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News

Chicago group opposes war

The Chicago chapter of JACL unanimously approved of a resolution calling for an end to the Gulf War at a Feb. 13 meeting.

"Basically, we called for a cease fire and resumption of diplomatic negotiations," said David Igasaki, chapter president.

The resolution opposes FBI interrogation of Arab Americans; cites the disproportionate number of poor people and minorities in the military; the loss of money for social tary; the loss of money for social and economic programs; and the fact the U.S. is bearing the brunt of

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Included in the resolution is support for troops, in the Gulf.

The chapter will circulate the resolution in the Japanese American community and among Illinois Congressional delegates. The chapter will also missider joining the Emergency Coalition for Peace in the Middle East, a group spearheading an anti-war effort.

Manzanar proposed as historic site

If Scn. Milton Marks (D-San Francisco, Marin) has his way the Manzanar War Relocation Camp

will become a national historic site. Marks introduced a bill with that Marks introduced a bill with that aim Feb. 14. "I am inviting my colleagues in the State Legislature to join me in supporting the proposed Manzanar National Historic Site, he said. "The passage of the resolution will send a clear message to Congress and to all Americans that ongoing public education on the Japanese American internment experience is necessary.

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The Senate Joint Resolution, if passed, will serve as the State Legislature's endorsement of H.R. 543, a bill introduced by Rep. Mel Levine and co-sponsored by Reps. Robert Matsui, Norm Mineta and William Thomas.

Short takes

SPEAK UP- The 5th annual Southern California Japanese Southern California Japanese Speech Contest for persons who speak it as a second language will be held Sunday, March 17, at Califor-nia State University, Los Angeles. Winner receives a one-week trip to Japan. Information: 213/628-2725. LADY GOLFERS — Catch

Japan. Information: 213/628-2725.
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Ayako Okamoto and Hiromi
Kobayashi at the Desert Ins-LPG
International golf tournament March
13-18 in Les Vegas.
SOUNDS GOOD — The Japanbased Uchida Scholarship Foundation recently donated \$1 million to
the Berkley College of Music, Boston, in recognition of its international good will and understanding.
Alumni of the school include musicians Sadao Watanabe, Makoto
Ozone and Toshiko Akiyoshi.
STARS OUT—Local Bay Area
TV personalities Sydnie Kohara,
Wendy Tokuda and Jan Yanchiro
will be guests at the Japanese
American Library fund-raising
program Priday, March 15, Information: 415/567-5005.



PHOTO: Chicago Shimpo

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By RICHARD SUENAGA

s an Asian American Bar

Editor

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EDUCATION: B.A., North Park College, Chicago; J.D., DePaul University College of

Law, Chicago. JOBS: teacher; assistant state's attorney, supervisor, Juvenile Division; now asso-ciate judge, Cook County, Illi-nois Circuit Court.

Stamps could reopen wounds

"Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, December 7."

"U.S. declares war on Japan, December 8

Such are the captions to the last two stamps on a 10-stamp World War II commemorative sheet marking the major events of 1941. The designs were unveiled by the Postal Service Dec. 20 at the White House.

Carl R. Prager of Escondido, Calif., in a letter printed in the Feb. 11 issue of Linn's Stamp News, says he believes the U.S. Postal Service "has made a grave error . . . Even though it has been 50 years since WWII, there is no need to reopen old wounds by specifically naming Japan as our enemy. More appropriately, the last two stamps could have been cap-tioned 'Pearl Harbor bombed, December 7' and 'U.S. declares war, December 8, 1941.'

"If it was necessary to identify Japan, it might have been done with the addition of a war plane depicting the Rising Sun insignia," Prager

I noted that the stamp sinking the U.S. destroyer Reuben James, did not specify which country committed the act, even though this incident happened before (Oct. 31) any dec-laration of war." (The destroyer, escorting a convoy of war materials to Iceland, was sunk by a German

to location, was submarine.)
"Some of these stamps will be used for postage abroad," Prager continued. "It is my belief that the latter two pertaining to Japan should be redone

Prager also suggested that the word "Nazis" be substituted for Germany whenever possible since Germany and Japan have been allies of the U.S. for almost two genera-

The stamp sheet is the first of five scheduled by the Postal Service, commemorating major events of WWII. It will be heavily promoted among collectors and veterans orga-

Military historians assisted in the Citizens Advisory Committee in selecting the 50 events to be depicted on the stamps, according to the publication.

