



Stop bashing Japan, says L.A. mayor

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—Before a Feb. 12 gathering of civil rights and community leaders, Mayor Tom Bradley criticized recent Japan-bashing and called for those present to take a stand.

"I stand before you as a man who has suffered racism. I've seen the scars on souls scarred by bigotry," said Bradley.

"I'm deeply saddened by the comments made in L.A. regarding Japan and the Metro Green Line contract. I am equally disturbed by the slurs hurled at us across the broad ocean by Japanese officials and business. There's no excuse for what's happening, and it's about time we said so."

The mayor showed the gathering a drawing he received from a local elementary school student. Similar to drawings sent to County Supervisor Gloria Molina, the message read, "Americans yell Japan not Vote again before the Japanese bomb the U.S.A. again. Vote again."

Bradley said he found the pictures "frightening" adding, "I worry that teachers, parents, and televised politicians have thoughtlessly planted the seeds of hatred in these young minds. I fear that these seeds will grow and that our youngsters will turn against all Americans of Japanese ancestry." The mayor used the opportunity to

criticize local politicians who were involved in drumming up public outrage against the Sumitomo contract to build the Metro Green Line.

"These officials who should lead with patience and dignity have descended to the gutter level of politics with their mindless criticism of Japanese companies. The ambition of these elected officials blinded them to the facts."

The mayor warned, "Make no mistake about it, the demagogues who



MAYOR TOM BRADLEY
No place for hate

have bashed Japan have let the genie of racism out of the bottle and once the genie has been let loose there's no

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Councilman: Mayor has hidden agenda

LOS ANGELES—Reacting to Mayor Tom Bradley's speech, City Councilman Joel Wachs, one of the leaders of the opposition to the Sumitomo contract to provide L.A. with rail cars, said, "Frankly, I think what you're seeing today is the beginning of a devious new strategy to revive the Sumitomo contract. Their aim is to make us back off on our opposition out of fear of being labelled as racists."

Wachs defending his actions during the Metro Green Line dispute said, "The truth is, the Green Line decision was a bad one. It involved a costly, unproven technology, and it was tainted with the smell of corruption."

"I'm proud to have helped stop the Sumitomo contract. I'm proud to have helped make people more

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Boycott Japanese cars says NAACP

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Echoing the nationwide "buy American" sentiment, Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), citing the low number of car franchises owned by African Americans, called for a boycott on Japanese cars.

Speaking before a gathering in Baltimore celebrating the 83rd anniversary of the NAACP, Hooks said, "This is not Japanese bashing. We don't hate anybody, but we want to take care of our own." The NAACP action comes at a point when U.S.-Japan relations have reached a nadir and fears of backlash have risen within the Japanese American community.

LeRoy Berry, commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission and NAACP member, said about Hooks' call, "It's a reaction to a specific problem."

"He's (Benjamin Hooks) not part of the Japanese bashing. People are going to tie it together. When the media or the press gets anything they lump it all together because it's more volatile and they want to make it as volatile as possible."

Berry added, "As long as there are minorities in this country, unless minorities come together and put a stop to (racism), it's gonna keep going on. And if minorities ever feel that I'm more favored than the other minority so it doesn't apply to me, so let them bash them."

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, speaking on the boycott said that it was done "in order to sensitize industry in Japan that in this country we believe in affirmative action, we believe in promoting opportunity. I share that view."

The Mayor noted that Hooks had conducted a survey which showed that only a handful of African Americans own car franchises.

"When it is understood by major Japanese companies that one of the identifications of corporate good citizenship is to open up opportunities for all, I think that message will get through," said Bradley.

Ron Wakabayashi, executive director, Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission, said about Hooks'

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'Can we talk?' No, says baseball commissioner

SAN FRANCISCO—Despite Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent's earlier remarks that he was open to discussing Nintendo's proposed bid to buy the Seattle Mariners, Vincent refused a meeting with the JACL.

"Clearly the Commissioner is sending mixed messages on this issue," said Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director. "We were hoping to meet with him so he could clarify the policy of foreign ownership of a baseball franchise. We still have serious concerns about his opposition to the sale of the Seattle Mariners to a group that involves a Japanese company."

In a recent edition of the *Seattle Times*, Vincent is quoted as saying that he would be "willing to meet with anyone."

In a letter sent to Commissioner Vincent on Feb. 6, JACL raised concerns about Vincent's objection to foreign ownership of baseball teams in light of the fact that two franchises were already in Canada. At that time JACL called for a meeting with the Commissioner to discuss the issue. In light of Vincent's refusal, the JACL will continue pursuing the issue with club owners. "What we're trying to do right now is devise a plan where meetings are arranged with as many owners as possible," said Hayashi.

Hayashi said he was a bit surprised at the refusal to meet, "given the fact that he was willing to meet with us." The scheduling secretary said it was because he didn't have the time to meet with all the groups supposedly, which is unacceptable.

School official to investigate anti-Japan student artwork

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) board president Warren Furutani, reacting to anti-Japanese pictures

that were sent to County Supervisor Gloria Molina from an elementary school in the LAUSD, said, "I'm gonna follow up personally on it."

Furutani said he wasn't as concerned about



FURUTANI

"(I'm) interested in feed-back, what the purpose of the exercise was."

—Warren Furutani

punishment but about education. "Cross cultural communication needs to be done. We have to keep it in context, it wasn't like the whole school did it. It reflects attitudes."

Furutani said he may go to the school to talk to the students although he is going to discuss the matter with his staff. "There isn't any punishment needed as to the kids who did it. (I'm) interested in feed-

back, what the purpose of the exercise was. So what administrative follow-up needs to be done is in terms of education. As I understand that's the idea that's involved relative to the teacher," said the board president.

As far as district-wide education in Japanese American issues, Furutani said, "We passed a resolution acknowledging the 50th anniversary (of the signing of Executive Order 9066) at the last board meeting on Feb. 4."

