Three Die, One Hurt in Oregon Mishap After Minidoka Dedication

BAKER, Ore. — Three Nisei died and one was injured in a crash on Interstate 84 in eastern Oregon during the long Memorial Day weekend.

The residents, all from Seattle, were returning from a weekend at Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Minidoka memorial dedication on Sunday (May 27) when their van was overtaken about 5:40 p.m. on I-84 about 10 miles east of Baker, state police said.

State police said 65-year-old Miyeko Uno, and her brother-in-law Toshichiro Uno, 70, died in the crash.

Toshichiro Uno’s brother, John Uno, 66, died early Monday at a Boise hospital, police said. Uno’s sister, Grace Uno, 62, was flown to St. Elizabeth Community Hospital in Baker City and was critically injured.

The (Unos were part of the six-member panel seated at the memorial dedication. Full story and pictures will be published in the next issue.

Police said Toshichiro Uno apparently was driving the van west on I-84 when he lost control. The van crossed the left lane and rolled over the eastbound lanes, coming to rest upside-down.

JACI Raises Asian Admissions Issue at Confirmation Hearing of Dept. of Education Nominee

WASHINGTON — The Japanese American Citizens League raised the Asian admissions issue at its testimony May 23 during the Senate confirmation hearing of Michael Williams, who was nominated for the position of assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education.

Paul Igasaki, JACL Washington Representative, stressed the need for the Senate to which Williams was nominated to act expeditiously in responding to Asian American concerns, in particular that some university programs may be discriminating against them in the admissions process. "The record of that office has to date not impressed community citizens," Igasaki noted.

Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education is charged with enforcing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlaws discrimination at institutions receiving federal funds. Over two years ago, the office announced the beginning of investigations at UCLA and Harvard University that would make an inquiry as to whether their admissions policies discriminated against Asian Americans.

Igasaki noted that no report on these institutions has yet been issued and that the Department of Education has failed to meet deadlines that it has set for itself in releasing these reports.

The hearing, before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, was chaired by Senator Paul Simon (D-III.). In his own remarks, Simon questioned Williams on whether he would act on the concern expressed by Asian Americans. "I am not here to second-guess what Dr. Williams assured him that he would. Other groups testifying included the ACLU’s Legal Defense Fund and the National Women’s Law Center.

Asian concerns as to university admissions relate to the perception that as Asian American students are in racial discrimination and illegal under current law.

Igasaki emphasized the JACL position that affirmative action programs are not to blame for anti-Asian discrimination. "Opponents of affirmative action programs have sought to exploit legitimate Asian concerns over the admissions process to politically target programs that benefit other minorities and that have benefitted Asians in the past," Igasaki added.

Rep. Matsui, Filmmaker Okazaki, Prof. Takaki to Be Honored ‘Japanese Americans of Biennium’

By Karen Seriguchi

S A N F R A N C I S C O — A member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a filmmaker, and a professor of history will be honored as JACL’s Japanese Americans of the 1988-89 Biennium, announced Don Bo, chair of the awards committee.

On June 19, Rep. Robert Matsui, Steven Okazaki and Ronald Takaki will each receive the JACL Gold Medal award and a personalized scroll at the national convention in San Diego.

The award is presented to individuals for their contributions that have added to the sum of human knowledge that have enhanced the quality of life in American society. It is the highest pub-
Asians in Omaha Host Their First Heritage Banquet

OMAHA, Neb.— Cindy S. Dau, Commissioner of the Copyright Tribunal in Washington, returned home to be keynote speaker May 14 at the first Asian-Pacific American Heritage banquet at the Peony Park Ballroom.

Dau’s talk was a reminder of being an Asian American spoke to “America’s diversity and capacity for change (as) our strength and our greatest advantage over other nations. We need only look to the problems of the Soviet Union to see the systems are based on an inability to change and to deal with ethnic diversity in their societies that weakness is literally unraveling their political and economic system.”

A 1965 graduate from Ewha Women’s University in Seoul, Dau was administrative assistant in Inter-North, an Omaha engineering firm, a columnist for the Omaha Sun until 1984 and active with the Republican party, the most recent responsibility being chair of the Asian American Festival at the 1986 National Republican Convention and national director of Asian Americans for Bush-Quayle since 1988.

