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## S.F. Asian Helped by Affirmative Action Has Different View

NEW YORK—A son of Chinese immigrants, Roland Lee admitted to a *Wall Street Journal* reporter Tuesday (June 27) that he has been plagued by the "affirmative action" stigma—that his white co-workers at the San Francisco Fire Department question his abilities and assume he's not as qualified as they. "If I had to do it over again," he said, "I would get my promotion (to lieutenant) without using affirmative action preferences. . . . That would give me back my credibility."

He was thrilled at first, then found out he had beaten a close friend who had scored higher on the qualifying exam and later regretted it when he found out. His friend had quit.

Some minorities looking at the effects of affirmative action, according to the major WSJ story of the day, admit "it has opened doors that would have remained shut, forced companies to look at employment groups they had ignored, and decreased racism by prodding workplace integration."

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 15 in a 5-4 ruling upheld a 1976 ruling permitting lawsuits to remedy some forms of private discrimination on jobs, but that it can't be used any longer to serve as basis for lawsuits alleging racial harassment at the workplace.

The court said the basic 1866 civil rights law may still serve as the basis for job discrimination suits if they are based on interference with the right to make a contract. But for workers who claim harassment, the 1866 law is not applicable.

This came on the heels of three other decisions which make it tougher for employees to file under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

## Search Continues for Gunman of Japanese Exchange Student

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The search continued this past week for a gunman who killed a Japanese exchange student on June 16 after trying to steal a car and terrorizing a couple in their home, where she had been staying.

Identified as Ai Toyoshima, 16, from Nagoya, she was a student at the American Language Programs School in Campbell. She arrived only two months ago.

Incident was the second slaying of a Japanese exchange student in the San Francisco Bay area this year.



Pacific Citizen Photo by George Johnston

**RON'S BACK HOME**—The Pacific Southwest District Council and about 100 friends welcome Ron Wakabayashi who has been away in San Francisco for the past eight years as National JACL director. Welcoming him is PSWDC board member Miyo Senzaki of Pasadena at a buffet party held June 21 at the JACCC Second Floor Reception area. Gov. J.D. Hokoyama was the emcee.

## Simon's Compromise

### Immigration Bill Strikes 'Points for English'

WASHINGTON — Yielding to growing momentum behind a legal immigration reform bill authored by Sen. Paul Simon, (D-Ill.) the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 8 combined key elements of the Simon plan with a competing bill sponsored by panel chairman Edward Kennedy, (D-Mass.) and ranking Republican Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.).

The panel then approved the compromise bill, which would provide the first comprehensive update of U.S. legal immigration law in 25 years.

Simon won concessions in his drive to address backlogs in family unification visas that now routinely keep families separated for years.

Also, while Kennedy and Simpson agreed to raise only slightly the overall immigration cap—the first such cap in U.S. history—included in the original Kennedy-Simpson bill, Simon succeeded

in including in the compromise plan provisions that will create an independent board that will report on the implementation of immigration policy every year over the first three years of the program and recommend changes in national immigration levels each time.

The administration will also be required to recommend changes in levels every three years, allowing Congress, under "fast-track" procedures, to accept or reject them, opening the possibility that the cap will not become a permanent feature of immigration law.

Before approving the compromise, the committee approved an amendment by Simon to strike a provision advocated by Simpson that would have granted extra points, under the new category of "independent immigrant" for applicants who already speak English. In speaking in support of the

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## Hong Kong Immigration Status to Change?

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, (D-Calif.), and Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) co-sponsored legislation on June 22 to change the immigration status of Hong Kong from treatment as a colony to that of a separate foreign state under U.S. immigration law.

"This legislation, (H.R. 2726), is critically important given the current situation in the People's Republic of China," said Mineta.

Currently, each foreign country is allowed 20,000 U.S. immigration visas, while colonies are only allocated 5,000. Colony visas are charged against the mother country's visa applications, which can result in even greater reduction in visas available to colonials.

"The Mineta-Simon bill is Hong Kong specific," explained Mineta, who was instrumental in the 1986 increase of the colonial quota. "The bill will not change the colonial immigration policy. Hong Kong is the only colony with an immigration backlog." As of Jan. 1, 1989, there was a waiting list of 46,446 individuals.

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## Nebraska Suing to Revoke Ranch Ownership by Japanese Nationals

BRADY, Neb. — Citing a century-old state law barring land ownership by foreigners, Nebraska is contesting the ownership of a cattle-ranch purchased in January by a partnership consisting of two Japanese businessmen and their Japanese American partner.

Kent Turnbull of the Lincoln County Attorney's Office filed a lawsuit April 6 aimed at Kiyokazu Shoji and Hideo Hashimoto, two Japanese businessmen who purchased a 3,680-acre ranch near Brady. According to the third member of the partnership, Katsunori Hashimoto (not related to Hideo Hashimoto), a naturalized U.S. citizen, the ranch was purchased with the intent of raising cattle to export to Japan following the scheduled liberalization of Japanese beef quotas in 1991.

A judge was expected to rule earlier this week on a demurral filed this month by the defendant's attorney, Vard Johnson. The position of the demurral is that since the purchasing party is a partnership, the alienship law does not apply. If the judge rules in favor of the defendants, Turnbull said he will appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

"There is no question that aliens cannot own property in the state of Nebraska as individuals," said Turnbull in a telephone interview on June 27. "There's also what we call Initiative 300, which prohibits corporations and limited partnerships from buying agricultural land." According to Turnbull, the two Japanese men formed a general partnership with a Japanese American and bought the property. "It's my position that the alienship laws . . . includes a subterfuge, such as a partnership. You can't remove yourself as an alien just by insulating

yourself with a partnership."

Meanwhile, Katsunori Hashimoto, 35, isn't sure what the fuss is about. "I have not heard anyone complain to me directly or indirectly that anybody is upset that we bought the land," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Fullerton, Calif. "In fact," he continued, "I have heard that many people want to sell me more land or be part of the farm program that we are trying to develop."

According to Hashimoto, the former landowner leased out the land. "There is absolutely no change in operation. In fact, I'm making it a little bit better by trying to produce something that Nebraskans around there aren't producing."

Hashimoto believes that the venture would be beneficial not only to himself and his partners, but to the local Nebraskans. "I think that Nebraskans are forgetting the fact that we could go to other states. We picked Nebraska because we felt that it was the best location and because they have family farms," said Hashimoto. "That's the best place for us to relate to the farmers nearby in order to create something that uses Nebraskan corn, Nebraskan soy . . . They should love the idea."

To counter those believing that the lawsuit was racially motivated, Turnbull said, "This is not an issue of race, this is an issue of foreign ownership and enforcement of law." Should the state of Nebraska be successful in its lawsuit, Turnbull said the ownership of the land would be forfeited with the state paying fair market value to the two Japanese nationals; depending on his wishes, Hashimoto, as a U.S. citizen, could keep his remaining share.

## Needs Bush's Signature

### Congress O.K.s \$2.1 Mil for ORA

WASHINGTON — Congress has adopted a 1989 supplemental appropriations bill which provides funding of \$2.1 million for the Office of Redress Administration to administer payment of redress compensation to surviving and eligible Japanese American interned during WWII.

