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## Southern California Elections

### Asian Americans Look Good in Local Elections

LOS ANGELES — Asian Americans vying for various political offices in Southern California fared well in April 12 elections. In Monterey Park, Dr. Judy Chu, running for one of two seats on the city council, led a field of eight candidates, winning

3,438 votes, 684 more than her closest opponent.

However, in Gardena, Jonathan Kaji, Gardena JACL Chapter president lost to Lorenzo Ybarra in a tight race for city treasurer. Incumbent Dr. Paul Tsukahara, running

for city council, won his race.

Not far away, in Carson, incumbent City Councilman Michael Mitoma, running for one of three available seats, was the front runner by a very slim margin with about half of the precincts reporting.

### Shoe Advertisement Insults Japanese, Chinese

SAN FRANCISCO — A shoe advertisement combining ad copy about "Japanese" foot binding with a photo of what are presumably a woman's feet clad in *geta* made Nikki (Noriko) Bridges of San Francisco stomping mad. The ad, which appeared in the April 1988 issue of *Working Woman* magazine, is for Florsheim shoes and contains text that in part reads, "Some women have to bind their feet. But you don't." Following in smaller type,

the ad continues, "In Japan they used to bind women's feet for tradition's sake. In America, women still do it for fashion's sake."

The ad offended Bridges to the point of writing a letter to high ranking executives of the shoe manufacturer, promising that her family "will never again wear a pair of Florsheims." She also informed Florsheim that she would recommend against Florsheim shoes to all her friends. She also sent a critical letter to the editor in chief of *Working Woman* magazine.

In her criticism of the ad, Bridges complained that the ad is misleading because it incorrectly juxtaposes Japanese men's footwear with Japanese women's footwear; it confuses footbinding, historically a Chinese practice, with something Japanese; and, the ad, written in the present

tense, makes it appear that footbinding is still practiced when, according to Bridges, "... the practice of binding Chinese (not Japanese) women's feet ceased in the 1900's."

#### Florsheim's Reply

Since writing her letter, Bridges has received a reply from Ronald J. Mueller, president of Florsheim Shoe Co. In it, Mueller wrote, "We have reviewed your letter... the viewpoint expressed in your letter given us greater awareness. We are sorry when anyone takes offense with Florsheim product advertising or promotion." The letter also made it known that the ad would be discontinued.

"That's as close to an apology as we were going to get... But the important thing is that the ad is pulled," said Bridges in a telephone conversation.

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### Japan to Handle Issue of Re-entry Permits 'Flexibly'

TOKYO, Japan — Japan's Justice Minister has announced that local government offices will handle "flexibly" the controversial issue of re-entry permits for foreign residents who refuse to be fingerprinted for registration cards.

"We will flexibly permit a re-entry if the purpose of the person's travel abroad is truly unavoidable," Minister Yukio Hayashida said at an Upper House Committee Session in Japan's Diet (Parliament) on judicial matters.

Hayashida's remark came two months before Japan's newly revised rules requiring resident aliens to be fingerprinted will be put into effect, said an official of the ministry's Immigration Bureau who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Hayashida indicated permits would be considered on a humanitarian basis for those who must attend a relative's funeral abroad or similar unavoidable situations. Fingerprinting of foreign residents is required under Japan's Alien Registration Law.

The revised rules include allowing resident aliens, aged 16 or older and living in Japan for more than three months, to have their left index finger printed only once when applying for an alien registration card.

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### Will Require a Check-off System to Count Subgroups

### Matsui to Amend Census Bill

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) has announced he will amend H.R. 3823 to require the U.S. Census Bureau to use a check-off system, rather than its proposed "fill-in-the-blank" method for tabulating Asian American subgroups in its 1990 census.

The new provision would require the bureau to use a tabulation system similar to that used during the 1980 census.

On its 1980 form, the bureau listed nine Asian Americans subgroups (such as Chinese, Japanese and Korean). Respondents were asked to check off their appropriate category. For the 1990 census, however, the bureau plans to ask Asian Americans to write in their subgroup in a "fill-in-the-blank" manner.

In March, the Census Bureau informed Matsui that it had decided to reverse its earlier decision to not count Asian American subgroups on a 100 percent basis for the 1990 census. Matsui viewed the news as encouraging but said he was dis-

satisfied with the write-in format.

"A write-in questionnaire will be less efficient and more costly than a check-off questionnaire," said the congressman. "How can a system in which Asian Americans must write in their subgroup be superior to a check-off system? It simply defies common sense, especially given the language barrier faced by many Asian Americans."

Last December, Matsui had introduced legislation, H.R. 3823, in the U.S. House of Representatives to require the bureau to conduct a complete and timely count of Asian American subgroups. The bill has the bipartisan support of more than 40 members of Congress and has been endorsed by states agencies, community leaders, private organizations and local governments.

"A full and accurate census is essential in ensuring the proper delivery of social services to all Americans," Matsui said. "The changes in my legislation are intended to assist in that process."

### S. 1009: No Action Yet

By Grayce Uyehara

WASHINGTON — Congress returned from its Easter recess on April 11, after the close of business March 30. Not only the Japanese American community, but all those who have been working to see passage of S. 1009 on the Senate floor were disappointed that the vote did not take place before the recess.

For the week of March 28, Senate activities included a filibuster of S. 79, the legislation to require employers to notify workers who are exposed to hazardous substances, which required proponents of the bill to pull it from the Senate floor March 29. The Senate then passed two bills, one which restructures the nation's financial system and another which bails out the uranium industry by setting up a new government uranium enrichment corporation. In addition, there was quick action when Congress approved the Contra-aid package. The House of Representatives passed the bill with overwhelming votes on March 30, and the Senate repeated the lopsided vote on the following day.

This summary of the week before Congress shut down for the Easter recess demonstrates the unpredictability of scheduling S. 1009. The bill's agenda for the Senate seems to be made with very short notice. However, the JACL-LEC office has been notified that after the fiscal 1989 budget resolution, which was taken up on April 11, is passed S. 1009 should be coming forth. The budget resolution will be on the Senate floor April 13 and possibly April 14 as well.