Because of the year-round school system, many of the LAUSD students were still on vacation and because of rains and flooding which hit Southern California, school was cancelled on Feb. 14 making it

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Jewish group condemns hate crimes

LOS ANGELES—Reacting to the rise in anti-Asian violence, the Urban Affairs Commission of the Jewish Community Relations Committee Feb. 11 condemned recent hate crimes against Japanese Americans.

There has been a frightening rise in reported threats, hate mail and racial graffiti directed at Japanese American and Asian cultural, social and business associations," said Commission Chair Julie Gertler. "We are also saddened by the recent vandalism of Japanese American homes. Scapegoating of any minority is unconscionable and demeaning

American ideals of pluralism and tolerance."

The Jewish Community Relations Committee called on law enforcement and elected officials to actively pursue and prosecute perpetrators of hate crimes.

"Japanese Americans have made many contributions to the betterment of our country. They are loyal American citizens. A threat to any one racial or ethnic group is, in effect, a threat to all. These types of hate crimes are not only unfair and unjustified but, in reality, are un-American," said Gertler.

Hate crime bill passes Utah house

Staff and JACL reports

The Utah House passed a hate crime bill Feb. 12 amid controversy and opposition to including sexual orientation as part of the bill.

HB 111 is a hate crimes statute act that would have local police gather statistical data on hate crimes against persons based on race, ethnic background, national origin, religion—but not sexual orientation—a reference to the homosexual community.

Its companion bill, HB 112, calls for stiffer penalties for hate crimes (third degree felonies) but makes no mention of race, national origin, ethnic background, religion, or sexual

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Saturday, March 7—6th annual Sukiyaki Dinner, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 4 to 7 p.m., 3001-24th Avenue S. Tickets: \$6.50, adults; \$4.50, seniors 70 and over, children 11 and under. Information: 206/723-1536.

Colorado

Denver

Aug. 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

Brighton

Through Mar. 31—Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment, will be at the Adams County Historical Society in Brighton. Catalog available. Information: Patricia Erger 303/659-7103.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 24—The National JACL Credit Union's annual meeting, 6 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 999 S. Main, Salt Lake City. Cost: \$10 member advance reservations. \$12 nonmembers with reservations. \$15 at the door. Two positions on the board of directors are up for election. Nominations for the positions must be in the credit union by Mar. 14. Brief resume required. Information: 355-8040 or 1-800-544-8828.

Arizona

Phoenix

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22-23—MATSURI—A Festival of Japan, Heritage Square, 11 am-4:30 p.m., 7th St. and Monroe. Arts and crafts, food and performances. Free admission. Information: 602/534-3751.

Through Friday, March 6—Japan Week 92, series of trade, cultural, and sports event promoting the economic and cultural ties between Phoenix and Japan, Phoenix metropolitan area. Information: 602/534-3751.

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17, 53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale. Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832.

California

San Francisco Area

Saturday, Feb. 28—Crab and Spaghetti Fest, Sequoia Chapter, JACL, 5 to 8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall Gym, 12751 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Donation: \$15. Information: Tats Hori, 415/948-6575; Ai Nakai, 415/322-6125; Aki Yamamoto, 415/965-0671.

Sunday, Mar. 1—The Nisei Widowed Group will hold its monthly meeting 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyde Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268 or Yuri Morikawa (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

Saturday, March 7—11th Annual Shinnokai, Northern California

Day of Remembrance events

Through March 1
LOS ANGELES—Two Views of J.A. Internment, Calif. Historical Society's "EO 9066" and Ansel Adams' "Manzanar," UCLA Wight Art Gallery.

Through March 22
LOS ANGELES—Personal Remembrances: A Visual Art Exhibit (personal artifacts, camp documents), JACCC Doi-zaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Through May 30
SACRAMENTO—Continuing Traditions—Japanese Americans: Story of a People 1869-1992; History Museum, Stanford Bldg., Old Sacramento.

Saturday, Feb. 29
LOS ANGELES—UCLA Nisei Student Union presentation, "Walking Against the Wind," Wedgewood Theater;

Japanese American Senior Centers, at Mountain View Buddhist Temple; entertainment, crafts, food. Information: Julie Hetta, 415/931-2294.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 4-6—All Topaz 50th Reunion, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Burlingame. Cost: \$100, \$115 for reservations after May 15. Information: Tomi Gyotoku, 826 38th Ave., San Francisco 94121.

San Jose

Sat.-Sun., April 11-12—West Valley JACL youth group, "The Next Generation" is hosting a coed volleyball tournament at San Jose State University. Tournament is a benefit fundraiser for the West Valley JACL Seniors Club. Cost: \$100 per team. JACL teams will have priority if registration received by March 14. Tournament welcomes those with limited volleyball experience. Prizes awarded. Information: Daniel Yoshikawa (day) 415/573-6222 (eve) 415/571-8049.

Los Angeles

Thursday, Feb. 27—The Asian Business League of Southern California will be holding its Winter Open House, 6:30 p.m., City Club on Bunker Hill, 333 S. Grand Ave., Ste. 5450, Wells Fargo Center, Los Angeles 90071. Admission \$6 members, \$10 non-members. Information: Naomi Kuromoto 213/626-5837 or Bridget Chi 213/380-1389.

Saturday, Feb. 28—Sixth Annual Japanese American Cultural Night Celebration, featuring play "Walking Against the Wind," talk group, koto player, modern dance troupe: Wadsworth Theater, guest speaker, actor George Takei. Free admission. Information: Reid Yamashiro, Pam Miller, Claire Kohatsu, 310/625-7184.

Saturday, Feb. 29—Installation dinner, Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Torrance Gateway. Reservations: 310/322-0606.

Thursday, March 5—Marina JACL general meeting and potluck, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chase Park, Marina Del Rey. Guest speaker: Isaac Hirano, "Investment Vehicles." Information: Alice Mito 310/324-0582.

Saturday, March 7—4th Annual Spring Fling benefit dance, East San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Community Center gym. Tickets: \$10 per person. Prizes, including Las Vegas trip; entertainment. Information: Barbara K. Yanase, 818/960-2556.