Office of Management and Budget Director Richard G. Darman said that he would recommend that President Bush sign the \$3.5 billion bill. Its main provision is \$1.2 billion for veterans programs in fiscal year 1989.

#### Funding Approval

The increased funding for ORA in the Conference Report approved last week by both Houses was the result of commitments by conferees on both sides to try to get the \$2.1 million level of funding originally requested by the administration. Rep. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii), member of the House Appropriations Committee, was helpful in getting the commitment of Neal Smith (D-Iowa) to push the conference committee to "do the best we can" to find more money for redress.

The House version of the supple-

mental bill originally contained no funding for redress, either for payments or for administrative costs. The Senate version inserted \$1 million for administrative costs, but no money for

The first report from the conference committee was unexpectedly rejected last week by the House in a dispute over anti-drug funding proposals and the inclusion of some "Christmas tree" type projects added by the Senate. Further negotiations removed from consideration the \$800 million anti-drug funds which had precipitated the threat of a veto by President Bush. Agreement was reached on a compromise amount of \$75 million for anti-drug programs. This version was quickly adopted by voice vote in the Senate June 22 and a vote of 318 to 6 by the House June 23.

#### Redress Appropriations

JoAnne H. Kagiwada, JACL-LEC executive director, said that grass roots lobbying efforts should now be focusing on the 1990 appropriations process in both Houses, and obtaining approval for the highest possible level of ap-

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### KSCI-TV Surveys Southland Asian Communities

LOS ANGELES—Crime, drug and violence are the major problems (27%) today facing the Southern California Japanese America community, according to a KSCI-TV survey released June 20. Over 400 heads of households of Japanese surnamed families in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Kern and Inyo counties were asked about their concerns in the community viewing and consumer habits. KSCI-TV (18) airs foreign-language programs throughout the week.

### Hate Crimes Statistics Act Passes House 368-47

WASHINGTON—The Justice Department will be required to collect and publish nationwide statistics regarding so-called "hate crimes," as the House of Representatives voted 368-47 Tuesday (June 26) to approve the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. A similar measure in the Senate will be considered.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) told his colleagues during the House debate that a rising number of "our neighbors are being brutally victimized for no other reason than their race, religious heritage or sexual preference. . . . Cross burnings and brutal beatings cannot and will not be tolerated. This bill is a responsible first step."

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## 'Song for a Sansei'

## Jude Narita Brings Back Her One Woman Play

By George Johnston

LOS ANGELES — Jude Narita's award winning play, *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei*, has returned to the stage and is currently playing here, to be followed by a run in New York.

In its original engagement, *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei* received accolades from the *Los Angeles Times*, *L.A. Weekly* and *L.A. Reader*, as well as recognition from *Drama-Logue*, the Los Angeles Critics' Circle and the Association of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPAA), which bestowed its "Jimmie" award onto the play.

According to the star of the one woman production, the return engagement will serve as a springboard to doing the show in New York, where Narita has performed the show only on a limited basis. She also feels, however, that doing the play in Los Angeles again will give the people who missed it, as well as those who want to see it again another opportunity to see the show.

In the play, Narita portrays the experiences of Asian American women ranging from a "punk" Sansei girl from the San Fernando Valley to a Filipino mail order bride. After the original run ended last September, she performed a shortened version of the play in Poland, where the audiences listened to live translations of the play in progress.

Although there were reservations that the foreign audience would not understand it, Narita said, "It really proved to me that there are universal



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themes about humanity . . . the Polish people were right there for me. They laughed and they wept."

## Unexpected Funds

After returning to the U.S., Narita was trying to raise money to do the play again when she received funds from an unexpected source. Her patron was a man who had seen *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei*. The man passed away but was apparently so moved by the play that he willed her a gift.

Narita didn't want to elaborate too much since the man's wife was out of the country. "I'm not sure how much she wants me to say," Narita said, but added, "She had come and seen the show when it first opened and then she had rented the theater for her friends and her husband to come see the show."

As for her reaction to the news of the gift, Narita said, "It blew me away. What was amazing was that I was arranging to take out a personal family loan again and I didn't have enough money but I was counting on ticket sales."

## Future Plans

As far as differences in the play compared to last year, Narita said, "It's smoother, there's been some changes in the writing and the order of the characters is different." Although *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei* is her current priority, she has also been working on a new play, with three new characters.

She has others goals as well. "I would ultimately like to have as much visibility as say, Whoopie Goldberg's first show. Then I want to let it go out to the airwaves. I really think it has potential for American Playhouse or HBO. I really think that it crosses new areas and opens up new areas of discussion, it presents new areas of how Asians have been perceived and the falseness of that," she said.

Doing the play has also taught her something about herself. "I'm an artist," Narita said. "I only started to make my living as an artist when I started to work and say what I believed, to work on what I believed and say what I believed . . . the biggest lesson that I've learned so far is that I will never ask anyone permission to be an artist again."

—Coming into *Passion, Song for a Sansei* will play in Los Angeles until Aug. 5 at Theatre 6111, New Playwright's Foundation, 6111 W. Olympic Blvd. Tickets are \$15, with senior and student discounts of Fridays. For reservations, call (213) 466-1767.

## Traditional Calligraphy on Ceramics on Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — "Visual Poetry: Japanese Traditional Calligraphy on Ceramics" by Narae Mochizuki will be on display through Aug. 31 at the J. Paul Leonard Library, San Francisco State University.

During the last 15 years, Dr. Mochizuki has taught courses in Japanese calligraphy and language in SFSU's Japanese Program. She began her study of calligraphy in Tokyo at the age of seven and received her training in Tokyo from Professor Nakata Kanichi, instructor of calligraphy to the Japanese Imperial Household.

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**HELPING JACCC**—Bill R. Blank (center), regional sales manager for Union Pacific Railroad, recently presented a check for \$5,000 to JACCC Chairman of the Board Frank Kuwahara (left). Pictured also is Gerald Yoshitomi, JACCC executive director. The contribution will be used to establish a permanent gallery gift shop at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

## Matsunaga Praises Proposed Rules on Reparation/Redress, New Eligible Groups

WASHINGTON — Proposed eligibility requirements for Japanese Americans to qualify for redress payments have met with approval from Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

Matsunaga, who fought to get the redress bill adopted by Congress last year, said he applauds "with cautious optimism" the regulations released by the U.S. Justice Department for public comment (See June 16 P.C.)

The Hawaii Democrat said in a statement that he welcomed what he sees as the Justice Department's "liberal interpretation of eligibility."

The civil liberties act of last August was meant as an apology to Americans

wrongly deprived of their rights when they were interned by the U.S. government during World War II.

Payments, though authorized, have not begun to flow to the former internees.

The proposed regulations would add to the list of those eligible:

- Members of armed forces who were forbidden to return to their homes on the West Coast after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.
- Soldiers barred from visiting their families in relocation camps.
- Children born in relocation camps.

The Justice Department is expected to submit a draft bill to Congress that also would allow non-Japanese internees who accompanied their spouses and children to the camps to collect compensation.

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propositions for redress in 1990.

In both the House and the Senate, redress is under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. The House Subcommittee chair is Neal Smith (D-Iowa). In the Senate, the chair is Fritz Hollings (D-S.C.).