#### Campaign in Full Swing

Already the JACL-LEC office

notes that the campaign for the president's signature is in full swing. The present goal for the organization is getting out 50,000 letters and 5,000 mailgrams to the White House. JACL-LEC plans to use the Western Union Hotline Service to send mailgrams to the White House and states that \$20,000 will be expended to allow supporters of the redress legislation to call in without charge to send one of two pre-stored messages to the president. A \$10,000 contribution was granted to JACL-LEC from the Minoru Yasui Memorial Fund for the mailgram campaign. This will be matched by the JACL-LEC from the lobbying budget and means that the mailgram campaign can underwrite close to 5,000 mailgrams. After the \$20,000 is expended, mailgrams will be charged to the senders.

#### Legislation Under Review

Although the prior position of the Department of Justice, as expressed in letters, held that the Evacuation Claims Act had taken care of reparations, Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC legislative strategies chair, notes that this is no longer the case. Ujifusa, who met with department officials before the Easter recess, said, "The current position is that the redress legislation is under review and the response letters will reflect the change in the department's position." The JACL-LEC office adds that redress supporters should not be discouraged by any other news received about the president's position. For, in the final analysis, the decision to sign the redress legislation will be up to the president.

Grayce Uyehara is JACL-LEC executive director.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Woo Running For U.S. Senate

DOVER, Del. — Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo plans to run for the Senate seat currently held by Sen. William Roth, a three-term Republican. Part of Woo's fund-raising strategy reportedly includes raising \$1 million from the Chinese American community.

If successful, Woo, a Democrat, would be the first Chinese American elected to the U.S. Senate since Hawaii's Hiram Fong.

### Asian Americans Examined in Article

An article in the March 9, 1988 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* examined the impact of Asian American influence in California's higher education policies. The article, entitled "350 Asian-American Leaders Create Statewide Lobbying Group to Influence the Politics of Higher Education in California," gives an overview of the Feb. 26-28 conference held in Oakland, Calif.

### Mother Kills Self, 2 Children

ANAHEIM, Calif. — In an apparent case of *oyaku shinju* (parental suicide coupled with the killing of the offspring), Mitsui Sakai, 28, and her two daughters died of smoke inhalation after setting fire to the living room of their house.

Mrs. Sakai and her husband, Hideo, both emigrated from Japan and apparently had been experiencing marital problems. Their daughters were aged 4 and 5.

In cases of *oyaku shinju*, the children are killed when the parents commit suicide so that the children will not become orphans.

### CSULB Scholarship Remembers Toshima

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Karen Chikako Toshima. Toshima, a 27-year-old design major graduate of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), was killed in March by a stray bullet in the crossfire of gang-related gunfire in Westwood. The fund, established by Toshima's parents, Paul and Frances, and CSULB, will award a \$500 scholarship to a student in the School of Fine Arts at CSULB each year. To qualify, a student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average in design/art classes and be enrolled in 9 or more units at CSULB. Contributions to the scholarship fund, which currently will be able to continue for at least four years, may be sent to: Karen Toshima Scholarship Fund, CSULB School of Fine Arts, c/o Joan Slack, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840. For more information, call (213) 498-4364.





**CHECK PRESENTED**—Kaz Furusho (left), representing the Buddhist Churches of America Social Welfare Fund committee recently presented a \$2,500 check to the Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers (NCJASC) conference committee members (l-r) Yukio Kitagawa, John Yamada and Steve Nakajo. NCJASC is sponsoring the "Nikkei Forum: Issues and Concerns of Aging" conference in San Francisco on May 13, 14 and 15.

## LTSC Sponsors Nikkei Helpline

LOS ANGELES — The Nikkei Helpline, sponsored by the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), is a 24-hour bilingual telephone helpline directed toward helping Japanese and Japanese Americans who require assistance on a variety of concerns.

Covered by the LTSC staff and nearly 30 volunteers, the helpline has been handling hundreds of phone calls on a 24-hour basis for over a year. Begun two years ago, it services Los Angeles and Orange County, north to Bakersfield, west to Santa Barbara and south to San Diego.

Because the idea of shame is strong in the Japanese culture, the helpline provides callers with anonymity. In addition, callers can

avoid phone costs by using the helpline's 800 number and talk to Japanese-speaking counselors, since several of the volunteers are bilingual. The LTSC staff notes that these volunteers are trained to be sensitive to the special needs of members of the Nikkei community.

The helpline is funded with donations and a grant from AT & T, and has helped thousands of people in the Japanese community "with everything from referrals to Japanese-speaking doctors to drug and alcohol problems," said Bill Watanabe, LTSC executive director.

Those in need of assistance should call 1-800-Nikkei-1. LTSC is a private non-profit charitable corporation providing social welfare and counseling services for the Japanese American community in Los Angeles.

## AA Studies Prize Established at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Yale University recently announced that a major fund-raising campaign has been completed to establish the Henry Kazumi Hayase Prize in American Studies at the university. The academic prize will be awarded annually, beginning in the spring semester of 1988, to the finest undergraduate paper or senior thesis on the historical and contemporary experiences of Asian Americans written by a Yale undergraduate. The prize, which will be administered by Yale's American Studies Department, is the first undergraduate prize in Asian American Studies in the nation.

According to Drs. Don Nakanishi and Jack Belkin, who were national co-chairs of the campaign, the prize was founded "to recognize the enormous personal impact which Henry Hayase had as a pioneer in the development of Asian American Studies and Asian American student affairs during his undergraduate years, 1969-73. The prize will serve to inspire future generations of Yale students to engage in serious study about the Asian American experience during their undergraduate years."

Hayase, who was born in 1951 in Tokyo, Japan, matriculated at Yale with his good friend Belkin. At Yale, Hayase had a distinguished academic career, graduating *magna cum laude* with honors in sociology. He was also the first Yale student to ever write a senior thesis on the Japanese American experience, and he contributed to the development of Yale's first courses in Asian

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American Studies. In addition, Hayase worked with other members of the Asian American Students Association in establishing *Amerasia Journal*, which became the leading scholarly publication in Asian American Studies.

