SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr. introduced legislation Jan. 19 to require a comprehensive study on the status of Asian Americans in higher education.

"A comprehensive study is long overdue," Speaker Brown said. "Asian Americans are the second largest minority in the state, yet we have very little information on their experience or needs in post-secondary education."

AB 2626 requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on Asian Americans in higher education. The study would require the commission to collect data in the following areas:

- A socioeconomic and educational profile of Asian American applicant pools as compared to Asian American college graduates
- A detailed examination of the availability and quality of Asian American oriented courses and faculty
- A comparison of Asian American enrollment, graduation and dropout rates of Asian American students
- A description of race, ethnicity and gender discrimination of Asian American students
- A description of the Asian American student experience and academic success

The study would be due one year after the commission receives the contract for the study from the Office of the State Assembly Budget.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chicago Alderman Proposing Grocers Speak English

CHICAGO — The Asian American community here was alerted last Dec. 7 by the Chicago Commission on Asian American Affairs that Alderman Bill Henry (26th Ward) had proposed an ordinance requiring grocers to speak English. It drew immediate rebuff from the Latino and Arab American Commissions and editors in the two major papers, Henry, who chairs the city council license committee, said the idea was sparked by complaints from residents of several predominantly Black wards against grocers of Arab and Korean ancestry. Currently, anyone who can obtain a retail grocer’s license with no educational or language requirements. Taxicab drivers are tested for their knowledge of English and the city’s geography. Henry wasn’t sure if his ordinance would meet such a resistance.

Agency Uses Ad to Fight Gongs & Graffiti

LOS ANGELES — Two years ago, Karen Toshima, 27, was shot in the head and killed in a random gang violence in Westminster. Since that time, gang violence has only grown worse. She was an advertising agency art director with Frankel & Anderson of Van Nuys which decided to take action—not just for her, but for all victims of gang violence. The agency has created a series of print and broadcast ads attacking gangs and graffiti. KABC Talkradio is spearheading the effort, persuading listeners to dial 9110,400 telephone number 900 USA TURNS to help stop gang violence. By calling this number, they will automatically be directed to the nearest gang educational Hotline which will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide further information on how they can help fight gangs. The print ad looks like spray-painted graffiti with the message in big type: "The next thing they spray is you."

Despite a consensus of the need for such an effort, a well-known local attorney was not yet apparent at the meeting. Included in the materials given to all Board members was a news release from the chair of the meeting Fund Committee (Sacheen Potatoe) which was signed to the Northern Nevada Pacific District Council, which was concerned about the proposed use of Legacy Fund money, reviewing shared with chapters, and administration of the Legacy Fund.

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Nagakawa to Seek 2nd Term as JACL Pres.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — In a Feb. 4 speech before the Milwaukee JACL, national President Norman Nagakawa announced that he will seek a second term in 1990 at the San Diego convention.

Nagakawa focused on JACL's future after Redress and on the perceived shortage of leadership in the Pacific Rim nations, particularly Japan.

Nagakawa indicated that JACL must be a part of the understanding that should be developed to diffuse the Japanese-bash anti-Arab conflict such as the Vincent Chin incident in Detroit and the Jon Loo incident in North Carolina.

The banquet program held at the Country Gardens Restaurant also included the presentation of the Milwaukee chapter member of the year award to outgoing president Bill Higa. Following the banquet, Nagakawa presented the JACL Silver Pin to Diane Arata.

Also held the 1990 board of directors including President Al Clima and board members Diane Arata, Carrie Shimizu, Roy Mukai, April Goral and Shern Fujibayashi.

Little Progress Made on National JACL’s Legacy Fund

By George Johnston

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL Legacy Fund was one of the most discussed items at the recent national JACL Board meeting held Jan 19-21.

The JACL Report said that the problem appeared to be a lack of direction.

The general concept, which originated in 1983, is to raise $30 million dollars, interest from which will benefit the JACL National Fund. The money is to be raised from donations from individuals to secure $20,000 in Redress payments from the federal government in the next three fiscal years.

The JACL is not alone among Japanese American community organizations which would like to tap into Redress money. The Japanese American National Museum, for example, is already planning to solicit donations from the Redress money recipient.

As the well-known Japanese American organization and as the largest group involved in the Redress movement, the JACL has to come up with specific ideas for the direction of the Legacy Fund, to be made at its board meetings for study before the next meeting, scheduled for the JACL National Convention.

JACL’s Next Legislative Target: Civil Rights of 1990 to Undoo Court Decisions

WASHINGTON The National JACL Board, at its meeting in San Francisco Jan. 19, authorized its staff and network of districts and chapters to work for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1990, which will soon be introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

The Civil Rights Act is designed to remove barriers created by recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and to otherwise make it possible for victims of employment discrimination to pursue legal remedies.

The JACL is one of a number of civil rights organizations, including the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) to form a steering committee dedicated to the passage of this legislation. LCCR was instrumental in its support of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided redress to Japanese American interned during World War II.

