AAJA Convention  

Has ‘Write’ Stuff  
By George Johnston

LOUISVILLE — The first Asian American Journalists Convention awarded for excellence honored K.W. Leung, former AAJA investigative reporter with the Sacramento Bee, and Toyota, an anchor and reporter for KCET-TV in Los Angeles, earned the same award in broadcast journalism.

The awards were presented during the Sept. 24 luncheon at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel during the convention, held Sept. 23-24. The AAJA’s criteria for the awards included encouraging aspiring Asian Americans to enter journalism, improving coverage of Asian Americans, publicizing and promoting of Asian Americans at all levels of journalism and serving as a personal role models by maintaining high standards of excellence in their professional work.

The four-day event attracted over 200 journalists and would be jour­nalists from Canada, Australia, India, meet, discuss issues, exchange ideas and find other ways of improving their jour­nalism. A number of the panels in­cluded the Gannett Company, the “Investigative Reporting: Who Does What” and “Violence Writers Talk About Good Writing.”

MS Fund-raiser Honors Mayeda

By George Johnston

BEVERLY HILLS — The battle to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is far from won. But, those who would put an end to MS were out in force Sept. 17 when the Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Southern California Chapter held its 14th annual Dinner of Champions held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Contributing to the na­tional research to find a cure and treatment for MS was a Japanese American woman, Mikiko Mayeda. Mayeda, 26, was honored at the fund-raiser as an equestrian champion. Her past achievements as an equestrian are many — she was the 1986 national champion in California, the International Olympic Equestrian champion in New York in 1984, a four time California state champi­on, the 1986 national champion in Michigan and this year, in Sweden, she competed in the World Games and became one of the gold medalists Candie Costi-Burke and Bruce Jenner.

Diagnosed for MS as a teenager, Mayeda is also blind as a result of an eye and brain surgery. Although she has had MS for 11 years, it took six years to diagnose it. As a teen she started losing her vision, began experiencing neurological changes and became very depressed for no apparent reason, to the point of being put into a psychiatric hospital. “It starts out so subtly…they do not know what causes it, they do not know how to treat it, they do not know how to diagnose it,” said Mayeda, relating why it took so long for the doctors to diagnose her con­dition correctly. “The only way they can tell you is you deteriorate to a certain level and they say, ‘You must have MS’.”

The daughter of physicist Ted and Mary Menjo Mayeda, Mikiko began taking advanced English rid­ing lessons before her onset of MS. “I think that’s the basis why I’m so good now, if I must say,” Mayeda laughed, as she talked about her winning ways. A few years ago, de­spite her deteriorating condition, she began participating in equestrian events after hearing about a handicapped horseback riding group. This brought back memories of her childhood, and eventually she began competing with the group.

Others Honored

Also honored at the dinner were actresses Madlyn Rhue and Sonni Walton, both diagnosed for MS. Other celebrities on hand included members of the LA. Lakers, Monty Hall, Paul Williams and Olympic gold medalists Candie Costi-Burke and Bruce Jenner.

“I’ve tried to give up, I’ve lied around in bed feeling sorry for my­self,” said Mayeda, “and now I only get angry at myself. As long as you have your mind and you have your health, you can do as much as you can and even if you don’t have your mind and your health, you can still do more than you think you can.”

Korean Man Assaulted by New York Police Officers

NEW YORK — On Sept. 4, two offi­cers from the Third Highway Precinct allegedly attacked and se­verely assaulted a Korean citizen. Yong Kook Oh, 20, was stopped by the officers on the street, arrested, and beaten during rush-hour in midtown Manhattan.

According to Sharon Holmquist, one of about 20 witnesses, “One cop looked like he was trying to break his arm, and the other was almost on top of him.” Holmquist also re­ported that the police screamed at him “He was being crushed on the street while they hanged his head on the ground.”

Another witness, accountant Debra Miles, said, “I was coming down Lexington Avenue and was amazed to see a police officer just reach out and snatch somebody off his bike.”

Blood and Bruises

Several witnesses said they were al­so asked if they could give per­mission to the police to search him and began protesting. Ellen Teixeira, a witness who lives near the site of the incident, said officers appeared to become violent when Oh failed to let go of his bicycle. At that point, she said one of the policemen “threw him on the pavement, while the other punched him in the back.”