Says Nakanishi, "Hayase had high marks in scholarship, but he received even higher marks for his immeasurable and lasting contributions to undergraduate life at Yale. It was because of his imaginative and rigorous research on the number of Asian American students who had attended Yale in the 270 years before he set foot on campus—and there were about a hundred of them—that Yale, and eventually all Ivy League institutions, changed their admissions policies towards Asian Americans."

At present, over 500 Asian Americans are part of Yale's undergraduate student body of 5,000. It also was because of Hayase that a special counseling program for entering minority freshmen at Yale became firmly established and continues to this day.

### Strengthening Ties

After Yale, Hayase pursued his long-standing goal of strengthening the ties between the U.S. and Japan. He co-authored two books on Japanese scholarship while he was a student at Tokyo's Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, as well as the University of Tokyo's prestigious Sociology Department. After two years in Japan, he enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, where he re-

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## Deaths

Kanomata, Charles Chusaburo, 100, Pocatello, Idaho, died Dec. 12, 1987, at his daughter's home. An Issei pioneer and Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL member, he operated a dry cleaning business in 1909, sold it in 1939 and returned to Japan because of family illness. He and his wife returned in 1950, resuming the business until he retired in 1980. He was decorated by Japan with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 6th Class. Surviving are d Sumi Kanomata, Mae Endow, 6 gc and 4 ggc.

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## Native Americans' Pleas to Ban Textbooks Are Rejected

SALT LAKE CITY — A report published in the March 12 issue of the Blackfoot, Ida., *Morning News*, states that the Utah state Textbook Commission has rejected pleas made by Native Americans to remove a textbook from elementary schools. The book contains stories by Washington Irving and colonist John Smith that depict Native Americans as blood-thirsty savages.

The commission refused March 10

to withdraw state approval for the book *What Joy Awaits You* by Open Court Publishing Co., and said educators can offset negative images by teaching critical-thinking skills.

A company representative said a supplemental text is being prepared to help educators discuss how perceptions of Native Americans have changed. The publishing company will also revise the text in 1989

to include treaty violations and atrocities against Native Americans. However, it will not remove classical writings that describe Indians as savages.

The company said that ten other states have approved the book, including Idaho and California.

Several Native Americans had asked the commission to remove the book, including Roger and Bimmer Horsen, teachers at South high and Canyon View Elementary schools. Mrs. Horsen said that asking children to consider how perceptions of Indians have changed won't offset the degrading references.

"Perceptions of Native Americans have not changed since the early American era," she said. "If they had, we wouldn't be having a hearing today."

Horston stated that the book doesn't conform to state school standards that endorse the promotion of self-esteem in children. He noted that school boards and the public would be outraged if sex magazines were permitted in the schools, but are silent on Indians' concerns.

Commission member Clark Cox, superintendent of Alpine School District, said he is not willing to remove the book or to delete offensive passages because it would "make pabulum of literature."

Open Court representative Gerry Lebo said that the publishing company hopes to revise the text to include excerpts from Indians' points of view. If other publishers permit, stories from the *Trail of Tears* will be included, telling of the forcible removal of 70,000 Indians from the east to the Oklahoma territory in which countless Indians died.

## APSU Holding Berkeley Conference

BERKELEY, Calif. — The Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union (APSU) will be holding its tenth annual statewide conference April 23 on the University of California, Berkeley campus. The conference's workshops, panel discussions and speakers will address this year's theme of "APSU: A Decade Later... Building Our Future and Demanding Our Rights."

Some of the workshop topics include "Community Empowerment," "The Immigrant Experience," "Educational Rights," "Women in Leadership," "Anti-Asian Violence," "Model Minority Myth/Identity" and "Asian Pacific Men and Women: Perspectives/Stereotypes."

Keynote speeches will be delivered by Mabel Teng of the Chinese Progressive Association and Rep.

Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.).

According to APSU, the past ten years have represented a growth of the Asian Pacific Islander student movement. APSU was formed in 1978 by a handful of students who were concerned about the implications of the Bakke Decision. Since then, it has grown to include numerous campuses and organizations throughout California, with plans for a national link-up with East Coast and Midwest Asian/Pacific Islander groups.

APSU seeks to provide leadership and support to many statewide campus organizations. It has been actively involved with issues such as anti-Asian violence (through the Vincent Chin case), the Chol Soo Lee case, Pilipino Affirmative Action and redress and reparations for Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps during WW2.

Anyone may attend the conference. Registration at the door is \$13. For more information, contact Sheri Miyashiro, (213) 265-2553; Augusto Espiritu, (213) 477-8620; or Ted Benito, Pacific Ties, (213) 825-1004.

## SHOE AD

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sation.

Bridges, a San Francisco-based writer, has since written a reply to Mueller to inform him that she received his letter. In her first letter, she interpreted the ad to say, "You think all Asians are alike. You make no distinctions among them. You can't tell them apart. Your attitude demeans me and all Asian persons. It's all right to pass off as female as male image, confuse Chinese with Japanese and point to, as though it were current, an archaic practice similar to slavery in the United States."

Now that Florsheim has become more aware of her feelings and the feeling of her friends, Bridges believes that her letter was worthwhile. "The good thing about writing a letter of that sort is that I feel that I can make a difference."

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**JANM ARCHITECTS**—The Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles recently selected four architects to participate in a joint venture to renovate the museum's permanent site, the former Nishi Hongwanji in Little Tokyo. Pictured (l-r) are Nancy Araki, project coordinator; Yoshio Nishimoto, Robert Uyeda and David Kikuchi, architects; Irene Hirano, museum director; Bruce Kaji, museum president; and Frank Sata, architect.

## 'FLEXIBLY'

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The present rules require such foreigners.

than one year to be fingerprinted once every five years when applying for registration.

The fingerprinting system has been criticized as denigrating and discriminatory. Among Japanese, only criminal suspects are fingerprinted.

A total of 106 requests for re-entry permits by fingerprint refusers, including Japanese American mission-

ary Ronald Fujiyoshi, have been made since 1982, but none of them were granted, the official said.

There are about 867,000 alien residents in Japan, of which more than 678,000 are Koreans, according to Justice Ministry statistics.