Saturday, March 7—E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center presents its 4th annual Spring Fling benefit dance, 7:30 p.m., E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Door prizes. Donation: \$10. Information: 818/960-2556 between 9 a.m.-noon Tues.-Fri. for table reservations (10 or more).

Saturday, March 7—Del Amo Optimist Club's Las Vegas Night, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nisei Veterans Memorial Post #961, 162nd St. W., 162nd St. (at Gramercy), Gardena. Donation: \$10. Information: 310/325-0540.

Saturday, March 14—Improving planning and funding skills workshop for new and developing Asian non-profit organizations, sponsored by The Gas Company and the Asian Pacific Planning Council, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$10 per person, including lunch, American Red Cross, 2700 Wilshire Blvd.,

Go fly a kite



17th Annual Festival of the Kite, Saturday, Feb. 29 through Sunday, March 1, Redondo Beach, Calif., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Team kite flying, lion dance, martial arts demonstration, special guests. Free information: 310/372-0308.

Information: 213/680-9956.

2nd and 4th Fridays, Every Month—The Legal Aid Foundation's legal clinic, Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 411, 4 to 6 p.m. Japanese language services available. Information: 213/680-3729.

Orange County

Saturday, Feb. 29—Orange County Sansei Singles, "Leap Year Dance," 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Skylinks Golf Course, 4800 E. Wardlow, Long Beach; \$12, members, \$15, non-members. Information: 714/963-0586; 310/402-0847.

Saturday, March 26, So-Phi of Orange County annual fashion show luncheon, Anaheim Hilton and Towers. Charity event features fashion consultant Lois O'Hern. Tickets: Arlene Ito, 714/531-2868.

Sacramento

Saturday, Feb. 22—9th Annual Crab Feed, 7235 Pritchard Road, Florin Y.B.A. Hall \$20 per person, cocktails, 5 p.m. Information: 916/383-1831.

Saturday, March 14—The Sacramento Tsukaki Dance Club is sponsoring its Spring Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Florin Buddhist Church, 7235 Pritchard Rd. Admission: \$10. Information: 916/481-5403.

Saturday, March 14—Jan Ken Po Gakkos' Annual Children's Day Session—arts, crafts, music and games, from 9 a.m. Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento. Open to children preschool to 6th grade. Cost: \$2.50. Information: Yumiko Kitade 916/428-6737 or Fran Nishio 916/782-3374.

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plans), UC Hastings College of Law, 198 McAllister St., 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (415) 431-5007.

Sunday, March 15
SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American 1992 International Film Showcase, (Rea Tajiri's History and Memory, John DeGraaf's A Personal Matter, Gordon Hirabayashi vs. U.S.) Kabuki 8 Theater, 1881 Post St., 3 p.m. (415) 863-0814.

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Undo Process: Legacy of J.A. Internment, Yale University D.O.R. (two-day program featuring Hisaye Yamamoto, Don Nakatani, Sue Embrey, Ben Nakano, Bill & Yuri Kichiyama, Grayce Uyehara and others TBA) (203) 436-0861, 436-1154.

California introduces language rights bill

SACRAMENTO—A bill has been introduced into the California Legislature that would stop the practice of employers denying the right to speak a language other than English in the workplace without business justification.

Introduced by Assemblyman Xavier Becerra (D-Monterey Park), AB 2440 would codify existing regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission which requires that an English-only rule may only be justified if it is a business necessity or other specified conditions.

Over the past few years, a number of employers in California

have required their employees to speak English at work, even during private conversations," Becerra said. "Such broad rules which have no business justification should not be tolerated. Imposing this sort of requirement often times brings about divisiveness on the job and an atmosphere of intimidation for those who speak English as a second language."

"Languages like Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Korean are becoming increasingly common in society and the workplace. Individuals who speak these languages should not be denied the right to talk in their native tongue

during those times when English is not essential to their work—such as breaks, lunch hours and other circumstances. AB 2440 strikes a reasonable balance between acknowledging the business interests of employers and preserving the language rights of linguistic minority groups."

The bill is supported by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the American Civil Liberties Union and a number of other organizations.

The bill is expected to be heard in the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee this spring.

Onetime mayor leads Ventura County Chapter

Staff reports

OXNARD, Calif.—Dr. Tsujio Kato, onetime mayor of Oxnard, has assumed the helm of the Ventura County, JACL. Witnessing the installation of the 1992 chapter officers was current Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi, who headed the chapter in 1948. (JACL has had other Nisei ex-mayors elected chapter president, the most recent being Henry Hibino of Salinas, or chapter presidents being elected mayor.)

And chairing the dinner at the Lobster Trap Restaurant Feb. 1 was immediate past National JACL President Harry Kajihara, who reinvigorated the chapter in 1982-83 as chapter president after some 15 years of "marking time"—a period when a chapter president held the reins for continuity sake.



TSUJIO KATO
At the helm

Keynote speaker Bob Bratt, director of the Office of Redress Administration, delivered entertaining anecdotes and amusing lines encountered in his work,

which some hope would be gathered for a special story. For instance, a GI was asked by ORA what he had lost as a result of EO 9066, and the response came back, "My girl friend."

In his acceptance remarks, Kato noted the county was fast-growing, that many Japanese and Asian Americans are here and with the help of nearly 100 members present, "we can build a stronger and bigger JACL chapter." Installing officer Harry Honda of the Pacific Citizen remarked the growth prospect of Ventura County JACL was reminiscent of other postwar chapter areas that blossomed in the '50s-'70s—"every 20 years."

Stan Mukai, 1991 president, and Morris Abe, membership chair, received plaques of appreciation.

Bank official to head sister-city program

Frank Hirata, manager of Japanese Media Relations for Union Bank, has been named by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley as the 1992 chairman of the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation.

Hirata, who spent more than 20 years in Japan, will coordinate

a grassroots, people-to-people diplomacy program formed in the early 1960s at the suggestion of President Dwight D. Eisenhower who envisioned a sister city program as a way of fostering mutual understanding.

