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SUPPORT FOR NAKANISHI—A demonstration supporting tenure for Don Nakanishi was held on March 8.

'Tenure Now' Rally for Don Nakanishi Draws 300 at UCLA

LOS ANGELES — Supporters of Prof. Don Nakanishi, whose quest for tenure as the Asian American studies professor at UCLA Graduate School of Education is entering its third year, called for "Tenure Now" at a Westwood Plaza rally on Friday, March 10.

Over 300 listened to representatives of government officials and student groups endorse Nakanishi.

In an official statement Thursday, UCLA Chancellor Charles Young said although he was unable to "participate in public discussion of the substantive merits of the case," a re-review of the case is underway and would be resolved "as soon as possible," the campus *Daily Bruin* reported.

Speakers at Rally

UCLA graduate student Edward Pai of the Asian-Pacific American Graduate Students Assn. reminded Chancellor Young has publicly declared UCLA's commitment to cultural and educational diversity, "(but) as Professor Nakanishi's case has pointed out, the chancellor has not backed his words with concrete actions."

Black Student Alliance chair

San Francisco Dinner for Wakabayashi Set

SAN FRANCISCO — The Japanese American Citizens League will hold a dinner honoring Ron Wakabayashi, its past national director on April 28 at the Hyatt Hotel on Union Square here.

Wakabayashi, who served at the post for over seven years, directed the JACL as it focused its efforts on legislation to redress Japanese Americans subjected to U.S. government-directed West Coast evacuation and subsequent incarceration during WWII. He resigned following the successful culmination of the effort, which was the signing of Public Law 100-383, to work on the presidential campaign of

Donyale Hall read a collective statement signed by the BSA, American Indian Students, MECHA and the Asian Pacific Coalition: "The case is not an isolated incident, but rather... a dangerous attitude which is very much alive throughout this institution. That attitude is racism."

New Jewish Agenda spokesperson Madeline Turner emphasized the need for all minorities, even ones who have not been underrepresented in education, such as Jews, to speak out against discrimination: "Chancellor Young, We are the future and the future is at your door," she said.

Public Officials Represented

Warren Furutani, member of the L.A. Unified School District Board of Education, said "Getting Don Nakanishi as the first Asian Pacific American professor in the graduate school of education is the first step in getting UCLA to realize the diversity of this new and real America."

Representatives from public officials in support of Nakanishi were present to read prepared statements. Among them were State Sen. Art Torres, Assemblymen Tom Hayden and Richard Floyd.

Undergraduate cultural affairs com-

missioner Ken Wada read a UCLA student government resolution demanding immediate tenure for Nakanishi. The resolution had passed 8-0-5 the night before, although council members wondered about their role to speak on the tenure process. The graduate student government forum voted 7-6-3 to support and endorse the Nakanishi rally.

The noon rally ended with a march around the campus to the chancellor's office in Murphy Hall to present the resolutions. Another rally followed with about 150 present.

According to Glenn Omatsu, associate editor of *Amerasia Journal*, Nakanishi could not be present for the press conference or the rally as he is preparing rebuttal papers for presentation to the Graduate School of Education departmental review committee. The case has been returned for further review as a result of Young's recent decision.

Executive Vice Chancellor Murray Schwartz distributed Young's statement at the press conference and defended the procedure of Nakanishi's review. A review usually requires one academic year in a non-extraordinary case of tenure but, it was explained, it has taken longer to establish procedures for Nakanishi's case because of allegations of irregularity found in the review process.

National JACL support for Nakanishi (see Mar. 3 P.C.) came in a letter signed by Cressey Nakagawa, national president, addressed to Young. He concluded: "Tenure should be granted to Professor Nakanishi based on his scholarship, his teaching skills, and his service to the university and the community."

Orange County Human Relations Panel Deplores 'Frivolous' Anti-Redress Suit

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The Orange County Human Relations Commission voted unanimously this past week (March 9) to deplore the action taken by the American War Veterans Relief Assn. in federal court to deny the \$20,000 redress payment to Japanese Americans. (see P.C. March 10.)

This "regrettable" suit, commission chair Dr. Daniel Ninburg said, threatens to hold up the payments authorized by Congress last year to survivors of the internment camps and an

official apology for the violation of their civil rights.

"This last challenge of the legislation's constitutionality is frivolous" and he felt the "cynical action" by the American War Veterans Relief Assn. "could delay payment to internees, many of whom are elderly and poor."

"It is time to recognize the mistakes we made during the hysteria of wartime and make reparations to these innocent people," Ninburg concluded.

Redress Called 'Stupid'

Redress Injunction Filed by Vets' Group

WASHINGTON — Calling congressional action on redress "a stupid thing," John P. Coale, attorney for the American War Veterans Release Association, Inc., said that redress opened the door for the "what about me?" syndrome.

The statements were made March 9 at a press conference announcing the injunction that the group filed that day in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia attempting to stop the implementation of Japanese American redress.

The civil action is based upon the group's contention that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribiloff Islands Restitution Act are "... unconstitutional on their face and as applied because they discriminate on the basis of natural (sic) origin. Specifically, they provide reparations to a limited class of individuals who were relocated or interned during World War II and deny reparations to similarly situated individuals."

Included in the complaint is the assertion that "the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, on its face and as applied, denies the plaintiff (Arthur D. Jacobs and others in a similar case) equal protection of the laws, thus violating the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

In announcing this legal action, Coale complained that veterans are upset because veterans benefits have been dwindling. In response to a reporter's query as to whether this suit was being used to air veteran complaints, Coale issued a denial.

John D. Kirby, administrator of the

Cal Poly Pomona Students Protest Anti-Asian Attacks

POMONA, Calif. — In wake of several examples of discrimination against Asian Americans on campus, the Cal Poly (Pomona) Asian American Student Assn. this past week (Monday, Mar. 13) published a four-point demand upon the university to:

- 1—Apprehend the individual involved in a racist attack on a Japanese American woman student (the name was not released in the campus newspaper nor in the report filed by university investigator Ron Veach of the February '89) and file criminal charges upon apprehension.
- 2—Send a clear message to students acts of racism and racist violence are prohibited and punishable by suspension from campus.
- 3—Adopt a mandatory ethnic studies policy for all students to graduate (at least two ethnic studies classes).
- 4—And establish measures to address the current situation and prevent its recurrence in the future.

group, said that other groups were mistreated in the same way as Japanese Americans were mistreated. As an example, Black American soldiers were mistreated because they were segregated.

In response, Mike Masaoka, former JACL Washington representative, said that persons of Japanese ancestry were mistreated on an en masse basis—as a whole class. Masaoka, who identified himself as a veteran and former member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, also addressed the discrimination which Japanese American veterans experienced before and during their World War II military service.

Ironically, at the end of the press conference, reporters surrounded Masaoka, focusing their questions and

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New P.C. Board Under Kimura Holds '89 Meet

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen board and staff, chaired by Lillian Kimura of New York, held its annual 1989 meeting over the March 11-12 weekend at the Japanese American Cultural Community Center to nail down policies and procedures and engage in some long-range planning.

What had been the 1982 guidelines was modified and adopted as P.C. policy, responsibilities and guidelines: (a) Ownership and ultimate responsibility rests with JACL... to publish news and commentary of broad general interest to Japanese Americans and to report JACL affairs.

(b) The P.C. Board, under direction of its chair, will oversee JACL's interests. Responsibilities include:

- 1—Establishing broad and general business and editorial policies;
- 2—Oversight of performances to assure high professional standards are maintained in conformity with the guidelines;
- 3—Appointment and termination of the editor and business manager.