Kagiwada added, "You have the most influence with your own representative or senators. Even if they are not members of the Appropriations subcommittee or full committee, let them know that you want them to get the message to colleagues on those committees that their constituents are urging support of redress funding."

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## Arizona JACL Presents Nine \$500 Scholarships

PHOENIX — The Arizona Chapter JACL's 28th annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards and the Dr. Herbert Jensen Award were presented May 7 to nine high school seniors in the amounts of \$500 each at the Embassy Suites-Biltmore Camelback. Pictured in the front row, left to right, followed by the back row, left to right are:

Lisa Hirose, Ironwood H.S.; Emie Yokomichi, Thunderbird H.S.; Sandra Inoshita, Glendale H.S.; and Robyn Nakagawa, Washington H.S. (back row) Scott Asano, Sunnyslope H.S.; Randy Rivera, Cactus H.S.; David Moriuchi, Moon Valley H.S.; Dr. Herbert Jensen; Kenji Yoshimura, Moon Valley H.S.; Michael Kahn, Corona del Sol H.S.; and Dr. Richard Matsushita.

The guest speaker was Dr. Christine Kajikawa Wilkinson, associate vice president for student affairs, Arizona State University. Dr. Richard Matsushita, chapter vice president, presented the awards with the assistance of Dr. Herbert Jensen of Fullerton, Calif.



## Japanese Canadians Redress Fund to Rebuild Communities

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Japanese Canadians are shifting their attention from individual redress compensation to rebuilding the community, a spokesman for the National Association of Japanese Canadians said May 11.

Tony Tamayose, the NAJC's national redress administrator, said the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation is now looking at projects to sponsor with a \$12 million community fund.

"We are going from individual compensation to community rebuilding," Tamayose said.

Japanese Canadians are being sent a questionnaire on how they think the community fund should be spent, he said. A total of \$8 million has been allocated to capital projects and \$4 million for social programs.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney apologized last September to Japanese

Canadians interned during the Second World War and announced a compensation package of nearly \$300 million.

In Ottawa, the executive director on the Japanese Canadian Redress Secretariat said more than 1,400 B.C. residents have received individual redress payments out of 4,000 who have applied.

Anne Scotton said the secretariat has received 12,000 redress applications from surviving internees in Canada, Europe, Japan and South America. Of that figure, 3,400 have received redress payments. (Editor's note: Lily Inatomi, Downtown L.A. JACler, was among those in the U.S. receiving a redress check.)

## Hawaii-Onizuka Fund Gives \$6,000 Scholarships

HONOLULU — Ryan Noguchi of Pearl City High School and Derek Fox of Punahou School have been selected to receive \$6,000 Ellison Onizuka Memorial Scholarships from a fund established in 1986 by the Bank of Hawaii and the Hawaii Newspaper Agency in honor of the late astronaut.

The fund assists Hawaii students aiming for a career in aerospace or aeronautics. To date, more than \$365,000 has been contributed by individuals and corporations to the Ellison Onizuka Memorial Scholarship Fund, which honors the Hawaii-born astronaut who was among those killed in the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

## South Bay Naming 3 for Nat'l JACL Scholarships

TORRANCE, Calif. — The South Bay JACL Scholarship Committee consisting of Jeanne Tsujimoto (chair), Jack and Colette Isawa, Henry Nozaki, Carol Ogawa, Tish Okabe, and Ernest Tsujimoto, considered 13 applications for the National JACL scholarships and 12 applications for the Chapter Egashira scholarships and announced the following awardees:

National JACL Scholarship candidates as recommended—Alex Fukunaga, Rolling Hills H.S.; Karen Kaoru Oda, Torrance H.S.; and Angela Yamauchi, North H.S. (This chapter's recommendations include a \$100 savings bond with application forwarded to National JACL for the National JACL scholarship awards.)

Kiichi Egashira Memorial (scholarships in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, computer sciences, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, biological & physical sciences for undergraduate and graduate students)—Alex Fukunaga, Rolling Hills H.S., and Kim Kiyoko Tsujimoto, Stanford University, certificate and \$500.

## Great L.A. Singles JACL Awards \$1,000 to Scholar

LOS ANGELES—Afton Hirohama of Gardena High School is the recipient of the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL \$1,000 Scholarship Award. She has been accepted at Yale University and is planning to major in economics. She maintained a 4.0 grade average throughout her high school career and was active in school and community activities.

The GLA Scholarship Committee included chairperson Emy Sakamoto and committee members Norma Tazoi and Jerry Hinaga.

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## NC-WN-P Scholars Named for Awards

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Charles A. Boch, son of M/M Charles Boch of San Juan Bautista, San Benito County JACL; Robert E. Franks, Jr., son of Robert/Masako Franks, Vacaville, Calif., Solano County JACL; Paul Tanaka, son of M/M Larry Tanaka of Gilroy Calif., Gilroy JACL.

The recipients are from families who belong to a NC-WN-PDC chapter started in 1976, award recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities and reinforce continued good work and citizenship as fostered by the Issei.

Plaques with their names inscribed will be delivered to their respective chapters for presentation.

## San Diego JACL Awards Presented to 19 Scholars

SAN DIEGO — Nineteen high school graduates were presented with this year's San Diego Chapter JACL scholarships at the 32nd Scholarship award dinner at Tom Ham's Restaurant, May 7. Recipients were:

\$ 1,000 Award—Daisy Mika Fukushima, \$750 Award—Yugo Yodogawa, \$500 Award—Yuichi Tamano;

\$250 Awards—David Anthony Bertaux, Akemi Evans, Mary Ann Amy Hagio, Kenji Nogami Hall, Nancy Shizuka Horie, April Marie Jeffrey, Sara Ryoko Kashima, Jeffrey Kenji Miyamoto, Wendi Michelle Miyashiro, Mitsuru Okawa, David Takeshi Okihisa, Bryn Akemi Sakagawa, Tina Kimiko Shinsato, Teiko Lorraine Stahl, Andrea Y. Takeuchi and Armando Tom Yaotani.

Hon. Gale Kaneshiro, municipal court judge, provided the keynote address. Her talk focused on crime from the court's perspective and the importance of maintaining a clear record as one pursues his or her career.

The dinner was emceed by Robert Ito.

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## Heart Mountain Reunion Arranging Bus for Reno

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — The third Heart Mountain Reunion Committee is making charter bus arrangements to the Sept. 8-10 reunion at Reno's Bally. It is scheduled to leave at 8 a.m. on Sept. 7 from a site in the Monterey Park/Montebello area with a good parking facility for the convenience and security of cars for those who may wish to join some of the committee one day early. The return trip from Bally's in Reno will be at 12 noon Sunday, Sept. 10.

For reservations and information: Call Betty at (818) 892-2284 or Rei at (213) 283-7801 by no later that Friday.





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## EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN:

### China Crisis

AMERICANS ARE shocked and grieved by the political chaos in China. The leaders of that nation have forced their country on a great leap backward into the dark and bloody communist past where, as Mao Tse-tung said, power lies in the barrel of a gun. Now they rule again with the twin weapons of brute strength and fear.