The program includes student exchanges, children's art ex-

changes, and the selection of local high school English teachers to teach at Meito Senior High School in Nagoya.

In business, areas of focus will



FRANK HIRATA
Building bridges

be the Los Angeles and Nagoya city harbors and business and shopping centers in both cities.

Prior to Union Bank, the new chairman held positions at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, the Los Angeles Harbor Department, and the Nakano Warehouse and Transportation Corporation in Carson.

Hirata is involved in numerous business, civic and charitable organizations.



GEORGE NAKANO
In the race

gram in 1977-79.

Nakano was elected to the council in 1984 and re-elected in 1988. The election is Tuesday, March 3.

Nikkei runs for re-election

George Nakano, the first Asian American to serve on the Torrance, Calif., City Council, has announced plans to run for re-election for one of three vacant seats.

Currently, Nakano serves as chairman of the City Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee and council delegate to the South Bay Cities Association where he served as president in 1989-90. He is also the council liaison to the Torrance Sister City Association and serves as a member of the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee.

The candidate is founder of the JACL Torrance Chapter and served as the vice governor of the Pacific Southwest District Council of the organization in 1984-85, and the board of directors of the Asian American Drug Abuse Pro-

Small kid time

by Gwen Muranaka



SAN DIEGO'S KIKU GARDENS SEEKING MORE APPLICANTS

Kiku Gardens, a 100-unit, Section 8-202 rent-subsidized senior housing project owned & operated by the Nisei community of San Diego, is seeking additional names to place on its waiting list of prospective tenants.

This list is compiled for seniors 62 years of age & older w/an annual income of no more than \$14,500 single or \$16,500 couple.

The project was opened in Nov. 1983, is professionally landscaped, is located close to shopping & health services, & has maintained an excellent record of safety & security.

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Bob Bratt and his redress stories

Bob Bratt, who heads the federal agency responsible for dispersing the Redress money approved by Congress, was in town recently for one of his workshops to help the worthy to make their claims.

In a brief address at a JACL chapter meeting Bratt said that by mid-March Redress payments, totaling one billion dollars, will have been made to roughly two-thirds of the 75,000 eligible claimants. That leaves about \$500 million to go to 25,000 in the third and final year of the pay-out program.

Even in these times a billion dollars is no small sum. It has been distributed at the rate of \$20,000 per head which also is no small sum. It certainly cannot be considered adequate compensation for psychological and monetary injuries suffered in the Evacuation—in fact no price can be set for those damages—but on the other hand 20,000 tax-free dollars is not chicken feed for the vast majority of recipients.

From a crassly economic point of view, Redress payments so far have amounted to a billion-dollar economic shot in the arm for what might be called the community. That

is a major news story. Imagine press reaction if someone in an Uncle Sam suit had appeared in Lili Tokyo, San Francisco's Japantown, Seattle's International area, Denver's Sakura Square and other points and began to pass out \$20,000 bundles of greenbacks to every Japanese American over the age of 45 or thereabouts who had been affected by Franklin Roosevelt's foul Executive Order 9066.

Yet I have seen nothing in the Japanese American press about the effect of this belated, welcome and unexpected influx of cash which for lack of a better term will be called a windfall.

Have mortgages been paid off? Has there been a rush to buy new cars? How has the real estate market been affected? \$20,000 makes a comfortable down payment. Is there more action for the stock brokers or have bank deposits soared? How about the little merchants; were there any saved from bankruptcy by an increase in business? And there more steaks and roasts being sold, more restaurant meals being bought? Have grandchildren been assured of college educations? Are travel agents prospering anew?

If the press weren't so busy catering to the natterings of publicity-seekers, we might be getting some answers to these questions.

We might be reading moving stories like the one about the pastry shop owner who helped establish the eligibility of a fellow who has been sleeping for years in a car and opened a bank account for him when the check arrived.

About the half dozen or so homeless Nisei street people who gained a new chance at rehabilitation, and the folks who helped them to apply for Redress.

About the man who had been entrusted with a friend's bonds during the Evacuation and who, with the assistance of Bratt's office, was able to locate that friend and return the securities.

About the remarkable work done by JACL and other volunteers in helping the former evacuees to establish their eligibility and file their claims.

Getting Congress and the President to approve Redress was only part of the story. There is much more to be told. ☐

Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

Liberation of Chinese slaves

One day in early summer of 1872 the British consul at Yokohama paid a call on the governor of the Kanagawa prefecture with an unusual request. The men of the British warship Iron Duke at anchor at Yokohama Harbor, were nightly disturbed by screams issuing from a Peruvian barque Maria Luz anchored close by. They suspected that men were being put to torture. Would the governor investigate and if the suspicions were confirmed would he order the captain of the ship to cease and desist?

The fortuitous circumstance that the governor was not in due to indisposition led to the unusual development this little business took, for the man who received the consul that day as fill-in governor was Ohye Take, the fiery advocate of human rights who, 4 years before, had single-handedly brought about the abolition of the Eta caste, emancipating the 380,000 untouchables and putting them into the commoner class. (I intend to write about this revolutionary event for this space later.) Ohye promised the consul the prefecture would take proper action.

That night, the Kanagawa police rescued a man who jumped overboard from the Maria Luz and was pursued by her crew. He was Mu King, a Chinese of Amoy. With half of his head and one eyebrow shaved off, he was covered with marks of beating all over his face and body. There were about 230 Chinese aboard the freighter, he told the police, all tricked into slavery by Ricardo Herrera, the Peruvian captain; that all of them had half the head and one eyebrow shaved off, for easy identification in case they escaped; that those of them who protested the ill treatment were mercilessly beaten.

The case was right down his alley, as it were, and Ohye was raring to act. But there were obstacles. The first was the governor, Mutsu Munemitsu, who contemptuously maintained that the foreign service, being a bunch of weak kneed milksops, would sweep the matter under the carpet, and whatever the prefecture did would be wasted effort. Ohye solved the problem by manipulating to have Mutsu moved upstairs as Vice-Minister of the Treasury. The second was a point of international law.

