that if the homeless could not operate their own shelter, it would rather be on the street."

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City Mayor Ted Wilson has said he would "do something for them, but I'm not sure what." He added, "I don't blame the Japanese community ... for not wanting it near them, within a mile or 10 miles. I know they are human beings. I will work to try to do something for them, but I'm not going to push them down any- body's throat."

Kito, whose business is one block from the shelter, said, "At night we have no business. And I think the restaurants even feel the same way."

But everyone thought the shelter was having a negative impact. "This shelter, in my observation, is the cleanest block in Little Tokyo," claimed Council- man Ermanni Bernardi before the meeting adjourned.

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Chris Naito, vice president, Little Tokyo Sales and Leasing, and Barry Daniels, president, Freeview Nissan, present a 1987 Nissan Pulsar NX to Taro Kurakawa, vice president, New Otani Hotel in Los Angeles, for the hotel’s recent 6th annual golf tournament held at Green Rivers Country Club.

Randy Horichii

Head of Utah Demos Seeks Second Term

SALT LAKE CITY — Randy Hor­ ichii is the first Utah Democratic Party chairperson in a decade in a position—and still eager—to run for a second term, the Salt Lake Tribune reports.

He and his vice chair, Elizabeth Willey, announced they would seek re-election at the June state Democratic convention for two more years in office to man­ age organizational affairs for the 1990 general elections.

Rebuilding Strength

Both were elected in 1985, when the party was at the bottom of its election fortunes. The Demo­ crats hadn’t won a congressional seat since 1978; their strength in the Legislature had dwindled to a relative handful; and they had lost their last statewide election in 1984 (after 20 years of Democratic rule).

Since 1985, every party chair­ man and vice chairman had resigned, one by one.

But under Horichii’s chair­ shipmanship, Democrats picked up 13 seats in the Legislature in 1985 (rebuilding the strength they had lost) and won the 2nd District congressional seat from the Republicans (Gale Skaggs defeating Neil “Doc” Control, and Tom Shimizu), and broke the GOP’s eight-year grip on the Salt Lake County Commission.

Funniest Year Ever?

"In 1985, the Democratic Party was in its death throes, and they predicted Horichii. ‘It’ll be the fun­ nest year ever.’" He offered former Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson as a po­ tential Republican candidate. bangster, saying "There’s a perception the wheels are falling off the governance office," said former Gov. Scott Matheson may take on Sen. Orrin Hatch. "It will be our commitment to stress that the Democratic Party will critique, not castigate, la­ ndslide leaders, and the under­ lying strength in the tradition of Scott Matheson, Jack Willard, and Lt. Gov. Randy Horichii. "We feel the party needs to stick to the fundamental issues of edu­ cation, sound economic policy and fair taxation."

A 1975 University of Utah grad­ uate in communications, Hor­ ichii works as a public rela­ tions and real estate consultant. He was president of Salt Lake JACL in 1975. Tell Them You Saw It In The Pacific Citizen

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Growing racial group in the United States is 1 percent of the House, said Inouye and Spark Matsunaga.

Robert Matsui, Patricia Saiki, Daniel Inouye

New York Times to correct

Mineta Demands

Asian Named to N.Y. Human Rights Division

Carol Sanmillal Dodd, 40, vice president and director of information for Hawaii’s judiciary for the past five years, died of cancer Dec. 30 in Honolulu. She was a pivotal figure for the first woman as the judiciary spokesperson and arranged photographic coverage of court proceedings in an experimental program. She authored The Richardson Years: Portrait of a Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice William Richardson. She was president of Hawaii’s Legal Auxiliary in 1973-74 and of John Howard Association from 1973-20, a board member of Crime Stoppers Inc., Sex Abuse Treatment Center, Neighborhood Justice Center, and other groups.

She is survived by husband William, son Michael, daughter Anna, parents Genji and Laura Sanmillal, brother Jeffrey and sister Lynette Hirose.

Dave Shigematsu, 49, basketball coach at Castlemont High School in Oakland from 1980-81 and at Skyline High School for the past 20 years, died of an apparent heart attack Jan. 12 at San Leandro Hospital. During his tenure at Castlemont, he led his teams to seven Oakland Athletic League championships and compiled an overall win-loss record of 531-49. The Knights won Tournament of Champions titles in 1989, 1990 and 1997. Shigematsu was named CIF coach of the year by the California Coaches Association. He was himself a star player in basketball and baseball when he attended Oakland High School.

