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## Inouye Catches Flak for Appropriation

WASHINGTON — Criticism of an \$8 million appropriation to support the religious education of North African Sephardic Jews in France has rained upon Hawaii Democrat Sen. Daniel K. Inouye. The flak is a result of a provision attached to the recent \$600 billion stopgap federal spending bill, enacted to keep the federal government operating.

Inouye was instrumental in earmarking an \$8 million dollar rider to the bill that would set aside funds for religious and language instruction for parochial schools for North African Sephardic Jews living in France. Inouye reportedly said that the French government has offered land, teachers and support for regular instruction in French scholastic subjects for the children of some 400,000 Sephardic Jews from North Africa living in France. However, the French won't fund religious sub-



Sen. Daniel K. Inouye

jects. "Their religion, language and culture is the thread that provided their survival," according to Inouye. The proposed schools would act to preserve those values, Inouye believes.

Inouye defended the appropri-

ation as in the interest of the United States because if they couldn't find satisfaction in France, the North African Jews would move to the U.S., where the costs would far exceed the \$8 million. Furthermore, the budget already includes \$25 million to support Soviet Jewish immigrants and \$19 million for Indochinese refugees. The bill classifies the North African Jews as refugees, even though neither France or the United Nations does.

### Contributor's Influence Denied

Inouye said the State Department had many opportunities to express concern or opposition to the appropriation, but no one expressed disagreement, official or unofficial. Inouye said he was in constant contact with State Department officials during budget deliberations and they didn't express concern about the program.

Inouye has received harsher criticism from those who believe he

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## Hirabayashi Case May Go to High Court

By George Johnston

SEATTLE — The *coram nobis* case of Gordon Hirabayashi may yet reach the Supreme Court should government attorneys decide to pursue a *writ of certiorari* (review by the Supreme Court). According to Roger Shimizu, one of the attorneys on the Hirabayashi legal team, the government had 60 days as of Dec. 24, 1987, to decide whether or not to pursue a petition for *certiorari* in the Supreme Court. If the government pursues the petition, Hirabayashi's case will go to the Supreme Court; if not, appellate court rulings clearing Hirabayashi will stand.

On Sept. 24, 1987, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that Hirabayashi's wartime conviction for violating curfew and exclusion orders be vacated. The government sought a rehearing *en banc* (by the full court of appeals) in mid-November of 1987. On Dec. 24, the Court of Appeals refused to change its September decision. This left it to the attorneys for the government to decide whether or not to pursue the case; no word on a decision has yet been made.

### Uncertainty

The danger of going to the Supreme Court is that all of Hirabayashi's victories in the appellate courts would be lost if the Supreme Court ruled against Hirabayashi. However, victory at the Supreme Court level would set a precedent erasing the WW2 decision once and for all. "Anytime you go to court, you face uncertainty," said Rod Kawakami, lead counsel for the Hirabayashi legal team. "We've won virtually everything; we'd be in the position of losing it all or winning on a higher level."

As to how a positive Supreme Court decision would affect the Redress efforts, Shimizu said, "A victory in the Supreme Court could help redress in the sense that the verdict would lead the court to find that it was misled during the WW2 cases. It would remove the military necessity basis for the evacuation itself."

Hirabayashi deliberately violated exclusion and curfew orders during WW2 because he felt they were unconstitutional. As a result, he spent time in jail; when he appealed his convictions to the Supreme Court on June 21, 1943, the convictions were upheld. In 1983, Hirabayashi, along with Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, reopened his wartime case using a legal procedure known as *writ of error coram nobis*. This was because of then-newly discovered evidence that indicated the government, among other things, falsified evidence in the Supreme Court case of 1943. Korematsu had his convictions overturned in late 1984; Yasui's case was dismissed after his death in 1986.

Should the government decide to take the case to the Supreme Court, a verdict could be made within the year.

## Frank to Be Saluted for Redress Efforts

LOS ANGELES — The Southern California Friends for Redress is sponsoring a reception for Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) on Jan. 30, in honor of his role aiding the successful passage of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, in the House of Representatives.

Frank is the chairman of the Administrative Law and Governmental Relations Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. He not only saw that H.R. 442 passed his subcommittee, but he skillfully managed the passage of that bill

through the Judiciary Committee. He later spoke forcefully in favor of this bill on the floor of the House during the debate on Sept. 17, 1987, the day of the bill's passage and the bicentennial of the Constitution.

The Southern California Friends for Redress is a group made up of individuals and organizations including the JACL-LEC, the Pacific Southwest District of the JACL, the National Coalition for Redress & Reparations, the Japanese American Democrat Club and the Manzanar Committee. Co-chairs of the

committee are Marleen Kawahara and George Ogawa. Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) will introduce Rep. Frank. JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara will also be present. The master of ceremonies is George Takei.

The Saturday night banquet is from 4-6 p.m. at the Yamato Restaurant, 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Century City. The cost is \$25 per person or \$15 for students and persons with limited incomes.

For reservations and further information, call George Ogawa at (213) 325-7622; send checks to him at 22947 Felbar Ave., Torrance, CA 90505.

## Northern California Leaders Support Nakanishi

By J.K. Yamamoto

SAN FRANCISCO — A nationally renowned UCLA professor who filed grievance against the university is receiving support from members of the Asian American community in Northern California.

Professor Don T. Nakanishi, a Yale-Harvard trained professor of Asian American Studies, is charging the university with racial bias and procedural irregularities in denying him a permanent tenured position at the School of Education.

He was hired by the School of Education in 1982 to teach, do research on and provide professional service for Asian Americans and education. He has also served as associate director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, and national president of the Association for Asian American Studies. He is considered to be a major pioneering scholar on Asian American political and educational policy issues.

Nakanishi applied for a permanent faculty position in the fall of 1986 and was turned down in June of this year. He appealed the decision, and was granted a reconsideration of his case. The tenured faculty of the School of Education voted overwhelmingly to support his tenure in November.

The grievance, filed with the university's Committee on Privilege and Tenure, is being spearheaded by prominent civil rights attorneys Dale Minami of San Francisco and Bill Lann Lee of Los Angeles. It alleges that "the procedures em-

ployed to evaluate Dr. Nakanishi were not in consonance with the rules and requirements of the university" and that the "decision to deny Dr. Nakanishi tenure was reached on the basis of impermissible criteria, including race, national origin, and personal and academic biases, among others."

"There's a number of witnesses that we have that I think will produce evidence that the university not only discriminated against Don by treating him differently from other similarly situated people, but also the whole process was infected with illegal procedures," said attorney Minami.

In particular, he said, some of those involved in the review process looked down on Asian American Studies as an academic field and were angered by Nakanishi's activism and research on the controversy over the University of California's admissions of Asian American students.

"I think the evidence that we have will show the value of Asian American Studies was discounted to a great degree, and that resulted in a discounting of Don's pioneering research on Asian Americans."

"There's an underlying current that we haven't been able to prove yet, but we sense it's at the base of this. That's Don's highly visible efforts to insure that Asian American applicants to the University of California, especially at Berkeley and UCLA, are treated fairly and are given an equal chance of being admitted. We think that undergrads

a lot of the antipathy towards Don, the reason they set up a situation where Don could only fail."

Minami noted that Dr. Nakanishi is one of the nation's leading experts on undergraduate admissions policies and procedures. He has done extensive research on the topic which has appeared in scholarly publications like the *Journal of College Admissions*, and sits on many national and statewide boards and committees on minorities in higher education. He also has chaired Yale University's admissions activities in Los Angeles County for over a decade.

Minami, a past president of the California Asian Pacific Bar Association, commented, "I've been suing universities for years, and it's surprising to me that the University of California, I think, remains one of the most segregated... anti-minority institutions in this state. It's rarely uncovered because they live under a guise of liberality, of adhering to federal rules and guidelines, and yet when minorities try to get tenure, they retreat..."