Group lobbied for Asians

The Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago played a role in the selection of Lynne Kawamoto as an

payed a role in the sciection of Lynne Azwantoo as an associate judge of Cook County, III.

"We started to work on this two years ago," says Irene Cualoping, 31, a Chicago area lawyer who handles publicity for the group. "We wanted to raise an awareness. We met with the appropriate parties, people on the state policial and judicial levels, as well as with major media, including Asian mublications."

Illinois, Cualoping added, has the fourth largest Asian American population in the country. "We felt we had qualified candidates who should be considered for the bench."

Japanese language goes to head of class

By HARRY K. HONDA

By HARRY K. HONDA Senior editor
Though the surge of immigrants this past decade from Asia to California was not from Japan, there was significance of Japanese presence in American commerce and industry. That has reflected an increase in the enrollment of students in Japanese classes at public high schools around the state and nation.

tion. The Los Angeles Times this past week headlined its story on this language boom: "Educators Launch Drive to Improve Classes in Japanese," and pointed to the concerns of educators meeting last weekend at Stanford University to help the College Board (the organization behind the SAT-Scholastic Aptitude Test) draw up Japanese language achievement

Language difficulties in past years

The dearth of Japanese translators and interpreters was keenly felt by the U.S. government with war clouds looming over the Pacific in 1940 as language schools were established by the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco and by the Navy at UC Berkeley in the fall of 1941 and all Harvard.

Harvard.

Most of the faculty and students for these military intelligence service classes came from the Japanese American community.

nity—about 6,000 having com-pleted studies by 1946. During World War II, the Japanese language in American hands was regarded as å "sceret weapon" by the military in view of the enemy's own sense of sec-curity in the language. The Japanese had a habit of writing down notes on almost everything including highly valuable infor-mation, although it was difficult

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awried nearly \$400,000 to the effort. James Herbert of NEH explained, "A significant slice of people in the United States have to have a deep understanding of Japanese culture and Japanese society. And they should be have ing some direct contact throug

Scholars Are Considering

Japanese scholar Eleanor H.
Jorden at the National Foreign
Language Center, a Johns Hopkins
University program in Washington, connected the Japanese language boom to "a lot of parents
(who) think if their children leam some Japanese, they are going to

est by 1993.

The SAT, in turn, is expected to exert influence on what is taught to teach Japaafter 1993 and how to teach Japa-

nese to young Americans. Because there is no fairly well-accepted text in teaching Japanese to non-Japanese, the National Endowment

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etters

Wants to locate acquaintance

I'm writing to ask a favor of you. I'm a 51 year old male, I was born and reared mostly in Col-orado. I was there in 1939-1946, orado. I was there in 1939-1946, during the war years, in Colorado Springs. My mother was a hostess for the U.S.O. there and I remember once, "44 or "45, she took a busload of girls down to an army base at La Junta, Colorado, I went alone with her.

along with her.
There was a little Japanese
American girl, around my age of
5, that I met while playing. We
played well together and she was played weir logerher and she was such a nice person. Her name is Kimiko . . (Kim-ee-ko). I've never forgotten her name or how nicely we played together and over the years I've often wondered what

the years I've often wondered what happened to her.

A friend of ours, Mrs. Toya Nakagawara here in Tacoma refer-red me to you, do you think you could help me find this young lady after all of these years . . just to say hi and to see how her life has progressed after half a century? If you don't have the means or resources, perhaps you can refer the name of the proper agency to me. REV. L.R. SCOTT

1919 S. 54th Tacoma, WA 98409

No apology from Japan is necessary

Bill Hosokawa asks our opinion on whether the Nisei should re-quest Japan to apologize to the United States for the attack on Pearl Harbor. My response is not no, but "Hell No!!" They, the Japanese, got us thrown into camp during WWII. Now, 50 years later they are making us victims of Japan bashing. Our only ties with Japan are genetic. We are not

Japan are generic. We are not Japanese—we are Americans. I'm proud of my heritage, but have not always been so—espe-cially, during WWII. Because of

our genetics we are called Japanese by our fellow Americans. It is also Iudicrous of our fellow Americans to even think that we should make-that request. Would that same group ask the German Americans to request an apology for Ausch-witz, Dachau . . . etc.? By making the request only per-petuales the image the "white Americans" have of us. We may be Japanese Americans, but prefer to be thought of as Americans iust

to be thought of as Americans, but preter to be thought of as Americans just like them. Must we always carry the stigma of being known "only" as Japanese?