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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### Saito: Distinguished Alumnus

A MAN who sports a good-looking moustache, and sometimes not, John J. Saito is completing ten years as the JACL regional director at the Pacific Southwest District Office this year. Come April 24, the Loyola Marymount University's Asian Pacific Alumni Association will honor him as its 1988 distinguished alumnus for outstanding service, celebrating with Mass at Heusmann Hall chapel and a brunch following at the Lair.

John's first years in JACL were involved with employment discrimination, consumer advocacy, servicing the local chapters, liaison with community and JACL district projects. It was to take a biennium for him to visit the 30-plus chapters comprising the district from San Luis Obispo to Arizona. JACL's office was then situated in the old Nishi Hongwanji residence on No. Central Ave.

The Thomas Noguchi and Carol Fujita employment discrimination cases with the civil service commission continued to bear Saito's attention through the decade. Today, he's the staff representative on the national JACL committee dealing with this problem.

The JACL office, by early 1980, had moved to the JACCC top floor with a panoramic view of the city from the hub of Little Tokyo. His stint into the 1980s reckoned with the first national convention in the district in 30 years—the 1982 biennial hosted by Gardena Valley JACL. In more recent times, he served on Attorney General Van de Camp's commission on racial, ethnic, religious and minority violence and the L.A. city human relations committee. These are areas in which Saito can address or speak from a JACL, community or a personal perspective.

His more recent forays into community work are seldom mentioned in these pages (and not just his, but other JACL staffers as well). But they would deal with legal defense, Black, Latino and Asian Pacific Islander minorities, education, anti-defamation, immigration matters, voter registration, assisting recent arrivals, anti-"JAP" (Jewish American Princess?), etc. And so many other concerns remain unidentified—they being tagged as "issues."

P.S.: The P.C. Board meeting in San Francisco the same weekend prevents our attendance at this happy occasion. Let this recitation of some of the things you've covered be our toast to you, John!

## PC BOOKSHELF:

### 'The Eyes of Texas'

The Japanese Texans, by Thomas K. Walls, Institute of Texas Cultures, P.O. Box 1226, San Antonio, TX 78294, 254pp, index, illus., \$14.95 / \$8.95 soft.

by Harry K. Honda

As a transplanted Californian in Texas during World War II (at Abilene, "deep in the heart of Texas", to be precise), thanks to Uncle Sam's Selective Service, I find Thomas Wall's contribution to the Japanese in America library shelf fills a big void.

An author who is a Sansei from his mother's side, Walls' short history of "The Japanese Texans" (Tekisaku no Nikkeijin) had the big Lone Star State to cover but one Japanese community was apparently overlooked—El Paso, probably the biggest during the '30s. It was the only town in Texas prewar where a JACL chapter existed. Mrs. Sally Slocum of Fresno sported the "Texas Sal" nickname for years as she came from that chapter.

Perhaps, El Paso wasn't mentioned because after the 1924 Japanese Exclusion Law it was "the pass" for wetback Issei from Mexico. That's an area of study that really cries for research. It's a good reason for returning to Mexico City, I suppose, for the source for this study is there. Our curiosity on this subject was aroused at the recent 90th Anniversary Japanese Immigration to Mexico celebration at Mexico City.

"The Japanese Texans" was fast-reading history for me, despite all the names of places and people. Many were familiar. However, one popped up unexpectedly—Edison Uno (p. 191) with his picture as a yell-leader (p. 203) at Federal High School inside Crystal City Internment Camp.

#### Internment Camp Close-Ups

It was in connection with the close-up story of the three WW2 Japanese internment camps in Texas. It's the best there is today in popular print. Besides Crystal City, the other two were Seagoville (southeast of Dallas) and Kenedy (between San Antonio and Corpus Christi).

The Unos were prewar Los Angeles people and Edison went on to shake the Nisei establishment out of its Evacuation cocoon in the early '70s to successfully push for repeal Title II of the Emergency Detention Act and campaign for reparations from his postwar San Francisco base.

#### Nikkei in Abilene

A big story I remembered while stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas, was the capture of the Texas-born Nisei, Sgt. Frank Fujita, during the battle of Java by the Imperial Japanese Army and who was reported in a Japanese PW camp in the Philippines. His family lived in Abilene. That piece was sent to the Pacific Citizen, which carried it in its Mar. 4, 1943, issue. Another bit of Texas Nikkei history to add, I suppose.

Houston JACL's picnic is cited in the epilogue, expressing optimism that the Japanese in Texas will survive at least for another generation. There were a lot of children at the picnic.

The book is part of the Institute of Texas Cultures series dealing with the many ethnic groups which have contributed to the Texas scene. The Institute exhibit at the HemisFair Plaza in San Antonio includes a section on the Japanese.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be typewritten (double-spaced) or legibly hand-printed and no more than 200 words. A contact phone number and address must be included or P.C. will not print the letter. Letters may be subject to editing.

### Appealing to Lungren

Last fall at a quarterly meeting of the NCWN District Council in Sacramento, when I asked if anyone tried to persuade Dr. S.I. Hayakawa to modify his opposition to redress, I was met with skeptical laughter.

Feb. 19 I visited Dr. Hayakawa in Mill Valley and presented him with the enclosed letter, requesting Rep. Dan Lungren to concur with the majority in Congress approving HR 442. When I asked him to reconsider his position in the light of recent developments, Dr. Hayakawa graciously consented to study the matter further.

Can you print the letter to Rep. Lungren to encourage your readers to write to both the congressman and to President Ronald Reagan, petitioning them to support the redress bill?

To the Honorable Dan Lungren:

As a Japanese American supporter of your nomination for California state treasurer, may I ask you to reconsider your stand on H.R. 442, the legislation to redress Japanese American evacuees of World War II?

You already support the "Civil Liberties Act of 1987," except for the section awarding \$20,000 to each evacuee. You ably defended your position; but Congress passed the bill by a large margin. The corresponding S. 1009 is endorsed by 75 percent of the Senate.

When the reconciled bill is returned to the House, wouldn't it be a magnanimous gesture to move for unanimous approval of an acceptable redress law? It would demonstrate your willingness to conform to majority rule and your sensitivity to the needs and aspirations of all elements of our society.