UCLA's School of Education is situated within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest with over 600,000 students, of whom over 80 percent are minorities. The School of Education has 50 tenured professors. There are two blacks, one Mexican American, and the remainder white. There are no Asian American tenured faculty.

Professor Nakanishi's case has provoked outcry and concern from

Asian American leaders and organizations statewide. The California



Prof. Don Nakanishi

Coalition for Asian American Concerns at UCLA has been formed. Members include students, professors, alumni, community leaders, and elected officials.

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi of San Francisco said that Nakanishi's presence at the School of Education is "important to all of us throughout the state" because it gives the School "an Asian American community perspective."

The support that Nakanishi has received from a wide crosssection of professors and students at UCLA "establishes what community people already feel about Don," Wakabayashi said.

Maeley Tom of State Senator David Roberti's Office of Asian Pacific Affairs in Sacramento reported that letters of support have come from scholars, organizations, and former students across the nation. She also said that many elected

officials have expressed considerable interest in Nakanishi's situation because of the impact of his research on public policies, and "have urged the university to review Professor Nakanishi's accomplishments in a fair and full manner."

Letters supporting Nakanishi have been sent by Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, Mervyn Dymally, and Julian Dixon; State Senators Roberti, Art Torres and Herschel Rosenthal; and Assembly members Mike Roos, Gwen Moore, Terry Friedman, Bob Campbell, and Richard Polanco. In Los Angeles, Mayor Thomas Bradley, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, City Councilman Mike Woo, and Board of Education member Warren Furutani have also expressed strong support for Nakanishi's tenure.

Professor Gary Okihiro, a historian at Santa Clara University and current president of the Association of Asian American Studies, wrote in an open letter to AAAS members that Nakanishi is "a pioneer in Asian American Studies."

"He has written many influential pieces, including his pathbreaking essay on minorities in an international context, various surveys of Asian American studies programs, rosters of Asian American elected officials and studies of Asian American political participation..."

"He was, of course, a founder of *Amerasia Journal*, the leading journal in the field, and as president of AAAS moved the association in a positive direction... We in Asian American studies are in Don's debt."

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## Congressman Vouches for JACL's Collaboration with Army in 1942

WASHINGTON—Just before the end of the first session of the 100th Congress, Rep. Don Edwards (D-CA, San Jose) inserted in the Congressional Record for Dec. 21, 1987, his remarks praising what he said was "a heart-warming, dramatic, and important and sobering book," *They Call Me Moses Masaoka*, written by Mike Masaoka, longtime Washington JACL representative.

Edwards recalled meeting Masaoka in 1962 when he was introduced to him by Masaoka's wife Etsu of the prominent Mineta family in San Jose.

The congressman had practiced law, worked briefly for the FBI in San Jose before seeing service in the Navy during WW2 and then ran the family-owned title company after the war.

Written in collaboration with Bill Hosokawa, "probably the best known American Japanese journalist and author, the autobiography recalls many events with which I am familiar because I am a native of California (b. San Jose, 1915; Stanford, AB, 1936; Stanford Law School, 1938) and happen to be the same age as Masaoka," Edwards declared.

### Dean of State Delegation

The fourth-ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee recalled his "proud" participation in the Sept. 17 House debate and approval of HR 442 by a 243-141 margin. "As the current dean of the California Democratic delegation, I represent the state which 45 years ago led the hysterical clamor and demands for the arbitrary deprivation and denial of the constitutional rights of a single racial minority solely on the basis of ancestry and its preposterous presumption of ethnic disloyalty."

Edwards also recognized the leader-

ship in the redress bill passage as provided by his House colleagues Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and Patricia Saiki. "Norm and Bob and their families were incarcerated in these wilderness camps. But Pat and her family and friends, residing not on the west coast but in Hawaii which had been under actual attack by the Japanese enemy on Dec. 7, 1941, were not imprisoned," Edwards pointed out.

Edwards said he anticipates favorable action on the bill in the Senate because "of the inspired personal leadership of Spark Matsunaga (and) with the influential support of Daniel Inouye... This constitutional aberration cannot continue to be tolerated and token redress delayed any longer."

### Position of the President

Without mentioning the name, Edwards continued: "And the President, from California and witness to the travail of this extraordinary mass military movement, who repeatedly calls on other nations of the world to extend to their respective nationals civil and human rights, is hardly in a position to deny to the citizens of his own country that which he demands for other populations."

Masaoka, of course, is in the middle of the battle now, Edwards noted, representing the Go For Broke Nisei veterans and working closely with JACL's Legislative Education Committee for passage of the redress bill. "When redress becomes reality, his life as a Japanese American will result in the redress of the wartime grievances of those who responded to this vision of what had to be done under the vicissitudes and exigencies of global war," Edwards commented.

"Masaoka explains in considerable detail the reasons for JACL's controversial cooperative collaboration in the initial evacuation orders, noting that even with the benefit of almost half a century hindsight, he does not know of any knowledgeable individual, evacuee or others, who had advanced a viable, practical and effective alternative to their reluctant and difficult but patriotic decision."

### Vouches for Masaoka's Move

"As a former FBI agent who also was

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## NAKANISHI

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Okihiro said that Nakanishi's case is part of a "wider pattern" at UCLA. "Clearly, the faculty is not representative of the diversity in the student population... Don's work, his record, and his potential contribution to the School of Education are thus essential to his department."

In recognition of persistent concerns raised about racial tensions and issues at the campus, UCLA Chancellor Charles E. Young recently "pledged to substantially strengthen UCLA's commitment to ethnic and gender diversity on campus with increased funding for affirmative action programs and establishment of a Universitywide Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee," according to the November issue of the *UCLA Today* newspaper.

The coalition is asking concerned groups and individuals to contribute to a legal defense fund on behalf of Professor Nakanishi. The fund will be administered by the Asian Pacific Legal and Educational Defense Fund. Grievances and lawsuits are costly. Any surplus funds will be used to assist in other racial discrimination cases involving Asian Pacific Americans. The address for the Don Nakanishi Legal Defense Fund is: Asian Pacific Legal Defense Fund, c/o JACL, 244 S. San Pedro Street, No. 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The coalition would like concerned individuals and groups also to write to Chancellor Charles Young, Murphy Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024, expressing their support for permanent faculty status (tenure) for Professor Don Nakanishi.

—from the *Hokubei Mainichi*

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## Mineta Backs OCA's Policy Statement

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) announced his endorsement of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) official policy statement on college undergraduate and graduate admissions.

The OCA's policy statement rejects restrictive quotas based on race, nationality or ethnicity, and encourages focus on the Asian American admission ratio in the admissions process.

"There has been an increase in the charges of enrollment policies which discriminates against Asian Americans and it is time to address these concerns head on," said Mineta. "I am extremely distressed by the discriminatory admissions policies, not only as an American of Asian ancestry, but as an advocate of quality education for all Americans. I am very pleased with the work of the OCA towards encouraging fair and equitable admissions policies."

"The possibility that an unconscious bias or other factors may be contributing to the discrepancy in the admission rates of academically qualified Asian American students applying to colleges is a question which, should it go unanswered, would leave the door wide open to dangerous, silent discrimination," Mineta stressed. "Make no mistake. Just because this issue has yet to receive much national attention will not prevent it from becoming a national problem. We must continue to be alert, aware and ready."

## For the Record

"An Accumulated Sadness of 45 Years Lies Buried" lacks a byline attributing the article to Jeanne K. Goka of Austin, Texas. (See Nov. 27, 1987, issue of P.C.)

Our apologies to Ms. Goka. P.C. regrets the error.

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## Donors Receive Plates from JASEB

BERKELEY, Calif. — Japanese American Services of the East Bay (JASEB) has announced that plates for the Year of the Dragon (1988, *tatsu*) are being given out as complimentary gifts for donations of \$30 or more.