FRED H. KAWASHIMA Marysville, Calif.

Tired of bias stories in Pacific Citizen

I have been receiving the Pacific Citizen for a number of years, and am concerned that the lead article is always about bias against Orientals. I am sure that bias exists; however, in-depth articles describing bias in vari-ous cities throughout the United States seem to be overdoing it as they appear to be isolated incidents.

There are so many newsworthy ems to report, I hope you can vary the subject

GLENN N. YAMADA Glendale, Calif.

Applauds Jan. 25 Hosokawa 'Fryer'

I have been a member of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League for a number of years and have always read with interest the articles in your publication.

I want to commend Bill Hosokawa for the "From The Fry-ing Pan" article in the January 25th edition. I have been watching for such an acknowledgment . . . par-ticularly at the time of the Atomic Bomb memorial occasions. In the United States, we don't need any "Ethnic Bashing" including the American Indians.

My thanks to Mr. Hosokawa for

his well written words. JANET MAKRAUER Cincinnati, Ohi

He's looking for subject of artwork

Neil Pomeroy O'Brien (1899-1966) was a prominent Louisiana artist who won many awards and whose works were prominently exhibited through-out the South. At some time in the late 1920s or early 1930s, she visited her sister, a member of the Catholic Sisters sister, a member of the Catholic Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul, at St. Vincent's orphanage in Santa Bar-bara, Calif. While there, she executed and signed a pencil sketch of a lovely Oriental child who was residing at the orphanage at the time. The fermat child's name (or perhaps nickname) is written as "Tazye Mahara" on the chech.

After a number of years in the pos-session of Ms. O'Brien's niece, Nancy O'Donnell Simoneaux of New Or-leans, the sketch was given to Elizabeth, Burke Oleszewski of Bethesda, Mayland, who is the great niece of Ms. O'Brien. The occasion nice of Ms. O'Brien. The occasion of the gift was the fact that Mrs. Oleszewski and her husband had recently adopted two Korean-born children and were seeking to reinforce the children's ethnic identity by displaying Oriental artwork and crafts throughout their home. While the Oleszewski's enjoy the sketch of "Tazye Mahara," they feel that it could provide far greater joy to "Tazye Mahara", herself, if she is still alive, or to her family.

Preliminary calls to Sr. sephine Burns at St. Vincent's Orphanage (now a home for the retarded) in Santa Barbara, reretarded) in Santa Barbara, re-vealed the following information: A child by the name of "Tajue Mahara," of Japanese descent, came to St. Vincent's Orphanage on Jan. 27, 1929. The child was on Jan. 27, 1929. The child was later discharged into the custody of her father in Los Angeles in 1932. The child's birthdate is listed as Jan. 14, 1922.

instea as Jan. 14, 1922.

The Oleszewski family would very much like to contact Ms. Mahara or members of her family if they can be found, in order to present them with the drawing. Any information in this regard Any information in this regard should be forwarded to Elizabeth Oleszewski, 5623 Namakagan Road, Bethesda, MD 20816. RICHARD OLESZEWSKI Bethesda, Maryland

Nell Pomeroy O'Brien (1899-1966)

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ORANGE COUNTY

Feb. 23—UC Irvine, Japanese American Club 5th Annual Cultural Night, Crawford Hall, 6:30 p.m. Info: 714/725-9785.

· RIVERSIDE COUNTY Feb. 28—UC Riverside Inter Lounge, 5 p.m. "Mitsuye and Nellie American Poets"

Mar. 9—Coachella Valley JACL picnic Lake Cahulla, LaQuinta.

SAN FRANCISCO AREA nt-Mar. 9: Asian American The kee Dawg You Die, Julia Morgan 40 College, Berkeley, Info: 415

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age Square, 8th St. and Monroe, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; into: Joseph

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Correction



Because of a printer's error the people in the photo of the Japanese National Museum event were misidentified. Above, from left, are Akemi Kikumura, Sara Tomel, Gene Takeshita, Janice Kawamoto (partially hidden), and Bob Nakamura.