It would be a crowning tribute to the gallantry of Japanese American soldiers of World War II, who proved with their blood that "Americanism is a matter of heart and mind, and not of race or ancestry."

It would be a day of great rejoicing for Japanese Americans who have waited 45 years for their faith in America to be fully redeemed!

As vice-chairman of the Commission for Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, you have carefully studied the issue. However, may I briefly outline significant,

but little understood, facts from the perspective of a former evacuee:

#### I. Financial aspects:

A. Because Japanese Americans are an affluent minority with extremely low crime rate and minimal delinquency, they have paid out, and will continue to pay, billions of dollars more in taxes than they receive in benefits. Therefore, in a sense, they—and not their fellow Americans—are paying for the \$1.2 billion cost of redress.

B. The \$20,000 each evacuee will receive is only about \$3,000 in 1942 dollars.

C. Every family sustained considerable financial losses, only a small fraction of which was compensated by the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948.

II. Psychological aspects: (The devastating, traumatic effect of the evacuation can be fully understood only by envisioning oneself in the nightmarish happenings—not by studying statistical data.)

A. Imagine your stunned disbelief, when your government classifies you and your ethnic group as "national security risks" and "enemy aliens," dispossess you of your home and property without due process, and incarcerates you behind barbed wire like common criminals—all without any evidence of wrongdoing.

Imagine your resentment as you suffer from extremes of weather in desert wastelands, from inconveniences caused by being crowded into crude barracks, from lack of proper medical facilities, and from a host of other deprivations.

Only a small fraction of evacuees who suffered much testified at hearings of the CWRIC. Among the thousands whose experiences were too painful to recall is a South Bay resident, whose mother died because of the 110 degree heat in a relocation center. Try to imagine a teenager's unbearable sorrow and the bitterness he felt against the government that brought about her untimely death.

#### III. Compensation:

Of course, \$20,000 cannot recompense the pain and loss of evacuees, such as in the above example. However, imagine their emotional reaction when our government refuses meaningful redress and offers only words of apology.

#### IV. Japanese American opponents of redress:

Many Japanese Americans pride themselves on their self-reliance and abhor receiving money from the government, no matter how well deserved. Some of them undoubtedly requested your aid in opposing H.R. 442.

Nevertheless, even they would concede has split their community into warring factions.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I hope the point of view of a Purple Heart veteran of the 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory, who enlisted from a relocation center, will give you a broader insight into the redress question.

Sincerely,

MAS ODOI, member  
Japanese American Republicans  
Asian American Alliance of California

Let us have faith in the innate decency and compassion of our national leaders. We may discover that if we just ask courteously, we shall receive the prize that we have sought for so long.

MAS ODOI

Torrance, Calif.

### Urging Support for Hamamoto and Choe

As a longtime reader of Pacific Citizen and supporter of the cause, I was astounded to read your front page article on Won Nok Choe and Gary Hamamoto. These are outstanding young men who have lost four critical years in what should have been their developmental police work. Because they are still young, their future in what can continue to be successful work in their chosen profession is definitely achievable.

What amazes me is that it has taken four years to exert a protest through the media. What about the larger daily papers? Radio and television? Surely an effort should be made to enlighten the public. What about a local campaign to raise the funds to go to the governor and state legislature. Surely there must be a court of appeal over and above such blatancy as shown by the Santa Monica Police Department.

Here in Seattle, I occasionally note what certainly appear to be dedicated Japanese American and Chinese American police officers as well as Black officers, and whenever I can, I try to compliment them to other perhaps older working officers.

I have previously written to our city council as to bringing in Black officers at a time when it may not have been a popular idea.

As for discrimination, why should these candidates be treated any differently than would be an Irish American or a Norwegian Amer-

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## A Conspiracy to Commit Fraud on the Court

By Marshall Sumida  
and Joe Oyama

With the Hirabayashi case closed, Peter Iron's *Justice at War* reveals a behind-the-scenes episode in Hirabayashi's first trial.

According to Irons, the legal teams of the War and Justice Departments were at odds with one another as to the legality of the evacuation and detention of 120,000 American citizens and longtime resident aliens of Japanese ancestry during WW2.

This resulted in the filing of two separate government briefs before the Supreme Court in the Hirabayashi case.

Responsible for the government's prosecution of the trial, the Justice Department filed one brief. The other was filed by Gen. John DeWitt's legal team through the West Coast states as an *amicus* brief.

Although the War Department was not a party to the case, being a federal agency, it was bound by proscription. DeWitt's legal team, however, was obliged legally to turn its "final report" over to the Justice Department, which it did not.

On close examination, a similarity existed in the "final report" and the West Coast's *amicus* brief.

Almost every page of DeWitt's "final report" (chapter 2) and the West Coast *amicus* brief were identical.

California's *amicus* brief was signed by Atty Gen. Robert W. Kenny, endorsed unbeknownst by the pre-war Los Angeles Young Nisei Democratic Club as a "liberal," in his candidacy for attorney general.

The source of the "final report and

the *amicus* briefs (signed by Kenny's counterparts in other states) originated from the Dies House Un-American Activities report entitled, "Background of Japanese Problem in California as of September 1, 1941" (authors' italics).

The report, written by James K. Fisk, head of the California Joint Immigration Committee, was widely circulated on September 4, 1940. The Joint Immigration Committee was the leading pre-war Pacific Coast Anti-Japanese Group.

#### Deputy Atty. Gen. Wenig

Until his induction into the army, Herbert Wenig, a Stanford Law School graduate, was an assistant to California Atty. Gen. Earl Warren. Shortly before Pearl Harbor, Wenig was assigned to check the state's legal power in dealing with enemy aliens in the event of war with Japan. Widening the scope of his research, he eventually included American citizens of Japanese ancestry in his assignment.

Based on Wenig's report, on Feb. 2, 1942, Warren, testifying before the Tolan Congressional Committee, stated that there was possible "widespread simultaneous campaign of sabotage directed at defense installations."

He continued: "The close relationship between Japanese Association of California and the Japanese government was sufficient proof that these groups could be used to carry out sabotage and fifth column activity."