Not least among the victims are the thousands of China's brightest young men and women who have been studying in the United States. For most of them, their dedication is to freedom and democracy. They were the hope for China's future. But now their hopes have been shattered. China's educated, freedom-oriented leaders of tomorrow have been cut off from their families and country. They return home at the risk of their lives. It is likely that many will never be able to go back.

It is a traumatic time for these young Chinese. They fear for their families. Many are depressed by their government's betrayal. Some are running short of funds. They need and deserve the encouragement and support of the U.S. government and the American people. All of us should be concerned about their plight.

## BY THE BOARD

LILLIAN KIMURA, P.C. BOARD CHAIR

### P.C.'s Editor Quest

When the Pacific Citizen Board met in March, it was determined that priority must be given in seeking an editor and a business manager. The P.C. has been operating with assistant editors and now an acting editor with editorial oversight provided by Bill Hosokawa. When he was named as general manager, Harry Honda was to spend part of his time on the JACL P.C. archival project. Because of the stream of editors coming and going, he has had little time to do anything on getting our history together. We want him to put full time effort on this project. A JACL library and archives would be an invaluable asset for the organization as more and more scholars and researchers are doing papers, films, etc. on the Japanese American experience.

So far, we have had one applicant for the editor's position. To broaden the pool, contact has been made with the Asian American Journalists Association; ads are being placed in Japanese vernaculars in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Readers of P.C. can help identify possible candidates for jobs. Resumes should be sent to me at 726 Broadway, 5th floor, New York NY 10003. The board is willing to look at creative ways in which to accomplish the task of putting out a weekly paper.

On other matters, the Eastern District Council agreed to experiment with the "drop shipment" plan in order to have members receive their P.C.'s sooner. This plan calls for bundles of P.C. to be air mailed to several Eastern post offices which in turn will send out the individual copies. Members are delighted to receive the paper on the following Monday or Tuesday of the publication date. Usually, it takes several weeks. It was particularly helpful for New Yorkers to have the June 16 issue with the redress regulations information for their meeting with Bob Bratt of ORA on June 21. The problem is how to continue this program.

Hank Tanaka, chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, has been traveling to district meetings to seek input for the long range plan. This input comes primarily from leaders of local chapters and the districts who attend these meetings. The Pacific Citizen will be made available for a questionnaire to be completed by members and readers who should help in determining JACL's future. We urge everyone to take the time to fill out this questionnaire when it appears.

Explorations are still being made to secure desktop publishing equipment for the Pacific Citizen. One of the first things a new editor must deal with is the attractiveness of the paper as well as the content. Desktop would make things a lot easier.

We encourage submission of feature articles, stories, etc., for the P.C. It is your paper; make use of it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bowles Reunion

I am at a loss for words to describe the emotion and elation I experienced at the first Bowles Area Reunion (May 27-28). The gala event, which drew close to 300 participants, including more than half from such distant places as Seattle, Chicago and New York, was truly an unforgettable milestone not only for myself and my husband, but also for my daughter Kimiko, who was born in the Fresno Assembly Center.

The warm welcome and gracious hospitality extended to me, and to my family, by the former Japanese School students of my late husband, Matsuda Shigeru, brought tears to my eyes, and the benevolence of our hosts made a deep impression on my daughter as well as on my youngest grandson, who is now becoming aware of his family lineage.

The courage, rectitude, self-reliance, and desire to achieve which the Issei

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## SPIRIT OF '89



## FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

### Changing Mountain's Outdated Moniker No Molehill

The *Calgary Herald* in Calgary, Alberta, found itself in the middle of an unwelcome controversy recently when it ran a feature story on an art gallery in the nearby town of Canmore. The shop's name was Chinaman's Peak gallery. A reader found the name racist and offensive and complained to the newspaper.

Jim Stott, the newspaper's ombudsman, looked into the matter. The owner of the shop said she operated the gallery for five years and no one had complained. She also said the name was taken from a nearby mountain, and she had chosen it partly to honor the memory of Chinese who had worked in the mines and helped build the Canadian Pacific railroad in the area.

While some maps failed to list such a peak, Stott checked files of the official Alberta historical sites and legal records section and learned that a peak south of Canmore had been so named in 1886. It was in honor of one Ha Ling, a mining camp cook, who won a \$50 bet by climbing the mountain in a specific time. Stott also found that Chinaman's Peak overlooks another geographical feature called White Man Pass.

This would indicate no offense was meant when the mountain was given its name. In fact, in an odd sort of way Ha Ling was being honored. In those days Chinese immigrants generally weren't accorded enough respect to be recognized by their names; they were simply the Chinaman, just as some Japanese buried in Wyoming had "A Jap" carved in place of their names on tombstones. That was the nature of the times in the insensitive, White-dominated West romanticized in books and films.

Stott now raises some interesting questions: Should historical names which someone now finds offensive be changed? Should a newspaper stop using such names if some readers find them offensive? Would the newspaper be discriminating against a business with such names if it refused to use the name in print? Is there an unpleasant, if unintentional, racial slur involved?

To the last question, the answer is yes. Chinaman is offensive to Chinese Americans and Chinese Canadians just as Jap is offensive to North Americans of Japanese heritage. Then why aren't Frenchman, Englishman, Irishman and Dutchman offensive? Why aren't Swede, Turk, Jew and Slav offensive?

They are offensive because of the historical context in which they were used—racist condescension, derision, hatred, scorn—in the still-remembered past. They have the fighting-words ring of kike, spic, dago, nigger. Self-respecting persons wouldn't use such terms today because they know better. Unfortunately Chinaman and Jap are heard frequently when no offense is meant because the user is not aware of the bitter connotations.

The operator of Chinaman's Peak art gallery certainly didn't mean to offend anyone. She says she is considering changing the name for a practical reason; some potential customers gained the incorrect impression that the gallery specializes in Chinese art.

Names are a very touchy matter these days. The Stanford University Indians are now the Cardinal. University of Colorado activists forced a change in the name of a dormitory which had commemorated a pioneer who, among other things, participated in a massacre of what are now known as Native Americans. Perhaps Alberta's solution is to rename its mountain Ha Ling Peak, and do honor to both the climber and current sensitivities.

## EAST WIND

BILL MARUTANI

### Some Japanese Civics

THERE MAY BE a misconception among some folks that all that was taught at Presidio, Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling was *nihongo*: how to speak, read and write—in that ascending order. Of course, a great deal of time was devoted to learning the language, and it was tough. But we were also drilled with knowledge on the geography of Japan, local products, location of airfields including size of landing strips, identity of army divisions from certain *ken's* (prefectures), and so on. So intense was this training that many of the trainees could rattle off the names of all the prefectures plus the names of the *shozai-chi's* (prefectural seats) of each. Something I could never claim in reference to my own U.S.

To this date.

LOOKING BACK, I guess quite early on we knew we were going to win the war in the Pacific for we were also exposed to some civic lessons on the organization of the Japanese government, albeit superficially. Most of our time was focused upon learning the language, and appropriately so. Anyway, some of that faded civic les-

son comes to mind with the shift in the leadership of the Japanese Government—Mr. Sosuke Uno replacing Mr. Noboru Takeshita as the Prime Minister. Recently, I came across a listing of the entire Uno cabinet (in English) and I tried to recall the Japanese terms for some of the various cabinet positions. I did rather poorly; among other things, I guess I wasn't listening very carefully in class.