The responsibilities of the editor, the business manager, and editorial guidelines were also reviewed and adopted.

Present were:

Lillian Kimura (New York) chair; Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook), EDC; Cathy Hironaka (St. Louis), MDC; Bill Hosokawa (Mile-Hi) MPDC; Cathy Maeda (Snake River), IDC; Terence Yamada (Portland), PNWDC; Greg Marutani (San Francisco), NCWNP-DC; Peggy Liggett (Fresno), CCDC; Sandi Kawasaki (Downtown L.A.) PSWDC; Harry K. Honda, George T. Johnston, staff; Cressey Nakagawa, JACL nat'l pres.; Bill Yoshino, JACL nat'l director.

NEWS IN BRIEF

John J. McCloy, Organizer of 442nd RCT, Dies at 93

STAMFORD, Conn. — John Jay McCloy, who is best remembered by Japanese Americans for organizing the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as well as the Evacuation, died Saturday, March 11, at his home. He was 93. As the assistant secretary of war (1941-1945) during World War II, he prevented the military from assuming control of the War Relocation Authority though it was the Army which carried out the removal of 120,000 Japanese Americans and resident aliens from the West Coast in 1942. After the war, he testified in support of evacuation claims and naturalization for the Issei. However, before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981 he insisted that the forced removal was "a relocation program and not an internment" and saw no need for the U.S. to apologize for the wartime internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry. "What have we come to," he wrote in an op-ed piece in the *New York Sunday Times* (April 10, 1983), "when Americans are asked to shoulder the blame, to finance and conduct inquiries into their 'guilt' and pay for the consequences of an indisputable act of aggression by Japan?" ... McCloy was almost the only voice to oppose dropping the atomic bomb on Japan until Tokyo was solemnly warned that the U.S. had such a weapon and would use it unless Japan surrendered. But he was overruled.

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Ron Veach, campus police investigator, said a Japanese American female student had exited the tram which took her from the campus to parking lot F and was walking to her car when she stepped into the path of a young white male Caucasian on a skateboard. The ensuing collision knocked the coed to her knees and the man off his skateboard.

The incident reportedly angered the male who shouted: "You Asians are taking all the jobs away from Americans. Why don't you go back to Taiwan, Korea or Vietnam—wherever you came from—you nigger-lover!" The skateboarder was then alleged to have struck the female with his open hand.

University president Dr. Hugh O. LaBounty called the incident unfortunate and isolated: "It's the first time something like has happened."

However, the CPAASA recalled other racist incidents:

1—In October 1988, an Asian staff person witnessed a group of Caucasian students in the computer center complaining about "too many Chinks and Japs monopolizing the computers."

2—In January 1989, two Caucasian students in a red convertible car confronted a Vietnamese student walking in parking lot C, intimidating and using racial slurs to get off the road.

3—Undated, there was sign in the student union of an Asian face in a circle slashed with a diagonal bar, indicating Asians were not wanted there.

CPAASA reported their campus student body as: 20% Asian-Pacific Islander, over 40% Hispanic and African American. A majority of the Asian group come from immigrant backgrounds but the university lacks bilingual counselors or staff to service their needs, it was noted.

—Through reports by Takeshi Nakayama in the *Rafu Shimpō*

Newest Issue of 'East Wind' Magazine Now Available

SAN FRANCISCO — The Spring/Summer 1988 issue of *East Wind* magazine, focusing on redress is available. *East Wind* is a magazine that covers the politics and culture of Asians in the U.S. Included in the new issue are special interviews with Reps. Norm Mineta and Robert Matsui, two of the key players in the redress victory.

Edited by John Ota, the issue also includes articles on the defeat of redress foe Rep. Dan Lungren; an oral history by longtime progressive activist Karl Akiya of New York; Asian Americans and the Jesse Jackson presidential campaign; an article on an anti-Asian incident at the University of Connecticut; and poetry, reviews and much more.

The cost of the magazine is \$4 plus tax. Copies can also be ordered by sending \$5.50 (including shipping, handling and tax) to: *East Wind*, P.O. Box 26229, San Francisco, CA 94126.

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Buddhist Churches of America Disburses Funds to 14 Groups

SAN FRANCISCO — The Buddhist Churches of America Social Welfare Fund has disbursed funds the past year to 14 non-profit organizations, according to fund Chairman Dr. Robert Hirabayashi. The recipients are:

Northern California Japanese American Senior Center, \$2,500; Seattle Keiro, \$6,000; Japanese American Service Center-Chicago, \$2,000; Nikkei Service Center-Fresno, \$3,000;

Nihonmachi Legal Outreach-San Francisco, \$4,000; Japanese American Services of the East Bay, \$1,800; Asian Health Project-L.A., \$2,900; Hartford Street Zen Center-S.F., \$4,000; Aide for India, \$4,000; OXFAM America Philippines Project, \$5,000; Riggs Dorje Foundation-Canada, \$2,000; Attanagalla Rajamaha Viharaya, \$2,000; Asociación Budista Argentina, \$4,000; and OXFAM America Bangladesh Flood Relief.

A total of \$26,200 was disbursed to domestic and \$27,000 to foreign organizations.

Two recent grants were made to OXFAM America and to the San Francisco-based Hartford Street Zen Center. OXFAM America is one of the most active international relief agencies in the world.

The name "OXFAM" stands for Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and was founded in England in 1942. OXFAM America was formed in 1970. Their most recent project was emergency relief to Bangladesh after three-fourths of the country was flooded, leaving 20 to 25 million people stranded without water, food, shelter or clothes. \$10,000 from the BCA Social Welfare Fund was granted to purchase food and water purification tablets for the victims.

Hartford Street Zen Center received a \$4,000 grant to help establish a Buddhist hospice program to care for people with AIDS. Initially monies will be used to acquire a home for the sick and dying, to make it wheelchair accessible, and to furnish the rooms. Funds will also be needed eventually to provide 24-hour care for all the patients.

While the BCA churches conduct an annual drive for Thanksgiving Day, donations may be submitted to the BCA Social Welfare Funds, Buddhist Churches of America, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, CA 94109. Applications forms and guideline information for funding may be obtained by writing to BCA or by calling (415) 776-5600.

Nominations Open for Senior Appreciation Fete

SAN FRANCISCO — Application forms for this year's nominees by community groups and senior citizen centers for recognition at the second annual Cherry Blossom Festival Senior Appreciation Luncheon, April 15, at the Miyako Hotel, have been mailed to organizational representatives, according to Steve Hirabayashi, committee chairperson. The deadline for nominations is March 24.

All nominees must be as a minimum of:

(1) Japanese ancestry; (2) 60 years of age; and (3) a U.S. citizen or a resident within the U.S. for the past 30 years.

Selection will be based upon the nominee's achievements, enhancement of Japanese American pride, community involvement, and the role model played by the nominee.

Organizations not receiving application forms in the Northern California/Central California area should write to Steve Hirabayashi, 2441 Farroll Ave., Union City, CA 94587. The luncheon starts at 12:30 and will be served at no cost to the senior citizens but reservations are required through the organizations.

APFC Dinner Set for April 21 in Montebello

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — The second annual Asian Pacific Family Center Dinner scheduled for April 21 at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant, will honor with special awards:

Andy Anh, community leader; Jae Min Chang, publisher of the *Korea Times*; Adolfo Cruz, architect, partner, McClellan, Cruz, Gaylord, and assoc.; Dr. Suzanne Keavney, director of Pupil Personnel, Arcadia Unified School District; the Rev. Paul Louie, former senior consultant, Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission; Nobu McCarthy, actress and performing artist; and Dr. Paul Mu, associate vice-president, California State University, Los Angeles.