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Mar. 29—Phil Matsumura Dinner, San Jose Hyatt House Mediterranean Center. Info: 408/ 295-1250, San Jose JACL

Apr. 14—Yu-Ai Kai Fashion Show, 12 Don, Red Lion Inn in San Jose. \$35, info: 18/294-2505.

SEATTLE

Mar. 16—Nippon Kan Heritage Asen, pre-nts movies, music, dance, 7:30 p.m., Nip-on Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St., 58 dults, \$5 seniors/students.

WEST LOS ANGELES
Apr. 17—WIA JACL Auxiliary and Venice
apanese Community Center: Queen's Lunc
on, Venice Community Center, 12: noon
to: 213/820-3237.9

Asians plan magic outing

The Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA is planning a trip to the Magic Castle Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 4

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children under 16 years of age. Event includes lunch and entertainment by

Tickets may be purchased through the Asian Pacific Alumni of UCLA, Dr. Nancy Yee, 1150 18th St., #101, Santa Monica, Calif., 90403. Advanced reservations must be made before Feb. 23. Information: Marianne Moy, 818/990-1160 or Nancy Yee, 213/453-1733.

DIFFICULTIES

Because of that difficulty, the scholars at Stanford last weekend were expected to debate whether spoken or written Japanese should be stressed. Should the levels of cogutesy inherent in the language be included or should young Americans simply strive to make themselves understood? When should they set to the written lanshould they get to the written lan-guage: katakana, hiragana and kanji?

J. Marshall Unger, chairman of East Asian lianguages and literature at the University of Hawaii and heading the College Board task force developing a curriculum linked to the SAT, says a lot of Americans 'quickly hit a brickwall of kanji characters and can't recover," if they are to memorize the 900 kanji a sixth-grader in Japan must memorize and about 1,800 to graduate from high school. At Bell High in southeastern Los Angeles, instructor Tim Mathos rejects Roman alphabet transliteration for English speakers and introduces about 25 kanji each week.

Nibongo in Publis Schools J. Marshall Unger, chairman of

Nihongo in Public Schools

Educators at Berkeley High School were urging as early as 1973 that Japanese, Chinese and Swahili be included in the SAT

foreign language choice.

The first public schools to have Japanese language courses were in Hawaii in the 1959-60 era when the gakuen-system was on a sharp decline there after five robust dec-

The Japanese American Citizens League, especially in the Pacific Northwest in the 1960s, en-couraged chapters to have ese language taught in the public high schools. A committee. chaired by onetime national JACL statter Jack Mayeda, also met with the University of Washington in

April, 1962, to assist in curriculum development and accreditation of Japanese teachers. The late Ed-ward Yamamoto spearheaded the campaign at Moses Lake (Wash.) High School. Courses were eventually established in Seattle, Portland and Spokane.

In the Los Angeles school district, the Japanese program was started experimentally in 1963 at Gardena and Dorsey high schools, where Sansei students were the most numerous. Over an accreditation issue, Progressive Westside JACL, Little Tokyo business and community groups had asked the city board of education to re-hire Japan-trained but not state accredited June Hatanaka to teach Japanese at Dorsey in the summer of 1970...

Step-up in the '70s

Nihongo classes were being-held in Northern California junior and senior high schools by the 1970s; in the San Francisco Nihongo classes about one-third of the students were of lasses and the students were of Japanese des-cent, it was pointed out by Nobusuke Fukuda. The initial class at San Francisco's Lowell High in 1969 was taught by a volunteer non-paid parent to a group

of Japanese American students on a non-credit basis

Evanston High was the first Illinois public school to hold Nihongo classes in the fall of 1973. It was a year-round one-hour-a-day program for the Japanesespeaking group but an eight-week cycle for non-Japanese speaking The Japanese-speaking group was comprised of children whose par-ents were merchants from Japan or on the Northwestern University

In the 1980s, the number of U.S. high schools offering Japanese had grown from 200 to 700 (the 1990 count), according to the Center for Improvement of Teaching of Japanese Language and Culture in High School, a University of Illinois study group. "Still with about 25,000 schools in the nation, there is enormous room for expansion," center spokesperson Barbara Shenk noted.