Over 200 attended the celebration co-sponsored by:

- United Japanese Nebraska India Association
- Filipino American Organization, Metro Omaha Chapter
- Chinese American Association of Nebraska
- Lao Hmong Association of Nebraska
- Anishinabe Nation of Nebraska.

Akaka Becomes First Senator of Native Hawaiian Heritage

WASHINGTON — Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii, the first Native Hawaiian to serve in Congress, was sworn in on April 5. He will receive a letter of recommendation from Senator Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

Akaka, 65, pledged to continue the legislative pursuits of Matsumura, who died of cancer April 15 after serving three terms in the Senate, including reparations for Japanese-Americans incarcerated during World War II and creation of a U.S. Peace Institute in Hawaii.

Akaka faces a tough campaign challenge from Rep. Patricia Saiki (R), who is expected to run in the fall election to fill the four remaining years of Matsumura’s term.

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After working as a pharmacist for several years following his graduation in pharmacy, Yasuhara chose to pursue a career that would allow him to combine his interest in science and young people. In 1961, he accepted a teaching post at Loglan Elementary School, where he first taught sixth grade before moving up to the seventh grade. He also assisted at Garry Middle School in 1970 as a science teacher. He retired last June.

As demanding of himself as his peers, Yasshara would often arrive at school two hours before classes to prepare for his day’s work and to assist students who sought his help. Students say they learned more than science in his class than they learned about life.

In and outside of the classroom, Yasuhara was a strong believer in people’s rights and responsibilities. For years, he has been an active leader and spokesman for Japanese Americans in Spokane.

The project was completed in 1973 after Asian/Pacific American Studies Program and later operated a 41-unit senior citizen home, a three-year effort. He currently serves as the president of its board of directors.

He was involved a wide variety of leadership roles, from the presidency of the JACL and LEC Boards, to the presidency of the Washington State Honors Yasuhara, a four-year term as the Governors’ Caucus Chair, and on the national and state level. He has served as the governor of Civil Rights, which included on board of directors, the president and delegates from all the major civil rights groups in Spokane. He later served as the President of the Asian American Advisory Board.

His civil rights work spanned two decades, from the presidency of the Spokane Minority Affairs Coalition from 1971-74 and another four years as the president of the Spokane Coalition for Human Rights, which included on board of directors, the president and delegates from all the major civil rights groups in Spokane. He has served as the Governor of the National Caucus Chair, and on the National JACL and LEC Boards.

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Ishihara's Remarks

NEW YORK — Japan’s senior Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) member Shintaro Ishihara has angered a U.S. audience in suburban Detroit, branding the United States as a “crazy baby” that can’t figure out how to compete, the USA Today reported last week.

The United States — not Japan — is responsible for the nation’s economic woes, including an auto industry slide that has wiped out 250,000 jobs in Michigan alone since 1980, Ishihara told 250 residents gathered for a town meeting organized by Rep. Sander Levin (D-Mich.).

In a typically pithy phrase, Ishihara, who has staunchly criticized the U.S. government with his book, The Japan That Can Say No!, blasted the United States as a racist giant that has no competitive muscle to push Japan around, the newspaper said.

Ishihara was quoted as saying: “American racism is at the very base of our relationship. If Columbia Pictures someday decides to film a movie about Australia, it wouldn’t be a big issue.”

The Japanese legislator also said the relationship between the two nations would be: “Japanese must open our market to U.S. goods.

We should admit that our market is an example, closed ... we shouldn’t be spending six times more for rice than other countries buy.”

The daily said the audience of current and retired autoworkers, union leaders and anti-Japanese boosted by many of Ishihara’s remarks.

Ishihara’s remarks were criticized by U.S. President Bill Clinton, a retired general from General Dynamics, branded Japan as ungrateful in an open letter after Ishihara’s remarks, the paper said, adding as saying “We rebuilt Japan after World War II and if our generosity isn’t appreciated, there’s going to be a backslash soon.”

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Ancestry Not Enough

In response to comments by U.S. Japan Relations programs at JACL gatherings, at the outset I apologize to any and all who may have been offended by my views, including Ed for whom Barry great respect. In expressing a viewpoint, one always runs the risk of offending opposing views.