The limited edition of 100 plates is the fourth in JASEB's annual fund-raising activity to celebrate the New Year with the sign of the Oriental zodiac on a plate by a Japanese American ceramicist. Handthrown by Ikuzi Teraki, the plates are eight inches in diameter and are made out of porcelain with indigo brushwork on a white glaze.

"These plates have become quite popular," stated Robert Yamada, JASEB director, "and each year the supply runs out very quickly. It's very encouraging to have these



tatsu plate

talented artists supporting us in this way. Teraki also has contributed his works regularly to the Asia American Art Auction we have each year

in the East Bay. We're very fortunate to have his works."

Teraki, born and reared in Kyoto, Japan, graduated from the Kyoto Ceramic School, and apprenticed under Hisashi Tezuka. He continued his education at the Kyoto Design School and the Banff School of Fine Art. His award-winning works have been shown in various galleries and museums.

JASEB, which provides social services to the Japanese-speaking elderly in the East Bay, also maintains three senior housing projects. Because a substantial part of its budget depends on its fund-raising activities, JASEB's zodiac plate fundraiser was initiated in 1984.

Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to JASEB and mailed to 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. For more information, call (415) 848-3560 between 8:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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very much aware of the true mood and atmosphere of the situation on the Pacific Coast, however, I can vouch for the fact that there appeared to be no other pragmatic or realistic choice but to comply with the military, which those of Japanese ethnicity did without violence or terrorism.

"As a legislator, I wonder if had there been violent demonstrations and protests against Army tanks and armed troops with bayonets, those of Japanese origin would be enjoying the rights, privileges and opportunities which they do today, a status they could not even dream of in the prewar days of overt discrimination, blatant prejudice and social isolation.

"Most assuredly there would be no general sympathy for any redress legislation, even at this time, had those of Japanese descent forced the Army to drive them out of their communities as they would have battlefield enemy belligerents hiding behind roadblocks and other protective barriers.

**Compelling Argument Recalled**  
"Furthermore, as Masaoka emphasizes, how can it be expected that young volunteer JACL leaders would criticize and condemn Government officials who initially insisted in the spring of 1942 that a grave military necessity

existed then when more than a year later, these same military authorities convinced the learned Justices of the Supreme Court that such a military necessity did in fact require immediate military action and control at that time, although recent evidence has shown that important evidence of military necessity was improperly withheld from the Court. At the time, this argument was obviously compelling."

Noting that Masaoka also questioned those who belittled evacuees who enlisted from the camps for military combat either with the 442nd in Europe or with the Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific, Edwards understood the feelings "of those who objected to selective military service until their citizenship rights had been fully restored."

But Edwards declared, "I am certain that corrective and remedial legislation and litigation would not have been possible without the bloody war record with its unanswerable and indisputable evidence of loyalty and devotion to country (of the volunteers from the camps)." In practically all statutes with specific benefits to those of Japanese ancestry, the unique Nisei war record was cited as the primary cause for favorable consideration, he said.

### The Amazing Lobbyist

As one who has been lobbied by well-financed, highly organized groups and individuals, Edwards marveled at how Masaoka and his wife managed, "representing almost alone a tiny, unpopular constituency with practically no funds with which to operate ... to secure justice and equality when the hatreds and wounds of war still haunted almost every office (on the Hill)."

Of Masaoka's contributions toward the historic peace treaty with Japan and the development and expansion of trade, Edwards said, "Mike defined his personal responsibility as an American who desired to assure the country of his citizenship a potent and responsible ally in the land of his ancestry in at least the Far East as a dependable, trustworthy bilateral partner."

And when Hawaii became a state, Edwards exclaimed Mike welcomed it for that shed his self-styled "token Japanese American in Washington" tag. "No longer would he be almost alone on Capitol Hill as the special sentinel on the watch for the interests and concerns of Asian and Pacific peoples," he explained.

"Even more wonderful was the election of competent and qualified American Japanese from the mainland... Now the elected representatives of this new and growing (Asian) minority could assume, among other issues of local, national and international consequences, the specific responsibilities to safeguard and extend the welfare and the well-being of those who were previously unrepresented in the National legislature."

## Matchmaking Japanese-Style

By Yoko Itamoto

Director, Partners Introducing Service Agency  
Asahi Journal

Japanese in the market for a spouse these days often turn to a computerized go-between—a marriage agency. Most young couples discover love on their own, of course. But demanding jobs, immaturity, overprotective parents, and changing sex roles increasingly spoil Cupid's aim.

Every year, about 2,000 eligible singles show up at my small, personalized matchmaking service. Here are some of their stories (all names are fictitious).

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"I'm worried sick about Taro," says a perplexed middle-aged woman. "He's a late bloomer, long past the marriageable age, but he can't be bothered with wife-hunting."

### 'Maternal Concern'

Maternal concern is natural. Japanese women lavish tender loving care on their sons. They insist that Junior get the very best: a bride from a respectable family, trained

in etiquette and flower-arranging, and reasonably good-looking.

Mothers frequently apply a double standard. "Most daughters-in-law these days are willful and unmanageable," one woman told me. "My oldest boy is very naive. In my old age, I'll have to live with him and his family; he needs a quiet, obedient wife."

But in the same breath she added, "My eldest daughter is indulgent and self-centered. I want her to marry a second son who will not have to care for his parents. That way she won't have to put up with an ill-tempered mother-in-law."

One day, a woman appeared with her 27-year-old daughter, a recent divorcee. The mother insisted that despite the breakup, her daughter was pristine pure—the former husband was impotent.

When our counselor advised her not to dwell on the past, the mother exclaimed, "Well, of course I'm concerned. I would never allow my son to marry a non-virgin!"

Some domineering women insist

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acted because Zev Wolfson, a friend of Inouye's and board member Ozar Hatorah (an organization founded to aid North African Sephardic Jews) made a \$1,000 contribution to Inouye's 1985 campaign. Inouye called such claims "outrageous." "He is a good friend of mine. But this one here is not the result of someone who made a contribution," said Inouye. "I don't solicit money. I don't have to."


### Contra Aid Rider

Inouye was further criticized for going along with a contra aid compromise, which was also part of the \$600 billion dollar stopgap measure. Inouye, who has opposed military aid to the contras in Nicaragua, went along with the compromise because it would virtually guarantee a show-

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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### Convention Deadlines - August, 1988

TIME is running short for the 1988 National JACL Convention to be all ready and set to greet delegates between Aug. 4-12 on the University of Washington campus, Seattle.

We are grateful to National Vice President of General Operations Yosh Nakashima for his *By the Board* outline (to be published in full next week). He reminds JACL chapters—especially the just-installed 1988 board members—to be aware of the deadlines for various awards to be presented at the convention. The deadline dates will be announced by Headquarters soon for chapter nominations on the following honors:

(1) Japanese American of the Biennium. (2) JACLer of the Biennium. (3) Edison Uno Civil Rights Award. (4) George J. Inagaki Chapter of the Biennium Prize.

CHAPTERS, to be in good standing, must all have a minimum of 25 members, a chapter constitution/by-laws, an elected set of officers including a president who is at least 18 years old, and national and district dues, fees & assessments paid in full 60 days prior to the first day of the National Council session (Aug. 7). A chapter may have two official delegates and two alternates, but only one vote in the council. Official or proxy delegates will have to be designated at the same time. A delegate may carry no more than 3 proxy votes. "Proxy transfer rules will be strictly enforced... There will be no exception in 1988 as there was in 1986," Nakashima stressed.

DEADLINES to be observed to submit the following to Headquarters are: (a) nominations for national offices—90 days prior through the District Council, (b) fiscal impact resolutions—(while not indicated in the Nakashima column) at least six weeks prior so that Headquarters can have it duly considered at the time the new budget is being prepared, (c) and constitutional amendments—at least six weeks prior to Headquarters, which then will inform the chapters at least 30 days prior.

