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Mitsue Takahashi Taking Case to the Supreme Court

By Robert Tokunaga
Hokubei Mainichi

Fired Livingston school teacher Mitsue Takahashi has taken her discrimination case to the U.S. Supreme Court after the California Supreme Court denied her appeal in October.

Takahashi, 58, was fired from the Livingston Union School District in 1980 for incompetence because of her alleged inability to maintain control of her students.

The Stanford graduate had been a teacher in the district, located in the San Joaquin Valley on the banks of the Merced River between Merced and Modesto, since 1960.

The petition to the Supreme Court, filed Jan. 8, claims that the California Court of Appeal denied Takahashi her right to a "full and fair opportunity to litigate her claim that she had been subjected to employment discrimination."

The petition states that Takahashi has this right under the due process and equal protection provisions of the 14th Amendment.

According to Stanley Fleishman, Takahashi's attorney, the petition focuses on discrimination based on race, sex ancestry and age.

Takahashi's firing was validated in **Stockton Shooting**

Five Southeast Asian Children Buried

STOCKTON, Calif. — The city of Stockton paid its final respects earlier this week to five schoolchildren slain by a gunman armed with a semiautomatic rifle. The children were killed last week in the playground of Cleveland Elementary School by Patrick Edward Purdy. Twenty-nine other children and one teacher were wounded.

Buried Jan. 21 in a Roman Catholic ceremony was Thuy Tran, a six-year-

October 1980 when the California Commission on Profession Competence voted 2 to 1 to dismiss her on the basis of incompetence. The commission's finding was upheld by a state review panel in 1981 and later by Merced County Superior Court.

In 1983, the California Court of Appeal for the 5th District ruled that the school district had indeed failed to comply with the law when it fired Takahashi. It did not, however, recommend a specific remedy.

Takahashi then filed a civil suit against the district, charging, among other things, that the district conspired to have her judged incompetent because her husband, Kazuo, at first refused to sell his land in the late 1970s.

The district wanted the land for the planned expansion of a school site. He later sold the land to the district at a fair market price far higher than the district's original offer. The sale came after Mitsue Takahashi's dismissal.

She also claimed that some school and district personnel had conspired to have her fired because they wanted to "get rid of senior tenured teachers" because they are paid more," said Fleishman.

The discrimination charges revolve around statements made by some

school and district personnel that "she was too quiet and not assertive enough," said Fleishman.

The state appeals court ruled in September 1988 that Takahashi should have brought up these charges at the commission hearing and the filing of the first suit. Because she did not, the court said, she has no legal recourse.

Takahashi said she did not bring up the discrimination charges at the time

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Redress Opponents Buy Advertisement in Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — An anti-redress advertisement ran on page 6, section I, of the *Los Angeles Times* Jan. 24.

The advertisement, apparently paid for by an Anaheim, Calif.-based organization called "Veteran's Services," called for Americans to cut it out and send it to their respective congressperson to show sentiments against funding for P.L. 100-383, which provides for monetary redress of \$20,000 to eligible Japanese Americans incarcerated during WWII by the federal government.

The text of the advertisement read: "Veterans—Taxpayers—Seniors; Japanese Lie to Reagan and Congress! Americans cannot afford to give \$20,000 each to 60,000 Japanese Americans (including 18,000 who refused to take unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and renounce the Japanese Emperor after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor) and then sat out WWII. (Total \$1,200,000,000.00). 1 Billion—200 million."

"Members of Congress; Please, please do not insult the memories of deceased and living American Veterans and their families. Vote 'No' on any funding for P.L. 100-383; 'The Japanese Money Bill.'"

This anti-redress offensive by Veteran's Services is the latest tactic by redress opponents. As of Tuesday, the headquarters of the JACL (Japanese American Citizens League) had no comment on the advertisement.

LEC Strategist Expresses High Hopes for More Redress Funds

By Harry K. Honda

BUENA PARK, Calif.—The 150 JACLers who came to hear Grant Ujifusa, guest speaker at the Selanoco JACL installation dinner here last Saturday (Jan. 21), went home as optimistic as he was that there will be more than the \$20 million as budgeted for Japanese American redress.

Ujifusa, the JACL-Legislative Education Committee strategy chair, reviewed the campaign history of the redress bill, commended especially the chapter's role convincing conservative members of Congress to support the bill, and remembered many organizations and individuals who translated their time and money to victory.

"Without the veterans, there would have been no redress," Ujifusa reminded.

Appropriation Process

The next process for appropriating the funds, as authorized by the redress bill signed last year by President Reagan, was then explained. Hearings will be held in four committees: the House Budget and Appropriations, the Senate Budget and Appropriations, where the Bush administration can suggest its own amount and the source of the money, under the guidelines of Gramm-Rudman.

Ujifusa thought the \$20 million figure in the Reagan proposal (Jan. 6-13, P.C.) was merely an acknowledgment by some bureaucrat that some figure was required in the trillion dollar budget. Overlooking the politics, it was Ujifusa's hope that \$171 million (a figure eyed for the FY1991 budget)

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Orange County Judge Gardner Recognized for Redress Support

BUENA PARK, Calif.—In a triple-header recognition, retired Orange County superior court judge Robert Gardner of Corona del Mar was honored by the National JACL, Pacific Southwest District Council and Selanoco JACL at the chapter's installation dinner Jan. 21 for his open support of the redress program.

Gardner, a colleague of the late Stephen "Kap" Tamura who served on the superior and state appellate courts, had urged the congressmen based in Orange County (Reps. Dornan, Badham, Lungren and Packard) to vote for the redress bill in 1987.

In the letter, Gardner revealed that he had been an officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence, which was charged with the duty of investigating persons of Japanese ancestry and "I had helped write the ONI report that opposed the expulsion of those people (as did the FBI report)."

Feeling that a great injustice was done [by the Evacuation], Gardner's letter recalled his personal reasons for his appointment of Clarence Nishizu, a Selanoco JACL president (1975-76),

as foreman of the Orange County grand jury in 1966. "Belatedly, this [was] my way of making up for that injustice. Therefore, I appointed Mr. Nishizu as foreman where he served with distinction," the congressmen were told.

Naval Intelligence Stance

Carey McWilliams, in his *Prejudice: Japanese Americans, Symbol of Racial Intolerance* (1944), attributes the anonymously authored article (Harper's, Oct. 1942) analyzing the so-called Japanese problem and its solution to Lt. Commander (later Admiral) Kenneth D. Ringle of the 11th Naval District.

Ringle had proposed that individual examinations of Japanese in America could well determine loyalty. He pointed out that to deny them individual hearings only proved that the Evacuation was being handled solely on a racial basis.

Ringle was strongly opposed to any general evacuation which would put loyal and disloyal Japanese Americans into the same camp.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Editorial Calls for More Redress Money

SEATTLE — An editorial in the Jan. 15 *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* titled "Where's the Money?" rapped the \$20 million figure offered by former President Reagan for Japanese American redress. The editorial said, in part, "Parsimony cannot justify the cruel effects of President Reagan's proposal to slash funding for reparations to Japanese Americans unjustly interned during World War II." The editorial also called upon Congress to "right an old wrong."

Neo-Nazis Hold Rally in Washington State

WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash. — A Japanese American photographer had profanities and a racial epithets yelled at him Dec. 12 while covering a gathering of neo-Nazis and racist skinheads here. The rally honored Robert Mathews, who was killed in a shoot-out with the FBI four years ago. A White supremacist, Mathews was the leader of a neo-Nazi group called the White American Bastion. The 60 or 70 neo-Nazis were outnumbered by 250 counterdemonstrators.