By an 1862 agreement of nations with treaties with Japan any dispute between Japan and a national of a country without a treaty with Japan, such as Herrera in this case, a national of Peru which did not yet have a treaty with Japan, was to be adjudicated in cooperation with foreign consuls of Yokohama acting as advisory panel. So a meeting with foreign consuls was held.

Herrera, who had changed his story several times, now maintained that the Chinese were indentured servants who had signed up and been paid for work in Peru. The German consul supported Herrera. He argued that Japanese laws had no jurisdiction over ships at sea. That Japan should allow the Peruvian ship to depart, and indemnify whatever damage it had suffered. Of the panel of 7, Italian, Danish, and Portuguese consuls sided with the German. The British, Dutch and American consuls wanted to hear the Japanese side of the story. Japan countered by pointing out that the contracts Herrera had given the Chinese had been made with deception; but, even if they had been legally drawn up,

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HOW ABOUT A COMPATIBLE COUPE ?



Letters

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Objects to racism in baseball

Unfortunately life is not fair. My father contributed to the allies of America before this country entered World War 11. He was an American citizen. His constitutional rights were taken from him because of his race not his citizenship. He was forced to move and relinquish his business. His son grew up in an America that criticized him for his academic achievement. When he scored high on his exams, some of his teachers stated it was only because people of his race could memorize well. When he applied to universities he knew that he might not be admitted because they only admitted a certain number of his race despite the fact that he had the qualifications to be admitted. He graduated and was told that, yes, he had a degree and performed well but that people of his race don't make good leaders. He played baseball and was told that baseball was an American game and that people of his race could not hit for power except for him.

Joe Kennedy gave money to Germany and Hitler. His son became president of the United States.

After hearing the comments of Fay Vincent, I realize that racism is living and growing strong. I don't understand why a company that has been active in the United States and has a location in the State of Washington for over fifteen years when asked to purchase a baseball franchise, is denied, because of its Japanese origin. Vincent states that it is all right for Canada to have major league franchises. But for a man who has lived by the laws of this country and run a company that employs 1400 people for over 15 years to be denied ownership because of his race is certainly an act that cannot be tolerated in the 1990's.

Why are the politicians and Fay Vincent using Japan as a scapegoat for our economic problems. They make us believe that Japan is the cause of our economic problems. Nothing is mentioned of the saving and loans scandals that have cost and will cost this country billions of dollars, the junk bond scams, and the lack of leadership in education. Japan is used as a scapegoat. The U.S. auto industry who at one time made fun of Japanese cars now insist that Japan buy American cars. American cars that have not been designed for their highways. In Japan they drive on the left side of the street like Britain. No American companies make cars with steering wheels on the right side. Also nothing is mentioned of the fact that American cars don't sell well in Europe or that GM has decided to open a new plant in China.

Little is publicized of the fact that Britain and Holland own more American real estate than any other countries. And the fact that Australia is buying American companies and real estate at a fast rate or that Germans have just purchased Pan American Airlines.

I love my American heritage. Let us build on it and show that international relationships can be made positive with our national game. Just as Jackie Robinson was given an opportunity, we should give Nintendo a chance. After all what has become more American to our children than Nintendo?

Norm Kobayashi
Torrance, Calif.

Wants Japanese TV program back on air

I am very upset that KCET-TV the PBS station in Los Angeles has dropped the three times a week showing of NHK's half-hour news broadcast "Today's Japan" from its schedule.

Stop institutional racism! Don't re-new your yearly membership to KCET until this program (the only regular Asian program in KCET's entire schedule) is restored. You may also phone KCET at (213) 667-9330 and complain to KCET. It's a shame that not even 1/2 of 1% of this station's programs are devoted to Asian programs.

Roy H. Todoroki
Montebello, Calif.

UCLA sponsors civil rights conference

A civil rights conference will be held Saturday, March 7, at UCLA from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Ackerman Union on the uni-versity campus.

The conference commemorates the 50th anniversary of Executive Order 9066.

The opening panel is titled "Summary of the Redress Movement: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives." The second panel, "The Broader Implications of Redress: Defining Civil Rights in Diverse Communities," will apply the Japanese American redress experience to other communities whose civil rights have been violated and who have sought redress.

Registration fee is \$30 (students, \$10). Information: Gann Matsuda, 310/825-2974.

SCHOOL

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hard to reach students to let them know about E.O. 9066 events.

"We made public announcements over school district television, but it's hard to reach school out of session," Furutani said. He cited the civil rights conference (March 7 at UCLA) as an example in which the encourage individuals to attend.

Talking about the cancellation

MAYOR

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telling on whose doorstep it next lands.

Bradley referred to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the 1982 killing of Vincent Chin as examples of racial intolerance in America and also a recent incident in Lawndale in which a six-foot tall wooden cross was burned in front of an Asian-owned restaurant.

"I am determined that the world not view the termination of the Sumitomo contract as an endorsement of prejudice," said the Mayor.

Referring to controversy surrounding Nintendo's bid for the Seattle Mariners, Bradley said, "He (Pay Vincent) seems to have forgotten that the Canadians already own two major league teams."

Bradley called for unity against racism. "Our society will be judged by the fairness of our decisions, if we shut the doors on fairness, we set a limit on progress and we dim the light of the Los Angeles beacon to the world."

Reacting to the speech, Don Bustany, president of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination League, offered a telling anecdote of his childhood growing up in

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to buy a person as a virtual slave, for any length of time, is an act that went counter to civilized practice, and a civilized state could not tolerate such an act; for Japan to assert jurisdiction over its territorial waters strictly conformed to international custom, therefore Japan's action had been proper and justifiable.