The annual dinner supports the Rosemead-based Asian Pacific Family Center's work with Asian families experiencing emotional difficulties or problems in adjusting to their new San Gabriel Valley communities. Last year's successful dinner drew nearly 600 people and netted over \$30,000. Proceeds from this year's dinner will be used to augment the center's services.

In addition to the grand prize Acura-Integra automobile, other prizes include a five-piece patio set; a 19-inch color TV; a round-trip for two to the Grand Canyon; a Hitachi videocassette player; and a round trip to Miami.

Dinner tickets are \$35, Silver tickets \$75, and Golden tickets \$100. Tables of ten are \$350, \$750, and \$1,000, respectively. Organization/individual who purchase one table will be listed as a patron in the dinner program. The reception starts at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The Quiet Cannon is located at 901 Via San Clemente in Montebello.

For tickets and information, please call Annette Lim at (818) 573-3322.

INJUNCTION

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attention on him, despite the fact that the press conference was called by Coale and Kirby.

A brochure included in the press packet stated that the American War Veterans Release Association was a non-profit corporation organized to "assist disabled and needy war veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces, their dependents, the widows and orphans of deceased war veterans and others." Kirby claimed that there are 30,000 members in the group.

Coale, who is representing the group, is a senior partner of Coale, Kananack and Murgatroyd, a law firm with offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.



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1989-90 AAJA Scholarships Now Available for Interested Students

SAN FRANCISCO — Scholarships of up to \$2,000 are being offered by the Asian American Journalists Association to outstanding students interested in pursuing careers in print, broadcast or photo journalism.

Students must be high school seniors entering college or undergraduate or graduate students who will be enrolled in an accredited college or university during the 1989-90 academic year.

"They don't have to be in journalism school," explained Diane Yen-Mei Wong, national AAJA executive director, "but they must be able to demonstrate that they have a serious interest in journalism."

"We'll be looking for people who worked on school or community newspapers, volunteered to help with community broadcasting work or something of that nature. The program is very competitive," she said.

The awards, offered on both the national and local levels, will be based on scholastic achievement, financial need and sensitivity to, and knowledge of, the Asian American community.

A blue ribbon panel of judges, selected by the Washington, D.C. AAJA Chapter, which is hosting the national AAJA scholarship program, will interview the national finalists in May. Concurrently, several local AAJA chapter will hold separate competitions for students living or attending school in their regions.

AAJA is a non-profit organization formed in 1981 to encourage Asian American students to pursue journalism careers, increase employment of Asian American journalists and promote fair and accurate coverage of Asian American issues.

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APWN'S WOMAN WARRIORS—On March 2, the Asian Pacific Women's Network-Los Angeles presented its 1989 Woman Warrior Awards in Los Angeles. Pictured above are (l-r) Maeley Tom, Nilda Rimonte, APWN-L.A. President Patty Kinaga, Helen Brown, and France Nuyen.

Woman Warrior Awards Presented

LOS ANGELES — The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles Music Center was the site of the 8th annual Woman Warriors Awards Banquet on March 2. The event—sponsored by the Asian Pacific Women's Network (APWN)—Los Angeles—honors those who have "made an exceptional contribution to better the lives of Asian Pacific women and people in general."

Honored at this year's banquet, which attracted nearly 600 people, were France Nuyen, Maeley Tom, the Center for the Pacific-Asian Family, Inc. and Helen Brown. The APWN also awarded four \$1,000 scholarships during the course of the banquet.

Awardees

Known most recently for her role as Dr. Paulette Kiem on TV's now defunct "St. Elsewhere," actress France Nuyen was recognized with a Woman Warrior Award under the arts/community service category for her time devoted to working as a psychologist with abused and battered children, as a counselor for residents of a California women's penitentiary and a VA hospital.

Maeley Tom, currently the special assistant to California Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti in the Office of Asian Pacific Affairs, was the Woman Warrior Award recipient for government. She took time during her acceptance speech to acknowledge the support of her husband, Ron and their daughter, Stephanie. As for the source of her motivation, Tom said, "I always had this need to constantly prove myself, as if I had to compensate for something I missed in my childhood.

But your award really helped me realize that I don't have to run, I don't have to prove anything to myself anymore."

Showing that the award recipients don't have to be people, the next award, under the community heading, was presented to the Center for the Pacific-Asian Family, Inc. The center is a sexual assault and domestic facility dedicated to understand violence in a cultural context. Accepting the award was Nilda Rimonte, founder and executive director for the center. Recounting the earlier days of the center, when she met resistance to the concept, Rimonte said, "If I sound as if the struggle at CPAF was very much my own struggle, it is because, quite simply, it was."

Receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award was Helen Brown, for her involvement in the Asian American community. She was described as being instrumental with ACT (Asians Coming Together) I and ACT II, held at UCLA in the 1960s. Her involvement also stretched to the Pacific Asian Coalition, commissioner for the Asian American Education Commission of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Filipino America Educators Association, Asian American Drug Abuse Program and the Asian American Voluntary Action Center. In the field of education, Brown was a proponent of bilingual and multicultural programs. On a sad

note, Brown mentioned that her husband, Bill, had died just the weekend before the event.

Scholarship Recipients

For this year, over 130 people applied for the scholarships. The four winners were Hoa Ai Diep, Dolkar Khando, Mary Nishita and Pamela Tom. Diep, a Vietnamese refugee who came to the U.S. at age nine, will study electrical engineering at UC Irvine. Khando, 25, will study Western nursing techniques, eventually bringing her knowledge back to her native Tibet.

Nishita, 41, is a former elementary school teacher who made a career change because of a physical disability. She will now study comparative international and bilingual, multi-cultural education. Tom, 28, is a graduate film student at UCLA.

Prior to the dinner, an art exhibit featuring works from various Asian/Pacific American woman artists was on display. The artists whose works were shown were:

Pamela Fong, Mary Ichino, Donna Ikkan, See Lee, Sun Y. Lee, Kyung Soo Lee, Kwei-Lin Lum, Meibao D. Nee, Jungran Shin, May Sun, Lydia Tanji, Pat Tom, Mari Umekubo, Connie R. Vieau, Pornip Sang Vinich, Diana Wong, and Qris Yamashita.

JACP Planning Update of 'Images' Book from 1970

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The Japanese American Curriculum Project this year plans to update "Asian Image in the U.S.," originally published by Asian Americans for Fair Media, New York, in 1970.

The handbook for educators and the media reflects the stereotype and racism still facing Asians in America today, the JACP publicist and board member Cheryl Tanaka added.

Project will be funded in part by the new defunct Asian Americans for Fair Media and the Vincent Chin memorial grant from the Asian Foundation for Community Development and Asian Americans for Justice. Additional funding is being sought to cover costs so that it can be available at little or no cost.

NCWNPDC, CCDC, PSWDC

JACL Tri-District Conference on for Reno

SAN FRANCISCO — Preparations are underway for the 1989 JACL Tri-District Conference. The three districts are Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific, Central California and Pacific Southwest. Scheduled for the weekend of April 21-23 at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno, Nev., the opening ceremony will take place Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., followed by workshops between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui will speak at the noon luncheon. After the luncheon, additional workshops will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The above programs will be chaired by Alan Nishi.