'African American' Preferred Over 'Black'

CHICAGO — Saying the term would be a "psychological lift," prominent Black leaders said Dec. 20, 1989 that members of their race prefer to be called African-Americans, according to an Associated Press report. One of the Black leaders, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said, "To be called African-Americans has cultural integrity. It puts us in our proper historical context. Every ethnic group in this country has a reference to some land base, some historical cultural base. African-Americans have hit that level of cultural maturity."



MILE HI'S NEW CHAIRMAN—Dr. James Taguchi was installed as the 1989 chairman for the board of the Mile Hi Chapter JACL at the installation dinner held Jan. 14 at the Aviation Country Club. The dinner's guest speaker was Grant Ujifusa, JACL-LEC strategy chair. Bill Hosokawa installed the new officers. Pictured above, standing (l-r), are James Hada, singles; Misato Heard; Sumi Takeno, membership; Lisa Yamaguchi; Dave Yamaguchi, scholarship/recognition; Bryan Hayashi, young adults; Bob Sakaguchi, ex-officio; Tom Masamori, public relations/publicity; and Dale Arnold, 1992 convention planning. Seated (l-r), are Kiyoto Futa, civic/outreach; Emily Ito, 1st vice chairperson; Lorraine Hisamoto, corres. sec.; James Taguchi, chairman; Karen Toyota, rec. sec.; Bob Horiuchi, 1000 Club/redress; and Pat Hayashi, program/activities.



Photo By Alvina Lew

THIS CHECK'S FOR YOU—A check for \$15,000 was recently presented to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center on behalf of Peter Coors, president of the Adolph Coors Brewing Co. Pictured (l-r) are Howard Halm, APALC board member; Sandra L. Sakamoto, v.p., APALC; Peter Chan Liong, of Coors; and Stewart Kwok, executive director of APALC. The award was the first major grant given by the Coors Board of Directors to an Asian American non-profit organization in S. California.

Portland Reunion in the Works for 1990

PORTLAND, Ore. — Plans are being made for a reunion for those who lived in the greater Portland area prior to the WWII West Coast evacuation of Japanese Americans. This includes those who lived in the vicinities of Vancouver, Wash., Hood River, Hillsboro, Salem and Gresham.

A definite date has not been set for this event, but it will tentatively take place in the summer of 1990. A weekend event with many socials and a banquet will be scheduled.

Those interested may contact the

Tazuma Scholarship Now Available

SEATTLE — The family of the late Bunshiro Tazuma and the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has announced a scholarship in his name for college-bound Nikkei high school students.

The Hiroshima-born Issei, who died last year at 104, lived in Seattle, returning there after his WWII stay at the Puyallup assembly center. Tazuma was awarded a medal, the 6th class order of the Rising Sun, from the Japanese government in 1973 for his dedication to community service.

To obtain more information about the scholarship, contact Elmer Tazuma, 2318 19th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144, or call (206) 325-6024.

Mineta Co-sponsors Filipino Veterans Fairness Act

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) reintroduced legislation Jan. 24 to remedy the unfair situation faced by Filipino nationals who are serving in the United States Navy. The bill, the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act, was introduced with 40 original cosponsors.

Under current law, Filipino servicemen are not allowed the same opportunity to apply for U.S. citizenship afforded other aliens serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Filipino Veterans Fairness Act would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain aliens serving at least four years in our Armed Forces.

Under U.S. law, all aliens must be admitted to this country for permanent residence before they may enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. But upon admission for permanent residence and completion of four years of honorable service, U.S. law allows these aliens to be naturalized.

Mineta introduced similar legislation in the 100th Congress, but is more enthusiastic about the future of this new bill.



A "HOLE-Y" PRIZE—The New Otani Hotel and Garden held its 9th annual gold/silver fan golf tournament Jan. 5 at the California Country Club. This year's tournament had over 100 golfers in attendance. The hole in one prize was the 1989 Nissan Pulsar NX XE sports car, provided by Little Tokyo Leasing and Sales and Ventura Nissan. Pictured with the wheels are Kenny Hasegawa, v.p., Little Tokyo Leasing and Sales, and Toru Kurokawa, assistant v.p. for the New Otani Hotel.

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Mineta Appointed Deputy Whip Again

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) was appointed Jan. 20, as deputy majority whip in the 101st Congress. The appointment was made by the House Democratic Leadership and lasts through Dec. 31, 1990. Mineta has been a deputy whip since 1981.

"We're proud that Congressman Mineta will serve again as a key member of the whip organization," said Rep. Tony Coelho, House Democratic whip. "This appointment is symbolic of the respect in which Norm is held, and shows he understands the voting patterns of our colleagues and is going to play a role in shaping legislation and the policies put forward by House Democrats."

The House whip organization is designed to monitor the attendance of House Democrats, establish their positions on pending issues, and urge them to vote with the leadership on those issues for which a party position has been established. Key ideas for legislation often also come from House Whips.

"I am honored to again serve as a deputy whip," Mineta said. "The 101st

Congress faces important challenges. The chief challenge is to close the gaps in our triple deficits: our budget deficit, our trade deficit, and our social deficit. We have a rare opportunity to address campaign finance reform, child care and the Clean Air Act, among other vital measures. I look forward to working with the leadership of the Democratic party to meet the challenges of the months and years ahead."

The deputy whip slot is the highest position to which members of the whip organization can be appointed. Deputy whips are placed in charge of the "task forces" that work to pass legislation. They help write alternative amendments, inform the leadership of priorities held by Democratic members, and develop legislative ideas for key issues facing the nation.

During the historic 100th Congress, task forces helped pass plant closing, civil rights, arms control and other legislative initiatives that ultimately became law. Mineta was in charge of the successful Civil Rights Restoration Act and Clean Water Act veto overrides as deputy whip during the 100th Congress.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Eight Nikkei UCLA students received scholarships from the California Japanese Alumni Association at their awards dinner Dec. 3, 1988 in Los Angeles. Pictured above, front row (l-r), are Gayle Nakasaki, Sharon Nakamura and Alice Akahoshi; in the back (l-r) are Ken Wada, Ken Kawamura and Dan Watanabe. Recipients unable to attend were Lewis Sho Kawahara and Karen Itow. The awards are based on scholarship, potential contributions to the Japanese American community and past and present participation as leaders in community concerns. 1989 awards will be made to students majoring in business, engineering or agriculture at UC campuses.

For the Record

In the Jan. 6-13, 1989 Pacific Citizen, the article titled "Ujifusa's California Speaking Schedule" contained an error. For Jan. 28, 1989, Grant Ujifusa is speaking at the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL Chapter installation, not the West Los Angeles JACL Chapter installation.

Also, in the Jan. 20, 1989 issue letter column, Mine Okubo's last name was misspelled.

DEATHS

Fr. Thomas W. Takahashi, M.M., 69, of Los Angeles died Saturday, Jan. 21, at Maryknoll, N.Y., where he had been briefly hospitalized. A Maryknoll School and Loyola High School graduate, a barber shop owner in prewar Little Tokyo, he was interned with his family in 1942 at Manzanar, when he decided to study for the priesthood. He was the first California-born Nisei to be ordained a Catholic priest in June, 1953, and was assigned to the Maryknoll missions in Japan, where he served continuously. A Downtown L.A. JACLer, he is survived by his stepmother Monica, half sister Pauline, half brother Joseph and sister Teresita Okita.