As lookers apparently screamed for the police to stop, Teixeira said the police then stopped hitting him and handcuffed him. She also said that Oh was bruised on the neck and bleeding from the right arm when he got up. Teixeira, after telling one of the offi­cers to calm down, said one of them told her, “If you open your mouth un­less you cooperate with us, you’re going to jail.”

Another witness, Leni Chen, told representatives of the Coalition Against Anti-American Violence (CAAV) that police officers took “about five to ten minutes. Oh told The New York Times that the offi­cers called him “seam,” and told him, “If you don’t cooperate, you’re going to jail.”

He said that when he replied, “Let’s go there, I know my rights,” the other officer said, “You know, it’s just a routine question.”

According to the police, Oh was stopped by two officers, identified as Anthony Venturella and John Gillies, at about 5:40 p.m. on Lexing­ton Avenue and 54th Street. Police spokes­man Sgt. Maurice Howard said, “He couldn’t produce any I.D. and became loud and viscous.” How­ever, also said the matter was being handled by the department’s Internal Affairs Division.

In a telephone interview with the Times, Oh acknowledged that he did not have any I.D. at the time of the incident and said that police officers “gave me a push off the bike.” Many in the crowd of witnesses, apparently outraged by what they had just seen, followed the young man and the police officers to the precinct.
Lungren as State Treasurer Opposed

LOS ANGELES — The recent announcement of California Governor George Deukmejian's consideration of Rep. Daniel Lungren (R-Calf.) to fill the State Treasurer position has not stirred opposition among members of the Japanese American community. But leaders in the author of an amendment seeking to destroy the compensatory portion of redress sill R.B. McNamara, who has carefully avoided any hint of Japanese American during WH2, Wakahayashi then cited Lungren's proposed amendment to H.R. 442 as offering "to discount justice."

"We have a remarkable guiding document, the Constitution, which
celebrates its 200th anniversary this year," Wakahayashi wrote the governor. "One of the qualities of a great democracy, the foundation of ours, is the ability to modify itself. Congressman Lungren had a special opportunity to strengthen what is best in this nation. Despite all of these enhancements, he failed.

The practice of democracy is a fundamental responsibility of the political leadership of this country," Wakahayashi continued. "This state cannot accept has Mr. Lungren has eliminated himself from this practice. He ought not to be considered for appointment. I strongly urge you to find this state a treasurer, committed to all our people."

Lungren, representative of the 42nd District in Long Beach, Califor­
nia, had proposed a $30,000 compensation award H.R. 442 as a "misguided notion that the dollar sign is the only currency." His amendment, introduced to the House Floor during the Sept. 17 vote on the redress bill, was defeated by a vote of 237 to 162.

Leadership Skills Focus of Seminar

By R.J. Watanabe

An advanced leadership seminar for JACL members was held on Sept. 19 at the Carson Community Center in the Los Angeles area. Co-sponsored by the Pacific South Coast District JACL and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), this seminar was organized by the PSW Leadership Committee and planned as a follow-up to their successful leadership conference held in March.

Entitled "Making More of a Difference," the seminar focused on improving leadership skills, opening leadership opportunities in JACL and strengthening the Sasse in the PSW.

Participants chose two workshops from the four offered. "Essentials of Successful Boards," presented by Alice Slagle, Director of the Training Center, "Communication Skills," conducted by Audrey Noji, "Strategies for Effectiveness in the Corporate Sector," presented by Hiduki Umemoto, "Using the Public Media," a session on the dynamics of effective meetings offered by Irene Hirano and J.D. Hokezama.

For many of the highlight of the day centered on the team-building activi­ties offered by Irene Hirano and J.D. Hokezama.

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The following is a reprint of the points presented in an article by Charley Reese, JACL-JJCC executive director.

According to staff commentator Charley Reese of The Orlando Sentinel, "The House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution's action on H.R. 442 (the Civil Liberties Act of 1988) is an outrage." The real outrage is that Charley Reese would write an article about a civil liberties amendment which failed to publish an article that distorts reality and fuses innuendo for the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution's action on H.R. 442 (the Civil Liberties Act of 1988).