Registering the delegates will be handled by members of the Placer County JACL Chapter on Friday, April 21, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Delegates arriving on Friday will be able to attend a mixer set for 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. A selected menu of hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Peppermill Hotel Casino is at 2707 S. Virginia St., some distance from downtown Reno. The hotel provide half-hourly shuttle service to

downtown Reno as well as half-hourly service to the Reno airport.

The PSW District is providing a group flight from Los Angeles to Reno and the CC District is arranging for a chartered bus. Delegates interested in these services are advised to contact either the PSWDC or CCDC Regional Offices to make arrangements.

A package deal which includes the mixer, luncheon and registration costs \$27.50, a discount of \$5, if registration is received at the NCWNPDC office by April 1. Individual events are \$10 for registration, \$7.50 for the mixer and \$15 for the luncheon.

The hotel has set aside 60 rooms for the conference, with standard rooms at \$45 per night and rooms in the tower at \$55 per night, single or double occupancy. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by March 21 in order to obtain the JACL conference rates. The toll-free reservation number is 1 (800) 648-6992. When making reservations, indicate that it is for the JACL Tri-District Conference. Hotel reservation forms can be obtained at any of the California Regional offices.

Fremont JACL Installs June Hashimoto President

Japanese Pavilion of 1915 Panama-Pacific Fair Now Restored at Ardenwood Farm

FREMONT, Calif.—Shirley Sisk, a Newark city councilwoman, was guest speaker at the Fremont JACL installation dinner Jan. 21 at Lucia's Italian Restaurant. She spoke on the restoration of the Japanese pavilion from the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, which was relocated to Patterson Ranch and known today as Ardenwood Historical Farm.

June Hashimoto is the new president. Ich Nishida of Eden Township JACL administered the oath of office.

Among the guests of honor were:

Ada Wada, Eden JACL president; Mrs. Heidi Katayama, representing Mayor Tom Kitayama of Union City; branch managers Charles Phinney, Calif. First Bank; George Urquhart, Sanwa Bank; and A. Yamada, Sumitomo Bank.

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EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

Redress Injunction

THERE IS reason for concern, but certainly not despair, in the action recently by an obscure organization that calls itself the American War Veterans Relief Association. In a so-called press conference in Washington, D.C. last week, representatives of the group said it would seek an injunction challenging the constitutionality of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, the Redress measure.

The reasoning behind this effort to block Redress is fuzzy. It seems to have something to do with the contention that singling out Japanese Americans for Redress is discriminatory. The association conveniently overlooks the fact that Redress is an effort to make atonement for a historically outrageous discriminatory act.

We say there is reason for concern because other groups, incapable of reason or deeply tinged with racism, can be expected to emerge to block Redress.

We say there is no reason for despair because any wild-eyed movement is entitled to a hearing if not credence, and their emergence is inevitable in a democracy.

The justice that underlies the Redress measure was tested repeatedly in the hearings that preceded Congressional approval. Its passage was widely hailed as a belated gesture of atonement. Organizations like the War Veterans Relief Association will not, perhaps cannot, understand this truth. We must not be discouraged by them, but neither must we slacken our efforts to see that every last detail of the Redress law is carried out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aiding 'Boat People'

(Editor's note: The following letter, from the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, was a reply to a contributor to the fund.)

Thank you for your recent contribution and for your suggestion that Japanese American students be eligible for the NSRC Fund scholarships. When the fund was first established in 1980, the Board did consider the item but put it aside. However, we gave it another review at our most recent meeting, January 22 of this year. The conclusion reached was that the NSRC Fund should continue its present focus on the Southeast Asians.

The dislocation of the Southeast Asian refugees from their homes appears to us comparable to the uprooting of us Nisei from the West Coast. A few other groups might come almost as close to being comparable, but we felt that they most likely have other organizations to help them, whereas the Southeast Asian Refugee Resettlement, San Francisco stated, "To my knowledge, yours is the only national program of scholarship assistance specifically targeted to aid Southeast Asian refugee students."

A few Nisei feel that "Charity begins at home" and that we should have a Japanese American student aid program rather than a scholarship program for Southeast Asians, an outsider group. Our feeling which we are confident that contributors to our fund share is that those individuals who extended helping hands to us in those dismal days of World War II did so in spite of the fact that we were widely perceived as very much an out-group. Surely, there were many needy Caucasians who could have used helping hands, and how easily our benefactors could have soothed their "patriotic" conscience by turning their backs on us, the offspring of enemy aliens.

Undoubtedly in these times of soaring educational costs Japanese Americans can use some assistance, but the "Boat People" are struggling to meet even the basic necessities of life. We feel that our limited resources should be used where the need is the greatest.

Our present endowment fund of \$88,000 which yields annually about \$5,500 for scholarships and a couple of hundred dollars for incidental overhead

costs is modest relative to many others. Given our resources, narrowly defining the target group seems the most feasible system of distribution. Rotation of the award regions annually (e.g.) Houston last year, Denver this year) further delimits the applicant pool.

Our current policy is not irrevocably carved in stone, and should our endowment fund grow much more than it has or needs of our target population change, we can review it for possible revision. We hope that we have answered your query and would welcome further thoughts.

LILLIAN OTA DOTSON, NOBU HIBINO, KENJI MURASE, LAFAYETTE NODA (Chair), ROBERT SUZUKI, MARY TAKAYANAGI
NSRC Fund, Inc. Board
Portland, Conn.

Nakagawa 1, Garber 0

In a segment of CNN's February 24th coverage of Emperor Showa's funeral, a panel discussion was scheduled (6:00 p.m. PST) on President Bush's trip to Japan to pay homage at the funeral. The intent was to discuss the pros and cons of the president's visit. The panelists were Howard Garber and JACL President Cressley Nakagawa.

Garber very quickly degenerated the program into a ranting, racist diatribe against the JACL and Americans of Japanese ancestry. One infuriating remark that he made was that the exploits of the 442 in Europe and AJA servicemen in the Pacific were all propaganda issued by the JACL. Indeed, according to Garber, very few AJAs served and the few that did serve volunteered at very nearly the close of WWII.

Cressley Nakagawa analytically parried every insulting point without losing his cool. Kudos to Cressley for an outstanding effort.

Too bad the program was destroyed by the likes of Garber.

HOWARD T. WATANABE
Los Gatos, Calif.

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RAIN MAN



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

Redress Credit: Plenty to Go Around



It's been sad, and just a little amusing, to witness the unseemly and unnecessary scrambling to claim credit for passage of the Redress bill long before the first dime has been paid.

Unseemly and unnecessary because there's more than enough credit to go around. The great bulk of it belongs to the Japanese American community whose courageous acceptance of the inevitable in 1942 in the face of outrageous injustice, and the willingness of Nisei to fight for their country despite its betrayal, shamed the conscience of the nation which allowed it to occur.

But Redress did not happen of itself. Passage of the Redress bill was the culmination of a long and intensely complicated campaign funded unstintingly by believers in the cause. Several times that campaign was on the verge of oblivion. Many actors had a part in the drama and they played roles of varying weight.

Not among the most weighty, to put it bluntly, were the faithful and sincere supplicants who heeded the calls of their leaders and wrote to President Reagan and members of Congress on behalf of Redress. En masse, those letters were important, but it is likely that their impact was more in their poundage than in their eloquence. Washington knows all about letter-writing campaigns.