My opinion, in brief, was that mere fact of Japanese ancestry does not qualify AJA's to be the immediate intermediary in any friction between the U.S. and Japan; nor does it provide any impetus to improve culture and customs or language—much of which is probably archaic as we may have learned them. If the larger society simply assumes we're qualified by reason of such standards, then I respect such racial labeling.

From the U.S.-Japan Relations programs which I've attended, the focus is not upon civil rights but upon economics—trade. The presentation is couched within the U.S. male representative of some sort and a Japanese counterpart. I've wondered if being used to promote the vested economic interests of some persons or parties, and I dislike being manipulated by economic interests. If we're going to have economic discussions, then the Japanese should be dealt with under the label of "civil rights." Racism in whatever form and against whomsoever in this country should be exposed. And if xenophobic racism is directed at kabuki people, for example; all Americans, including AJA's, should speak out against it. I addressed this subject in several of the 'East Wind' columns and may very well do so again if deemed appropriate.

If human understanding involving the Japanese is to be promoted, rather than doing causing trade imbalance, we might focus upon establishment and implementation of a program where by the Japanese seek to understand who the AJA's are, as people, how Japanese policies and practices impact upon us, and otherwise have a frank exchange of views.

I remain open to being persuaded that reason so leads. I've been wrong many times and have no reason to believe that I'll be wrong in the future—always as my wife will all too readily confirm.

BILL MARUTANI
March, PA

Barry Happy

When I first met to Tokyo, my family and I were privileged to be Barry's guest. As Bill Hosokawa met in his "From the Frying Pan" column. Barry (a one-man Tokyo bureau) is indeed a burea that I've known to be sensitive to the fragility as well as the nobility of the Constitution. Two columns! Not could have been spent better than on a second visit to "A More Perfect Union."
WASHINGTON The growing automotive "transplant" industry is making it more difficult to determine the true nationality of a foreign car—whether it is built on the assembly lines of Japan, Nissan, Toyo-ta, Mzdaz, Mitsubishi, Subaru and Isuzu. The question of what counts as American has become a bone of contention.

As the anniversary of Japan's surrender as an American car approaches, the question of what is Japanese nationality, a Chrysler product, or a Japanese part, is difficult to answer. The Commerce Department projects that Japanese automotive exports will be made at seven U.S. plants this year and 2.25 million passenger cars will be sold. The dollar profits for these sales are expected to exceed $8.5 million.

A recent study of the industry, while on study from the Washington-based Brookings Institution, said the threat of action by the auto industry may decrease if the value of the dollar continues to fall.

Japanese car manufacturers will continue to face competition from Chrysler products.

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Robert Matsui (Politics/Public Affairs/Law): A respected policy-maker in the U.S. Congress, Rep. Matsui (D-Calif.) first elected to represent the Sacramento area in 1978. He has served in the powerful House Ways and Means Committee since 1981, where he has played an instrumental role in trade legislation and tax reform law. He is a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the leadership panel that selects committee assignments and develops strategy for the House of Representatives.

Matsui has worked aggressively on a variety of issues involving the Asian American community. He led the effort to prevent the Census Bureau from lumping all Asians into one category on the 1990 census form. He also cosponsored legislation to require the collection and publication of statistics on hate crimes and has been supportive legislation to promote discriminatory policies against Asian immigration. His unerring efforts on behalf of the needs of the Asian American community led Matsui to the L.A. City Council, the leadership panel that selects committee assignments and develops strategy for the House of Representatives.

NEW UC CHANCELLOR HONORED—(From left) George Ogawa, JACL; Mrs. Dwyo Tien, Chancellor Chang Lin Tien, and Vice Governor Shoren Kuma moto; and JACL Regional Director John Soto.

JACL Joins L.A. Area Reception to Honor Dr. Tien, UC’s First Asian Chancellor

By Alvina Lew

Los Angeles—Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and 18 Asian American organization co-sponsors an elegant reception for the newly appointed chancellor of University of California at Berkeley Dr. Chang Lin Tien, and his wife Di Suwa, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, May 9.