Deliberations by the consuls dragged on. Soejima Taneomi, the Foreign Minister, was not the weak-kneed milksop as characterized by Ohye's predecessor, but the man who had helped him to get appointed governor. Now he acted decisively. He ordered Herrera to release the Chinese at

NAACP

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actions, "I wish he didn't do it; although I understand his concern."

"I think it's difficult to comment on. It adds to other black-Asian tension going on and it can contribute to that," said Wakabayashi. "It's important to note what kinds of policy points Hooks is trying to get to. He's obviously concerned about African Americans in the workforce, as a legitimate issue. It obviously needs to be explored, that aspect of what Hooks is raising makes sense."

"Given the numbers or the absence of numbers of African Americans holding franchises or dealerships and the high percentage of African Americans (working at Japanese car manufacturing plants), the concern of Hooks is understandable," said Wakabayashi. "I am hopeful that those concerns remain focused and don't fall into backlash issues."

Christy Abe, media relations administrator for Toyota, cited statistics showing that out of nearly 1200 Toyota franchises in the United States, only eight are owned by African Americans. In contrast, General Motors currently has 192 minority franchise

owners, 80 of them African American according to corporate spokesman Tom Pyden.

"Toyota is constantly working to find new African American dealers and will continue to do this. It's something that Toyota is constantly working on to find African Americans that meet the requirements," said Abe.

"Dr. Ben Hooks, who just recently resigned, of course has a responsibility to speak out on African American issues. What Toyota doesn't believe is asking people to buy products based on national origin rather than workmanship and quality," said Abe.

The Toyota representative said that relations with the NAACP and other African American organizations had been very good. On Feb. 13, Toyota had a reception honoring Black History Month with many representatives of the African American community. In addition, Toyota provides extensive scholarships to the United Negro College Fund and has formalized an affirmative action program called TEAM—Toyota Equal Access for Minorities Program.

"We have a good relationship with NAACP," said Abe.

According to the Toyota spokesperson, the boycott has had no effect on Toyota sales. First ten-day sales indicators are actually up despite the boycott.

cally, that has to be condemned as well. If they're talking about people being lazy, I assume they're talking about me too. Put it in a context, (it is) potentially a very dangerous issue."

Furutani related a recent incident in Gardens, Calif. where a group of white youths in a car hurled anti-Japanese slurs at a group of Japanese and Korean American senior citizens, which included his mother. "Racists don't know the difference, neither do they care."

COUNCILMAN

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aware of the need to revitalize our economy. And I'm proud of a lifetime of devotion to racial harmony."

"I wish Tom Bradley would be man enough to admit he made a mistake, instead of yelling racism. Tom Bradley should be trying to unify this City, rather than turning people against each other just to save his own political neck," said the Councilman.

Wachs along with Councilman

once. Then the Kanagawa police boarded the ship, and forcibly removed the Chinese. Herrera took an American mailboat home, and appealed to the Peruvian government. Peru dispatched its plenipotentiary Oscar Heeren to Japan to demand restitution, which Japan rejected out of hand. The bilateral dispute developed into an international affair. Finally, Czar Alexander II of Russia was brought in to arbitrate. The Czar supported Japan's action as justified on moral grounds. Peru had to swallow the defeat.

Japan the 3rd-rate country, the newest initiate in the society of civilized nations, proclaimed itself as defender of human rights and human freedom, winning the respect of the world.

As I wrote this, I kept on think-

ing of the most abominable crime of wartime Japan: the forcible drafting of the Korean women and young maidens into prostitution. Where the responsibility lies has been established beyond any doubt. Claims for reparation have been filed by surviving victims. But the Japanese government has not admitted guilt, let alone apologizing, and exploiting the crime.

What a despicable picture of a morally bankrupt superpower Japan of today presents to the world! What a stark contrast it makes with the Japan of 120 years ago! The puny island nation just emerging from the cocoon of medieval age, it stood at the forefront of the nations of the world with a moral stature out of all proportion to its insignificant military and economic status. (3)

UTAH

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orientation.

"It's vague. They took all the meat out of it," said Jeff Itami, a detective with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and an officer of the Asian Association of Utah and the Intermountain District Council of JACL.

Itami said that the local JACL chapter believes that while the bill is a watered down version, it is still important to get a hate crime law on the books.

As a law enforcement officer, Itami reported that hate crimes against minorities are not at this point prevalent in Utah. There is more negative feeling against the gay community, he said.

The bill now moves on to the Senate.

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Books

Hawaii's anti-Japanese movement detailed

By HARRY HONDA
Editor emeritus

Gary Y. Okihiro, professor of history at Cornell University where he heads its Asian American Studies Program, reviewed his new book, "Cane Fires: The Japanese Movement in Hawaii, 1865-1945," at the Torrance Civic Center Library recently at a Japanese American National Museum-sponsored party.

The Hawaiian-born professor uncovered indications of systematic spying and a military internment plan that dates back to 1922, noting that the racial discrimination against Japanese was quite similar in Hawaii to the situation on the Mainland. It involved collusion between the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, the "Big Five" (corporations which dominated sugar production in the 20s: American Factors, C. Brewer, Alexander & Baldwin, Castle & Cooke, and T.H. Davies), the Territorial government and the U.S. military, who had interested in keeping the Nisei uneducated.

Based upon "a (1923) secret document" from General Summerall, which he "lucked upon," Okihiro said he detected a familiar scenario of the military being suspicious of Japanese Americans, not based on any real threat, but on racially-motivated fears, such as "they all live together near military installations."

Okihiro suggests in his book that these original fears were fanned by the Japanese workers' strikes against plantation inequities and the irrational idea that the Japanese would somehow be "taking over Hawaii."

Since business interests in Hawaii were the political interests, Okihiro concludes that the Big Five et al had a stake in keeping Japanese Americans neutralized. They tried to steer the Nisei away from education and into technical schools and blue collar work, he added.

And the plantation bosses even tried to keep track of how the Japanese voted. One trick was to tie a pencil to a string and hang it from a beam over the booth. By watching which way the string went, the bosses could see which way a person was voting.