In the often sordid realm of Washington politics there are other important pressures for getting things done. For example:

- (1) The wishes of the leadership.
- (2) The mutual backscratching, also referred to as calling in political chips, with veteran members of Congress like Senators Matsunaga and Inouye, and Congressmen Mineta and Matsui, asking their colleagues for support of something important to them in return for past favors.
- (3) The tedious spadework with the staffs of individual members and committees to persuade them to advise their bosses favorably. Do you believe members of Congress read, much less understand, every bill on which they cast a vote? Why do you suppose they have staffs? To get things done in Congress, there is nothing quite so effective as winning the backing of an important man's staff and that is best done through personal contact.

After House and Senate committees had approved Redress, after the full House and Senate approved their respective versions, after a conference committee reached agreement, and after both chambers accepted the final version, there still remained the moment of truth. "Nutmeg time," as it is called in the hinterlands. Redress, properly termed the Civil Liberties Act, still had to get President Reagan's signature. That was a daunting challenge. Most of his advisers were urging him to veto it. For a variety of reasons it was unlikely Congress would override a veto. Without the president's approval Redress was dead, and all the work and hope invested until then

would have been for naught. There was substantial doubt that Japanese Americans had either the resources or the will to start all over again with another campaign.

But last Aug. 10 the president signed.

I have in my files a copy of a letter on the stationery of Thomas H. Kean, governor of New Jersey. It was written by Steven D. Provost, Governor Kean's director of communications. It says:

"When the President was in New Jersey last week, Mr. Duberstein (President Reagan's chief of staff) informed Governor Kean that he would not have signed the Civil Liberties Act without the Governor's input. The President had pretty much resigned himself to vetoing the bill until the Governor reminded him of his past support for Japanese Americans."

So, if any single act in a long, long series of events was responsible for the success of Redress, it was Gov. Thomas Kean's conversation with the President. And who persuaded Governor Kean to bring up Redress in a meeting at which many issues more important to New Jersey voters could have been addressed? It was his friend Grant Ujifusa, JACL's Redress strategist.

Has Ujifusa been among the scramblers for credit? Not that I have noticed. He's been too busy working on the job ahead: Winning support for the appropriations by Congress needed to fulfill the promise of Redress.

EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

Robeson County



TRAVELLING SOUTH along Interstate 95, just north of the border of South Carolina, is located the town of Lumberton, the heart of Robeson County, North Carolina. Robeson County, the size of Rhode Island, with a population of about 100,000 souls, is the second largest county in North Carolina. The town of Lumberton itself has a population of about 18,000. The populace of Robeson County generally consists of equal one-third parts of Black (African Americans), Native Americans and White. The last hold the reins of power.

There have been efforts to gain political participation with tragic results.

IT WAS NOT too long ago that Robeson County, one of the poorest counties in the state, continued to maintain segregated facilities: not just two—Black and White—but also a third one for Native Americans. The surge of civil rights movement was somewhat sluggish in reaching the county, which has had more than its

share of unexplained killings and violence. In 1985 a Black woman who had just been appointed to a supervisory position was raped and stabbed to death; another man, while seeking to flee from a deputy sheriff, was killed. In 1987, a Native American was killed by a deputy sheriff.

ABOUT A YEAR ago, Julian Pierce, a Native American, ran for election in the primary for a judgeship on the Superior Court. Before the election, he was found dead in his home from multiple gunshot wounds. In the ensuing election, wherein Pierce's name appeared because the ballots had already been printed, Pierce nonetheless received the highest number of votes. But Pierce was dead. So his White opponent was declared the winner.

This didn't happen 20 years ago, or even ten years ago; it occurred just last year. United States.

IT'S REPORTED that I-95 is one of the arteries for the cocaine traffic

running from Florida along the East Coast upwards towards New York City. It was further stated that the law enforcement officials of Lumberton were not taking action to curb this stream—so much so that a couple of gutsy Native Americans took over the Robsonian newspaper office in an effort to call attention to the situation. And call attention they did: they were arrested, charged with various offenses including hostage-taking. At a federal trial, they were acquitted.

Thereupon, state charges were lodged against the two who then fled, fearing for their lives. Extradition proceedings are in progress.

THE SEPARATION of African Americans and Native Americans is being narrowed and eliminated in Robeson County, leading to the potential for political empowerment and all that such means. In the coming decade or so, we fully expect to see tranquility and equilibrium return to Robeson.

Until then, however, it will be vigilance and work.

Politics: Attitudes Toward the Emperor

By Moriteru Arasaki
President, Okinawa University
(From Mainichi Shinbun)

Japan is in mourning for the late Emperor Hirohito, but many Okinawans harbor mixed emotions about the monarch. For us, his 62-year reign, known as Showa, or "enlightened peace," is an onerous legacy of poverty and discrimination, wartime destruction, a 27-year U.S. occupation, and belated reunification with Japan.

Tokyo incorporated the formerly independent Ryukyuan Kingdom into Japan proper as Okinawa Prefecture in 1879, making it the country's southernmost island chain. But our modern history really began with the political and administrative reforms of 1920 that gave Ryukyans the same rights as other Japanese.

Okinawa in the 1920s

Hirohito became regent the following year, replacing his bedridden father, the Emperor Taisho. Okinawa was then undeveloped and impoverished.

This period ended tragically in April 1945 with the U.S. invasion of Okinawa—the only major home island to experience ground fighting. The Imperial Army conscripted even young boys and ordered them to fight to the death. Thousands of noncombatants committed suicide to avoid capture. In the bitter three-month battle 12,500 American and 110,000 Japanese military personnel, and 150,000 civilians were killed.

'Could Have Prevented Invasion'

I was nine years old in August 1945 when Japan surrendered to the Allied Powers. Although my parents were from Okinawa, I was born, raised and educated in Tokyo. Taught absolute loyalty to the emperor, I shared the jingoistic values of other Japanese. It was a shock to learn after the war that Hirohito could have prevented the invasion.

In February 1945, with Allied forces closing in, Prince Fumimaro Konoe, former prime minister and imperial confidant, urged Hirohito to end the war quickly. The monarch refused, insisting on a last-ditch attempt to improve Japan's bargaining position on the battlefield. The fateful decision turned the Ryukyus into a killing ground.

After 1945, Okinawa was placed under U.S. military control. Dubbing it the "Keystone of the Pacific," the Americans built huge military bases on prime farmland and dominated the economy. Although the occupation of Japan proper ended in 1952, the prefecture remained under U.S. control until 1972.

Rude Awakening

Japan agreed in 1952 to prolong American military control over Okinawa as a condition for regaining national sovereignty. I was 16 then and had always considered myself no different from other Japanese. It was a rude awakening, an act of perfidious discrimination that awakened in me a sense of Ryukyuan identity.

Ten years ago, Okinawans learned of another betrayal when a top secret memorandum was discovered in the U.S. archives. In September 1947, the emperor reportedly suggested the United States occupy Okinawa for 25 to 50 years, or even longer, after the signing of a peace treaty, to counter Soviet and Chinese influence in the Far East.

In the 1960s, unaware of the secret

memorandum, Okinawans opposed to the militarization of their islands by U.S. forces demanded reunion with Japan, whose war-renouncing "Peace" Constitution banned rearmament. The government ignored local antiwar feeling and used the U.S. bases as a bargaining chip.

Our aspirations were betrayed again. Washington finally returned the Ryukyus to Japan in 1972, but retained most of its military facilities. Today, 75% of all U.S. installations in Japan are located in Okinawa.

Shortly after World War II, Hirohito toured Japan, visiting schools, factories and homes to emphasize that the people, not the emperor, were sovereign, a principle enshrined in the new Constitution. He did not go to Okinawa, however, which was under U.S. rule. Nor did he visit the prefecture in 1972 to welcome Okinawa back into the national fold.