Kazuko Noguchi Nakagama, 59, of Rumson, N.J., died Jan. 7 at the Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. She was a member of the Monmouth Association for Retarded Citizens, the Newcomer's Club Alumni, the New York Chapter of the JACL, a member of JACL's 1000 Club, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Japanese American Social Services, Inc. She was studying for an associate's degree in social sciences at the Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, Middletown Township. She is survived by two sons, Ken and Sho; two daughters, Kimi Nakagama and Michi Nakagama Magee; and a brother, Bob Noguchi.

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Dinner Program Highlights

The new chapter president, Ruth Mizobe, previously the National JACL youth representative, continues the Selanoco string of Sansei presidents which began in 1981. She succeeds Frances Hachiya (1987-88). Mabel Takimoto of San Fernando Valley JACL administered the oath of office to the 36-member board.

Awards were presented to June Masuda Goto, Grant Ujifusa, Rudy Tokiwa and Judge Robert Gardner for their work in the redress bill; to Frank Kawase (in absentia) and Frances Hachiya for chapter leadership.

The Rev. Steve Yamaguchi of Grace Presbyterian Church, Paramount, rendered the invocation and benediction.

Kary Ikemoto, Kristina Kawase and Kelley Kitagawa, 1989 Presidential Classroom scholars, led in the pledge of allegiance; Jennifer Kawase and Christine Yokoyama recalled their own experiences as scholars this past year in Washington, D.C. Funds for this scholarship are raised from the annual mochitsuki. "Over 800 pounds of mochi was sold [in late 1988] and raised \$1,700," scholarship chair Hiroshi Kamei reported.

Judge Richard Hanki's rib-tickling repartees as master of ceremonies enlivened the three-hour dinner at Buena Park Hotel. Susan Kamei Leung introduced Ujifusa.

TAKAHASHI

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because she thought the issue was supposed to be her competence.

In addition, the California Teachers Association attorney representing her at the hearing advised her not to bring up the charges regarding her husband.

"What we are saying is that these are two separate cases," explained Fleishman. Takahashi and her attorney feel that she was not incompetent, but that issue has been settled. The issue now is whether the district was discriminatory in judging her incompetent due to her race, sex, ancestry or age.

"We never got a chance to litigate that part of the case," said Fleishman.

Takahashi told the *Hokubei Mainichi* that her nine-year battle to get her job back has cost her thousands of dollars, but that it was worth it not only for her sake, but also for the sake of all teachers in California.

She is currently working fulltime as a data processor at a Farmer's Insurance office in Merced.



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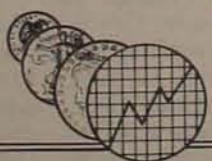
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MARYKNOLL DONATION—Minnie Taketa, president of the Maryknoll Ladies Guild, presented donations totaling \$11,000 to three organizations Jan. 8 during the group's monthly meeting. The recipients, (l-r), were Herb Hatanaka, executive director of Special Service for Groups, Fred Wada, chairman of the Japanese Retirement Home, and Michael Lau, vice president of the Maryknoll School PTO. The donations came from proceeds of "Fashion Focus '88," the group's fashion show.

Meeting Between Nakajo, SFSU Rescheduled

SAN FRANCISCO — A meeting between officials of San Francisco State University and part-time instructor Steve Nakajo has been rescheduled for Feb. 22.

The meeting comes as a result of a grievance filed by Nakajo last year in a dispute between him and the Asian American Studies Department, which he feels did not properly inform him of changes in his teaching status.

An earlier attempt to resolve the problem occurred Dec. 2, 1988 when Nakajo and his supporters met with university representatives. Since the university objected to the presence of Nakajo's personal attorney, who appeared along with a faculty union representative, the meeting reached a deadlock. At this point, a request was made to reschedule the meeting.

Michael Woo Launches Reelection

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo launched his campaign for reelection in the 13th District Jan. 21 at a petition-signing breakfast.

Woo, whose district covers Hollywood, reiterated his commitment to the area when he said, "Everybody wants to see Hollywood cleaned up, but we need to do it while preserving historic buildings and protecting residential neighborhoods against congestion."

Crime-fighting is a concern also shared by the Chinese American politician and his constituents. "We are organizing my district street by street to win back our neighborhoods from the drug dealers and petty hoods," said Woo. "Our active Neighborhood Watch program has already made a positive difference in many neighborhoods. Now it is time to make a difference in many more."

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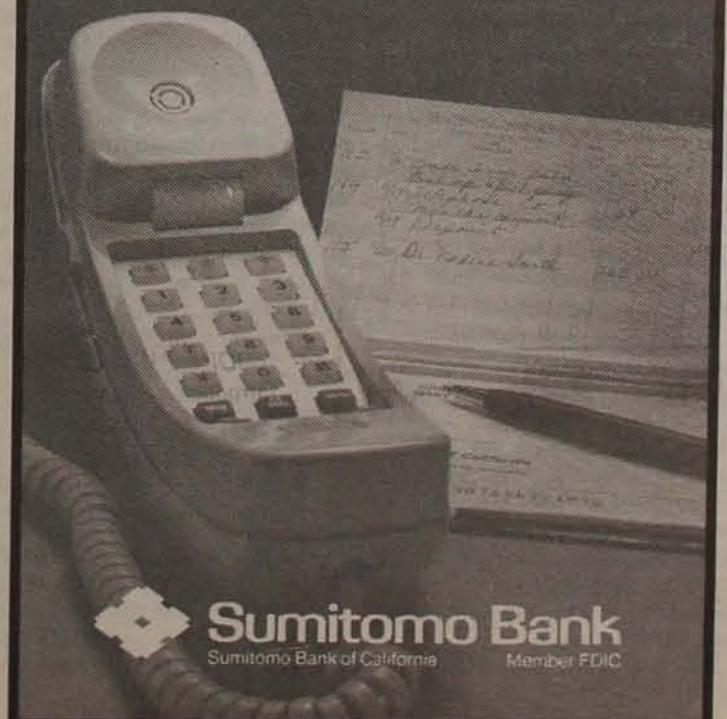
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Opportunity Available

SEVERAL YEARS ago the Japanese government came to the realization that something drastic had to be done in the teaching of English in the public schools. While students emerged from classes with a good knowledge of English grammar and a fairly high reading ability, their competence in spoken English was low.

The obvious reason was that in general the teachers themselves spoke English poorly. It was not unusual for teachers, and their pupils, saying things like "Jisu izu mai doggu. Hizu naymu izu Spotto."

In 1987 the ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education and Home Affairs came up with what they called the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). Native English speakers from the U.S., United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, under 35 years of age, were offered one-year jobs in Japan. Most of them were employed as assistants to Japanese teachers. A few were assigned to government offices.

The program worked so well that Canada and Ireland were included in 1988 when 1,440 foreigners, including a number of Japanese Americans, were employed. This year German and French were added to the program and about 1,900 teachers will be hired. Approximately 1,000 will be Americans. The deadline for applications was Dec. 15, and they are now being processed.

While there is no guarantee that the JET program will be continued, its success is a strong argument for extending its life. It provides a great opportunity for Japanese Americans to work at the people-to-people level in Japan, become acquainted with contemporary Japan and contribute in a very meaningful way to the dialogue between the two nations.

We have been given to understand that Japanese Americans have neither an advantage nor a handicap in applying for appointment. The teachers are chosen solely on the basis of merit. Interested Japanese Americans would be wise to stay alert for the announcement of the 1990 program, which is expected from Japanese consular offices this coming fall.

FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

JOHN SAITO

Flexing Your Muscles



We receive volumes of phone calls at this office. Most times the calls vary in nature but sometimes they seem to concentrate in similar areas.

There are an increasing number of calls which relate to what I would call anti-Asian or anti-Japanese and Japanese American hostility/violence.

The following four calls came in today and it is only a little past noon.

An irate Nisei vet called to express his anger about distorted statistics which radio talk show host George Putnam was using to downplay the 1942 internment of people of Japanese ancestry. I told the caller that on a previous occasion I had called and written to the station but was rebuffed by Putnam. But I also recognize that we need to keep on top of these kooks.

Second call had to do with something seen on HBO (TV). There is a New York comedian, apparently talented, by the name of Andrew "Dice" Clay, whose comedy is based upon Asian bashing. His audience, mostly "yuppie," thinks he is hilarious. The caller said he videotaped the performance and said you have to see his act to see how vicious he is. I have referred the matter to our local Ethnic Concerns Committee.

The third caller made reference to the Saturday 5:00 p.m. news on

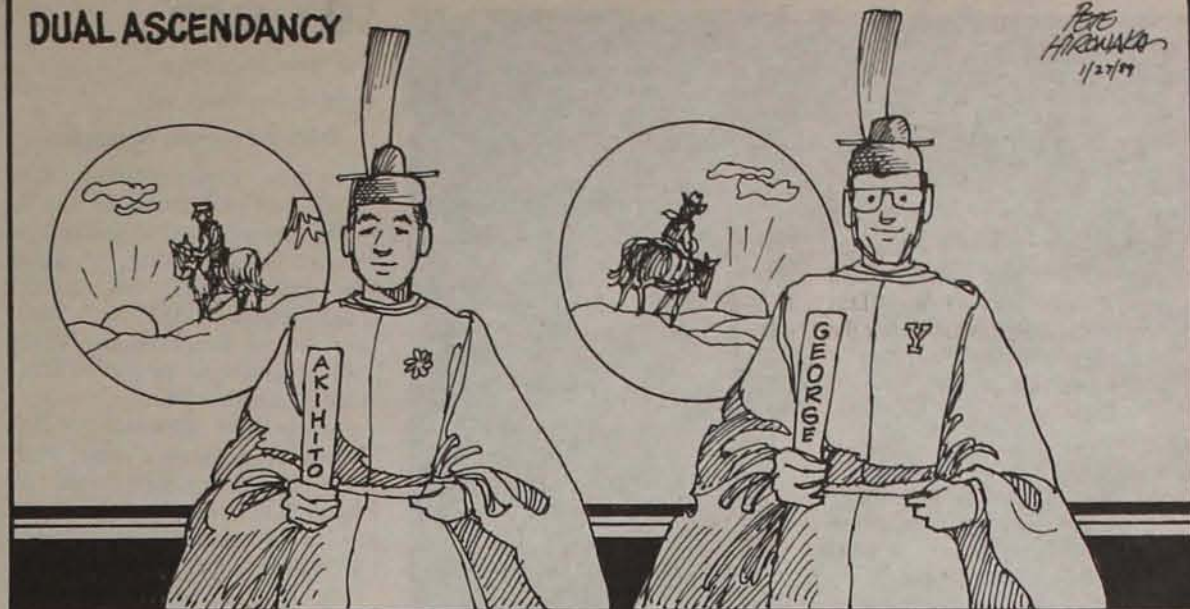
KNBC (L.A.'s channel 4) where the newscaster said "... The estimated 200,000 Japanese American population in Los Angeles is mourning the death of the emperor ... and those who wish to express their sorrow can do so at the Japanese consul general's office." After a series of phone transfers I got hold of news director Tom Capra's secretary Pat Craven who said Craven was off ill. I asked for a correction of Saturday's statement.

She said that she was Irish and would want it known that she would be sorrowful if an Irish dignitary had passed away. I told her that because she was White she would be identified as an American while the converse would apply to us. She said someone will return my call.

The fourth call and I hope the last for the day was where a Sansei was given the signal for a managerial promotion in the aerospace industry, if he would transfer companies, which he did; then, he found out that someone else had gotten the position.

The disheartening thing is that these things are happening and on the increase, but the heartening thing is that people are willing to open up and speak out against unfair treatment and starting to flex their muscles.

DUAL ASCENDANCY



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Close Encounter of an Imperial Kind



It was the fall of 1938—50 years ago this year—that we visited Japan for the first time. We knew little of the language and culture. We were babes in some very confusing woods.

Jack Maki, a friend from Seattle who was studying in Tokyo, was our guide and adviser. Unlike today, when it is possible to flag down cruising cabs in Tokyo at almost any moment and subways provide rapid transportation, one got around Tokyo on crowded and rickety street cars.

The line that we took passed in front of the Imperial Palace. Jack warned me that the car would stop across the plaza from the main gate, and that everybody would have to rise from their seats, face the palace and bow to the emperor who, of course, was not visible. I wasn't quite sure that I wanted to do that, but Jack said bad things might happen if I didn't. Thus warned, I did what everyone did and presumably avoided unpleasant questioning by the police and castigation by super-patriots of which there were many.

I thought about this very minor episode the other day when, at last, Emperor Hirohito won release from pain and joined his ancestors. Only a

half century ago common people had to bow in the direction of his home and publication of his picture on the cover of *Time* magazine provoked an international incident. In his final illness the press carried detailed clinical reports of his physical infirmities and discomforts. That did little to promote his dignity, but it did underscore his mortality.

I saw the emperor in person only on one occasion. That was in 1975 when he toured the United States for the first time, watching a professional ball game, eating a hot dog, and doing other American things. But where ethnic Japanese were concerned, much of the old protocol remained.

He was to meet a small group Issei, Nisei and Sansei in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and I was one of the group. The area chosen was secluded, made almost cathedral-like by huge shade trees. I had no idea how to meet an emperor, but we received intensive coaching. We were arranged in a line, our wives a half step behind us. The emperor would walk down the line, and we were to bow when he approached. But by no means were we to speak to him, or to shake hands with him. That seemed like a very sterile way of meeting anyone, but

shucks, it was their show.

Eventually a long, black motorcade drove up and the emperor and empress disembarked. She smiled, but he didn't and they looked around a bit before they started up the reception line. The consul general introduced each of us by name and position but he spoke so softly that I doubt the emperor heard. As we were introduced, we bowed and he nodded, no one smiling, and then he moved on.

At the very end of the line was David Ushio, at the time JACL's national director. Horror of horrors, when he was introduced he flashed a wide grin and thrust out his right hand. The emperor seemed a little startled but he was game. He also put out his hand and they shook hands while Dave said something about how nice it was to have him in San Francisco and what an honor it was to meet him.

Afterwards Ushio said yes, he knew he wasn't supposed to shake hands with the emperor, but it just seemed like it was a thing to do and he was glad he did it. As the emperor left, he looked as though he might have enjoyed staying a bit and chatting with Ushio and the rest of us. But he had to go on, and so he went away.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Radicals and Sushi Cups



BROWSING AROUND in the back of a *jiten* (dictionary) I stumbled across some interesting pointers that I'd never been exposed to before, and wished I had. (Well, to be honest about it, perhaps I had been exposed to it and I wasn't listening.) For example, the matter of radicals (parts of a *kanji*) and the significance of their location—to the left side, right side, top, bottom and also points between, e.g. lower left. In looking up a *kanji*, one focuses upon a principal radical: the left radical before the right; the top before the bottom. And to see if indeed it is an independent radical (as distinguished from one that only looks like a radical), check to see if it crosses or encroaches upon another portion of the script.