The historical base for this bill is that during World War II, more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes, those of Japanese ancestry, and blantly denied them due process of law. Individual changes were not presented; hearings were not held, and equal justice was denied to the defense. The legal rights were infringed, despite the fact that most were U.S.-born citizens of Japanese ancestry. 

Contrary to Charley Reese's incorrect claim, two-thirds of the incarcerated individuals were U.S.-born citizens at the time of their incarceration. The government of the United States, solely on the basis of ancestral heritage. The U.S. Government, completely ignoring the constitutional law, removed the Japanese from the camps.

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On the other hand, however, when you bring in the idea, as it may belong to the Japanese tradition, of the American people being perhaps the Japanese might be using the appropriate language.

The OTHER DAY, while rummaging through the upper shelves of my closet, I came across a copy of Rose-Innes' Beginner's Dictionary of Chinese-Japanese characters. Sometimes before I left for school, it had been issued to me, and when I was discharged from the service, it was not turned in. At the back of the book, its edges disintegrating, is the administration stamped in full capitals: "Property of U.S." I don't know whether I'm an intellectual заболевания or not, but I was a bit surprised. Although I noted that, for reasons I don't now recall, there is a scribbled notation that I sold $100 to some A.P.O. address.

Maybe I've paid for the book, although $100, particularly back in those days, seems like a stiff tab. Perhaps it's wishful thinking, although I noted that there are a few other copies of Rose-Innes out there, their pages also turning yellow in someone's closet.

The ROSE-INNES dictionary is quite small. You can carry it around in your pocket. I rummaged through its pages. I came across some sennin (kanji) characters. So I began to wonder whether if one were to utilize them in communications to Nippon, or else somewhere in Asia, the outcome would be different. A number of the sennin characters have extra strokes that were added long ago dropped. (Take a look at "sen," as in sen-on [especially], in your dictionary. It thins to me that it's supposed to look up to 100 or so, if not 50 or 100.)

I flipped through the sennin characters and on the reverse side, found a couple of charts and notations. The trick is to flip flipping over them for a peek. I find that it's one thing to studiously review your kanji and confuse your mouth with it, whereas it's a matter of remembering what they were a few days late. And even if one remember is, it's quite another thing to be able to string them together.

Frustrating.

Letter Offers a "Reasoned Response"

The following was submitted to the Los Angeles Times reporting fac. because Shumway's "love for Japan, its people, its culture and even its language" has nothing to do with his advocacy of the supression of the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry. It does remind me of the inability of some to re-remember that we are Americans, not Japanese.

Adherence to the due process requirement of our Constitution, whose 200th birthday we celebrate, is not "merely refined thinking," as Shumway puts it. If the Constitution is understood as a set of values, its finality as a nation to be affirmed, adhered to, and defended in the courts as a matter of justice that ordained deserved compensation. Such compensation is a burden for all Americans to bear.

The $25,000 is a symbolic sum, determined by Congress to be reasonable payment. No one claims that it makes up for the property and assessements lost, emotional, physical and economic suffering, the productive life lost. Does any system of reparation ever make up for lost limbs, lost sight, lost loves one lost as the result of someone's negligence? That is the question. I'm just wondering who the $25,000 will go to. I would like to be insulted by the redress bills. I can't believe that someone can be so shrewd as to want to hurt people and still make enough money from it. I don't want the money to go to the state. My guess is that it will be used to buy a lavish home and showplace on a hill looking out over the Pacific, about halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It was built by William Randolph Hearst, the publishing tycoon.

After Hearst's death in 1951, the castle now goes to the state and offered it to the state of California. It is now a tourist at the castle and offered it to the state of California. It is now a tourist attraction.

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One way to recognize a "Reasoned Response" is to look for a thoughtful, well-argued, well-written piece that expresses a viewpoint that is different from the majority. In this case, the letter offers a "Reasoned Response" to the argument that Japanese Americans should be compensated for their internment during World War II.