The California Department of Education reported the number of students (K-12) learning Japanese quadrupled from 562 in 1983 to 2,391 in 1990. For the same period, the number of California students of Spanish increased by 27% to 404.822.

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to decipher at times, especially sōsho—the cursive style of writing.

The Navy in 1922 sent language students to Japan for a three-year course. Sixty-five officers had taken the course, but in December, 1930, there were only 12 officers regarded as fully competent in writing and spetch. Sidney Mashbir, who headed

Sidney Mashbir, who headed the WWII Allied Translator In-

terpreter Section (ATIS), was dispatched by the Army in 1920 for language study in Japan. Today the U.S. Defense Lan-

guage Institute in Monterey, Calif., estimates basic fluency in Japanese takes five times the class hours needed to master Spanish or French. MIS graduates from the WWII Japanese language classes took from nine months to a year of round-the-clock sessions. HKH

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Let's teach our children well

Even if you don't like the reality of U.S. troops waging war in Ku-wait and Iraq, it gives a kind of solid feeling and comfort to see yellow ribbons on cars, on schoolyard fences and, of course, on trees.

It's a symbol that our thoughts and

it's a symbol that our thoughts and feelings are always with our men and women a world away. War—this war—also has a way of bringing out other emotions, the natural hatred for the enemy. And hatred leads to racism and hate crimes, which have gotten enough

impetus without a war.

More and more signs of graffiti,
vandalism and violence appear across America.

What creeps along in the under-belly is a kind of sudden heightened

belly is a kind of sudden heightened awareness that people who look and act differently aren't quite right— and possibly should be scorned. It sneaks in people's thoughts, somehow. And the danger is that negative feelings and attitudes to-ward an individual or group become pervasive. And that leads to preju-dice and bispery.

dice and bigotry.

Maybe what we need is another colored ribbon to remind us that we can't aim our feelings about an en-emy indiscriminately.

That kind of concern needs to start at home, in schools, at work.

Just like the parent who was recently overhead in a Los Angeles

Child: (Pointing to a dark-skinned man) Mommy, do I hate that man? Mother: No, honey, you don't hate him.

Child: Yes, I think I hate him. Mother: No, you shouldn't hate

people. Child: Well, who should I hate then?

Mother: No one. . . You hate broccoli . . . That's all.

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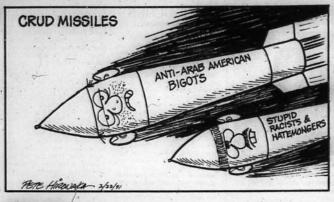
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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

On Reading the Names in the JACL Legacy Fund List

When my copy of the Pacific Citizen arrived the other day I took the time to skim through the names of the earlier contributors to JACL's Legacy Fund. There were a lot of names, nearly 2,000 of them, all in small, small type, and it wasn't easy going, but I'm glagt I did it because it was inspiring.

At the time the list was compiled the contributors had given the Legacy Fund well over a million dollars to carry on JACL's work. The largest contributions to carry on JACL's work. The largest contributions were for \$20,000 and the smallest \$4.70. By very rough calculation the average gift came out to somewhere around \$500 per contributor, which is not a small sum even in these inflationary times. You can still buy quite a bit of stuff or services for \$500.

What impressed me more than the amount of money involved was the names of the donors. Here and there would be names made familiar by the freand there would be names made tamiliar by the fre-quency they have been in the news over the years for some activity or other. But the vast majority were names that seldom if ever have appeared in the public prints, names of ordinary Japanese Americans who have gone through most of a lifetime in near anonym-ity, rarely drawing attention to themselves, never ity, rarely drawing attention to themselves, in-making angry speeches or writing outraged letters to the vernaculars to inflate their egos.

This does not mean they were unaware of what is going on around them, or of the role that JACL took in making Redress possible, or of the work that remains to be done in the field of human rights. Rather, by their material support they are saying they believe, are appreciative, are not swayed by the nay-sayers and want to have a part, even a small one, in supporting the critically important work that is still undone.

So hundreds of them, from all parts of the country so nunareds of them, from an parts of the country voluntarily wrote out checks to share a portion of their Redress payments with the Legacy Fund. They were aware of the need that remains, and they wanted to help in the movement to assure the future for se Americans.