Japan's elite felt responsible for Okinawa's wartime suffering and the long U.S. occupation, but they also distrusted Okinawans. Guilt and suspicion were two sides of the same coin. For their part, Ryukyans resented Tokyo's unfair treatment.

Imperial System Changes

Moreover, in the 27 years since the Pacific conflict ended, the imperial system itself had changed. Gone was the democratic emperor of the early postwar period. Hirohito, although constitutional monarch, had acquired an aloof, authoritarian image.

An Okinawa tour required elaborate planning to ensure the emperor's safety and the appearance of popular support. In 1975, the crown prince and princess tested the water and found it dangerous. Their visit sparked violent protests, including a fire-bomb attack on the royal couple.

Another 12 years passed before Tokyo officials were ready to risk an imperial visit. In 1987, they announced that Hirohito, Crown Prince Akihito and his son, Prince Hiro, would attend the 42nd National Athletic Meet in Okinawa in October.

The decision to send three generations of royalty was brilliant. It was assumed that dislike of Hirohito did not extend to Akihito or Prince Hiro. The government intended to use the sporting event to close the books on the past and reintegrate Okinawa politically and psychologically into the national policy.

Yomitan Village Incident

When the emperor fell ill and was hospitalized in September 1987, Akihito, the crown princess and Prince Hiro went anyway. Many Ryukyans protested the trip.

The most famous incident occurred in Yomitan village, the site of a softball match. Shoichi Chibana, then 39, a supermarket owner and member of the village assembly, hauled down the Ja-

pinese flag at the opening ceremony and burned it.

As a youth, Chibana had campaigned for Okinawa's reversion to Japan. He passionately wanted the Rising Sun flag to fly over the islands. Fifteen years later, when the government ignored local opposition to an imperial visit and sent thousands of police to Okinawa, he burned the banner.

Chibana was arrested and charged with destroying public property. Rightists threatened his life and set fire to his store. They also destroyed a peace statue that he and other villagers had built to commemorate relatives killed in the 1945 fighting.

Significance and Aftermath

Chibana's protest has taken on symbolic significance. Today, right-wing thugs stand outside the courthouse and harass his supporters. Ultranationalists send death threats, and the prosecutors have turned the trial into a showpiece—all for destroying a \$30 flag that is not even official.

Many Okinawans identified with Chibana's action, but not all. At an academic conference last year in São Paulo, Brazil, I was stunned to hear Okinawan scholars my age glibly describe present-day Japan as a prosperous, progressive country with few serious problems.

Since 1952, when Japan sold out Okinawa to the United States, I had believed that our history set us apart from other Japanese and made us natural critics of the Establishment. Perhaps that was naive. Hirohito's death may signal the end of a distinctive Okinawan identity.

With neonationalist sentiment on the rise, the end of Showa resembles the era's chauvinistic beginning.

—From the Asia Foundation's Translation Service Center

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Briefly Noted by Harry K. Honda

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FROM THE JACKET: "Wind and Waves" reads like a 13th century narrative on the kings, ministers and people of Koryu (now Korea) who were conquered by the Mongols and Kubilai Kahn. The prize-winning novel has maintained the viewpoint of the vanquished and a remarkable adherence to history which has been acknowledged by Korean intellectuals today. The Japanese have long remembered the terrible Mongol invasions and thanked their native gods for having interceded, twice sending "divine winds" (kamikaze) to destroy the invading fleet off Fukuoka. Kubilai is remembered in the accounts of Marco Polo and romanticized by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem, "Kubla Khan: Or a Vision in a Dream."

Known for his professional writing ranging from poetry to stories on many themes, Inoue is completing a narrative on the life of Confucius and will next undertake a historical novel of epic proportion on the Japanese emigration to the United States. . . . Prof. Emeritus of Oriental Literature at the Univ. of Hawaii, James Araki has translated other pieces by Inoue, *The Barren Zone* by Toyoko Yamasaki, and authored numerous essays on classical Japanese literature and a book, *The Ballad-Drama of Medieval Japan*.

Chiyo Uno's *Confessions of Love* has been regarded as a chronicle of the 1920s when the so-called "modern girls" flourished in Japan—the women who bobbed their hair, wore heavy makeup, challenged old attitudes about the place of women in society and who experimented with new freedoms, as related in the novel. The story (*Iro Zange*, 1935) is based on the career of a famous artist, Yuasa Jōji, who returns to Japan after many years in Paris. Once back in Tokyo, he receives love letters from a fervent young woman who begs him to meet with her that starts him on a bizarre round of romantic adventures. . . . The translator, Phyllis Birnbaum, points out that weak men who are irresistible to women are a "specialty of Japanese literature."

DESERT RUN: Poems and Stories, by Mitsuye Yamada. 112 pages, \$7.95 soft; SEVENTEEN SYLLABLES AND OTHER STORIES, by Hisaye Yamamoto, 170 pages, \$9.95 soft. Both from Kitchen Table—Women of Color Press, P.O. Box 908, Latham, NY 12110.

Kitchen Table, only publisher in the U.S. run by and for women of color, has coupled the works of two distinguished Japanese American writers to head its 1988-89 catalogue.

The collection of Hisaye Yamamoto's stories in *Seventeen Syllables* . . . appear in chronological order, starting from 1948 with *The High-Heeled*

Shoes—A Memoir, which appeared in *Partisan Review*. Subsequent stories have illuminated many a Holiday Issue—especially in the *Rafu Shimpo*—of the Nikkei press in the U.S. and Canada and, no doubt, many will remember her titles if not the beat. This collection is a welcome compendium to Nisei literature. It made us realize how many years she has been writing and we wish for many more years to come.

Desert Run . . . expands the Mitsuye Yamada reputation as a Japanese American poet/essayist of World War II experiences and emotions in proper style, i.e., with this 112-page volume. Her first publication, *Camp Notes and Other Poems* (1976), was a skinny booklet—a brave venture to say the least as writers seldom get this far.

Incidentally, both writers intersperse Japanese words and phrases, such as *namaiki*, that slips by untranslated; and in unaccented form: *Doshite wakaranai no kane?* which an Issei woman blurts out impatiently.

Perhaps, the presence of a few words in Nihongo in U.S. literature and its acceptance by U.S. publishers is a wrinkle worthy of notice.

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BUDDHIST AMERICA: Centers, Retreats, Practices. Ed. by Don Morreale, foreword by Jack Kornfield. John Muir Publications, P.O. Box 613, Santa Fe, NM 87504, 349 pages, \$12.95, soft (1988).

The *New Republic* critic called this "a Sears catalog to Karma," since it is a directory of some 500 centers and retreats in the U.S. and Canada devoted to three branches of Buddhism—Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana and a fourth group organized for this directory, a nonsectarian variation in the Western mode called *Buddhayaana*. Each branch is explained by masters or practitioners overall in some 30 articles edited by Don Morreale, a self-styled "Dharma Bum" since 1968 after his degree in religion from the Univ. of Denver.

Aware as we are to the vast numbers of Buddhist congregations of Japanese Americans, there was no article by a Nikkei, which was a disappointing oversight to us for many exist in the *Pacific World*, the annual Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, Calif. But the seven pieces on nonsectarian Buddhism and other new directions will pique some interest and curiosity. Christopher Reed's reportage (p. 299) of the Interfaith Retreat of April 1987, sponsored by the Buddhist Peace Fellowship at La Casa de Maria, a Catholic retreat house near Santa Barbara, Calif., seemed most relevant to whatever your faith: "This retreat was a chance to acknowledge my own roots (Anglican) and to appreciate that it is truly our roots which either nourish us or poison us. . . . It might help in making peace with ourselves if we first come to a reconciliation with roots that have been denied—and nourish them."