The National Board has 60 days in which to present the new budget for a vote by the chapters.

BECAUSE of limited convention space for meetings, the Convention Board in Seattle and National Headquarters will not be in a position to automatically facilitate any last-minute call for rooms, etc.

And be aware of the Saturday overnight requirement for reduced airfare to Seattle. Those who are driving will have campus parking available. Those who want to stay at the hotel off-campus but plan to participate fully with the convention ought to consider the campus dorms just to avoid the needless running around.

Details of the Convention golf tournament are in this week's P.C.

## Lungren Foes Wrong

While I happen to disagree with Congressman Dan Lungren's position on individual reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II, I also disagree with those who contend that his position on just one portion of the redress bill makes him unqualified to be our next state treasurer.

I realize that redress is a very emotional issue for those of us who were interned, but I hope we do not allow our emotions to interfere with our judgment. Consideration should be given to his total legislative background, moral character, experience and his qualification to do the job. No one can totally agree with everything and with everyone when placed in decision-making positions.

It is becoming obvious that the Asian coalition opposed to the appointment has an active letter writing campaign going to many of the community newspapers. However, there are many of us who support the nomination but are not mobilized to write letters of support. I also sense partisan politics in the movement with attacks on Gov. Deukmejian as being "insensitive" to the Japanese Americans by naming Congressman Lungren for the position. I know of no other governor who has ever had as much contact with the Japanese Americans or as much compassion, so it is ludicrous to make such accusations.

I support Dan Lungren for state treasurer, and I hope others who agree to his support will write and give their views.

CHERRY ISHIMATSU

Indio, Calif.

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I would like to share my view of Rep. Dan Lungren, Gov. George Deukmejian's nominee for California state treasurer.

Throughout his nine years in Congress, Dan Lungren has distinguished himself as a man of integ-

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ity, fairness and effectiveness. Whether Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, his congressional colleagues view him with great respect.

Rep. Lungren was a leader in the effort to fashion humane immigration reform which included an amnesty provision and protections against unwarranted searches of suspected undocumented aliens.

He has been a strong, vocal supporter of assistance programs for the refugee community, including an increase in the number of Southeast Asian refugees admitted to the United States.

He was eloquent in his support for the establishment of a federal holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, and instrumental in lining votes to pass that measure.

Rep. Lungren has also been a leader in the fight against crime. He was a key player in the successful effort to pass the 1984 Omnibus Crime Bill.

I know that a number of my fellow Japanese Americans have expressed disappointment with Rep. Lungren's position on providing individual reparations to victims of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

While I too disagree with him on that specific issue, I know that Dan Lungren shares our abhorrence of this tragic episode. He has condemned the internment in the strongest terms. He has called for a formal apology by the U.S. Congress and the president of the United States. He supports the establishment of a \$50 million education fund to help make sure that such a disgraceful episode is never repeated.

It is important to remember that Rep. Lungren co-sponsored the legislation which set up the commission to create an important historical record on internment tragedy. He served as the commission's vice-chairman, the only member of Congress to serve on that body. He has approached this issue sincerely

with total integrity and great sensitivity.

I do not believe it is fair to charge that Rep. Lungren is insensitive to citizens of our background simply because of a sincere disagreement on the specific means of redress. Remember that even among our own community, there is a division of opinion on the appropriateness of individual reparations payments.

Those who disagree with Dan Lungren on individual reparations have every right to express that disagreement and convey their disappointment to him. But to condemn him as insensitive when his total record indicates the opposite is unjustified.

Dan Lungren is a fine public servant, an individual who can continue to make outstanding contributions to the lives of all Californians, including Asian Americans.

JONATHAN T. KAJI  
Gardena, Calif.

## Recovery Assured

Acknowledgement of aging seems to occupy many of Mr. Hosokawa's columns which often alludes to increased morbidity, physical and mentally if not mortality. Hence he should be pleased to learn that full recovery will ensue—at least for the leg (PC Nov 13). In all probability he ruptured the Plantaris muscle, a vestigial structure, an evolutionary accessory. The accident is more common in the middle aged males though the females are catching up. I would recommend stretching exercises before engaging in combat. By skipping medical consultation he has not added to the Medicare burden for which we applaud.

EJI SUYAMA  
Ellsworth, Maine

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## JACL, Bork and Redress

By Denny Yasuhara

As one of the National Board members who voted to defer taking a position against President Reagan's nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, I would like to respond to some of the critics of that decision.

As far as I am concerned, Bork's confirmation by the U.S. Senate was moribund by the time the National Board took the action that it did. Not that that would have made much of a difference in my vote and the motion I made.

The membership of JACL is about 70% Nisei and, according to Harry Honda, general manager of the Pacific Citizen (P.C.), nearly 95% Nikkei or Japanese American. My first obligation is to them. The financial base and support of JACL is still overwhelmingly Nisei.

### Primary Obligation Stressed

To believe that the Nisei and even Nikkei, on the whole, are political liberals is utter nonsense. I would venture to say that that is even true of no small number of Sansei. This is not to say that the focus of the organization ought to be exclusively Japanese American. I do not believe that that is in our longterm interest nor consistent with JACL goals and objectives.

But it is to say that we have a primary and fundamental obligation to them. As the JACL constitution and bylaws state, "The purpose of this organization shall be to: (a) Protect the rights of Japanese Americans as its primary and continuing concern. It shall also strive to secure and uphold civil and human rights of all people."

Certainly, we need to join with others to combat violations of

human and civil rights, but we simply cannot be all things to all people. We neither have the resources nor the manpower to do that.

### Basis of Support

For older Nisei and the few remaining Issei, the accomplishment of redress is, in a very real sense, their "last hurrah." There will be no second or third chances for them.

Few who have been in the trenches the last several years, raising monies and soliciting support for redress, will ever forget the notes attached to some of the contributions. Older Nisei and Issei apologizing for their donations of \$10 or \$25, because it was all they could afford from their meager Social Security checks and retirement pensions, decimated by inflation. Issei coming up to us with tears of gratitude, saying, "Onegai itashimasu."

The Issei and many retired Nisei are not in "fat city" today; few are retired physicians or professionals. Yet, they are the very ones who, for years, have uncompromisingly underwritten the redress effort and major portions of JACL's operating budget through their membership and support.

Much has already been stated about the sacrifices the Issei have made that have enabled us to have the opportunities we have today. Very little credit, however, has been attributed to the role older Nisei played in the rearing of their younger siblings and older Sansei.

Many stayed at home and worked to help their parents keep the family together. Many also provided the income that permitted their younger brothers and sisters to have the college education and opportunities that they, themselves, had to for-

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sake.

Furthermore, they coached us in sports, provided social activities for us, and took care of us. More importantly, they provided the acceptance that society denied us. They, literally, sacrificed their own futures to give us the wherewithal and the environment that we might have a better chance at ours.

It was not "in" in those days to do "your own thing" and let the "chips fall where they may."

There is simply no way that I will ever betray their faith or their trust. No way that I'll jeopardize their chances of finally seeing justice done for them and others like them, which a strong public position against Bork might have done, while delicate negotiations were proceeding with the White House. And certainly not just to make us look good to others nor to Bork, as "iffy" and in the distant future that was.

How many national organizations do you think would jeopardize their own constituents' critical interests to be creditable to JACL? Moreover, it is one thing to make and write decisions at the district and appellate levels, quite another for one to participate in decisions on the U.S. Supreme Court.

It's a different ball game there, and history is replete with supreme court justices whose past records were no indication of how they voted and wrote decisions on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 1952 Walter-McCarran Act that finally permitted the Issei to become full-fledged Americans was a poor bill and was strongly opposed

by some civil rights groups because of its discriminatory impact. JACL supported it because it was the "only act in town," with little chance of another modified bill. What should we have done? Opposed it (like Prof. S.I. Hayakawa) to have the Issei exercise their citizenship rights from the grave?