The letter writer explains their position by stating that the $25,000 is a symbolic sum determined by Congress to be reasonable payment. They argue that no amount of money can make up for the losses incurred by Japanese Americans during the internment, including the loss of limbs, sight, love, and productive lives.

The letter writer also points out that the $25,000 is a burden for all Americans to bear, as it is a symbol of the country's adherence to the due process requirements of the Constitution. The writer questions the value of the money and suggests that it might be better used for other purposes, such as building homes and showplaces.

Finally, the letter writer expresses frustration at the idea of receiving compensation for past injustices, stating that it is "a matter of justice that ordained deserved compensation. Such compensation is a burden for all Americans to bear."
Sansei to Intern With Arizona City

Lea Takada

PHOENIX—Lea Takada of Visalia, Calif., has been selected for a one-year management internship with the City of Phoenix. She will learn city management first hand as a staff assistant in the city manager's and city council offices on a three-month rotational basis; then, as a member of the management and budget department for six months, her duties will include researching administrative and organizational problems, policies and practices, assisting citizens' committees, and attending professional conferences.

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The case is now being sent back to the District Court with instructions to has conviction vacated and Hirabayashi's entire record cleared.

So far the Justice Department has declined to comment on whether it will appeal the decision.

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described any significant changes or progress made since the March leadership conference. Several participans made commitments to JACL for the coming year, motivated by the many leadership activities sponsored by the district, including the March conference, the L.A. Program on Public Affairs, the recent seminar and the upcoming Washington, D.C. Leadership program, sponsored by national JACL. Commitments ranged from con-

continuing on chapter boards and running for chapter president to running

for the district board.

The day was marked by enthusias-

tic comments from the participants and remarks about the practical na-

ture of the workshops. One chapter president remarked that he wished that he had had this information earlier in his term. A potential chap-

ter president said that she felt much more confident about her decision to run for president after taking the sessions on chapter boards and ef-

fective meetings.

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Yamada Receives Hiram Award

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Akira

Yamada, member of Magnolia

Lodge No. 245, has been named re-

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1987 Airline: LAX-TYO-LAX — $510 plus

• Traveling Team: Oct. 18

# 1 Italy/Switzerland/Ski Trip

Jan 10-19 Phyllis Murakawa, escort

# 2 Sapporo Snow Festival
Feb 2-10 Yuki Satoh, escort

# 3 Caribbean Cruise
Feb 7-17 Ray Ishii, escort

# 4 New Orleans Mardi Gras
Feb 25-29 George Kanegai, escort

# 5 Best of Florida with Escap
Mar 2-12 Yuki Satoh, escort

# 6 Japan Cherry Blossom
Tour- Mar 25- Apr 9 Toy Kanegai, escort

# 7 Australia & New Zealand
Apr 24-May 12 George Kanegai, escort

# 8 Fiji & Ulu Hinton Tour
May 7-20 Ray Ishii, escort

# 9 Hawaii & Royal Tour
May 13-21 Bill Sakurai, escort

# 10 Japan Summer Tour
Jun 17- Jul 11 Japan Travel Inc., escort

# 11 Japan Tour- Summer
Jul 7-12 JACL Travel, escort

# 12 Canadian Rockies Tour
Aug 8- Aug 12 Nancy Takeda, escort

# 13 Japanese Summer Tour
Aug 12- Aug 26 Nancy Takeda, escort

# 14 Yangtze River / China
Sep 7- Sep 28 Veronica Ohara, escort

# 15 Europe Highlights Tour
Sep 21-Oct 8 JACL Travel, escort

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# 17 Fall foliage Tour: New
Oct 1-10 George Kanegai, escort

# 18 New Orleans — Deep South
Oct 1- Oct 9 Veronika Ohara, escort

# 19 Hokkaido-Nagoya Festival
Tour Oct 6- Oct 20 Yuki Satoh, escort

# 20 Australian Fall / New Zealand/Fiji
Oct 6- Oct 20 Yuki Satoh, escort

# 21 Japan Winter Tour
Oct 7- Oct 22 Sami JATC, escort

# 22 Okinawa & Kyushu Tour
Nov 22- Nov 4 Yuki Satoh, escort

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