"Recent decisions of the Supreme Court have sharply limited the effectiveness of civil rights laws barring discrimination in employment," said Paul Igasski, JACL. Washington Representative.

Azumano catered to Portland’s Japanese community from a storefront office in the old Chinatown area on Northwest Third Avenue off Burnside Street.

As Japanese Americans began to visit Japan, many of them turned to Azumano, their own insurance agent, for help in making the necessary arrangements.

"George was kind of an emissary between the Japanese community and the White world," recalled Bill Naito, another prominent Nisei businessman who has known Azumano for years. Naito said that many members of the community depended on Azumano for quasi-legal services, such as interpreting laws and writing wills, because "he was older and more dignified." Did It Free at First

Azumano said that he assisted many of his clients with travel arrangements for free. But he soon realized he had the beginning of a prosperous business.

Azumano Travel Services, which has celebrated its 40th anniversary, has grown since 1949 into a $4 million-a-year business with 160 employees.

In the headquarter of the Oregon Pioneer Building, the company operates five retail travel outlets throughout the Portland metropolitan area, and has regional offices in Seattle, Denver and Atlanta. It also maintains a liaison office in Kobe, Japan.

And although Azumano still holds his license as an insurance agent, travel services now account for about 90% of his annual business revenues.

Azumano’s Other Businesses

Azumano’s affiliated businesses include:

- Overseas Courier Service, ships daily newspapers and documents from Japan to the U.S.
- Pacific Gateway Agency, a wholesale travel agency.


A Gooson’s Son

Azumano’s father, owned a small Japanese grocery store in southeast Portland, where he later was president of the Japanese Grocery Association, set the example for civic service.

He always told me, "If you live in a community, you should return something to the community," Azumano recalled.

Azumano, who was born in Portland and graduated in 1940 from the University of Oregon, majored in business.

Henry Kato, who has known Azumano since his high school days about 50 years ago, characterized him as a "very down-to-earth, very friendly, leadership-type person." When Kato farmed in Gresham, he was an insurance client of Azumano’s. They both have offices in Portland’s Northwest JACL district governors.

Sam Gabriel

JACC Queen Contest Set

WEST COVINA, Calif. — The East San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Portland JACL National Community is seeking candidates for its 1990 Miss E.G.O.V. JACC Queen contest, to be held at the center on Saturday, April 28. The winner will represent the center in the annual Nisei Week Queen Pageant in August.

Applicants should be between 19 and 25 years of age and be married. They must be a resident of the greater East San Gabriel Valley area.

For information: E.G.O.V., 120 W. Puente Ave., West Covina, CA 91792; 800-950-3755; Mrs. Marika Tani, 217-28-8698 (evening). Orientation meeting—at the center on March 13, 3-4 p.m. Deadline for applications—March 15.

The chairperson this year is a former Nisei Week Queen, Marika Tani. She will be joined by Miss American, Tani’s mother, Reiko Tani, Azumano’s former tenant guest.

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(20th biennial session will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 7-15, 1990. 80th biennial session will be held in London, England, June 29-July 5, 1993.

SEN VISIT S SELANCO — Sen Nishiyama was the guest speaker of the Joe 20th birthday restoration ceremony. Nishiyama is pictured with second-term chapter president, Ruth Mezoe.

Spokane Open to Tokyo Women’s College Branch Being Established This Fall

SPOKANE, Wash. — Mukogawa Women’s University of Nishiyama Japan, has an option to buy 72 acres and 30 buildings at what formerly was the Army’s Fort George Wright. It was revealed this past week (Jan. 18), and after that a small liberal arts college founded by the Sisters of the Holy Name.

The deal is final, the school could be offering courses on the property, as many as 180 student women, from Japan this fall.

Ed Tsukiyama of Spokane, representative for Mukogawa’s University, said Japanese students would be required to spend one of the eight semesters at the Japanese branch campus, where they would study conversational and practical English.

Mukogawa, a liberal arts college in Spokane’s sister city, is one of several Japanese universities opening American campus branches.

"Japan is a modern and high-tech country, but conversational English is somewhat behind," Tsukiyama said.

Gender-Number Theory Used by Demographer

BERKELEY, Calif. — The number of non-Hispanic whites in the United States is shrinking so fast—3.6% per decade—that in 10 years there will be 9.5 million fewer than now, according to a leading expert in population forecasting, Chin Long Chiang of UC Berkeley.

Chin laid the mathematical foundation for the "life tables" used today by demographers. The size of future population is determined by the number of females. Non-Hispanic white women born between 1961-1965 were born at about 900 per 1,000 females. By 2001, the next generation will be 99.9% as large.

For African American women, the corresponding figure was 1,171 daughters per 1,000 births.

His data was presented at the 1989 International Statistical Institute meeting in Paris.
**News from Santa Monica, Calif**

Award-winning American Jewish poet and playwright Velma Rascon Houston has been chosen to adapt the work of the late, critically-acclaimed Japanese novelist Sawako Araya for motion pictures.