In the real world, there are seldom any easy civil rights choices or solutions. People who think there are haven't been in the trenches long. When one isn't on the "hot seat," it is easy to preach, and we get too much of that—particularly from some past national presidents and current national officers, who not only should know better, but apparently have short memories, as well.

### Apparent Insensitivity Seen

What is deeply troubling, beyond the criticism of the National Board action on Bork and the Arab issues, is the apparent indifference and insensitivity of many younger Nikkei and others to the issue of redress, itself—which is manifested in many ways.

It seems lost on many that redress is the most significant and compelling civil rights issue of our times and the result of one of the most fundamental abrogations of constitutional safeguards in America this century, an issue that transcends race, creed, gender, and age. It is not just the top priority of JACL. It is far more than that.

Picture, if you will, in the midst of terrible economic times, a stock market crash, nearly a \$180 billion dollar trade deficit, and a trillion dollar debt. Add to that a climate of anti-Asian sentiment sweeping this country. Amid this social and economic turmoil, a small band of Japanese Americans (and JACL is a tiny organization as national

groups go) is shepherding a \$1.3 billion dollar redress bill through Congress.

We stand on the threshold of one of the most remarkable moments in our young history, a monumental, magnificent effort that, even if not successful, by any standard, given the times and circumstances, is truly an event of historic proportions.

### Situation Today

Having said all of this, what do we find?

Hand-wringing about our future, as shown by articles published in the P.C. over the last couple of years—"Setting Ourselves Up for Failure?" (Oct. 11, 1985), "Showing Responsibility" (Feb. 7, 1986), and "Who's at the Helm" (March 28, 1986). More recently, we see this criticism in P.C.'s "Letters to the Editor"—"JACL Vote Shameful" (Nov. 6, 1987), "Is JACL Relevant?" (Dec. 4-11, 1987), and "JACL and Bork: No Decision Yet" and "JACL in the Year 2000" (Dec. 18-25, 1987).

These articles and statements, made by current and past national officers, staff, and others, castigate and belittle certain members of the National Board and LEC. They blame JACL's woes upon redress and, in effect, minimize the work of hundreds of grassroots people, casting discredit upon the current redress effort as a whole.

This isn't to say that the redress movement and the LEC is above criticism, but I submit that few boards I've served on have tried harder to be more accountable to its constituents than the LEC and the current National Board. And yet they have met with more criticism.

I simply find the situation incredible. A people cannot minimize its obligation to the past and expect to secure the future for themselves and those that follow them.



## Bags Symbolize Japanese Materialism

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN

Bill  
Hosokawa



The Japanese aren't 10 feet tall, although that's the impression one gets sometimes in looking over their record of economic success. But they are doing very well compared to the doldrums that have enveloped the American economy, and that has led to a certain exaggeration in the mystique about Japanese management genius and manufacturing wizardry.

For example, during a trip to Tokyo late last year one of our group came up with a story that the Japanese had discovered how to make batteries out of paper. If true, that would be a scientific breakthrough indeed. Imagine what could be done with the millions of tons of waste paper we discard every year.

On the other hand, logic said that dry batteries generate electricity as a result of chemical action between carbon and zinc and some other stuff, and somehow it didn't seem possible that paper could produce the same results. Yet, the people in our group were so ready to believe the Japanese could do anything that no one said electricity from paper sounds like a lot of baloney.

As it turned out, the story was indeed baloney. The reality was that a Japanese firm had announced it had invented a *paper-thin* battery, which obviously would have many exotic uses, and our friend had misunderstood.

Still, the confusion is understandable. Economic progress has made the nation prosperous and Japan has become a consumer society. There was a time when the Rising Sun flag was the symbol of Japanese

military expansion, but that is no more. Today Japan has a brand new symbol that stands for a raging preoccupation with materialism. It is the shopping bag, filled with the accoutrements of an affluent society.

Shopping bags are ubiquitous in Japan. They seem largely to have replaced the useful and decorative *furoshiki*, or wrapping cloth. Almost everyone in Tokyo seems to be carrying a shopping bag, and sometimes two or three of them. Stores have made them their own symbols of prestige. Japanese shopping bags come in a wide variety of sizes and attractive materials, emblazoned with the store's crest, and they are nothing like the brown paper American shopping bags. Buy almost anything at almost any store, and the clerk offers it to you in a handsome shopping bag.

Some members of Congress have been making quite a point of demanding that the Japanese buy more American goods, particularly manufactured consumer goods in addition to agricultural products, jet aircraft and raw materials like lumber and minerals. As desirable as that may be, it won't be easy because the Japanese seem to be manufacturing everything we do, and in most cases seem to be doing a better job of it than we are.

However, judging from all those shopping bags the Japanese have an enormous appetite for almost any kind of merchandise, and the cash to pay for it. If we can come up with the kinds of products the Japanese want, they'll buy. The time is long gone when they bought anything with a foreign label. They're looking for quality, innovative items, well-advertised name brands. The market is there, waiting with yen in hand for something interesting. And it's up to us to come up with some ideas to supply its needs and then demonstrate some old-fashioned salesmanship.

## Case Over, but His Legacy Continues

By Holly Yasui

On Feb. 19, 1985, my father wrote in regard to his *coram nobis* case: "I know that the possibilities of my appeal reaching the U.S. Supreme Court are less than remote... But I cannot rest unless and until every effort is made to reach the U.S. Supreme Court—so that they could, if they wished, review the 1943 decisions in the Hirabayashi and Yasui cases of that time." (letter to Ron Wakabayashi)

We have made every effort, and Minoru Yasui's case did indeed reach the Supreme Court. The Court has denied itself the opportunity to correct one of its most shamefully unjust decisions and has therefore compounded that injustice.

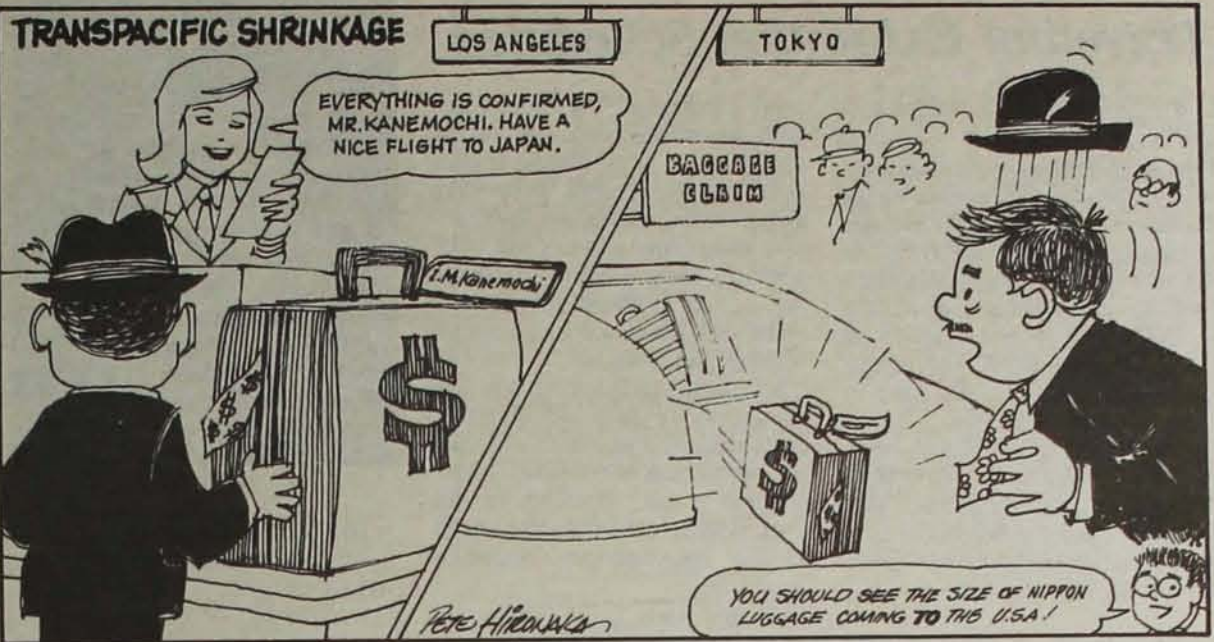
The Court has denied us justice, and by us, I mean not only my father and my family, but also the thousands of people from all over the country who donated over \$70,000 and countless hours of work... to bring this case before the U.S. Supreme Court. There were people who wrote to us saying that they

wished they could donate more, but that they were limited by fixed incomes, or facing medical bills; these are people for whom my father brought the case in the first place, and to whom justice is denied.