Dr. Tien is the first Asian American to head a U.C. campus. But he is not new to the UC system. He has been associated with it for over 30 years—an administrator, professor, vice chancellor at UC Berkeley, and now as executive vice chancellor of UC Irvine. As vice chancellor, Tien supported new academic requirements at UC L.A. such as the requirement of completion of multilingual courses, international studies, and the so-called four-quarter foreign language studies.

McCarthy lauded the program as the best of the best in health care and he is the recent achievement of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Dr. Tien remarked how pleased he was to have received the appointment, saying, “Our University of California has been considered the leader among all the state-supported institutions of higher education. Other states have looked to us with admiration and sometimes with envy. Other states have sent delegations to study the ways that California has achieved such excellence. And these stories are done well, they will always report that it is the support and understanding of the people of California and the wisdom of their elected leaders— that has been the key to the greatness of their university.”

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and her nearly rock-and-roll husband. The movie was released theatrically by Shoout Pictures.

Okazaki's most recent work is "Days of Waving," a 1999 documentary about Steve Peck Higbe, one of the few Caucasians to be issued his own identification card by the American community in WW II. The Hawaii Herald called it "a masterpiece ... a powerful and heartwrenching film." The film will be broadcast this year on PBS.

In addition, Okazaki has produced and directed several summer-winning children's films. Segments of his work have been featured on ABC's Nighttime and other newsmagazines.

The Sansei filmmaker was graduated from film school at San Francisco State University. He makes his home in Berkeley, Ca.

Ronald Takaki (Education/Humanities), Professor of Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley, Takaki has received acclaim for both his scholarship and teaching.

Takaki was hired by UCLA in 1967 to teach his first course in Black history after receiving a doctorate from UC Berkeley. He returned to Berkeley in 1972, when he was named chair of the ethnic studies department, and is currently graduate advisor of the department's new Ph.D. program, the first of its kind in the country.

In 1981, Takaki was invited to Armenia by the American Armenian Relief Union to present a paper comparing race relations in the U.S. with race relations in Armenia.

In 1988, he was awarded the prestigious Goldsmith Professorship. University Lechshicht at Cal State-Lincoln. The university's college unions have honored him with a Distinguished Professor award.

Takaki's academic books attract national attention. His most recent work, "Sansei and Beyond: A History of American Asian Americans" (Little, Brown) was nominated earlier this year for a Pulitzer Prize. The New York Times has called it "a masterpiece ... a powerful and heartwrenching film."

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THE CALENDAR

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Present June 24—Angel Island Theatre Company presents The Women by Eugene Ionesco at Garyactus, as an ensemble that is about a story about a woman and her life. (312) 455-1965. Info: Box 34711, Chicago, IL 60634.

▪ LOS ANGELES AREA
June 13—JAPAN BASHING
Jul 22—Wong-Ciun ceremony of Winter Festival, Japanese Theatre, Station Hotel, 501 9th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001. (212) 582-1220.

▪ SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
June 13-17—Symposium at the University of California at Berkeley. (510) 642-4068.

▪ SAN JOSE
June 22—“Japanese Cultural Special” at Saturday Night at the Japanese Friendship Garden.

▪ SEATTLE

▪ WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NEWSMAKERS
▪ Brenda Wong Acki, performance artist and popular storyteller, is back in the spotlight. This month's event is the recipient of The San Francisco Bay Guardi- an's “Bay Guardian Award” for Outstanding Local Discovery Award. The honor is extended to these individuals for their displayed excellence in the visual and performing arts. Acki, who was recently honored by Nikkei in Education, is a multi-talented artist. She is a member of the performance art group, “The Land of Oo and Oo” and “Type O-O” as actors who have appeared in several films including “Living on Tokyo Time,” and in videos for the Jefferson Save- rity and the San Francisco Bay Area. (202) 833-3232.

▪ Mayor Tom Bradley has announced the appointment of Ron Nakamoto, 46, to the mayor's office. Nakamoto is the Human Relations Commission. He will oversee the establishment of new commission programs that will address the increasing numbers of Asian, African American, and other minority groups. He will be the executive director of the California State police director of California Campaign ’88, and in videos for the Jefferson Save- rity and the San Francisco Bay Area. (202) 833-3232.

▪ Paul Hara has been appointed permanent director of the Washington State De- partment of Trade and Economic Develop-

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