Those of you who were listening, or who otherwise know the political setup, can simply turn to another section of this newspaper. The few of you others who are near my league and speed, stick with me. And hold on to my *jiten* without losing the page to which I have it opened.

state (*koku-mu*) with various Directors General such as development agencies, environment, etc.

Try naming the cabinet positions in our U.S. Government. Many Nisei will recall the acronym "St. Wapnical" that we used to try to remember each position. But that acronym is anachronistic.

IN JAPANESE POLITICS the premium on age appears to hold some sway, just as it does in Japan's culture in general. The oldest is O-kura Daijin Tatsuo Murayama at a perky age 74. The youngest: Director-General of Science & Technology, Mr. Kishiro Nakamura at age 40. ("Youth must be served.") As for Sōri-Daijin Uno, as you've no doubt read in your area newspapers, he's age 66. You also probably read that he's a mean harmonica player. (If he's as good with the mouth organ as I am bad, he must be one helluva player.) He also plays the piano, and if that's too mild for you he's an avid *kendo* (Japanese fencing) contestant. When the war ended in 1945, then-soldier Uno was seized and placed in a concentration camp in

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## JAPANESE PRESS TRANSLATION

TORU ANDO  
SANKEI SHIMBUN STAFF WRITERAsian 'Soldiers of Fortune'  
Japan's Future Defenders?

Worried about declining enlistments, Japan's Defense Agency is mulling a novel proposal: recruit mercenaries from Asia. The idea would kill two birds with one stone: fill recruiting quotas and provide jobs for Asian workers drawn to Japan by the strong yen.

According to informed Defense Agency sources, middle-ranking officials first presented this confidential proposal to agency chiefs in 1985. The officials had formed an informal group to study manpower needs.

Their report warns that new enlistments in the Self-Defense Forces (SDF) are likely to drop precipitously in the near future for two reasons.

First, the growth of the male population between the ages of 18 and 25 will peak in the early 1990s and decline rapidly thereafter.

Second, young people reject the SDF as a career because of the danger and low pay. They object to living on-base, curfews and other regulations that curtail personal freedom.

Without a fundamental change in recruitment policy and practices, the report concludes, the SDF will not be able to maintain troop strength.

The authors recommend that the SDF improve working and living conditions, recruit more women, and require firemen and other public employees to undergo reserve training. The most controversial proposal is the creation of an "Asian mercenary force" or "foreign legion."

"Hiring mercenaries from Asia," the group says, "would reduce personnel costs and aid the economies of those nations."

"Young Japanese will not even donate blood to the Red Cross let alone serve their country. If they won't shed their blood for Japan, we should import soldiers who will."

"Recourse to mercenaries signals a national decline and is therefore nothing to be proud of. But this proposal has shock value. Our intention is to alert the politicians and the public to the sad state of our defense forces and oblige them to face reality."

Last year, the Air, Ground and Maritime Self-Defense Forces met only 89.8% of their total authorized strength of 272,768. Between 90% and 98% of the slots for officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers were filled. The lower enlisted ranks, however, were at only 76.6% of strength. For the Ground Self-Defense Forces, the figure was 72.5%.

According to the Defense Agency's Personnel Division, the SDF must re-

cruit 20,000 new servicemen each year to replace enlistees who leave after their first tour of duty (two years for the GSDF, three years for the other two branches). The agency obtains about half its new soldiers from high school graduating classes each March and the remainder through 50 regional recruiting centers.

But as more young people go on to college each year, fewer high school graduates enter the job market. Because of last year's economic upturn, the SDF expects to recruit less than 10,000 from the nations' high schools this year.

Today, there are 990,000 young men in the 18-year-old age bracket. In 1991, that number will hit 1.05 million, as the children of baby-boomers reach college age, and then begin to decline. In 10 years, there will be only 800,000.

In 1986, the Defense Agency set up a committee to consider ways of boosting SDF enlistments. In May 1988, the committee released an interim report urging a new recruitment policy and a face-lift for the armed forces.

The recommendations include relaxing curfews, off-base housing and more attractive uniforms. The services may also accelerate promotions to increase reenlistments. But as a growing number of personnel reach retirement age, the SDF will have to find more funds for its pension program.

The Defense Agency has its eye on the thousands of Asian laborers who enter Japan each year looking for work. Many are hired as manual laborers, waiters, hospital orderlies and sales clerks; they do the "dirty" jobs affluent Japanese now shun.

For the moment, however, the agency refuses to commit itself. "We'll wait for foreign workers to become citizens before recruiting them. There are no plans at present to hire Asians," says an agency spokesman who requested anonymity.

Is a Japanese foreign legion in the offing? As enlistment figures plummet and impoverished Asian workers pour into Japan, there may be no alternative.

## EAST WIND

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Siberia. Reportedly, that period of exposure and spartan austerity did much to forge his character.

THE SITUS of power resides in the political area, in Japan's instance the Secretary-General's position of the LDP (Liberal Democratic Party), the party that's been in power these many decades and, notwithstanding Recruit Cosmos scandal, will undoubtedly retain power. That position is currently held by Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto, a 51 year old Keio University graduate out of Okayama-ken. Keep an eye on him: as we say in the U.S. "he's a 'comer'." But not yet; by Japanese standards, he's a bit young.

IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE training, these and a lot of other tid-bits are noted and absorbed. Old habits die hard.

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## Knowing the Old Japan



In 1871 a 34-year-old American named Leroy Lansing Jones went to Kumamoto at the invitation of the provincial lord to teach the newly founded Yōgakkō (school for Western studies). The students were a small but elite class of bright boys burning with ambition to become leaders of the newly reborn country. For four years Jones, "the best known teacher at the school,"\* taught the boys from a,b,c, then went on to teach mathematics, geography, physics, biology, and other branches of Western knowledge, all in English and by American textbooks.

Shortly later the Shūyūkwan, the prefectural middle school and the modern day outgrowth from the Fukuoka Clan school of the same name under the old regime, followed the suit of Kumamoto's Yōgakkō. Except for Chinese classics and Japanese, all subjects were taught in English, using American textbooks. So outstanding were the Shūyūkwan graduates that there was a period when they used to be admitted to Kōtōgakkō (high school under the old system, which was preparatory to the university) without taking the entrance examinations.

Shūyūkwan is my old alma mater. I heard this story from an old math teacher, a survivor from those hoary days. "In my time," he used to tell the class with obvious pride, "we used to study everything from *gensho*." *Gensho* means original books, and in those days the term carried the connotation that what was in them were the bona fide articles and the Japanese books on the same subjects were either translations or paraphrases of the American books. Some of us used to bridle at

such a notion. How shameful, we used to think, to be proud of having studied from foreign textbooks!

But, let me emphasize, English to those early students was only a means by which they would acquire Western knowledge. They had the sense of mission to lead their country into the new age of science, technology, and world commerce.