This information was used by Gen. DeWitt as legal proof for "military necessity" to forcibly remove 120,000 American citizens and longtime resident aliens of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and incarcerate them in concentra-

tion camps as a "security measure."

#### The Liaison Man

As a reserve officer, in July of 1942, Wenig was assigned to Gen. DeWitt's presidio legal staff, as a deputy under Col. Joel F. Watson, Wenig's immediate superior. Watson was head of the West Coast legal staff.

At this time, Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, also a Stanford Law School graduate, was working closely with Gen. DeWitt and Major Gen. Allen W. Gullion. Wenig's close ties with Warren and Bendetsen eventually played a critical behind-the-scenes role in the War Department cause.

With the election of a new governor, Warren and a new attorney general, Robert Kenny, Wenig continued his behind-the-scenes unofficial role as a "liaison" between state officials and DeWitt's legal staff.

During the whole first Hirabayashi case, Wenig shuttled back and forth between the presidio and his former state office with DeWitt's approval, helping draft West Coast states' friends of the court briefs. Wenig also assisted Bendetsen in the preparation of Gen. DeWitt's "final report."

Knowing that judicial rule forbid such action, Wenig's superiors concealed his dual role from the Justice Department.

Kenny, aware of Wenig's undercover role, thanked Col. Watson, writing, "For assistance being rendered this office... from the outset he has been familiar not only with facts and issues of the Japanese exclusion litigation, but also with the more general problem concerning the relationship of military and civilian authorities."

Part one of two.



## Koreans in Japan

By Clifford Uyeda

At the 1984 JACL convention in Honolulu, the Golden Gate JACL of San Francisco introduced a resolution expressing the Japanese American concern for the plight of the permanent residents of Korean ancestry in Japan, who after many generations still face severe discrimination and live under insecure legal status.

**A Culture Interwoven with Korea**  
Historically, Japanese cultural heritage is interwoven with that of Korea. As early as the 4th Century, the population of whole Korean villages were brought over to Japan. *Ayabe*, the brocade-makers' guild, was founded by "men of Han." The legendary Prince Shotoku's (Shotoku Taishi, A.D. 572-622) mother was a Korean. By the end of the 7th Century, over one-third of the noble families of Japan claimed Chinese or Korean descent.

The Satsuma and Imari ceramic wares were established by Koreans. Kang Hong, one of the foremost Confucian scholars of the time, was brought to Japan (17 Century) as a prisoner of war by Toyotomi Hideyoshi.

In the post World War II Japan, Rikidozan (1924-1963), who became an idol of the Japanese wrestling fan as an ethnic "Japanese" hero, was a Korean. Rikidozan was born Kim Kwang-Ho on the outskirts of Seoul and became Kanamura Mitsuhiro in 1939 when all citizens of Imperial Japanese territories were ordered to Japanize their names. He acquired his Japanese nationality through being adopted by Momota Minosuke, an avid sumo fan.

Harimoto Isao, the greatest hitter in the history of Japanese baseball, was a Korean (Chang Hun). Kaneda Masaichi, who holds most of the major pitching records was a naturalized Korean (Kim). He later became manager of the Lotte Orions. The Japanese entertainment field is filled with superstars of Korean ancestry: Misora Hibara, Matsuzaka Keiko, Isuki Hiroshi, Miyako Harumi, etc.

During World War II, 350,000 Koreans were conscripted into the Japanese armed forces. Additional tens of thousands were mobilized into labor forces. Over 200,000 Koreans were among the two million Japanese who were killed or missing in action during World War II. Among the atom bomb casualties at Hiroshima and Nagasaki were nearly 50,000 Koreans.

Today, there are nearly a million Koreans residing in Japan. Three-quarters of them were born there, and many are third and fourth generations. However, they have been

unable to escape their alien status through naturalization without renouncing their Korean name and ethnic identity.

As one of the world's leading industrial states, Japan's practice in dealing with her minorities is being scrutinized the world over. Japan is no exception to the ethnic heterogeneity of most modern industrial states. A changing social attitude of the majority toward a minority, which crosses racial and cultural barriers to social assimilation, is the goal of international perspective.

The American experience has taught its citizens a sense of ethnicity that takes pride in more than one heritage. It is a concept that makes democracy work in multi-ethnic America. It is a perspective which, when implemented in Japan, will bring recognition and respect to Japan as one of the world moral leaders. Japan cannot insist on living as an isolated society.

The Japanese American experience has taught us that a nation's commitment to democracy is reflected in the manner in which she treats her minorities. Japanese Americans take pride in the heritage of our ancestral land, and believe that the Japanese government's granting of opportunity for equal franchise with dignity to her Korean residents is a human rights issue of great importance to all the citizens of the world. It is an act which would enhance Japan's image abroad.

### Fujiyoshi a 'Crusader for Justice'

A Sansei from Hawaii has emerged as a spiritual conscience for Japanese Americans. Ronald Susumu Fujiyoshi, an American missionary with the United Church of Christ, has worked 16 years in Japan's largest Korean community in Osaka. His first-hand experience in witnessing the social and legal discrimination faced by ethnic Koreans has spurred the gentle Ron Fujiyoshi to become an activist crusader for justice. His refusal to be fingerprinted and his recent 25 day hunger strike have spotlighted the issue worldwide. It is no longer just a Japanese issue. It is an issue of great concern particularly to Japanese Americans who wish to be proud of their roots in Japanese heritage.

Ron Fujiyoshi is of particular interest to JACLers. The person known as "Mr. JACL," the former JACL national director for over 35 years, was his uncle. Mas Satow himself was a fierce crusader for justice, in keeping with the purpose for which JACL was founded in 1929.

### Chapter's Resolution Is Rejected

The delegates to the 1984 JACL National Convention rejected the resolution as presented, with a comment that JACL would be interfering in the internal affairs of a foreign government. The Golden Gate chapter delegates were saddened. It is a common practice among Americans of all ethnic backgrounds to publicly express their concerns on human rights in foreign countries. What is more appropriate than for Japanese Americans to express interest in the land of their ancestors? It is an expression of a world opinion. Why should Japan be an exception for concerns for Japanese Americans was difficult to accept.