I didn't know this and, as I say, wished I had.

JAPANESE WORDS, as even I know (I wasn't asleep all the time), often consist of compound (combinations of) *kanji*, a most familiar one being *ji-dō-sha* comprised of three *kanji* meaning "self, moving vehicle." (I've often thought that *ji-dō-sha* was

probably a literal translation of "automobile.") My vague notion that, in turn, the radicals which go to make up many *kanji* also had their own meaning, was somewhat confirmed during my wanderings in the back of that dictionary.

In the past, I've misled some of you in discussing radicals. The one that sticks in my mind is the *kanji* for stomach, *hara*. The radical to the left is written like the *kanji* for *tsuki* (moon) and I was puzzled why a part of the body would include "moon." Of course, those of you who were listening in class, knew that it wasn't "tsuki" (moon) but the radical for "niku" (flesh).

THERE ARE OTHER radicals, quite a few in fact, that undergo a remarkable transformation from a *kanji* into a radical. Take *kemono-hen* ("hairy creature" radical) for example; it looks like two scimitars crossing the third one in the middle, the tips pointing to the left. The origin of this radical is from *inu* (dog) which is written like the character for "big" (*dai*) with a little stroke ("bochi" I call them) on the

right, upper side.

About as much resemblance as a polliwog to a frog.

SPEAKING OF FROGS or water creatures. You *sushi* fans have seen those large, Japanese teacups on which are written the names of various fishes and other sea creatures. If you'll look to the left side of each of those *kanji* you'll see a radical which is the *kanji* for "fish" (*sakana*). As a matter of fact, on that cup you'll see that the *kanji* is actually a pictogram, showing a fish's head, scaled body and tail fins. If you never spotted this, try cutting down on your sake—or check it before you begin imbibing.

This radical is called *uo-hen*, at least when it appears on the left part of a *kanji*. I don't ever recall seeing it on the right side, but I'll stay alert for it.

SPEAKING OF TEACUPS, Japanese teacups have no handles. I happen to like my *cha* (tea) piping hot. If you don't happen to have one of those double-walled teacups, how does one hold a cup of hot *cha* without getting heat blisters on the fingers?

IROIRO

GEORGE JOHNSTON

A Memory of Inauguration Day

Another quadrennial inauguration has come and gone, with President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle successfully installed. But the date of Jan. 20, inauguration day for American presidents, will always mean something different to me because of what happened eight years ago.

Jan. 20, 1981 was the day Ronald Reagan replaced Jimmy Carter as chief executive. Also, the Iranian hostages were released after 444 days of imprisonment. For students at the University of Colorado at Boulder, it was registration day for the spring semester. It was also the day my college roommate, Canh The Luong, dived headfirst out of the fourth floor window of CU's Baker Hall.

The first year of college can be a traumatic time. For many, it is the first major separation from one's family, living in a strange environment, with new people, new freedoms, responsibilities and pressures.

Canh (he pronounced it like "Ken")

and I were assigned to be roommates in the Baker Hall dormitory; we were in the area known as "the pit." He introduced himself as a Vietnamese refugee, but didn't talk much about how he came to the U.S. He didn't talk much period, maybe because he couldn't express himself well in English; to be blunt, he was very difficult to understand.

The guy was a loner and he studied more than anyone I've ever met. While everyone in the pit became a fairly tightknit bunch, Canh kept to himself. He apparently preferred this, declining invitations to join in, not learning the names of anyone else save me. Other than Asian heritage, we had just about nothing in common.

Toward the end of the fall semester, we mutually agreed to get new roommates. It just wasn't working out. After winter break, students were coming back to campus. The last I saw of Canh, he was headed up to the fourth floor TV room. After going to sleep, I was awakened about 3:30 a.m. by pounding on my door. Since my

dormmates were notorious practical jokers, I ignored it. I was surprised, then, when the door was unlocked and opened; silhouetted by the hall light were three campus cops—and the news was not good.

I think that despite his constant studying, Canh's grades weren't that great. With his English problem, that would be possible. But his problems went deeper than that; there were things that he didn't talk about, things that he kept to himself. Who knows what he saw and what he went through to get to this country? How did he feel about living here? He kept it all inside.

They say at every major university, three or four students commit suicide each year. For some reason, they decide to call it quits. Some fall through the cracks of established safeguards, all the while giving off signals that they want help; others are deliberate in carrying out their goal of ending it.

I imagine I'll always reflect on Jan. 20, 1981 each time a president gets inaugurated. Rest in peace wherever you are, Canh.



Pick-up Sites for 'Voluntary Information Forms' for Redress

SAN FRANCISCO—The sites where Voluntary Information Forms are available to register with the Office of Redress Administration are listed by region and states:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Nikkei Senior Center, 1910 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.
Japanese American Services of the East Bay, 2126 Channing Way., Berkeley, CA 94704.
Santa Clara Valley Christian Church, 40 S. Union Ave., Campbell, CA 95008.
Sakura Kai, 6500 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito, CA.
Mt. View Buddhist Temple, 575 Stierlin Rd., Mt. View, CA 94043.
Lake Park United Methodist Church, 281 Santa Clara, Oakland, CA 94610.
Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Louis Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303.
Japanese Community & Cultural Center of No. Calif., 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.
JACL, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.
Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94108.
Japanese American Library, 1619 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.
San Jose Buddhist Church, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112.
Yu Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112.
Eden Japanese Senior Center, 710 Elgin St., San Lorenzo, CA.
Sturge United Presbyterian Church, 25 S. Humboldt Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401.
San Mateo Community Ctr., 415 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, CA 94401.
Enmanji Buddhist Temple, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. S., Sebastopol, CA 95472.
South Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City, CA 94587.
Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA 95076.
CENTRAL VALLEY CALIFORNIA
JACL, 912 E. St., Fresno, CA 93706

Asian Community Center, 7801 Rush River Dr., Sacramento, CA 95831.
Nisei War Memorial Hall, 1515 - 4th St., Sacramento, CA 95814.
Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818.
Buddhist Church of Stockton, 2820 Shimizu Dr., Stockton, CA 95203.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim, CA 92804.
Gardena Pioneer Project, 15350 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90247.
Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena, CA 90247.
Harbor District Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813.
Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. # 411, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
JACL, 244 S. San Pedro St. # 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
So. Calif. Gardeners Federation, 333 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90013.
West Los Angeles Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.
Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066.
Japanese Cultural Institute, 505 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103.
San Diego JACL, 1031-25th St., San Diego, CA 92102.
San Fernando Valley Japanese Community Center, 8850 Lankershim Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352.
East San Gabriel Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, CA 91790.

OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

Asian American Coalition, c/o Sylvia Kobayashi, 3437 Stanford Dr., Anchorage, AK 99508.
Arizona Buddhist Church, 4132 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix, AR 85019.
Simpson United Methodist Church, 6001 Wolff St., Arvada, CO 80003.
Japan-America Society, 1500 Bay Rd. # 683, Miami Beach, FL 33139.
Japan-America Society, 506 W. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33623.

An Ungentler Japan

state. Back in Japan's crowded cities and my own tiny house, I feel claustrophobic.

The high cost of food here is infuriating. Everything is expensive—meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, rice—whether you eat at home or in a restaurant.