One of the students of the Yōgakkō was Nitobe Inazo. He was to become a great educator, scholar-administrator, and one of the earliest and most distinguished *kokusaijin*, a type of man very much admired and in demand in Japan today. His English studies went far beyond the need for it as tool for the acquiring of Western knowledge. His *Bushidō* is a classic and still deserves to be read, nearly 90 years after its writing. He presents a highly idealized image of Japan at the turn of the century. That Japan is no more, but much of it still lives in the lives of the few remaining *Issei* and most of the *Nisei*. That Japan is worth knowing so that we can define for ourselves what our heritage is.

\* The quotes appear in *Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan* in the entry for "Kumamoto Yōgakkō." Jones (1838-1909) was a West Point graduate who served in the Civil War and on the recommendation of missionary Guido Verbeck accepted the offer to teach in Japan. Jones knew no Japanese, had no intention of learning it and had full authority on the conduct of studies. He returned to the U.S. in 1877, returned to teach in Kyoto for two years at the Third Higher School. He died in California.

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pioneers taught their descendants have flourished and become deeply rooted in the psyche of the Nikkei.

The reunion committee members did well and are to be commended, not only for their individual and community achievements, but also for the well-organized Bowles Reunion based on the theme, "A Tribute to The Issei of This Community." My husband and I, in our modest way, have also devoted almost 10 years of our time and energy to help bring about the successful passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 in honor of the sacrifices made by the Issei, and to overcome the discrimination against Japanese-Americans resulting from the wartime animosities and prejudices.

Now, to the inspiring memories of our Issei pioneers will be added the remembrance of your idealism and accomplishments. Again, congratulations to Reunion Chairman Haruo L. Miyamoto, and to his committee members, along with our gratitude and best wishes for an even more successful future.

VIOLET KAZUE DE CRISTOFORO  
Salinas, Calif.



## THE CALENDAR

## DELRAY BEACH, FLA.

■ Present—Sept. 9—Netsuke Exhibit, the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd. Info: 407 496-0233.

## DENVER

■ Present—July 4—First Annual Colorado Oriental Festival, Far East Shopping Center, 333 Federal Blvd. (S. Federal & Alameda). Features 60 booths of different ethnic foods and crafts and cultural exhibits.

## LOS ANGELES AREA

■ Present—July 12—Display of vintage photographs of Teikoh Shitani, George Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Gallery hours: Tues.—Fri., noon–5 pm; 11 am–4 pm weekends; closed Mons. Free. Info: 213 628-2725.

■ Present—July 16—Great Leap presents Talk Story: Chapter 2, Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St. Fri.—Sun. Eves., 8 pm. Sat. & Sun. matinees, 2 pm. Admission: \$20/ea., eves; \$17/ea., matinees. Ticket info: 213 627-5599.

■ Present—July 2—"Focus on Tibet," photos by Julie Masterson, Foyer Gallery, Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena. Info: 818 449-2742.

■ Present—Aug. 5—Jude Narita's *Coming into Passion, Song for a Sansei*, Theatre 6111/New Playwright's Foundation, 6111 W. Olympic (just west of Fairfax). Admission: \$15; discount on Fris. for seniors and full-time students. Reservations, info: 213 466-1767.

■ July 6–Aug. 17—Construction of Kalachakra Wheel of Time sand mandala by Tibetan Buddhist monks, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Blvd.. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens, 75¢ for ages 5–12, free for children under 5. Info: 213 744-3466.

■ July 8—The 21st Obon Festival sponsored by the West Covina Buddhist Church, noon–10 pm, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Free and open to the public. Features foods and various Japanese cultural exhibits such as Japanese silk flowers, bonsai, swords, calligraphy, martial arts, tea ceremony and performance by the West Covina Taiko Group. Info: (Both 818) Marvel Miyata, 337-9123 or Rev. Nori Ito, 960-1166.

■ July 9—Star Festival 5K Run and Fun Walk, 8 am, Pacific Square Center (Redondo Beach Blvd. near Western Ave.), Gardena. TAC sanctioned and certified. 5K Fee: \$12 with T-shirt, \$7 without; add \$3 after June 26. Info: Howard Liu, c/o Ken Nakaoka Co., 1630 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. #23, Gardena, CA 90247, ☎ 323-4444.

■ July 15—The Los Angeles Holiness Church sponsored-banquet honoring the Rev. Arthur Tsuneishi, 5 pm, Sequoia Athletic Club, 7530 Orangefarve Ave., Buena Park. Info: 213 733-5000.

■ July 18—LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics) 1989 Leadership Awards

Dinner, Crystal Room, Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave. Reception: 6 pm, Dinner: 7 pm. Honorees: Hawaii Gov. John D. Waihee III, David Hyun, Irene Kwan Chu, & Masamori Kojima (posthumously). Business Attire. RSVP Deadline: July 10. Info, RSVP: J.D. Hokoyama.

■ July 20–23—The 5th PANA (Pan American Nikkei Association) Convention. Info: PANA-USA, c/o Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 504, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3888, ☎ 213 626-3069.

■ Oct. 14—Theodore Roosevelt High School Class of 1964 25 Year Reunion, Radisson Hotel, City of Commerce. Info: (Both 213) Judy Serna, 264-2085 or Fidelia, 269-4957.

## NEW HAVEN, CONN.

■ Sept. 30–Oct. 1—"On Apathy and Activism: What Next?," a conference on Asian American student activism presented by the Yale Asian American Students' Association, Yale University. Info: 203 436-1963.

## ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

■ July 8, 9 & 16—The Orange County Buddhist Church Obon observance, Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim. July 8 & 9: Dance festivities and bazaar/carnival. Sat: 3–10 pm. Sun: 3–9 pm. July 9: Japanese services, 1:30 pm. July 16: English services, 10 am. Info: 714 527-9186.

## PORTLAND

■ Aug. 5—"A Celebration of Joy," the Oregon Buddhist Church of Portland's annual Obon-Fest, 4–9:30 pm. Activities: Matsuri Taiko Drum Group of Seattle, martial arts, odori, pottery, bonsai, sushi-making and a raffle with trip to Disney World. Obon Dance: 7 pm. Address: 3720 S.E. 34th and Powell. Info: 503 234-9456.

## RENO

■ July 14–15—Chicago All-Clubs Reunion. Events: Banquet, tennis & golf. Info: Eddie Nozawa, 10283 Moore Ct., Broomfield, CO 80020.

## SACRAMENTO

■ Aug. 5—"A Salute to Bob Matsui," Sacramento Convention Center. Tickets: \$30. Info: Sacramento JACL.

## SAN DIEGO

■ Present—July 23—"Li Hui: An Artist in Two Cultures," San Diego Museum of Art. Info: 619 232-7931.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

■ July 4—Nisei Widowed Group meeting will be cancelled for July. Info: (Both 415) Elsie Uyeda Chung, 221-0268 (San Francisco), or Yuri Moriaki, 482-3280 (East Bay).

■ July 8—Asian American Social Club Beach Party, 11 am, Seacrest Beach. Info: 415 797-2617.

■ July 8 & 9—Kanko Church Bazaar and Garage Sale Summer Festival, Bush & Laguna St., 12–8 pm both days. Features food, bingo, a bake sale, rummage sale, games, prizes, etc. Info: 415 931-0453.