Though I am angry and frustrated, I know that we must accept the decision by the Supreme Court as my father did in 1943... as a signal to redouble our efforts in the struggle for justice. Just as he refused to be defeated by the discriminatory military orders and by nine months of solitary confinement, he refused to be defeated when the Colorado Bar Association denied him a license to practice law on account of his "criminal record" and he refused to be defeated when the Redress Bills were repeatedly tabled. On the contrary, every setback in his life served to renew his commitment. And so the Court's ruling urges us to carry on with even greater vigor. The fight continues for the redress bills; the conclusion of his case and the notes from his supporters, many of whom will not live to see justice if it is delayed any longer, reminds us of the urgency of that fight.

My father's case is over, but his legacy continues. His vision was wider than a single legal case, a single issue, or even a single cause. He was so totally committed to fighting injustice, in the broadest and deepest sense. That was his real legacy. To fight, and to continue to fight... to pursue justice and equality in all its forms: legally, politically, economically and culturally. The struggle is ongoing and ever-renewed.

Ours is not a headline victory, but like my father's original case in 1943, a moral victory, because I know that we have done the right thing.



## 'Takushi'

EAST  
WIND

Bill  
Marutani



YES, THAT'S "TAXI" in *Nihongo*. Just to make sure, I checked it in my little *jiten*. In doing so, I picked up a few other tidbits from that dictionary: "*Nagashi no takushi*" means "a cruising cab"—"*nagashi*" as in flowing ("*nagareru*"). And "*Takushi no tamari-ba*" is—you guessed it—a place where taxis gather or, in short, a taxi stand. Tuck these phrases in your memory; you might have use for them. But with my luck, I'll probably get a puzzled look from the *uten-shu* (cabbie) followed by (in *Nihongo*) "Oh you mean taxi '*su-tan-do*'!"

THE SUBJECT is triggered by an item in the *Wall Street Journal* about a particular cab company, "MK Taxi," in Kyoto. No doubt a number of you out there also noticed it and read it with interest. Riding a cab in Japan is quite a different experience than what we encounter, say, in New York City or just about anywhere in the United States. But the major metropolitan areas are the worse: cigarette butts on the floor, torn upholstery, dirty windows, a few battle scars exhibiting how macho the driver is.

Not so in Japan. I'VE NEVER SEEN a dirty cab in Japan. Outside, spotless; inside, so clean that I check my clothing to make sure that I haven't picked up some soil along the way. Many of

them have those spotless white doilies at shoulder level, and one is hesitant about leaning back. (Imagine riding a cab, ramrod straight during the journey.) Never attempt to place your luggage in the passenger compartment, unless you're prepared to incur the ire of the *uten-shu*. Such items belong in the trunk, and the *uten-shu* will place it there. Small items, perhaps on the floor in the front compartment with the driver.

But back to the WSJ article. IN KYOTO, JAPAN, there's an enterprising cab company owner by the name of Sadao Aoki, who happens to be of Korean lineage. His cabs are all dignified black; none of these stripes, gaudy colors and so on. His drivers: uniformed à la airline pilots with wings on their uniform caps. Says Mr. Aoki: "You take care of your passengers by taking care of your drivers. The drivers are important, and they should feel that way. They're like land pilots." His concern for his cabbies extends to

providing subsidized housing for them, reasoning that if they sleep better, they'll be more alert and have fewer accidents—thereby actually saving money. Instead of the 40% standard driver's share provided by other competing companies, Mr. Aoki shares 60% with his drivers.

Ever have a cab stop and refuse your business because your destination is nearby, i.e. the trip is too short? Not so with M.K. Taxi in Kyoto. Mr. Aoki orders his drivers to turn down no fares, even short trips. Hallelujah.

AND GET THIS: Mr. Aoki applied to the government regulators to lower his governmentally-set fares, contending that lowered fares would increase ridership and reverse the trend of the falling use of taxis. The Transport Ministry rejected his request. Mr. Aoki, no quitter he, sued—and won. The case is on appeal, but meanwhile the folks in Kyoto, at least, can ride at a lower fare: 430 when the meter flag drops.

AT AGE FIFTEEN, Mr. Aoki came from Korea to Japan to study. Now age 59, he recalls times when he was so hungry that he cried. He started out peddling gasoline by bicycle. Today? Well, how about 30 billion in sales a year? Divide that by 130 yen to the dollar.

Aoki-san: congrats!

## MATCHMAKING

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on calling all the shots. A mother showed up with her eldest in tow. Ichiro, 32, is a graduate of prestigious Tokyo University and works for a large corporation. As soon as he joined our dating pool, he was besieged with requests for interviews.

But Ichiro's mother vetoed every candidate, usually because the young lady's family was somehow not good enough. She was used to making all the decisions; Ichiro was trained to obey.

After several introductions, Ichiro suddenly announced that he had settled on a "steady," Kazuko. His mother didn't approve of Kazuko's father's schooling, company or position and tried to discourage the budding romance.

But Ichiro was in love and dated Kazuko on the sly. It was his first defiance of a maternal wish, the first decision he had ever made on his own.

The mother was shocked when she discovered her son's deception. She asked the agency to intervene and help separate the couple. When we demurred, she barraged Kazuko's house with irate telephone calls, demanding an end to the affair. Then Kazuko's mother entered the fray, urging her daughter to land this prize catch quickly.

Kazuko became fed up with the calculating antics of both families. Put off by her boyfriend's mother fixation and callow behavior, she lost interest in him. Ichiro's mother

was hospitalized with a nervous breakdown. The love story ended in disaster.

Changing sex roles also complicate marriage. Many eligible women are not content to live in a man's shadow; they opt for careers and defer marriage. But a woman whose job plans have been thwarted by sexual discrimination may insist on an overachiever spouse, thriving vicariously on his success. Such husband-hunters can be cold and calculating.

Ambitious young women rank marital candidates in terms of occupation, income and schooling. A key criterion is whether a prospective mate plans to establish a household of his own rather than live with his parents. Height and good looks are also a factor. Engineers and businessmen slated for attractive overseas assignments top the eligibility list.

Men, on the other hand, feel intimidated by career women with degrees from top colleges. Take the case of Noriko Saito, 30, an executive who graduated from Tokyo University.

Noriko told us she didn't care about her future husband's academic background or work as long as he accepted her career. But the man we picked for her balked when he heard she was from Japan's No. 1 university.

"My wife has to be someone I can relax with," he explained. "If I marry a woman from Tokyo University, I'll never win an argument. I'll take the plain garden-variety. No frills for me."

The feminine desire for freedom can give the dating game a bizarre twist. Keiko Shimizu, a 32-year-old housewife, came to us one day saying she wanted to find her husband a new wife. Her spouse was a middle-echelon manager with a major firm. She had no complaints about his job or position, but his workaholic and dull personality left her cold.