He is survived by wife Diane, daughters Douglas (a sophomore at Skyline), and daughter Jill (a sophomore at Skyline).
INS Official Explains Details of New Immigration Rules

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Responding to concerns in the Asian and Hispanic communities, Acting Director Ernest Gustafson met with the ethnic press Jan. 22, 1987 to explain how the employer sanctions and amnesty provisions of the new immigration law will be implemented.

Signed into law by President Reagan on Nov. 6, the immigration bill imposes penalties on employers who hire illegal aliens: From June 1, 1986 to May 31, 1989, there will be a "disciplinary period" during which violators will be issued citations and warnings, said Gustafson. After that, violators will face fines and criminal prosecution.

One of the fears raised by this provision is that employers may discriminate against "foreign-looking" applicants.

From June, ‘Any of us . . . who are seeking employment,” Gustafson announced, “have to produce some kind of documentation.” By requiring employers to check all applicants for U.S. citizenship or authorization to work in this country, INS hopes to assuage fears “that only certain people would be asked for documentation,” he said.

"Persons can have their status with a passport, a legal alien document or a driver’s license, together with a Social Security card.

Employers must also obtain documentation from workers hired by Nov. 6.

Amnesty Program

Those who have lived here illegally since before Jan, 1, 1982 may be eligible for legal status under the new law. Gustafson emphasized that anyone whose status has not been legally established, he said, "has already been provided in American languages. In response, the INS director said that employers should be “one of the qualifying factors” in hiring staff for the center.

With the threat of a 60-day turnaround in processing applications, Gustafson said that only a "few days" would probably be required.

Certain regulations have not yet been firmly established. The application fee could range from $100 to $250, according to Gustafson.

After an applicant has been verified from government bodies and public information, applications, final rules will be issued in April.

Before addressing reporters at Berendo Street Baptist Church in Koreatown, Gustafson was introduced by Assemblyman Mike Roos (D-Inglewood).

Victims of Fire in Chinatown Get Settlement

NEW YORK — An out-court settlement for $210,000 was reached Jan. 7 between 14 Chinese families and their former landlord for relocation costs incurred after a fire alarm fire swept through their building two years ago.

The settlement, believed to be the largest in a landlord-tenant dispute in Chinatown history, was arranged by the first tenant, 799 Canal St., Jan. 21, 1985, but it luted the six-story tenement on Canal Street and the building, 799 Canal St., became a death trap and 131 homeless. It was, according to Doris Koo, executive director of Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), "one of the worst tragedies in our community." Kuo and other AAFE staff and volunteers immediately stepped in to work with the Red Cross and other agencies to find temporary housing for the residents.

After 14 months, all of the families were relocated to permanent housing.
Prejudice in Japan

Japan will not grant full citizenship rights to all its peoples or provide naturalization procedures until it relinquishes its ethnic-centric philosophy, which probably served a purpose in ancient times through the isolationist years but seems inappropriate in times of human values and rights. Certainly, any denial of rights based on race, a mere accident of birth carrying no intrinsic qualities other than the physical classification itself, is immoral, unrealistic, and devastating to the victims, as we well know. Japan is presented with an excellent opportunity to become a leader in humanitarian ideals in addition to the prominent position it holds in the Far East.

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New is the time to collect and preserve these treasures, before the last survivors disappear; and their possessions lost. I am paying market prices for anything or interest. God only knows what is happening to the goods returned.

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Letters to the Editor

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Chinatown Fire

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According to Koo, however, “The Japanese...overwhelmed the need to set up a homeless shelter geared to the special language and cultural problems of Asian families.”

In response to broad community support for the project, the New York State Homeless Housing Assistance Program awarded AAAP a $3 million contract to renovate a city-owned building in the Lower East Side for homeless families in the Asian American community. The doors of what will be known as Equality House are expected to open sometime next winter.

Bar Assn. Officers

San Francisco — The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area has announced the election of John Saito, associate-president, Merlyn Wong as treasurer and Karen Kwong as secretary for 1987.

Elected as directors were Joseph Arredia, Andrew Chew, Karen Ding, Jennifer Kim, Wesley Lowe, and Leilani Akikawa.

The officers and directors were installed Jan 23 at Mirwa Restaurant.