■ July 9—"Preserving Your Family's History," a workshop presented by Nisei and Retirement discussing various methods of recording and preserving family histories, Nihonmachi Terrace, 1–4:30 pm, 1615 Sutter St. Presenters: Chizu Iiyama, oral history; Naoko Ito, family quilts; Dean Noguchi, video interviews; Eric Saul, recording family history; and Dean Yabuki, family photos.

■ July 14—Auction\*Mania, a live and silent auction benefiting Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, 6–9:30 pm, Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415 567-6255.

■ July 14—Asian American Social Club's Midsummer's Night TGIF Dinner, Tito Rey of the Islands, No. 3 St. Francis Square, Daly City. Info, RSVP: Berdi Oshidori, 408 289-1067.

■ July 29—"Odori," an afternoon of traditional Japanese dance performed by the Yuriko Uno Dance Ensemble, 2 pm, Western Addition Branch Library, 1550 Scott St. Reception for the audience and troupe sponsored by the Friends of the Japanese Collection will follow. Free. Info: 415 346-9531.

■ Aug. 19—Fourth Awards Dinner of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, Hyatt in Union Square. Info: 415 567-5505.

## SAN JOSE

■ July 12—Planning meeting for Yu-Ai Kai's annual fashion show, 565 N. 5th St. Info: 408 294-2505.

■ July 8, 9 & July 16—San Jose Buddhist Church's annual Obon Festival and Bazaar, 640 N. 5th St. July 8: 1–7:30 pm. July 9: 1–9:30 pm. July 16: Memorial services; 10:10 am, English; 1:30 pm, Japanese.

■ Aug. 19—The 12th Annual Daruma Folk Festival, 10 am–5 pm, Saratoga Lanes Parking Lot, Saratoga Ave. & Graves near Prospect. Features food, drummers, singers, dancers, fresh produce, artists & crafts.

## SEATTLE

■ Present—July 31—"Stepping Stones: Toys and Folklore of Japan's Children," a hands-on exhibit exploring Japanese culture; includes instruction in traditional Japanese songs, dances, stories, and art forms designed for children through age 10, Seattle Children's Museum, downstairs, Center House, Seattle Center. Hours: Tues.–Sun., 10 am–5 pm. Admission: \$2.50. Info: 206 441-1767.

## STOCKTON

■ June 18–Oct. 15—Exhibit on the Rohrer, Ark. camp, the Haggin Museum, 1201 Pershing Ave. Hours: 1:30–5 pm, Tues.–Sun.; closed Mon. No admission charge. Info: 209 462-4116.

## TACOMA/PUYALLUP VALLEY

■ Aug. 18, 19 & 20—Tacoma-Pierce County Nikkei 47th Furusato Reunion. Registration Fee: \$40/ea. Events include golf tournament, dinners, picnic, baseball. Info: H. Del Tanabe, 2503 Freeman Rd. E, Puyallup, WA 98371, ☎ 209 922-5524.

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## IMMIGRATION BILL

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Simon amendment, one senator after another on the panel recounted how his parents or grandparents came to the United States without knowledge of English and still made a contribution to the nation.

Simon cautioned that, even though the special immigrant program is to be only one part of immigration law, the United States has never before given preference to English-speaking immigrants and should not depart from the American tradition now.

Simon's earlier bill, which focuses special attention on the goal of easing family unification now stymied by enormous backlogs and lengthy delays, had been endorsed in recent weeks by virtually all of the nation's Hispanic, Asian and Polish organizations.

Simon said one of the most significant compromises by Kennedy and Simpson is their acceptance of Simon's plan to retain the "fifth immigration preference." The fifth preference, widely used by Asian Americans to petition for brothers and sisters still abroad, would have been virtually eliminated without the Simon provision. The Simon provision, for instance, will greatly reduce today's 11-year waiting period in the use of the fifth preference by relatives in Mexico.

"Saving the fifth preference is an important breakthrough," said Simon. "Now we are able to bring forward a bill that underscores the importance of family unification to families, to their communities and to the nation."

Simon also succeeded in easing the age restriction on the second preference for children of permanent residents. There is no age restriction under current law.

Under the earlier Kennedy-Simpson bill, a child would have to have been granted a visa by age 26 to use the second preference, usually after years of waiting. Under the compromise initiated by Simon, an applicant would only need to apply by age 26.

The Simon agreement keeps fifth preference from being restricted in two ways. First, it protects the right of married individuals who are the brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens to apply for immigrant visas. Legislation passed by the Senate in the 100th Congress would have barred them from applying for fifth preference visas. Had the Kennedy-Simpson bill been enacted, 75 percent of future Asian applicants would have been barred.

The agreement also restores all of the currently available visas to the fifth preference. Under current immigration law, brothers and sisters receive 64,800 visas per year.

The Kennedy-Simpson bill sought to reduce that number by 67 percent. The original Kennedy-Simpson plan would have meant a 75-year wait for a fifth preference visa.

Many provisions of the compromise bill are common to both the original Kennedy-Simpson and Simon bills. One provides for the naturalization of Filipino World War II veterans.

"The Filipinos who fought valiantly for this country during World War II have sought the opportunity to apply for U.S. citizenship for over 40 years. They were turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court last year, and I am pleased that this bill will finally bring them the justice they deserve."

Referring to Simon's five negotiating sessions with Kennedy and Simpson, the Illinois lawmaker called the fifth preference and related measures in the new bill "a hard-won victory that is a direct result of the strong educational and advocacy efforts of Asian, Hispanic, Polish and Pacific Americans nationwide."

"I expect further improvements in this bill as it continues through the Senate and House," said Simon, citing the need for further modifications concerning family unity provisions for legalized aliens, reducing the waiting period for naturalization from five years to three years, and other issues.

## HONG KONG

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"The present situation in the People's Republic of China adds a new dimension to the Hong Kong immigration issue," stressed Mineta.

"The PRC government has been critical of the support by citizens in Hong Kong for the Beijing students. Reports out of the PRC suggest that the government there is accusing some Hong Kong citizens of supporting and funding the uprisings. We cannot tolerate a leadership that uses oppression and intimidation as tools for control," Mineta explained.

"Our legislation will send a signal to the world that the United States is committed to immigration laws that are fair, reasonable and equitable," Mineta concluded.

The Senate version of H.R. 2726 was introduced June 23.

## San Jose Yu-Ai Kai Celebrates 15th Year

SAN FRANCISCO — Kansha (gratitude), the theme of San Jose Yu-Ai Kai's 15th Anniversary celebration was evident throughout the Imperial Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel as board members, staff, and volunteers greeted over 560 guests on June 3. On display at the entry was a large Japanese maple floral arrangement in the Wafu School Ikebana Style designed by Sumi Metz.

Program highlights were the silent and oral auctions which raised over \$20,000 for senior programs. Offered were one-of-kind autographed football by the San Francisco 49er players and coach, George Seifert; designer jewelry from Mary Nakaji; artwork by Ellen Bepp, Tom Kamifuji and Jav-

Art; a white evening jacket of Japanese fabric and Thai silk by Reiko Murakami.

Auctioneer John Rademaker highlighted the evening by auctioning Rep. Norm Mineta's tie and cummerbund and actor Mako's leather jacket which was worn in the film *Tucker*. The latter acted as master of ceremonies for the event. Throughout the evening, Mako delighted the audience with his humor and graciously signed autographs and posed for pictures. His latest film, *Unremarkable Life* with Patricia Neal and Shelly Winters is due to be released this fall.