I wish the list had included the home towns of the contributors. It ¹⁸ a good guess that in addition to the Japanese American population centers of the West Coast, there were many from distant precincts of the Midwest and East where discrimination may be rela-tively rare, but the need for vigilance well understood.

The goal of the legacy fund is \$10 million, to be raised over a three-year period. Is it attainable? It don't know, particularly in view of the many other good causes that deserve support from the Japanese American community. But there would seem to be no cause more deserving than the effort to lay a financial foundation for a program to deal with national issues that affect the Japanese and Asian American

Many, many "little people" are demonstrating their support, and that should be very encouraging to those working on the fund drive. A million bucks in the bank is a fine start but only a start.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

'Hinan-sha' (Refugees)*

It's A FIRST in many ways: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), a rank of undersecretary general at the U.N., is a woman. Her name: Mrs. Sadako Ogata, a 63-year-old Tokyo-ite designated this December past. Previously, she held various posts such as ambassador for Indo-Chinese Relief, chairwoman of the executive board of UNICEF, head of a human rights mission to Burma for Secretary General Perez de Cuellar, just to name a few. I'm surprised that no one told me about her before, or why she had not been invited as a speaker at one of the any number of Asian American gatherat one of the any number of Asian American gather-ings. She has a Ph.D. (in Political Science) from UC

ings. She has a Ph.D. (in Political Science) from UC Berkeley so any apprehension of having to contend with nihongo would be without basis. Not only that, she held a position of professor of international relations at Sophia University where English is spoken.

THE "REFUGEE" PROBLEM confronting the High Commissioner has got to be a most daunting one. With wars, conflagrations, upheavals everywhere—"boat people," Khmer Rouge, Afghanistan, Central America, Africa (Sudan, Ethiopia, Liberia, etc.) and now Inqa and its environs. It is estimated that the Middle East will add about 400,000 refugees to the already existing mass of 15 million refugees to the already existing mass of 15 million. refuges to the already existing mass of 15 million refugees. The High Commissioner must have been more than aware of the magnitude of the challenge, and one's hat must be off to her. As one Japanese professor commented. "I expect she will take a very realistic approach in guiding UNHCR through this difficult time. She knows what can be done."

AS THIS COLUMN is being written, our newspapers report the debate going on in Japan over that nation's proposed participation and role in the Persian Gulf war: Of Japan having pledged some \$2 billion in aid, Prime Minister Kaifu's efforts to secure another \$9 billion (through taxation), restricting use of any funds to non-combatant purposes, the issue of whether the Jiei-sai (self-defense forces) should be used even in non-military purposes, such as air-lifting refugees out of the Persian Gulf zone. Indeed, so critical is the issue that the Kaifu government is at risk. In this setting, expressing her own views and not necessarily those of her office. Mrs. Ogata matter-of-facity commented: "1. -thin Japan should send Self-Defense Force aircraft to transport the refugees." The matter of such use was recently decided by administrative decree, avoiding the Diet route.

There have been ongoing demos by some of the Japanese citizenty in front of the Diet Building, opposing any kind of involvement in the Persian Gulf matter. AS THIS COLUMN is being written, our newspap-

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S father having THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S lauser naving been in the diplomatic corps, she was brought up in China and England. Her husband is a vice president of the Japan Development Bank and her father-in-law. Taketora Ogata, was a journalist-tumed-politician who had served as vice prime minister.

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The arts.



FOURSOME—The Tokyo String Quartet: standing, from left, Kazuhide Isomura, viola, and Kikuel Ikeda, violin; sitting, from left, Peter Oundlian, violin, and Sadao Harada, cello.

Tokyo String Quartet performs Mozart classics in Los Angeles

Oundjian, Kikuei Ikeda, Sadao Harada and Kazuhide Isomura?

Harada and Kazuhide Isomura?
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Scheduled are performances of three of Moazart's quartets, "Quartet in G Major," "Quartet in No. 21 in D Major" and Quartet in C Major.

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The group, with three Japa-nese and an Armenian from Canada, plays on vintage Italian instruments dating from 1656instruments dating from 1656-1677. They are currently in residence at YaleUniversity and College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati.

'Dawg' days come to Berkeley

The Asian American Theater Company iscurrently in Berkely, Calif., with performances of Philip Kan Gotanda's "Yankee Dawg You Die."