The husband flatly refused to grant a divorce. "I'd be lonely," he complained. "And besides, who would cook for me?"

Rather than prolong a meaningless relationship, the bored wife decided to find her husband a replacement, and then go back to work and raise the kids herself. We were sympathetic but couldn't help her—only singles can join our matchmaking service.

About 20 percent of the young people we bring together actually marry. Successful matches involve individuals who are considerate and independent. Failures usually occur when one party lacks basic manners or doesn't know how to socialize with the opposite sex.

No matter how hard we try, some lonely hearts just can't be helped. Love is the most human emotion but many of our members appear incapable of opening up to another person.

Our matchmaking agency performs a vital social function: we train people in the art of human relations. Even the most hopeless cases get a second chance.

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## INOUE

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down vote on the *contra* question on Feb. 34, which Congress has thus far avoided.

Inoue was in the national spotlight during the summer months of 1987 when the Iran/*contra* hearings were televised. He was the chairman of the Senate and House committees investigating arms sales to Iran to fund the *contras*. The WW2 veteran is believed to be the main contender for the Senate majority leader position should the incumbent, Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.) step aside in 1989.



## Traveling Exhibition Scheduled

LOS ANGELES—A traveling version of the exhibition, "Japanese Photography in America, 1920-1940," which was originally shown at the Doizaki Gallery in the spring of 1986, has been reorganized under the auspices of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACCC), Los Angeles, by Guest Curator Dennis Reed. The exhibition has been scheduled to travel to the following institutions:

Oakland Museum, Oakland, Calif., February 6-March 27; Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc, Wis., May 29-October 26; Whitney Museum of American Art at Equitable Center, New York, Sept 1-Oct. 26.

Once thought lost, the photographs in this exhibition represent a rediscovery. In the years between the two World Wars, at least 180 art photographers of Japanese ancestry were active in the United States, and they saw their works exhibited and published internationally. With the relocation of Japanese Americans at the onset of World War II,

many photographs by these Japanese Americans were lost or destroyed, and the photographers, along with their contributions, were forgotten. This exhibition, the result of a pioneering effort of recovery, offers the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of these photographs, and the skill and accomplishments of these photographers.

It is particularly appropriate that the works of these early photographers are being circulated under the auspices of the JACCC, whose purpose is the promotion and the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Japanese and Japanese Americans.

Dennis Reed, guest curator, will speak at the Oakland Museum on Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. The lecture is entitled "Japanese Photography in America—An Overview."

For more information about this exhibit or its fully-illustrated 184 page catalogue contact the Doizaki Gallery (213) 628-2725 or Dennis Reed at the L.A. Valley College (818) 781-1200, ext. 400.



Dr. Hideko Bannai

• **Dr. Hideko Bannai** of Gardena, Calif., was appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors by Gov. George Deukmejian. As a teacher at the USC School of Education, Bannai was involved in the development of several educational programs, including a Master of Science Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) and state authorized bilingual teaching programs in Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese and Japanese.

• **Clayton S. Fong** was appointed deputy appointments secretary by California Gov. George Deukmejian on Dec. 31. Fong, 28, is a community liaison for the Governor's Office of Community Relations. He received his bachelor's degree in health arts and sciences from the University of California, Berkeley in 1982.

• **Dale Fukamaki** was named president of the Board of Trustees of the Exceptional Children's Foundation, a nonprofit organization established to help developmentally disabled children and adults reach their full potential. Fukamaki, 57, is co-founder of the Asian Business Association, a past president of the Optimist Club of Westside Los Angeles and current president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers. He and his wife, Toni, have four children,



Mike Murase

Rick, Darrel, Dana and Robyn.

• **Dr. Richard Ikeda** of Carmichael, Calif., was selected as the chief medical consultant to the Board of Medical Quality Assurance in Sacramento. He received his A.B. from Harvard, his M.D. from the University of Vienna Medical School in Austria and specialty training in pathology at the University of California, Davis/Sacramento Medical Center. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California Public Affairs Center in Sacramento.

• **Kim Kanatani**, an education specialist at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, Calif., was named California's Outstanding Art Museum Educator for 1987 by the California Art Education Association. She earned the recognition for developing Contemporary Art Start, an art education program unique to the greater Los Angeles area which is aimed at introducing elementary students and teachers to contemporary art and culture. Kanatani, 31, received her bachelor of arts from UCLA and is currently pursuing her masters degree in Art Education.

• **Mike Murase** was appointed the California campaign director for the Jesse Jackson for President '88 Committee. His duties will include field organizing, constituency develop-



Gerald H. Yamada

ment, the delegate selection process, Democratic Party relations and the get-out-the vote operation. He is the chairperson of Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament, the executive director of the California Rainbow Coalition, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Rainbow Coalition, Inc., and was the president of the Little Tokyo Service Center for five years. He received his bachelor's degree from UCLA and his law degree from USC.

• **Pete Newell** received the Order of the Sacred Treasure Dec. 9, 1987, in Los Angeles from the consul general of Japan; the award was bestowed for his promotion of basketball in Japan. Newell coached basketball for UC Berkeley and the University of San Francisco. His son, Tom, is the assistant coach for the Seattle Supersonics.

• **Gerald H. Yamada**, deputy general counsel of the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C., was awarded an EPA Gold Medal for Exceptional Service at the 17th Annual Honor Awards Ceremony held on Dec. 9, 1987. The presentation was made by EPA Administrator Lee Thomas. Yamada is married to Nancy Mizokami Yamada; they have a daughter, Erin. Yamada also received an EPA Gold Medal in 1982. He is a member of Washington, D.C. JACL and is a past chapter president.

## NJAHS Members Enjoy Bonen-Kai

SAN FRANCISCO — Traditional Japanese New Year foods dominated the potluck lunch at the National Japanese American Historical Society's (NJAHS) fourth annual Bonen-Kai Dec. 27. More than one hundred members and guests gathered at this year-end social held at the NJAHS office building to celebrate another successful year.

A summary highlighting the activities and projects of the society this past year was given by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, vice president. First acknowledging the many hours of assistance provided by the hundreds of volunteers who provide the manpower for the operation of NJAHS, Uyeda then gave a detailed report of the major programs undertaken by the society in 1987. Topping the accomplishments were the official programs presented by NJAHS in cooperation with the National Veterans Organization and the National JACL in Washington, D.C., Oct. 1-2, to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and the opening of the Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. More than 3,500 Nikkei and friends were in attendance at these events.

Yoshimi Shibata, active NJAHS member, was asked to present his views on the potentials of programs and projects currently under con-

sideration by the historical society. After deliberation and analysis, Shibata stressed the importance of strengthening the organization through active recruitment of additional volunteers to develop program, planning, and participation, as well as the necessity for developing and broadening the organization's base of operations to fulfill these objectives.

Harry Iwafuchi handled the sale of the video cassette, produced by Bay Area Sansei Paul Hara, which covers all the above-mentioned historic programs in Washington. The moving addresses presented by the five Nikkei congressional representatives at the opening ceremony, which was held on the Capitol steps,

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are prominently featured in the film. A limited number of the 40-minute VHS tapes is available at a cost of \$20/members and \$25/non-members, including shipping costs. Orders can be sent direct to the NJAHS office, 1855 Folsom St., San Francisco 94103, telephone (415) 431-5007.

NJAHS announced that copies of NJAHS' commemorative booklet which includes a comprehensive chronology and detailed information and essays on the total Japanese American experience can be obtained for \$10 a copy, plus \$2 for postage and handling. (P/H is \$2.50 for 2 books, \$3 for 3, \$3.50 for 4, \$4 for 5 books).

The program for the social was under the direction of Ryo Uchida, who served as the master of ceremonies. Jim Kajiura conducted the distribution of door prizes, assisted by Hank Sakamoto, Wally Nunotani and Hank Shiono. Co-chairpersons Lucy Adachi and Yuri Shiono publicly thanked the members and guests who supported this popular annual event.