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FRESNO

■ March 24—Reception for the Japanese American National Museum, 7:30-9 pm, Fresno Betsuin Annex, Kern & E St. All welcome. Attending the reception will be Irene Hirano, museum director; Bruce Kaji, president; Fred Hoshiyama, v.p.; Nancy Araki, project manager and board of governors member Lorna Onizuka. Info: George Teraoka, 209 834-2774 or Akiko Takeshita, 213 625-0414.

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■ Present—April 2—"Longing for Home," an exhibition of recent works by Sunwook R. Park, Pacific Asia Museum Foyer Gallery, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Info: 818 449-2742.

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■ Present—May 7—AJA 4, an exhibit at the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Tues.-Fri.: noon-5 pm. Sat. & Sun.: 11 am-4 pm. Closed Mon. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ March 18 & 19—Spring Concert, Japanese Village Plaza, Little Tokyo. Saturday artists: Zhiming, Cat Cody's Band, shokuhachi player Jim Scott-Behrends, singer Joel Robb, and Visions. Sunday artists: East West Players, Hiroshima, and From the Heart. Free. Info: Jackie, 213 620-8861.

■ March 19—April 23—"Framed: A Video Installation" by Bruce and Norman Yonemoto, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300

E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ March 19—April 23—"Masami Teraoka: Waves and Plagues," the mainland premiere exhibition of 33 new works by Masami Teraoka, Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd. Admission: \$1 donation. Info: 213 439-2119.

■ March 21, 22 & 23—"Kids Discover Japanese Culture Workshops," for children 6-10 years of age, 10 am-2 pm, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Workshop focuses on Japanese flower crafts. Casual dress; children should bring sack lunch. Fee: \$50, \$30 for JACCC members. Registration and info: Chris Aihara, 213 628-2725.

■ March 26—A visit to Japanese Village Plaza by the Easter Bunny. 12:30 pm, Martial arts by Hirokazu Yamamori; 1:30 pm, odori by Hanayagi Rokumine; 2:30, taiko by Zenshiji Zendeiko. Info: Jackie, 213 620-8861.

■ April 1—"Speaking Up! Effective Communication Skills for the Asian Woman," and "Writing for American Business: A Workshop for the Asian Executive," offered by UCLA Extension. Speaking Up: Rm 2134, Rolfe Hall, UCLA campus, taught by Gloria Axelrod and speech consultant Clara Shaw, \$155. Writing: Rm. 2288 Franz Hall, UCLA Campus, taught by Suzanne Salimbeni, \$135. Info: UCLA Extension, 213 825-4192.

■ April 2—The New Otani Hotel & Garden 1989 Cultural Program presents a demonstration of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana, 2-3 pm, in the lobby level. Info: 213 629-1200, ext. 53.

■ April 8 & 9—"Hanamatsuri Celebration," JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Activities include screening of film *The Harp of Burma* (April 8 only), 11:30 am and 4:30 pm. Movie tickets: \$6. Other festivities beginning at 2 pm: Hanamatsuri Buddhist Service, Zendeiko and West Covina Taiko performance, Koyasan Drum and Bugle Corps; 11:30 am-5 pm, food booths, games and activities for children. Info: 628-2725.

NEW YORK

■ Present—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.

ORANGE COUNTY

■ April 10-14—UC Irvine presents Asian Week 1989, "East Within West: Coming Together," a week-long celebration of Asian culture. Info: 714 856-7215.

SACRAMENTO AREA

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

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

■ Present—March 30—Photos by Leon Cho and collaged still life arrangements by Dean Yeishin Oshiro on exhibit at the Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Exhibit hours and info: 415 658-1868.

■ April 2—Meeting of the Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 pm at the home Sandra Dineen. New members welcome. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415 221-0268 or Yuri Moriawaki, 415 482-3280.

■ 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.

SAN JOSE AREA

■ April 8—Cherry Blossom Festival honoring Cupertino's sister city of Toyokawa, Japan, 10 am-5 pm, Cupertino Civic Center, Cupertino. Special attractions: Japanese food, music, dance, art fashions, exhibits, martial arts and the San Francisco Taiko Dojo Band.

SEATTLE

■ Present—March 31—"Reflections of Spring," includes works by Irene Kimura, Michi Osaka and Aki Sogabe, Kirsten Gallery 5320 Roosevelt Way N.E., daily 11 am-5 pm, Thurs. until 9 pm. Info: 206 522-2011.

■ Present—April 22—"Surinomo," early 19th century Japanese woodblock prints, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm. Info: 206 622-1225.

■ March 31—Readings by Mitsuye Yamada (*Desert Run: Poems and Stories*) and Hisaye Yamamoto (*Seventeen Syllables*) from their new books, 8 pm, Elliott Bay Books, 101 S. Main St. Tickets: \$3.50. Info: 206 624-6600.

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LIVINGSTON-MERCED DINNER—The Livingston-Merced Chapter of the JACL held its annual dinner at the Wine Cellar in Merced on Jan. 28. Pictured above (l-r) are Myrtle Shibata; Yoe Kinoshita; President John Kiriha; guest speaker Mollie Fujioka, former NCWNPDC governor; George Fujioka; and Buddy Iwata.

New Medicare Law: Tax Increase

By Steven T. Okamoto

In 1989 older Americans will have a new level of extended Medicare coverage to help protect them from intense and short-term illness. The Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988 received great attention in the press and on television, but many people have just become aware of its new, additional cost. *That's right . . . a real tax increase.*

House and Senate leaders made a quiet, but calculated, decision that the cost of the new program should be borne by taxpayers 65 years of age or older. Despite the growing outcry from groups as large as the American Association of Retired People to as small as local community groups, the tax increase is here to stay.

Starting in January 1989, they will pay a surtax of \$22.50 on every \$150 of federal tax due . . . *that's right, it's a tax on your taxes!* Depending upon annual income, you'll owe Washington, D.C. as much as an additional \$800 per person (\$1,600 per couple) in 1989. The surtax rises each year, so by 1993 you'll pay an additional \$1,050 (\$2,100 per couple) for this extended health care coverage.

(P.C. Note: JACLers can anticipate a separate mail-out from Albert H. Wohlers & Co., JACL Group Insurance Plan administrators, Park Ridge, Ill., explaining the Medicare changes and the JACL Medicare Supplement Plan.)

Now, more than ever before, you need to be very aware of how your saving and investing strategies will affect your tax burden. One of the country's most popular investment advisors, Sylvia Porter, was quoted in her nationally syndicated column as saying the following about this new tax:

"The new Medicare tax is a killer. But

it just may be the incentive retirees need to take a hard look at tax saving strategies. It has always been important to get the most out of deductions, exclusions, and the like, but now it may be even more important."

Older investors for whom investments provide a large source of income should consider repositioning their portfolios so that tax-free income plays a larger role. One of the more effective strategies is to invest more in tax-free municipal bonds or unit trust. Not only will this reduce your tax burden, but it may well increase your real cash income, since you'll keep more of what you earn.

Steve Okamoto is a Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant and a Registered Investment Advisor.