I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me when I saw a head of lettuce advertised for \$3.27 (\$1 = ¥ 122) at a local supermarket. Rainy weather last summer is blamed for high produce prices, but in Texas you could buy 12 heads for that price. The \$150 that some Japanese pay for one fancy melon would purchase several crates of cantaloupes in Austin.

In Osaka, I paid the equivalent of more than \$10 for a pork-cutlet lunch made from tough, tasteless frozen meat. I wanted to heave that greasy mess into the kitchen.

You can get a great meal in Japan for \$50 a person, but the portions are

so small that you want a second or third helping. For \$50, four or five Texans can eat and drink in a neighborhood bar for hours.

The recent meat scandal in Japan—meat from diseased cows was sold as hamburger—was the final insult. Maybe Japanese athletes did so poorly at the Seoul Olympics because they couldn't afford a good steak.

After living in Texas, where people dress casually, and Berkeley, where intellectuals are indifferent to how they look, it's hard to understand middle-aged Japanese who spend a small fortune on designer-brand clothes. Dressed like beautiful people, they live in unbearably cramped quarters.

Gasoline in Japan costs four times what it does in the United States, despite the drop in oil prices. And the exorbitant toll fees here are officially sanctioned highway robbery.

Southern hospitality is ingrained in

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You, Loni

On Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, 1989, practically every PBS station in the United States showed Loni Ding's *Color of Honor*.

The extraordinary story of Nisei soldiers, their loyalty, courage and sacrifice for the United States, which betrayed them in WWII was told to a national audience.

Thank you, Loni and congratulations for your courage and extraordinary efforts, first to produce your powerful documentary and secondly to have it shown on PBS to the entire nation.

All Nisei soldiers, the 442nd and the MIS and the Japanese American community deeply appreciate your commitment to tell the truth.

Loni, we owe you an eternal debt of gratitude.

SHIGEYA KIHARA
Monterey, Calif.

Like a Christmas Tree

Looking for articles in your Special Holiday Issue on redress and remembrance, was like looking for Christmas presents in a heavily decorated (with ads) Christmas tree, one was more than amply rewarded upon opening them.

A belated Happy New Year to the staff!!

JOE OYAMA
Berkeley, Calif.

Pyrrhic Victory?

Fine, we finally got the 20 G's coming to us. With the budget constraint we may be long dead before our checks arrive. Noted, of course that this may be inherited by our heirs. Some of us rather have the use of this money now, some of us may have to include that in our estate (over \$600,000)—which will further decimate the transference by another 50 percent. I have written to Sen. Spark Matsunaga some years back about giving us the option to take a tax credit, but nothing became of it. It would give us immediate use of our money depend on one's income, or it could be passed on. It seems like a pyrrhic victory to me, and Congress does not have to appropriate money on those electing to take a tax credit partially or entirely.

GORO SUGA
Kanehoe, Hawaii

The following letters appeared in the *Oakland Tribune* on Dec. 19 and Jan. 3, respectively, as a result of a column by its associate editor, William Wong, who dealt with problems that Nikkei face each Dec. 7.—Ed.

Internment Justified

In his column of Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, William Wong said the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II was "really driven by racism." Not so! In those days of hysteria, resulting from the bombing of Pearl Harbor, no one knew where the loyalty of the Japanese Americans would be placed.

The Japanese have a long history of devotion and loyalty to their ancestry, and

also had a history of treachery under the rule of the war lords. We had many military installations on the West Coast, along with many factories setting up to produce military equipment, and with the all-out war effort, our government could not risk any possibility of sabotage. So because of the uncertainty, and as a precautionary measure, the Japanese Americans were interned. It was nothing else.

Ever since that time, there has been the question of why German and Italian Americans were not interned, since we were also warring against Germany and Italy. Had Germany or Italy bombed U.S. soil, things may be been different.

LLOYD BREDEHOFT
Berkeley, Calif.

Internment Unjustified

In his letter of Dec. 19, Lloyd Bredehoft wrote that the internment of Japanese Americans was justified because "the Japanese have a long history and loyalty to their ancestry, and also had a history of treachery under the rule of the warlords."

This is sheer World War II racist propaganda and libel to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry and their longtime resident parents. Most of the people interned were teenagers and children.

Bredehoft also does a disservice to the American public school system insinuating that they failed to make good Americans out of Japanese Americans.

On Feb. 2, 1942, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised the attorney general that the proposed internment of Japanese Americans could not be justified for security reasons.

He said, "The necessity of mass evacuation is based primarily upon public and political pressure rather than factual data."

In December 1982, after intensive research with substantial assistance from people in the National Archives, the departments of Defense and Justice; FBI, Executive Office Building and the White House, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians reported, "The promulgation of Executive Order 9066 was not prompted by military necessity but the result of race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

On Aug. 10, 1988, President Reagan apologized to the Japanese Americans on behalf of the United States government. He said, "We must recognize that the internment of Japanese Americans was just that—a mistake."

"Scores of Japanese Americans volunteered for our armed forces, many stepping forward in the internment camps themselves. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up entirely of Japanese Americans, served with immense distinction to defend this nation—their nation."

"Yet back home, the soldiers' families were being denied the very freedom for which so many of the soldiers themselves were laying down their lives."

JOE OYAMA
Berkeley, Calif.



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By Shigeo Minabe

Professor of Economics, Hiroshima University
Chugoku Shimbum

Everyone who lives in a foreign country has some adjustment problems, but many Japanese experience severe reverse culture shock when they return to Japan. Poor housing and sky-high food prices make you wonder why you came home again.

I've lived in the United States on six different occasions, spending about half of the last three years in Texas and California. My cultural reentry to Japan last autumn was the most difficult ever.

I suffered spatial disorientation, a psychological consequence of spending two academic semesters in Texas, where the wide open spaces stretch to the horizon. Even during a three-month stay in California, which is about the same size as Japan, I felt hemmed in compared to the Lone Star

THE CALENDAR

LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present-Jan. 30—Ansel Adam's "Manzanar: Life in the Japanese American Internment Camp," sponsored by Cal State L.A. Asian American Resource Center, J.F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Cal State L.A. campus. Free. Hours: Variable; call 213 343-3980. Info: 213 343-4245.

■ Present-Feb. 26—East West Players production of *Laughter and False Teeth*, East West Playhouse, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd. Times: 8 pm, with Sunday matinees. Info: 213 660-0366.

■ Present-Feb. 3—Display of the works of Eddy Kurushima, Jerome WRA Center artist, lobby of the Sumitomo Bank of California, 101 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 am-4 pm; Fri., 10 am-5 pm. Meet Kurushima, 2-4 pm on Fridays.

■ Jan. 28-Feb. 19—"The Art of Netsuke, Ojime and Sagemono," George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Hours: Tues.-Fri., noon-5 pm; Sat. & Sun., 11 am-4 pm. Closed Mondays. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Jan. 29—The San Gabriel Valley Single's installation, Alu-Mont, 5400 N. Irwindale, Irwindale. Speaker: Irene Kubo. Potluck luncheon & door-prizes. Non-members: \$3. Info: Sakado, 818 285-8895 or Toshi, 714 861-9676.

■ Feb. 2 & 3—Performances by Kodo Heartbeat Drummers of Japan, California Institute of Technology, 8 pm, Beckman Auditorium, Michigan Ave. south of Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena. Tickets: \$22.50/\$20/\$17.50; 18 and under, \$2 off; student & senior rush tickets, \$6.30 min. before performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Caltech Ticket Office, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Pasadena or at Ticketron outlets. Info: 1 800 434-8849 or 818 356-4652.