The play runs through March 9. Featured are Ken Narasaki and David Kim in a theatrical production that is both humorous and dramatic. Both play actors, one young, one old, who face the difficulty of getting roles in Hollywood. Narasaki portrays veteran actor who never turns down a role and portrays stereotypeial Asian characters, while Yamashitu plays the young, socially conscious new

Bay playwright Gotanda is also known for his other works,

known for his other works, including "A Song fora Nisci GOTANDA Fisherman" and "The Wash." Gotanda's latest play, "Fishhead Soup," will debut soon.

The show is directed by Lane Nishlizawa, currently acting in "I'm on a Mission From Buddha" in Los Angeles.

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our community, the word 'honor-able' is a well respected term-honorable father, honorable mother, honorable teacher. All week long, I have been getting mail addressed to 'The Hon, Lynne Kawamoto,' I feel very proud that my new title is one that's so revered in our com-

And so begins the first days of her new life and career. Sworn in on Feb. 1, Kawamoto is considered the first Asian American to serve on the Cook County, Ill., bench and in the state of Illinois as well. Judge James Fujimoto is technically the first but. he is a federal immigration judge and not a state circuit court mem-

By her selection, Kawamoto, a Chicago native, has already made major impact on the consideration of minorities in key positions at high professional levels.

Speaking to Pacific Citizen while in intensive training at the state's judges school, Kawamoto expressed her thoughts about her upcoming

"I was originally assigned to Ju-venile Coart but was switched. I'm assigned to the First Municipal District. I've been observing dif-ferent courtrooms in that district. I'm not sure yet, but I'll probably be assigned to traffic court.

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"I'm very honored to have been selected by the Circuit Court judges as an associate judge who will serve the people of Cook County—and owen more honored and committed even more honored and com to represent my community and the iary.

Kawamoto actually started out pursuing a career in teaching. "I was a high school physical educa-tion teacher but I went to law school

tion teacher but I went to law school at night to expand myself," she says. The law was something that I knew was going to be constantly changing and challenging for me.

And it's easy to see why she was selected as an associate judge. As an assistant state's attorney, supervisor of the Juvenile Division, Kawamoto gained experience and Kawamoto gained experience and expertise in prosecuting gang crimes. She had more than 400 bench trials and brought 40 jury trials to verdict.

One case, in particular, stands out

in her mind. "A young girl's 18-month-old child was beaten by her mother's live-in boyfriend. The child was paralyzed from the inju-ries. We convicted him of attempted

"I prosecuted a lot of hate crimes," Kawamoto says, "including a couple of skinhead cases. I did a lot of work in the area of gang crime."

Now, however, Kawamoto will sit on the other side of the bench. Does the thought create any appre-

"No, not really. It won't be really weird. It will be very different. But as an experienced prosecutor, I've always been aware of two sides to a

aways been awarded two sides of a story. It's a question of listening to both sides and weighing them." The most difficult part of being a judge, she says, is knowing that the legal system is overloaded.

Kawamoto says she wants to be known as a judge who is respected for her integrity and hard work on the bench.

"Really, I'm looking forward to the challenge. As an experienced lawyer, I'll have a way to help many, many people in more ways."

PROUD PAPA—Newly named Judge Lynne Kawamoto of La Grange, III. is congratulated by her father, Mitsugi Kawamoto, and nephew, Scott Goo, at a special reception honoring her. She was sworn in Feb. 1 as a Cook County, III., associate judge.

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► Miya Iwataki, Women's Liaison, Office of Governmental Relations, Department of Health Services, has been named a recipient of the 1991 Awards of Appreciation by the Los

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Suzanne Yamamoto has been promoted to partner with three others at the Burlingame law firm of Can-McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson & Horn. Yamamoto specializes in bath-unptcy and insolvency law. She is a 1984 graduate of Hastings School of Law. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. George Kusaba of San Francisco.

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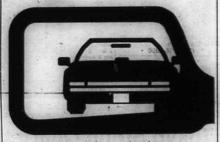
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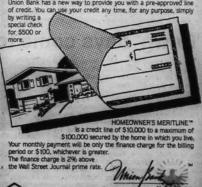


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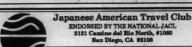
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