The Golden Gate chapter resolution was amended by the JACL National Council to bring our concern only to the attention of the government of the United States through its State Department. The State Department did not even acknowledge the letter.

It is hoped that the Japanese American concern on this issue can be brought to the attention of the Japanese government more directly as a genuine expression of concern also for Japan's image and status in the world community of nations.



## Building a Memorial to a Mutual Ordeal

With Henry Taketa at the wheel and Toko Fujii in the back seat, we headed east out of Sacramento on Interstate 80, the route to the High Sierras and Reno. But we had gone only a short distance when Taketa took an off-ramp, threaded his way through a neat residential area, and pulled up at a small neighborhood park.

It was three acres, maybe a little more, of grassy area with homes on three sides and, on the fourth, the bustle of Interstate 80 beyond a clump of sheltering trees and shrubs. It was hard to believe that in the spring of 1942 this had been the site of Walerga Assembly Center where 4,739 residents of Sacramento had been confined behind barbed wire. The only qualification for residency was that one had to be ethnic Japanese.

Memories of Walerga, called Sacramento Assembly Center in official documents, are vague because it was occupied for so short a time. The first evacuees arrived May 6, 1942. By June 26 they were gone, transferred mostly to Tule Lake, and the camp was turned over to the Army Signal Corps. By contrast, Santa Anita was occupied from March 27 to Oct. 27, seven miserable months.

When Walerga was first built, the site was grazing land a considerable distance out of town. Sacramento,

### FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



like most American cities, expanded after the war and housing developers took over the area. A small parcel was set aside for a park, but there was nothing to indicate it had served other purposes. To a few former residents, it seemed only proper to memorialize the past.

So Taketa, Fujii, Gene Itogawa and Frank Iwama among others began talks with the Sunrise Recreation and Park District which had jurisdiction. The upshot was an agreement to install a plaque within the park to tell its story.

It is significant, I think, that no one was trying to make a statement. All they wanted to do was to tell the story of the area's earlier use, and they quickly agreed on a straightforward text that related the poignant facts without inflammatory wording. The pertinent paragraph on the plaque is worth repeating:

"Walerga Assembly Center was established by the United States at the outset of World War II to assemble and temporarily detain, without charge or trial, 4,739 Sac-

ramento residents solely because of their Japanese ancestry. Approximately 120,000 persons were uprooted from their West Coast homes and interned in ten War Relocation Centers. Over two-thirds were American citizens by birth. Given the opportunity, many thousands left the ten centers to work on farms and in war industries or to serve with valor in the armed forces. Their acts and deeds gave living proof that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart, not a matter of race or ancestry. May this memorial remind all Americans to be alert so that such injustices never recur."

Small contributions were solicited in the Japanese American community, and some \$3,000 were raised with gifts averaging \$15. George Yamasaki, who runs a nursery in Auburn, provided a huge stone on which the plaque was mounted. He refused payment and offered to settle for a bottle of whisky. Unable to determine whether Yamasaki preferred Scotch or Bourbon, Fujii gave him one bottle of each. Roy Imai drew a design for a shelter near the memorial without charge. Gene Ahner, the park district director, provided construction materials, and Jack Akabori played a big part in assembling the shelter.

The community was forced into the Walerga camp as a body, and when its members came home, they joined to build a memorial to their mutual ordeal. When next you are in Sacramento, you ought to drop by to see it.

## The Camp Newspaper

### EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



unswerving principles (and I've long admired Howard Imazeki for that and hope that he somehow influenced that young cub just a little bit), there were talented artists, excellent writers, hard-working people and just plain delightful folks. I know this *kozo* profited a lot being among them.

IN THOSE DAYS it was just plain mimeograph machines—starting with a master stencil, turning a crank, periodic inking as the impressions became thin, feeding paper. This was followed by sorting, assembling, stapling and folding—all by hand. No electrical equipment or devices; just hands and old-fashioned sweat. Not unlike any other newspaper output, the process involved working late into the night to get the paper out for the following day. Once the issue had been "put to bed," however, there was no local coffee shop or *udon-ya* to which we might retreat to relax and unwind. If we were lucky, we might be able to persuade the one mess hall, where the firemen and security crew stopped in, to share

some *nokori-mono* with us.

SINCE TULE LAKE, with a population of 18,000 inmates, was the largest of the camps, presumably the *Dispatch* also had the largest or one of the largest circulations of the camp newspapers. In the years since 1942, I've seen photos of the *Dispatch* but never an issue itself. Presumably, somewhere, somehow, somebody has copies of the newspaper. Perhaps the entire lot.

SO WHY WAS Toko calling? Well, as I understand it, there's to be a reunion of Tule Lake inmates on May 28-29 in Sacramento and in conjunction therewith, a reunion of the *Tulean Dispatch* crew is being organized, to be held at the Red Lion Inn.\* Already a number of the crew have signed up, and somehow I'm trying to work the date into my schedule for this once-in-a-lifetime reunion.

For that lifetime is getting shorter.

\*Those interested can contact Toko Fujii at 1204 Monte Vista Way, Sacramento, CA 95831.

## For the Record

John Mooring's article, "Reparations Legislation Is Racist," states that the "mainland contributed only 800 internees" to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, not 80 internees. (See P.C. April 1, 1988.) Pacific Citizen regrets the error.

## AA STUDIES PRIZE

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ceived his master's degree in sociology, and later became a doctoral candidate in its Graduate School of Business Administration.

During the final three years of his life, Hayase made further contributions to U.S.-Japan relations by becoming the administrative director for the U.S.-Japan Relations Program and a forum fellow for the Northeast Asia-U.S. Forum on International Policy, both at Stanford University. He played a decisive role in shaping Stanford's pioneering project on U.S.-Japan High Technology Industries, and was recognized as the foremost young scholar on the Japanese telecommunications industry.

Nakanishi said, "We are extremely grateful to the hundreds of individuals across the nation who contributed to this academic prize. It will be a lasting tribute to a wonderfully talented individual who played a crucial role in establishing the Asian American presence at Yale."



# LETTER

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ican, such as myself?

In a diverse country such as ours,

we certainly need outstanding young officers as mentioned above and I urge the people in Southern California to give by whatever means possible the outright support

that these two very qualified young men deserve.