■ Feb. 3-5—Second Annual Conference of the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education, Sheraton La Reina Hotel. Registration fee: \$75, \$100 after Jan. 9. Info: Audrey Yamagata-Noji, 714 582-4622.

■ Feb. 4—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California annual installation dinner, 6-10 pm, La Marina Inn, 119 Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey. Guest Speaker: Rev. Mas Kodani. Topic: "Japanese Americans: Do We Have a Future?" Tickets: \$20. Send checks to JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510-3164, or call Sue, 213 662-5102 or 818 288-0024.

■ Feb. 8 & 9—Kodo Heartbeat Drummers, 8 pm, Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tickets: \$20 and \$16. Info: 213 680-3700.

■ Feb. 11—"A Collector's Eye," a one-day seminar on netsuke for beginning collectors and enthusiasts, includes bento lunch, 10 am-2:30 pm, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Registration deadline: Feb. 8. Fee: JACCC members, \$25, non-members, \$35. Reservations and info: 213 628-2725.

■ Feb. 18—Benefit dance for Collage Ensemble, 8 pm-midnight, Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 162nd St., Gardena. Admission: \$7. Send checks, payable to Collage Ensemble, to Crystal Palace Billiards, 4335 W. Imperial Highway, Inglewood, CA 90304. Info: 213 532-1831.

NEW YORK

■ Feb. 2—The 15th anniversary of AAL-DEF (Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund), Silver Palace Restaurant, 50-52 Bowery. Cocktails: 5:30 pm. Dinner: 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$60, members; \$75, non-members. Info: 212 966-5932.

■ Feb. 5-March 31—"Turning Leaves: The Family Albums of Two Japanese American Families," New York Chinatown History Project, 70 Mulberry St., 2nd fl. Sun.-Fri., noon-5 pm. Opening celebration: Feb. 5, 2-5 pm. Info: 212 619-4785.

■ Present-March 14—"14 Summer Days in Hangzhou, China," photos by Susan Yung, Shneyer & Shen, 250 W. 100th St. Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm; Sat. (except Feb. 4), 1-5 pm. Info: Ric Cherwin, 212 316-2700 or Susan Yung, 212 769-5656.

SACRAMENTO AREA

■ Feb. 18—Greater Florin Area Nikkei Community's 7th Annual Day of Remembrance, 7 pm, 8320 Florin Rd. Speaker: Rep. Robert Matsui. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$2/junior and senior high school students. Final committee meeting: Feb. 1, 7:30-9 pm, residence of Mary Tsukamoto. Info: Tommy Kushi, 916 454-0539; Mary or Al Tsukamoto, 916 383-3906; or Bill Kashiwagi, 916 635-2815.

■ April 1—Dragon Run '89, the Asian Pacific Community Counseling 8k run and 2 mile walkathon. Info: 916 452-7836.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

■ Present-Feb. 23—Exhibition of works by clay sculptor Judy Hiramato, lobby of Tandem Computers, Inc., 19191 Vallico Pkwy., Cupertino. Hours: 8 am-5 pm, M-F. The public is welcome. Info: 415 586-1324.

■ Jan. 28—"Toward A More Just Society," a dinner introducing the Fred Korematsu Civil Rights Fund, sponsored by the Asian Law Caucus, 6 pm, Hyatt Hotel on Union Square. Keynote Speaker: Rep. Robert Matsui. Info: 415 835-1474 or 415 922-4060.

■ Feb. 5—The Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 pm, at the home of Yuri Moriaki. Guest speaker: Jane Cassidy, esq. Topic: Living trusts, wills, etc. New members welcome. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415 221-0268 or Yuri Moriaki 415 482-3280.

■ Feb. 11—Chinese New Year Celebration, sponsored by the Asian-American Social Club, 7 pm, Heung Heung Restaurant, 3608 Balboa. Deadline: Feb. 6. Info: 415 656-7417.

■ Feb. 17—"The 1989 Asian American Achievement Awards Banquet," sponsored by the Organization of Chinese Americans, Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 6 pm. Keynote Speaker: Rep. Norman Mineta. Info: 415 451-4400.

■ April 8—"J-Town Revue," AMC Kabuki Theatres in Japantown. Proceeds to go towards the Japanese Cultural and Community Center. Volunteers & info: 415 567-5505.

SEATTLE

■ Present-Jan. 31—Etchings and monographs by Kazuko Watanabe, Kimzey Miller Gallery, 1225 2nd Ave., Mon.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-5 pm. Info: 206 682-2339.

■ Present-Jan. 31—"Kago: A Woven Dialog," an exhibition of woven bamboo baskets, Creative Arts Center, 620 Market St., Kirkland. Mon.-Sat., 10 am-4 pm; Thurs. until 8 pm. Info: 206 822-7161.

■ Present-Jan. 31—"Kodomo No Tame Ni (for the sake of the children)," photographs of four generations and 100 years of settlement of the Japanese community on Bainbridge Island, Seattle Public Library, first floor, 1000 4th Ave. Info: 206 386-4636.

■ Present-Feb. 25—"Shop Signs of Old Japan," an exhibition of nearly 50 wooden signs known as *kamban*, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm. Info: 206 622-1225.

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East West Players
Awarded \$25,000

LOS ANGELES—East West Players has received a \$25,000 grant from the W. Alton Jones Foundation in support of the 23-year-old theatre's artistic endeavors during the 1988-89 season. The grant is the first funding East Players has received from the Virginia-based foundation, which seeks out non-profit organizations with long-established artistic and/or social merit.

In addition to enhancing production values and providing for artists' salaries for the four mainstage productions in the 99-seat theatre, the Alton Jones' funds will also contribute to East West Players' ongoing mission to develop Asian American playwrights on a national level.

The timing of the grant, according to managing director Michele Garza, is favorably critical to their efforts to convert to a full equity house, and to the development of the historic Union Church, located in the Little Tokyo district of downtown Los Angeles, as the future home of East West Players.

Founded in 1965, East West Players has gained a distinguished national reputation for the high quality of both its classic and contemporary theatrical productions.

THE NEWSMAKERS

■ **Jimmy Kamada** of Seattle was named administrative services officer at the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank with headquarters in San Francisco.

■ **Masaru "Mas" Nitta** of Seattle retired after 43 years as a warehouseman for the West Coast Paper Co. In that time, the 76-year-old was never late to work and he never missed a day's work.

■ **Dr. Robert H. Oishi** and his brother, **Dr. Noboru Oishi**, both of the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, are participating in a nationwide study on cancer with the National Cancer Institute at Bethesda, Md. The study evaluates and compares the effectiveness of different cancer treatments. Dr. Robert Oishi is evaluating therapies for colon and rectal cancer and Dr. Noboru Oishi, along with Dr. Reginald C.S. Ho of the Straub Clinic and Hospital, is comparing treatments for bladder cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

■ **Charlene A. Nomaguchi** of Seattle has been named vice president marketing of Skippers Inc. She was previously senior director of marketing.

■ **Bruce T. Abe** was named dean of administrative services at South Seattle Community College. He was previously deputy director of the Seattle Aquarium.

■ **Randall Iwase**, for city councilman and unsuccessful Democratic mayoral candidate for Honolulu, was hired by the state of Hawaii to work on development of the downtown waterfront and the Kapolei Village affordable-housing project.