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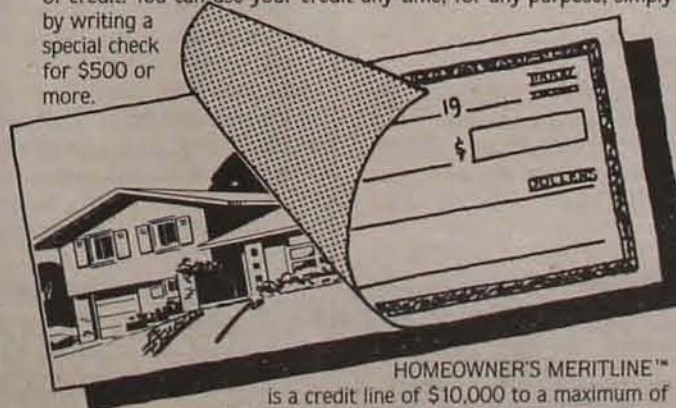
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• Tri-district meeting, hosted by Placer County JACL, April 21-23, Peppermill Hotel/Casino, Reno, Nev. Pre-Registration Package: \$27.50/ea. (if received by April 1, 1989), includes registration, Friday night mixer and Saturday luncheon. Separate Fees: Registration, \$10/ea.; Friday night mixer, \$7.50/ea.; Saturday luncheon, \$15/ea. Send registration checks to: Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115. If staying at the hotel, room reservations must be made directly with the Peppermill (1-800-648-6992); tell reservation clerk that the reservation is for the JACL tri-district meeting. Room Rates: \$45 (single or double), standard; \$55 (single or double), tower. Extra person charge: \$10 per person per night. Deadline for conference rates: March 21. Info: George Kondo, 415 921-5225.

CONTRA COSTA

• CARP meeting, March 31, 8-10 pm, East Bay Free Methodist Church, El Cerrito. Speaker: Tomoye Takahashi. Topic: How to integrate mon, family heirlooms, special collections and other Japanese treasures for creative effects in the home. Informal social hour to follow. Info: Masa Sato, 415 524-1313.

PHILADELPHIA

• Annual installation dinner, April 8, Mt. Laurel Hilton, Mt. Laurel, N.J. Keynote Speaker: Cressey Nakagawa. Tickets: \$25, adults; \$20, students and senior citizens 65 and over. Reservation deadline: March 30. Send checks made out to Philadelphia JACL to Mas Yamatani, 1925 Gibson Dr., Hatboro, PA 19040 or call 215 672-4082.

PSWDC

• Fundraising theater outing to see jazz fusion band Hiroshima's play *Sansai*, 8 pm, April 7, Mark Taper Forum. Sponsored by the PSWDC Leadership Committee. Reception to follow. Tickets and info: John Saito, 213 626-4471 or B.J. Watanabe, 714 779-4140.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

• Aging & retirement seminar, rescheduled for April 22, 12:30-6 pm, Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 S. Fawcett Ave. Topics: Retirement planning-transitions & adjustments; Health Insurance-nursing home, medicare; financial planning; budgets; tax & estate planning; and travel & other activities. Info: Paul Seto, 206 272-6758.

RENO

• Annual Scholarship Fund Teriyaki Dinner/Sushi Sale, April 16, noon-4 pm, Senior Citizen Center, 9th & Suro, Reno. Info: Jane Yamamoto, 702 853-2741.

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THE NEWSMAKERS



LISA ICHINAGA

► Lisa Ichinaga, a 3.78 GPA graduate of Santa Clara (Calif.) High School now majoring in sociology at UCLA, was awarded the \$500 UCLA Chi Alpha Delta alumnae scholarship for 1988-89. The award has been made annually since 1962 to a freshman or transfer woman student of Asian ancestry at UCLA. (Those wishing to apply may inquire with UCLA Financial Aid, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024.)

► Vincent B. Sato, a member of the Los Angeles city attorney's office since April, 1984, was appointed Feb. 22 to head the environmental protection section by City Attorney Jim Hahn. The agency is regarded as one of the top prosecutors of environmental crime in the nation. Sato prosecuted the first case involving a violation of the city's new ordinance (1987) regulating underground tanks and also obtained the city's first conviction for violation on airborne asbestos. Born and raised in Inglewood, he majored in criminal justice at CSU Fullerton, graduating in 1979, and received his law degree from Loyola Law School in 1982.

► Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima of San Francisco, will be honored April 6 at the annual Alumnae Resources WAVE Luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel for her leadership and service to the Bay Area community. A founding member of Kimochi and a volunteer preparing meals for seniors in Japantown, she has been a leader in the redress movement since 1980. The San Francisco-based Alumnae Resources, a career development organization, selects five women over age 70 each year for these WAVE (Women of Achievement, Vision and Excellence) honors.

► Five people recognized as "Living Treasures of Hawaii" by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission, Honolulu, in the fields of culture, religion, education and community service were honored Feb. 10: Ehan Numata, president of the Buddhist Promotion Foundation; Reiko Brandon, noted for woven artwork; Betty Tseng Yu-Ho Ecke, an artist; Reuben Tam of New York, artist; and Healan C. Doane, a well-known kahuna.

► Gale E. Kaneshiro, 37, San Diego county deputy district attorney since 1978, was appointed March 7 by Gov. George Deukmejian as a municipal judge for the San Diego Judicial District. A San Diego JACLer since 1978, she is a 1973 graduate of Boston University and a 1976 graduate in law from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.



MARY TSUKAMOTO

► Mary Tsuruko Tsukamoto, 74, one of the most dedicated Florin JACL members, was silhouetted in the *Sacramento Magazine* for March, 1989, "for her relentless effort and patriotic passion (to) help reclaim pride for Japanese Americans." The profile was published in connection with the women's history awards exhibit opening at Sacramento History Center. She reminded: "What happened to us is a bitter lesson that must be learned so that no one ever has to go through that kind of shame again." A former teacher at the Elk Grove elementary school and despite her crippling arthritis, she worked on the redress movement through testimonies before government bodies, speeches at local gatherings. She published in 1987, *We the People: A Story of Internment in America*, a book co-authored with Elizabeth Pinkerton, which took nine years to write.

► Ted Yamamura was elected president of the Seattle chapter of the Asian Management Business Assn.

► The Washington State Chefs Assn. picked K. G. Miyata, who teaches at North Seattle Community College and is a world-class ice carver, to represent the state at the American Seafood Challenge March 1-4 at Charleston, S.C. His winning main dish for state honors was halibut in a Mexican green sauce with polenta squares.



ROSE OCHI

► Rose Matsui Ochi, director of the office of criminal justice planning for Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, is bidding for the Dist. 2 position on the L.A. Community College board of trustees. An East L.A. JACLer and onetime national JACL vice president, she appears to be the leading aspirant among six on the April 14 ballot. The open seat is elected on a district-wide basis of some 1.2 million registered voters. An educator, attorney, and administration, Ochi served as President Carter's appointee on the National Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, served with the Western Center of Law and Poverty, as legal counsel to the Committee to Incorporate East Los Angeles and has served with the mayor since 1975. Campaign support can be sent to: Friends of Rose Ochi, 730 S. Lincoln Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

► Edward Hirata, Hawaii state transportation director, won the 1988 civil government award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for his contributions to the profession. Honors were tendered at the society's annual convention at St. Louis, Mo. He previously was chief engineer of the Honolulu board of water supply.

► Kauai Mayor JoAnn Yukimura was picked as the outstanding woman attorney of the year by the Hawaii Women Lawyers at their annual meeting in January at the Pacific Club, Honolulu. She was elected mayor last November.

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