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### IRVINE

■ April 18-22—"East Within West," UC Irvine's 1988 Asian Week celebration, featuring a variety of events. Info: Cross Cultural Center, 714 856-7215.

### LOS ANGELES AREA

■ April 15—The Asian Pacific Family Center's first annual fundraising awards dinner/dance. Info: Gladys Lee, LCSW director, 818 573-3322.

■ April 30—Crystal Palace Enterprises and Magic Productions present "Oh, What a Night," Zeno's in the Sheraton La Reina Hotel, 2 blocks east of LAX on Century Blvd., 9 pm-2 am. Features the band "Restless" and Kenny Itagaki. Cost: \$12. Proceeds benefit Visual Communications and Little Tokyo Art Workshop. Info: Linda, 213 680-4462 or Miles, 213 628-2725.

### NEW YORK

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April 30—Cherry Blossom Festival: Far East Jazz Dance Company; Kuni Mikami Octet, 8 pm, Jazz Center of New York, 380 Lafayette St.-3rd Fl. Info: 212 505-5660.

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• Ms. Bonita Lee Stone, graphologist, will speak May 5, 7:30 pm, Burton Chace Park in Marina del Rey. Info: Allan S. Yoshimi, 213 622-3968.

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## NCWNPD

• "Decisionmaking '88: A Leadership Development Program," sponsored by the Northern California/Western Nevada Pacific District Council, April 23-25, Sacramento Inn, Sacramento, Calif. Registration:

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## PSWD

• "Thought into Action," a conference for individuals wanting to get involved in the community to achieve a social and/or political end for Asian Americans, April 30, 8:30 am-5 pm, the Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Registration fee: \$15, includes lunch. Info: Jimmy Tokeshi, 213 734-4273, or Trisha Murakawa, 213 822-7440.

• Japanese American Community: Critical Issues—Critical Choices," a one-day conference, May 14, the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles. Workshop topics include health, leadership, direction of JACL, political involvement, Asian Americans and the Pacific Rim, the JA superwoman, racial discrimination, male/female relationships, coalition building, Asian stereotypes, JA community organizations, generational transition and the JA male. Expected attendance—500. Registration Fee: \$25. Info: Bill Kaneko or John Saito, 213 626-4471.

## WEST LOS ANGELES

• Selection of Miss Western Los Angeles, who will also be a representative for Nisei Week Candidate. 12 noon, April 17, the Venice Community Center, 12448 Braddock, Los Angeles. Tickets and other info: Eiko Iwata, 213 390-6944, Stella Kishi, 213 477-7205, or Jean Ushijima, 213 390-6914.

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JACL chapters will be offered a JACL discount on the Mike Masaoka autobiography, *They Call Me Moses Masaoka* by Masaoka and Bill Hosokawa for fund-raising purposes when ordered from the Pacific Citizen in lots of 50 books per case.

Details are being mailed to the chapters this week, according to Harry Honda, P.C. general manager/operations.

## JACL Is Not the Organization for U.S./Japan Relations

(Note: The following originally appeared in the Cleveland JACL Chapter Newsletter.)

By Hank Tanaka

As an organization, the only relationship that JACL has had with Japan is a chapter that was established about four years ago. I've often wondered how this chapter fulfills the same JACL mission that the Cleveland chapter is committed to.

Serious plans are underway to embark on a new program in U.S.-Japan relations when the redress program is successfully completed. Known as the "Yasuhara Plan" (Denny Yasuhara is the governor of the Pacific Northwest district who rightfully criticized JACL for cooperating with a Japanese political party a few years ago), the new program would be designed to increase understanding or improve the relationship between the U.S. and Japan.

The Yasuhara Plan would re-

quire a change in the JACL Constitution and Bylaws. It is anticipated that such a recommendation will be made at the next National Board meeting in February, 1988 (Note: See March 11, 1988, P.C. for National JACL Board motions.)

Personally, I find it rather grandiose to believe that JACL can be influential as to improve international relationships. And we certainly are not competent as an organization to deal with trade issues!

If the problem is the stereotyping, or misidentification of Americans of Japanese ancestry by other Americans, I believe it's a public education issue on the homefront... not international.

There are many highly competent economists, financial experts and political activists among our Japanese Americans who can (and are) in the business of improving relations between the U.S. and Japan.



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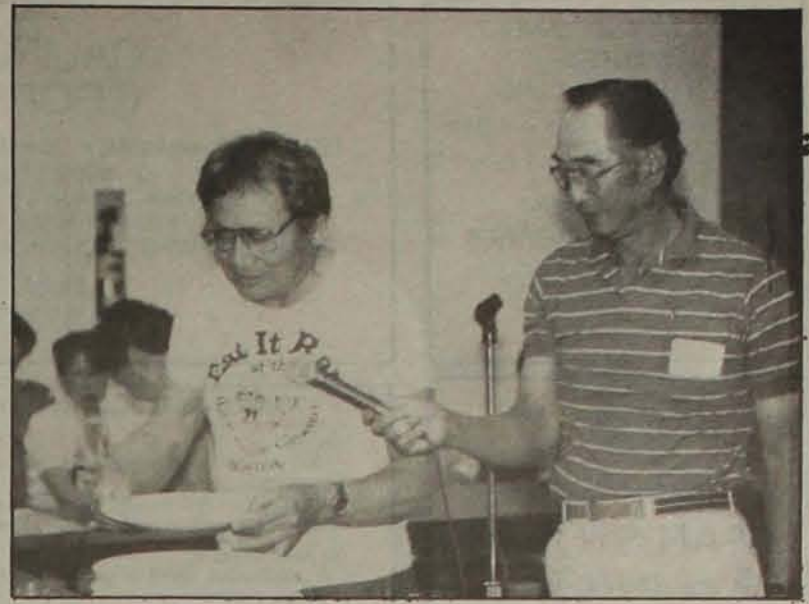
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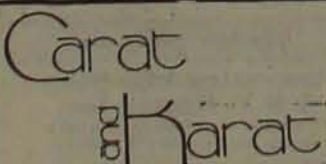
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