Okihiro, born on Aiea, attended Hawaiian Mission Academy and a schoolmate of the current Governor John Waihee and his future First Lady Lynne Kobashigawa. He matriculated to Pacific Union College, majored in history and continued at UCLA graduate school. He began teaching at Humboldt State, then at Santa Clara and at Cornell since 1989. He has written four other books, including "Japanese Legacy: Farming and Community Life in California's Santa Clara Valley" with Timothy J. Lukes.

Arts calendar

Theater

● "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello in a new translation by Robert Cornthwaite, featuring a multicultural cast, March 18 through April 26, East West Players Theatre, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. Stars Sab Shimono. Artistic director: Nobu McCarthy. Information: 213/666-1929.

● "A Slice of Rice," presented by great Leap, contemporary Asian American Performing Arts Festival, Cal State, Long Beach, 8 p.m., Friday, March 13, through Saturday, March 14, University Theatre, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, Calif.; Cal State University, Northridge, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 29, The Little Theatre, 18111 Northridge St., Northridge; Cal Poly, Pomona, 8 p.m., April 18, Cal Poly Theatre, 3801 West Temple Ave., Pomona. Tickets: \$10; \$8, seniors, children under 12; \$6, students. Reservations: 310/392-7937. Information: 213/669-0553.

Film

● "Drunken Angel," directed by Akira Kurosawa, Sunday, March 15, Kiku Gardens Retirement Project, 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 2 p.m. Free to seniors, others, \$2. Refreshments and social hour, 1:30 p.m. Information: 619/422-4951.

Dance

● Asian American Dance Collective, Asian Heritage Council, and Ohana Cultural Center

Photography

● "Traditional Japanese Buddhist Life," photographs by Don Farber, Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, through Saturday, March 15, Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

present 1992 Asian Pacific Performing Arts Festival featuring Abhinaya Dance Company, Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Lilly Cai Chinese Dance Company, Kulintang Arts, San Jose Taiko Group, and Unbound Spirit Dance Company, Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m., Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St., Oakland, Calif.; Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m., Luis Valdez Performing Arts Center, Independence High School, North Jackson between McKee & Mabury Sts., San Jose, Calif.; Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, Fort Mason's Cowell Theatre, San Francisco. Tickets: \$15 at door, \$12 in advance—City Box Office, 415/392-4400 or all BASS/TM outlets. Information: 415/552-8980.

Art

● Toshio Iwai exhibits, "Well of Lights" and "Music Insects," Friday, March 5, 6-8 p.m. (through May 31), computerized Art. Exploratorium museum, 3601 Lyon St., San Francisco. Information: Linda Deckman, 415/563-7337.

● Through Mar. 31—"Kenjire Nomura: An Artist's View of the

Japanese American Internment," Adams County Historical Society in Brighton, Colorado. Catalog available. Information: Patricia Erger 303/659-7103.

● Arts of Pacific Asia Show, Saturday, March 21, Sunday, March 22, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Art on sale and exhibit—Indonesian textiles; shadow puppets; temple carvings; wood, bronze, and lacquer Buddhist sculpture from Tibet, Burma, China, Korea, and Japan from 11th century; Chinese ink paintings; snuff bottles; temple rugs; porcelain vases; jade carvings; and Ming furniture; and from Japan, prehistoric pottery, Buddhist sculpture and paintings; narrative handscroll paintings; calligraphy; Zen ink scrolls. Hours: Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$6. Information: 310/455-2886.

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Kono, Shinayo, 94, Pacific Grove, Dec. 28; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons George, Hitoashi, daughter Sumi Yakura, grandchildren.

Koyama, Tom T., 65, Sacramento, Dec. 21; Guadalupe-born, survived by wife Patty, 4 sons Kenneth, Dean, Craig, Michael Nakahira, daughters Gwen Nakahira, Karin Young, 6 grandchildren.

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The deceased is survived by his wife, Sue H. Iseri, Dr. Allen L. (Kathleen C.) and Ronald K. (Susan) Iseri; six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations will be made to U.C. Irvine Medical Research Fund.

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I would greatly appreciate any information from anyone on the whereabouts of EILEEN SACHIKO KUSACHI. We went to San Jose State University together, but lost contact in 1976.

Her birthday is Dec. 8, 1935 and is from Oregon. She graduated from JSU and taught in the San Francisco High School District. She has sisters living in the Sacramento area & a brother in Oregon. I believe she and her family were at "MINIDOKA" Idaho.

I greatly miss "Sachi" and hope I can locate her soon! Anyone with any information on her whereabouts, please contact: Carolyn (Carol) Conniff, 4033 Valerie Dr., Campbell, CA 95008. Tel: (408) 866-2602.

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Travel

Travel talk

By TYLER TANAKA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Fishing in New Zealand: This is one of the loveliest places on planet Earth. Its green hilly countryside intersected by streams, rivers and lakes, makes one wonder if this may not have been the original "Garden of Eden." It is a perfect destination for the outdoors person. World famous hiking trails and superb golf courses abound. Fishing here is world renowned. Not only is there an abundance of trout and salt water game fish, but they are of trophy size. Yellowtail 30# or under are thrown back. Most New Zealanders don't bother with trout under 5#.

You may have heard old timers tell you, "You should have fished here 50 years ago." Fishing in New Zealand is better than it was here 50 years ago.

An added attraction is that New Zealanders are very friendly. I took a vacation there 9 consecutive years. Others from our community that I introduced to New Zealand are still making annual treks. Should you wish first hand information, call Kobo Fukutaki at (818) 303 3699. He knows New Zealand as few others do. Go, you will like it!

Saving travel for retirement.

I have many friends who saved all their life so they can travel in their retirement. But now that they are close to retiring, they notice the cost of travel has increased considerably.