■ **Glenn Koyama** of Koyama Landscaping and **Haruo Yamashiro** of Yamashiro Landscape Contractor were winners for Los Angeles County at the annual convention of the California Landscape Contractors Association. Koyama Landscaping of Temple City won the Judges Award and a First Place in medium residential renovation, while Yamashiro accepted the Humanitarian Award for the Patio Garden at the Japanese Cultural Institute's senior housing complex in Torrance.

■ **Fred Fujioka** was installed as the new president of the Japanese American Bar Association of the Greater Los Angeles Area on Jan. 27. He is a partner in the law firm of Gomez, Fujioka & Furukawa and replaced Robert Kawahara as JABA's president.

■ **Patricia Lee**, 35, was named by Washington state Gov. Booth Gardner as director of the state Commission on Asian American Affairs.

She is an attorney with the firm of Lasher and Johnson and formerly a King County deputy prosecutor.

■ **Kristie Yamaguchi** won the senior ladies' title at the Pacific Coast Skating Championships Jan. 7 at the Sno-King Arena in Seattle. She skates for the St. Moritz club in San Francisco.

■ **Ross Kawamoto** of Philadelphia was promoted to the position of Divisional Sales Manager for the Eastern Division of American Marazzi Tile Distributors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kawamoto of Glenview, Ill.

■ **J. George Hayashi** of American President Companies, Ltd. became vice chairman of the board on Jan. 24. The Oakland-based company provides container distribution and transportation services within and between Asia and North America. Among his responsibilities, Hayashi will focus on expanding relationships in government affairs, both foreign and domestic, and will be the company's principal representative on key industry issues.

■ **Johnny Y. Maeda**, postmaster of Palo Alto for the last 12 years, retired Jan. 13. He was one of the first Nisei postmasters in the Mainland U.S.; he began working for the postal service in 1952.

■ **T. George Hayakawa**, 64, of South Pasadena, Calif., was reappointed to the State Building Standards Commission of Jan. 9. He is the president of Hayakawa Associates, a consulting engineering firm in Los Angeles.

UNGENTLER

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Texans, and they are friendly and kind. But in Japan, affluence has taken a toll on civility. Seeing what materialism and status-seeking have done to our values was the saddest part of my homecoming. Japan is not becoming a gentler society.

We have yet to learn the truism that "Man doth not live by bread alone." Unless we seek spiritual and cultural fulfillment, Japan's Gilded Age will turn out to be made of fool's gold.

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• Fourteenth Annual Installation Dinner, Jan. 28, the Ibis Hotel, 923 E. Carson St., Carson. No host cocktails: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm. The evening includes door prizes and a members only raffle. Cost: \$20/ea. Info: 213 835-9833, 213 324-7462 or 213 834-3663.

CONTRA COSTA

• Installation Banquet, Feb. 4, Emeryville Holiday Inn. 6 pm: No host cocktails. 7 pm: Dinner. Info: 415 237-8730.

DOWNTOWN

• Installation Luncheon, 11:30 am, Feb. 26, Hyatt Sunset, 8401 Sunset Blvd. Cost: \$25. RSVP by Feb. 12. Info: Lillian Inatomi, 213 636-8456 or 213 822-3363, or Naomi Kuramoto, 818 288-4503.

EAST LOS ANGELES

• Installation, noon, Jan. 29, Savoy Restaurant, 301 E. Valley Blvd., Alhambra. Chapter will collect applications for Miss East Los Angeles JACL. Info: Mable Yoshizaki, 213 263-8469 or Bob Obi, 213 256-8551.

GARDENA VALLEY

• Golden Anniversary Celebration, Jan. 28, Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson. 6 pm: No host cocktails. 7 pm: Dinner. Donation: \$25. Info: Deena Koda, 213 318-5353.

GILROY

• Installation dinner/dance, Gilroy Elks Lodge, 2765 Hecker Pass Highway. No host hospitality hour: 6 pm. Dinner: 7 pm. Dance immediately follows the program. Info: June Hanada, 408 842-6900.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Seventh Annual Installation Dinner-Dance, Jan. 28, Holiday Inn, Long Beach, 2640 Lakewood Blvd. at I-405. Cost: \$22; after Jan. 20, \$25. No host

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JAPAN

• Ski-Yaki Ski Trip, Feb. 17-19, Katashina Ski Resort, Gunma-Ken. Cost: members, ¥28,000; non-members, ¥30,000; children, ¥23,000. Includes bus fare, room, lift tickets & four meals. Info: 713-0137.

SACRAMENTO

• Annual Super Crab Feast, Feb. 4, 5 pm, Sacramento Buddhist Church. Tickets: \$17.50, adults; \$7.50 adults; under 5 yrs., free. Tickets and info: Tom Okubo, 916 422-0231; Tom Okubo, 916 422-8749; or Toko Fujii, 916 421-2112.

SAN JOSE

• JACL '89 Dinner Dance, March 4, Fairmont Hotel. Also includes art show featuring the works of Hisashi Otsuka. Proceeds to benefit the chapter and the Japanese American Community Foundation. Info: 408 295-1250 or Images West, 408 970-0925.

SCAN

• Art exhibition and auction fundraiser, Westchester Senior Center, 8740 Lincoln Blvd., Los Angeles. Exhibition: 7-7:45 pm. Auction: 8:15 pm. Donation: \$2/person. Refreshments will be served. Info: Nan, 213 306-4466 or Gail, 213 827-3417.

VENTURA COUNTY

• Installation dinner, 6-10:30 pm, Feb. 4, Board at the Bard Mansion, Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by Jan. 25. Guest Speaker: Grant Ujifusa. Info: Janet Kajihara, 805 983-2612.

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AACI Celebrates 15th Anniversary

SAN JOSE — Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) celebrated its 15th anniversary on Nov. 19, 1988 at the Fairmont Hotel. Attended by over 900 people, the dinner commemorated a community organization that is the largest refugee and immigrant mental health and social adjustment program serving Asians in California.

Dale Minami delivered the keynote address on "Civil Rights in the Nineties." "The danger I see in the next decade," warned Minami, "is the revitalization of anti-Asian hostility." He cited the rise of anti-Asianism in the murder of Vincent Chin, attacks on Asian Indians in New Jersey, glass ceilings in businesses and universities, the "English Only" movement, and state and county reports documenting the alarming rise in anti-Asian violence in California.

Asian Pacific American civil rights honoree Ed Kawazoe stated that a false sense of complacency is especially dangerous for Asian Americans who, despite the model minority stereotype, have much "unfinished business." Fellow recipient of AACI's Asian American Freedom Award, Zoe Lofgren, chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, was honored for her devotion and service to the Asian American community, particularly among recent immigrants and Southeast Asian refugees.

AACI was founded in 1973 by twelve members of the local Asian American community and has served over 15,000 clients. AACI has an annual budget that exceeds \$1 million.

'Run-in-Park' Slated for Sept. 17 Funded

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno JACL-sponsored "Run in the Park" was the recipient of a \$1,000 John Reese Community Grant from the Pepsi Cola Co., an annual sponsor of the race.

The Run-in-the-Park is sponsored by the local JACL, Pepsi Cola San Joaquin Bottling Co. and Yaohan Supermarket, and was started in 1986.

It features a 10k run, a 2-mile run and a 2-mile striders competition and recreational walk at Woodward Park. The 10k run is one of the races from which points are accumulated toward

the "Runner of the Year" award from the area.

Ken Takeuchi has volunteered as race director for the past three years. The next race is scheduled for Sept. 17. Beneficiaries of the proceeds are the

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