Araya is the award-winning author of The Doctor's Wife, The Twilight Years, and other popular Japanese novels. Houston will be writing a screenplay adaptation of Araya's *Hishoku* (Not Color). The film producer is Alterna Current International.

**HCRR to Continue After Redress Finished**

According to Miya lwataki, CRR's national chairwoman, a name change is expected to take place after the completion of the redress process

**Japanese Phototypesetting**

by Harry K. Honda

VENTURA, Calif. — Dr. Valerie Masumoto, assistant professor of Asian American Studies at UCLA, previewed a chapter of her next project as guest speaker at the Ventura County JACL installation dinner here Jan. 29 at the Harborview Marina Resort Hotel.

Her subject, "Nisei Women Coming of Age" turned out to be an entertaining and nostalgic look at a decade of eight columns appearing in the San Francisco and Los Angeles Nisei press which described the "advice to the love-ers" on such topics as social problems, etiquette, sex, marriage, movies, holiday expectations.

Among the samples from the column, which was read widely, was one on how the Japanese bowed—not a bow from the neck but with hands at the knees and bowing from the hips for the women and low or lower depending on social status. "And remember, Dietz," was 19 years old at the outset for her popular series in the San Francisco Japanese American (AJA) "she" chimed. These columns were penned by Mary Oyama, then of San Francisco and later of Los Angeles.

Matsumoto halls from Nogales, Ariz., and graduated from Arizona State. From Honolulu, he researched the Cortez Colony (1919-1920). The Nisei woman, who has a fellowship in the ACL, describes her decided commitment to the ACL, which acclaimed her work "a tribute to the AJA and the JACL as held a the 1990 AFC Dinner by Marian Uralco, installing officer."

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**ORA Administrator to Speak in L.A.**

By GARY P. RYNDEL, Editor-In-Chief

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The next is an excerpt from the Pacific Citizen, a newspaper for the Japanese-American community. The article is titled "Editorial: RIP: Mas Ogawa." It discusses the life and legacy of Mas Ogawa, a prominent journalist and community leader. The editorial highlights his contributions to journalism and his role in advocating for the rights of Japanese-Americans, particularly during the time of the internment camps during World War II. The text also mentions his role in the Nikkei community and his impact on the United States. The article includes a call to remember and honor his legacy and the sacrifices made by those who came before. The text is a tribute to a significant figure in the history of the Japanese-American community.
Issei Rice Farmers in Texas Change to Oranges, Row Crops After Rice Boom

By Masakazu Iwata


In the first decade of rice farming in Texas, there was complete failure recorded. A Japanese group who obtained options on 5,200 acres of land in 1916, failed. Under a manager, 27 wealthy young Issei in Texas, which was the re. U ll

Tsuneo Yoshino, a Ph.D. in chemistry and another

The San Antonio Orange Growers Association, with the help of the Kohl Agricultural experiment Station, distributed the plant not only to the Japanese but to other Asian immigrants as well. The result was an increase in the production of a variety of vegetables. The farmers gradually left the rice production, and started to make a living from the production of vegetables. The crop in time lost its quality which made it difficult to grow.

In 1960 through Hidetsu Warigai, a fruit broker, the farm at Alvin distributed the plant not only in Texas but in other parts of the United States.

The annual value of the oranges grown in Texas in 1960 was $7,000 from a banker, C.F. Arbuckle, who had spent two years at the Kohl Agricultural experiment Station.
The sale of oranges was a success story in the area of the Alvin Japanese nursery, a speciality of orange and fig tree, which he increased with the help of previous farming growers, land which he had acquired and developed as a pecan orchard, making a pecan plant speciality.

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Yamashita to Head for 4th yr.

HOUSTON — Re-elected for an unprecedented fourth term, Mas Yamashita will serve as national president of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). Serving on the board are: President Mas Yamashita, Gonda Mayeda, JACL; Nancy Gonda, Gonda Mayeda; Lois M. Sakaguchi and Mas Yamasaki.

The chapter will participate at the Bellville JACL meeting March 3 and 4. Dan Watanabe will chair the February meeting. This year the chapter will have one 100 club, which today boasts of five Life Members.

The dates of March 10-15 have been selected for the fifth annual Houston Caper, a five-day bus trip to Japan, which will take in major tourist points and historic sites, including the famous Makura, the pillow of the gods. This trip will be sponsored by the 25th District, Dr. Kaz Mayeda, George Watanabe will chair the festival. Bellaire Folk Fair on March 3 and 4.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Anheuser-Busch will once again take helm of the House JACL. Serving on the board are:

- Andrea Collin, supervisor, County of Sacramento, Sacramento.
- Court Judge Charles Kobayashi, recently revealed by Eizaburo Maelma, rogatory Japanese word.
- James Asahara, mekura, mean people who cannot contribute to society, including the famous Nora Ayumi.
- Delano JACL and the Delano Japanese Reunion chairman Joe Katano revealed that changes of addresses be entered.