In the past, it was a good to plan lots of leisurely travel after retirement. But our government leaders let several things go wrong. The most serious is the depreciation of our dollar on the world market. So, as our dollar weakened in relation to other currencies of the world, we have to pay more to travel abroad. The other, is the inflation factor. The result is that each year, the cost of traveling abroad jumps by 10% or more. Mathematically, you can't afford to wait. Not when the cost of enjoying a journey abroad is jumping at a rate which doubles in less than ten years. Also, the older you get, the less agile you become. Do the more adventuresome trips while you are young and save the more comfortable journeys for later.

Shyness hindering your travel plans? Alas, one handicap that we are all saddled with is shyness. I guess it was in the way we were brought up. I find that it helps having a travel companion. Sometimes it is possible to join a group of other Japanese Americans. And, after a few trips, you will find traveling less painful. I especially like cruises as there you are not stuck with the same people for weeks at a time. You can be with people you know, make new friends, or be alone, depending on your mood. Even if being shy is painful, the up-side is the enjoyment that comes from traveling. Let us know what destination you have in mind and we will give you more specific recommendations. Remember, you are not alone. There are ten of thousands

of others like you with the same problem.

Golfing Down-under. Golf enthusiasts will be delighted to learn that Sami Kushiida after an absence of several years, is planning another golf group. This time to New Zealand and Australia.

Sami ran several successful golf groups to the Hawaiian Islands. This time, she wants to play different courses. And, what better place to go than to Australia where golfing is a way of life. Sami tells me that there are some areas in New Zealand where there are so many golf courses that even if one were to play a different course every day, you could not cover them all. The best part, she went on to explain, that everything is so affordable down there.

Sami is formerly of Glendale, California. Following early retirement, she and her husband returned to Hilo to take care of her aged parents. She can be reached at 784 Koele St., Hilo, HI 96720. Or, drop a line to Pacific Citizen and we will forward your request for details to her.

Tanaka is owner of Japan Ori-tours of San Diego.

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Personally speaking

• Much-honored architect Gyo Obata of St. Louis, Mo., returned to his alma mater, UC Berkeley, as the first Howard A. Friedman Visiting Professor in the practice of architecture. The San Francisco-born Nisei CEO and chairman of Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) is teaching a design studio for advanced graduates this spring. HOK has eight offices in the U.S., three overseas and 1,100 employees. Obata's designs include the National Air and Space Museum in Washington; Levi's Plaza, San Francisco; King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Taipei World Center in Taiwan; and the renovation (to critical acclaim) of St. Louis Union Station. Dr. Friedman, who died in 1988, was chairman of Berkeley's architecture department.

• Prewar records, account books, minutes, baptismal, and donation logs of the Walnut Grove (Calif.) Methodist Church, dating from 1930, were added to the UCLA Japanese American Research Project collection as part of its previously acquired seven-volume set of the Japanese Association of Walnut Grove (1908-1942). Records were donated by Mrs. Kimi Nakao, of Walnut Grove on behalf of former church members. The Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa of the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church made repository arrangements with the Asian American Studies Center.

• Valerie Chow Bush of San

Asians honored by labor group

Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo will be among those honored by the Alliance of Asian Pacific Labor Thursday, Feb. 27, in Los Angeles. Woo, 27, is considering running for mayor of Los Angeles, will receive the organization's distinguished service award.

Other honorees include Monterey Park Councilwoman Judy Chu, Ho Lai of the Vietnamese International representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, and Robert Inadomi, president of Jon Sons Markets, Inc.

Francisco was announced as the new executive director of the Asian American Journalists Association (1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115), starting March 2. A UC Berkeley graduate in 1980 with a master's in journalism from Columbia, her 10-year writing career in the Asian/Pacific communities and the print media includes being assistant editor for the *Village Voice* in New York, reporter for the *Washington Post*, and with Action-Vista in Indianapolis. She succeeds Diane Yen-Mei Wong. KGO-TV business

editor David Louie is AAJA president.

• UC Riverside's 25-year-old campus-based FM station, KUCR (88MHz), won its first Golden Mike Award for "best documentary" in Los Angeles. The award-winning program, co-produced by student volunteers Paul Niwa of Brea and Thuy Tran of Pico Rivera, covered the Korean-bal conflict in L.A. Niwa is an economics major.

• Dori Takata, 17, of Honolulu Iolani School was chosen Hawaii's Young Woman of the Year among 30 aspirants. She won a \$4,000 scholarship, which she plans to use at Harvard. A 4.0 GPA senior, she takes her report card and impressive acrobatic dance for the national Young Woman of the Year competition at Mobile, Ala., previously known as the Junior Miss Program until 1989.

• Western Treasure Valley Cultural Center (P.O. Box 980, Ontario, OR 97914), located on the Treasure Valley Community College campus, hired onetime community museum director, John Carnahan of Wellabro, Pa., as executive director. Focus of the new center will be a world-class interpretive museum and Japanese garden with the Civic Center and Performing Arts Forum, according to Intermountain JACL governor Randy Harano, community liaison. The Japanese Garden will honor Issai and Nisei contributions

Scholarships

• Asian Pacific American Support Group of the University of Southern California is offering scholarships for the 1992-93 academic year, based on academic and personal merit and/or financial need.

Eligibility: students must be enrolled in full-time USC degree program for the 1992-93 year; must have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in their most recent coursework; must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. Deadline: May 1, 1992. Apply through USC Office of Financial Aid, 213/740-4999. For ap-

plications, write to: APASG Scholarship Committee, c/o APASS Department, University of Southern California, Student Union 410, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0890.

• Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, offering JACL scholarships for students planning to enroll in institutions of higher education in the 1992-93 academic year. For JACL members, their children, or any American of Japanese ancestry (preference to those with JACL affiliation). Chapter will provide scholarships for high school seniors planning to continue their

education at vocational schools, colleges, and universities, or other institutions of higher learning next fall, as well as make recommendations to national headquarters for National Freshman Scholarship considerations. Freshman scholarship applications due March 1, 1992; undergraduate, graduate student, and law school students, students in performing and creative arts applications due April 1, 1992. Information: Martin Takimoto, 102 Sprout Hall, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 94720; 510/842-0622 (day), 510/237-6183 (eves.)