## The Calendar

### LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-Jan. 24—East West Players presents *Stew Rice*. 8 pm Thurs-Sat.; 7:30 pm Sundays; 2 pm matinees, Sat. and Sun. Tickets: \$12, Thurs.-Sat.; \$10 for matinees. 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present-Feb. 21—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei*. 8 pm Sat.; 7:30 pm Sun. The Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood. Call for reservations. Tickets: \$10. Info: 213 466-1767.

■ Present-Feb. 14—"Zen Through the Ages: Paintings from the Sanso Collection," including 39 Japanese ink painting created by or for Zen monks from the 14th through 19th centuries. Montgomery Gallery, Pomona College campus, corner of Bonita and College Avenues in Claremont. 1-5 pm daily. Free. Info: 714 621-8146.

■ Jan. 23—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California installation dinner, New Otani Hotel, 1st and Los Angeles Streets. 6:30 pm, no-host cocktails; 7:30 pm, dinner. Guest Speaker: Mako. Performing Artists: East West Players. Reservations deadline: Jan. 18; send \$25 to Kiyo Fukumoto, 1819 Fillmore Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754 or call 818 288-0024 (eve.).

■ Jan. 25 & 30—The Western Region Asian American Program presents two free community education programs entitled "Parenting Issues: Understanding Cultural Differences." Features new skills and new ideas about

raising children. Jan. 25—7:30 pm at the First Tongan Assembly of God Church, 11122 S. Avalon Blvd. Jan. 30—5:30 pm, at the Tongan Lady of Rosary Church, 14815 Paramount Blvd., Paramount. Info: Bounphong Phomthavong, Emily Takeuchi or Ilaiaane Fehoko, 213 478-8241.

■ Jan. 31—Deadline for entries for the 3rd Annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific American International Film Festival. Sponsored by Visual Communications and the UCLA Film Archives, the festival seeks features, dramatic/narratives, documentaries, experimental works and animation. Super 8mm, 16mm and 35mm entries should involve Asian Pacific culture, history and experiences. Info: Abraham Ferrer, coordinator; Los Angeles Asian Pacific American International Film Festival; c/o Visual Communications; 263 S. Los Angeles St., Suite 307; Los Angeles, CA 90012 or call 213 680-4462.

■ Jan. 31—Classical kabuki dance, 2 pm, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Sponsored by the Traditional Arts Exchange Society of Japan in cooperation with the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and the Kenjinkai Kyogikai of Southern California. Tickets: \$25/reserved section; \$20/general admission. A few general admission seats are expected to be available on the performance day at the Scottish Rite box office. Info: Mikko Haggott, 213 378-3550.

### NEW YORK

■ Feb. 11—The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund's 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Dinner, Silver Palace Restaurant, 50-52 Bowery, New York City. \$50/person; \$100/ sponsor; tables, \$500; sponsor tables, \$1,000. RSVP by Feb. 1 for dinner seats. Annual "Justice in Action" Awards to be presented to Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga; Irene Natividad; and Anthony M. Tung. 5:30 pm, cocktails; 6:30 pm, dinner.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ Jan. 25—East Bay Nikkei Singles meeting, at the California First Bank in Oakland. Membership attendance requested for elections. Info: Cherry, 415 893-0113, Terry, 415 352-8668 or Tee, 415 523-5205.

### SEATTLE

■ Present-Jan. 31—Exhibition of *sumi* and sculpture by George Tsutakawa, 10 am-5:30 pm, Mon.-Sat.; noon-5 pm, Sun. Foster-White Gallery, 311 1/2 Occidental Ave. S.

■ Present-Feb. 14—Northwest Asian American Theatre presents "The Gambling Den" by Akemi Kikumura, Wed.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; Theatre: Off-Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. Tickets: \$10, general; \$7, student-youth/seniors. Info: 206 340-1049.

■ Present-Feb. 14—The Group Theatre Co. presents *Changing Faces*, experiences of Asian American women, by Nikki Nojima Louis, Tues.-Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; matinees on Sat., Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2 pm; Ethnic Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. NE. Tickets: \$11, Tues.-Thurs. and Sun.; \$13.50, Fri. and Sat.; matinees, \$9. Info: 206 543-4327.

■ Jan. 23—"Oshogatsu," a celebration of the Japanese new year presented by the Nippon Kan Heritage Assoc., 7:30 pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Tickets: \$7, adults; \$5, seniors/students. Info: 206 624-8801.

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## DOWNTOWN

• Installation Luncheon, Jan. 24, Hyatt Regency on 711 S. Hope St., 1-3 pm. Cost: \$20/person. Info: Marylyn Nakata, 818 288-6609 or Jimmy Tokeshi, 213 734-4273.

## DIABLO

• Annual Installation Dinner, Jan. 24, China Pavillion. 5 pm, cocktails; 6 pm, dinner. Guest Speaker: Mary Tsukamoto. Installing Officer: Mollie Fujioka. Info: Hannah Yasuda, 415 934-2610.

## GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Installation Dinner Dance, Jan. 30, Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation, Red Baron Room. 6 pm, no-host cocktails; 7 pm, dinner (\$20). Music by Taka. Reservation Deadline: Jan. 25. Info: 2 3327-0099 or 213 477-6997.

## SOUTH BAY

• Potluck supper, Feb. 6, commu-

nity room of the Pacific Business Bank, 510 W. Carson St. Topic: "Sex and Sansei Singles, Pt. II." Facilitator: Midori Watanabe Kamei.

• "Fun in the Snow" is the theme for planned by the Sansei Singles Committee of the South Bay JACL, for the weekend of Feb. 19, 20 & 21. The committee has reserved a modern, completely furnished, vacation home in the Snow Summit area of Big Bear that will house 15 people. Cost: \$75; covers lodging and all meals. Deposit: \$25. Send to: Midori Watanabe Kamei, 28011 Indian Rock Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Info: 213 541-6698.

## STOCKTON

• 1988 Installation Dinner, Jan. 30, Ramada Inn, Sunset Rm., 6:30 pm. Keynote Speaker: Ron Wakabayashi.

## VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation Dinner, Feb. 21, 6 pm, the Lobster Trap Restaurant, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Channel Islands Harbor. Guest Speaker: Bill Watababe, director of the Little Tokyo Service Center. Cost: \$16. RSVP by Feb. 5. Info: Gladys Kohatsu, 805 488-3986 or Gene Matsutsumi, 805 983-8035.

• The Ventura County JACL Singles will meet on Feb. 7, at Denny's, 1659 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo, 9 am. Info: Stan Mukai, 805 388-2974.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

• The 42nd Annual Installation Dinner Dance, Jan. 30, Fort Myers Office

ers' Club, Arlington, Va. 7-7:30 pm, cocktails; 7:45 pm, dinner; 10-midnight, dancing. Speaker: Rep. Patricia Saiki. Theme: Hawaiian Night. Cost: JACL members, \$22; students, \$19; non-members, \$24. Reservations: Katherine Matsuki, 301 946-6995. Deadline: Jan. 27. Mail checks to: Lily A. Okura, chairman, 6303 Friendship Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817.

## Seattle Arranging National JACL Golf Tournament

SEATTLE — The Seattle JACL is arranging a National JACL Golf Tournament just prior to the start of the 1988 National JACL Convention in Seattle. The tournament is 36 holes, played on Aug. 4 and 5. There will be a sports award dinner on Aug. 5 at the University of Washington, the convention headquarters. Survey forms for interested persons were sent to all chapter presidents.

Men's and women's flights will consist of: JACL Champion Flight, no handicap (for JACL members only); Handicap Flights (bring evidence of July 1988 club handicap); and a Calloway Flight (for those without established club handicaps).

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