U.S. skating star, Kristi Yamaguchi picked the lucky ticket for Howard Mukoyama, a \$2,000 travel certificate was donated by Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula dentists. Dancing to Bob Borchards's 16-piece band followed.

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## DEATHS

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**Tom T. Shimasaki, 74, of Lindsay, Calif.,** Tulare County JACL and community leader, died in an auto accident close to home June 20. Surviving are w Mitsuye, s Robert, Lynn (both Pasadena), d Christine (Palm Desert), Janet Yoshida (Hayward), Irene Cannon (San Diego) 5 br Joe (Lindsay), Walter (Eureka), Sam (Chicago), Fred (Hayward) and Ira (Torrance), 2 sis Rinko Enosaki, (Harrisonburg, Va.), Atsuko Kusuda (Madison, Wis.), 7 gc.  
Funeral services were held June 23 at the Lindsay Baptist Church. Family requested contributions to the Tom T. Shimasaki Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 37, Strathmore, CA 93267. The fund has been established at Strathmore High School in Shimasaki's name and he had plans to donate most of the \$20,000 he would have received from the U.S. government to that fund.



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## JACL PULSE

## CHICAGO

• Dance, 7:30 pm–1 am, July 22, Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee. Free dance lesson: 7:30 pm–8:30. Guest DJs: Gene Honda & Steve Sakurai. Donation: \$5. Info: Patty Adachi, 312 465-0343.

## CLEVELAND

• Community picnic, July 23, Clay's Park. Features undo-kai, volleyball tournament, door prize drawing, bingo, softball, horseshoes & swimming. Admission: \$4.50; children under 3, free.

## CONTRA COSTA

• Fourth of July Celebration, 11 am–4 pm, July 4, El Cerrito Community Center. Contra Costa JACL will sell teriyaki chicken and kushiyaki.  
• Oakland A's Baseball Game, 1:05 pm, July 30, Oakland Coliseum. Prices: Plaza level, \$7/ea. (adults); \$4.50/ea. (seniors 65 and over and children under 14); field level, \$10/ea. Info: (Both 415) Natsuko Irei, 237-8730; or Ernie Iiyama, 233-9595 by July 15.

## DOWNTOWN

• The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter, Oct. 14, Biltmore Hotel. Keynote Speaker: Rep. Robert Matsui. Info: (Both 213) Lillian, 822-3363 or Jimmy 734-4273.

## EAST L.A.

• The 18th Annual Steak Bake, 11 am–2 pm, July 23, Barnes Park, 400 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. Donation: \$5 adults, \$2.50 5–12 yrs. Proceeds to benefit the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization and the chapter scholarship fund. Info, tickets: (All 213) Sid 261-9202; Bob, 256-8551; Mable, 263-8469.

## GILROY

• Gilroy Garlic Festival, July 28, 29 & 30, Christmas Hill Park. Info: June Hanada, JACL, P.O. Box 1238, Gilroy, CA 95021-1238 or ☎ 408 842-6900.

## GREATER L.A. SINGLES

• Annual Fundraising Dance, 7:30 pm–midnight, July 29, Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. Music: Taka. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Info: Frank, 818 794-8790 or Emy 213 324-2669.  
• The 4th National JACL Singles Convention, Torrance, Calif., Sept. 1-3, Marriott Hotel. Events: Golf, tennis, bowling, sightseeing, shopping and seminars. Info: B.K. Yanase, 1525 Eagle Park Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745; ☎ 818 810-1509.

## MILE HI

• Screening of two films, *Beacon Hill Boys* and *Crusin' J'Town*, 7 pm, July 16, Denver Buddhist Temple auditorium. Donation: \$5.

## RENO

• Scholarship Dinner, 6:30 pm, July 9, Rice Bowl Restaurant, 950 Glendale Ave., Sparks, Nev. Cost: \$12.50/ea., includes tax & tip. RSVP deadline: July 5. Info, RSVP: (Both 602) Ken Sakurada, 747-5814 or Sam Wada, 786-1277.

## SAN MATEO

• JACL Community Potluck/picnic, noon–dusk, July 23, Shoreview Park. Individuals are asked to bring a potluck dish such as an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert; chapter will provide plates, napkins, utensils, cups, ice & soft drinks. Activities: Games, relays, face painting, volleyball & raffle at 4 pm. Raffle tickets: .50¢. Info: (all 415) Kimi Watanabe, 349-7798; Virginia Tanakatsubo, 345-9618; Mary Jo Kubota, 593-7358; or 343-2793.

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LESLIE HATAMIYA

► The Beta of California Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected **Leslie T. Hatamiya** to its membership. Majoring in political science, Hatamiya will be in her senior year at Stanford. Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hatamiya of Marysville, Calif., she was a Harry S. Truman Scholarship recipient, valedictorian and class president of the 1986 Marysville High School class, and will be one of the four senior class presidents at Stanford. She is on the board of directors of the Student Government, a member of the Stanford Democrats and a board certified aerobics instructor. Her parents are UC graduates as are brothers Michael and Ford, who also wears Phi Beta Kappa key. Leslie and her parents are Life Marysville JACLers. Both her father and mother, the former Momo Kawahara of San Leandro, are past presidents of the chapter and are active in the Redress.

► **Yuji Ichioka**, author of *The Issei: the World of the First Generation Japanese Immigrants, 1885-1924*, was awarded the 1989 Best Book Award by the National Association of Asian American Studies at its sixth national conference in New York June 1-3. Professor **Ron Takaki** of UC Berkeley, and chairman of the book award committee presented the award for publishing the best book in Asian American Studies in 1988. His book was published by The Free Press, a division of MacMillan. It was nominated for the 1988 Los Angeles Times Book Prize in History.

► **Dr. Brian M. Teruya** has been elected president of the Hawaii Optometric Association (HOA). He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1982.

► **Tim Kunihiro**, of Woodson High School, was selected to 1989 Washington Post's All-Met boys spring soccer team at the mid-forward position. A senior, it was a repeat to the first-team All-Met honors.

## THE NEWSMAKERS



ROSE MARY NUNOGAWA

► **Rose Mary Nunogawa**, 42, made the front page of the *Albuquerque Tribune* on Wednesday, May 3, 1989. A member of the New Mexico JACL, she won the Albuquerque Distinguished Teacher Award. Hundreds vie each year from public, private and parochial schools, nominated by peers, parents, and students for the recognition. A committee of educators and business people select four teachers every year for the honor. Nunogawa, a special education teacher at Madison Middle School, teaches language arts and reading to students with moderate learning disabilities. She hails from Hawaii.



MELVIN M. YAZAWA

► **Melvin M. Yazawa**, associate professor in history at the University of New Mexico received the UNM Presidential Lectureship Award in recognition of excellence in scholarship and teaching at the university, and comes with a stipend and discretionary funds to enable the recipient to enhance his research endeavors. The Hawaii-born honoree received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii and his master's and doctorate degrees from Johns Hopkins. He teaches early American history and is the assistant chairman of the History Department.

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