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AP Students Discuss Issues in Education

by Edna Ikeda

SAN DIEGO — Nearly 500 students and community members attended the ninth annual Asian Pacific Student Union (APSU) statewide conference Feb. 28 at UC San Diego.

It was the largest APSU conference ever, with high school and college students coming from throughout California and as far away as Oregon and Michigan. Enthusiasm ran high during the day of workshops and speakers addressing the theme, "Living in America: Land of Opportunity?"

Perhaps the only somber note was a tribute to the late Minoru Yasui, who spoke last April to the UCSD Asian American studies class. Tributes were given by James Lin, instructor of the class, and Bert Nakano of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations.

'English Only' Debate

Lily Chen, former mayor of Monterey Park, was the community keynote speaker. She spoke with pride of her city's reputation for having "open doors" for Asian immigrants. She also related the pain of dealing with anti-Asian sentiment and the "English Only" debates.

"We do not want 'English Only,' we want 'English Plus,'" said Chen. "When we see misguided individuals try to pass laws which demand that newcomers give up their language and culture for some perverse notion of assimilation, we must speak out."

Samoa Koria, a UCSD student and APSU coordinating committee member, said:

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Photo by George Toshio Johnston

ON THE AIR — The KUSA-TV (Denver) public affairs program "9 File," hosted by Bill Britt (left), featured PC columnist Bill Hosokawa and Mile-Hi JACL president Bob Sakaguchi in a segment taped March 17 and aired March 22. The two guests were publicizing a symposium, held March 26 at Tri-State Buddhist Temple, on the late Minoru Yasui's *coram nobis* case. The symposium included speeches by attorneys Peter Irons and Peggy Nagae and a screening of Steve Okazaki's film "Unfinished Business."

Oakland Councilman Ogawa Plans to Run for Sixth Term

OAKLAND, Calif. — Veteran City Councilman Frank Ogawa has announced that he will seek a sixth four-year term in the April 21 election.

Ogawa, an East Oakland resident, is probably the best known member of the City Council, but he is not taking his reelection bid lightly. He expects to spend about \$60,000.

"We don't take anything for granted. We're working very hard," he said.

Economic development is his top priority, he said, "because it's the best provider of jobs and that

then affects the crime situation. A lot of crime is caused by unemployment."

The only Asian and one of two Republicans on the council, Ogawa has been credited with helping to bring in foreign investment to Oakland from Asia.

He added that he wants to continue redevelopment projects the city has been working on for some time and which, he said, are now beginning to show fruits of that toil. His second priority is maintaining strong police and fire departments.

—from a report by the Oakland Tribune

Introduction of Senate Bill, House Hearing Postponed

WASHINGTON — The introduction of the Senate redress bill and a hearing on the House redress bill have both been postponed, according to JACL-LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara.

Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) said last month that he would introduce his bill, with 60 senators signed on as co-sponsors, on March 26. In announcing the postponement, Matsunaga's office did not give an explanation or confirm a new date for the bill's introduction.

The bill now has 66 co-sponsors—41 Democrats (including Matsunaga) and 25 Republicans. The latest additions, as of March 27, were Lawton Chiles (D-Fla.), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Thad Cochran (R-Miss.), Christopher Bond (R-Mo.), and Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.).

Of the 14 members of the Governmental Affairs Committee, to which the bill will be assigned, eight are co-sponsors: Chiles, John Glenn (D-Ohio), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.), George Mitchell (D-Maine), Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Wild Warren Rudman (R-N.H.).

House Subcommittee Hearing

Originally scheduled for April 2, a hearing on redress bill H.R. 442 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations has been postponed until April 29, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Rayburn House Building.

Speaking in Los Angeles on March 28, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said that more votes from subcommittee members needed to be confirmed before the decision is made on whether to refer the bill to the full Judiciary Committee.

"Since those who were invited to testify before the subcommittee had only two weeks to prepare their testimony for the hearing," said Uyehara, "the extension of time will allow more time for preparation."

Those who plan to attend the hearing may call the LEC office at (202) 223-1240 for more information.

Asian Candidate Building a Coalition in 'Black District'

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — Even with 13 candidates in the running, City Council hopeful Arthur Song is in no danger of getting lost in the crowd. He is the only Asian seeking to represent what is considered by some to be a predominantly Black district.

The 10th District, which includes parts of West Los Angeles, the Crenshaw area and Koreatown, is about 44 percent Black, 22 percent Latino, 22 percent Anglo and 12 percent Asian. The voters will pick their representative on April 14.

Black Community Support

Although he has been "focusing a lot of attention" on the Asian community, Song, a Korean American attorney, said, "Much of my support comes out of the Black community, which is kind of startling, especially since I'm perceived as the Asian candidate or the Koreatown candidate."

Because of tensions between the Black and Korean communities in recent years, he said, he knew his ethnicity would be an issue. "It's unseemly to have any kind of bigotry or racism enter a contest," he commented, "but even worse when it's one minority pitted against another."

His feels that his advantage is that "I know every part of that district... My offices have always been in the 10th... My parents live in the 10th."

And the more he comes into contact with voters, he said, the more he has found that "they are very interested in our candidacy... They're looking at me not so much as an ethnic candidate..."



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto
Arthur Song

They're looking at me as someone who can address the issues."

Song has the endorsement of Mike Woo, the only Asian on the City Council. "I think he can build coalitions with the Blacks, the Hispanics, the white voters in that area to work to effectively advocate on their behalf," said Woo when he made his announcement on March 30.

Prominent Rivals

Song's competitors include Homer Broome, a former public works commissioner who has Mayor Tom Bradley's backing; former state Sen. Nate Holden; Myrlie Evers, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers; Ken Orduna, chief of staff for Rep. Mervyn Dymally; and Geneva Cox, a field deputy for David Cunningham, who vacated the 10th District council seat last

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Incumbent Tries to Tie Furutani With Scandal

by J.K. Yamamoto

GARDENA, Calif. — As the race for the District 7 seat on the Los Angeles Board of Education approaches the April 14 election, UCLA administrator Warren Furutani has gained support while rebutting allegations that he is campaigning with stolen money.

Incumbent John Greenwood declared during a March 17 forum at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center that Furutani has "repeatedly accepted campaign contributions from businessmen implicated in a scheme to steal more than \$100,000 worth of goods from the school district" and that "Furutani has demonstrated that he hasn't got the judgement to make decisions involving the children of our city and our school district budget."

The individuals in question are Henry Shimohara of Torrance, owner of Lawndale Nursery, George Nakahara of Gardena, manager of the nursery, and Gardena city treasurer George Kobayashi, owner of Koby's Appliances. Shimohara and Nakahara each contributed \$100 to



Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

City Councilman Mike Woo (left) announces his endorsement of Los Angeles Board of Education candidate Warren Furutani on March 30.

Furutani's campaign; Kobayashi donated \$200.

Pleaded No Contest

The two nurserymen pleaded no contest March 10 to charges that they billed the school district for materials that were not delivered but were instead resold. Four school district employees and another business-

man have also been charged. Kobayashi, whose business was allegedly involved, has been granted immunity from prosecution.

"That is an issue behind us," Furutani told Pacific Citizen. "We've set the money aside. It was donated to the campaign... before any of this hit the papers."

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L.A. SCHOOL BOARD RACE

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George Kobayashi... has not been charged with anything. The immunity issue that was raised in the papers was unfortunate, because... it tends to taint him, which is really unfair."

As for Shimohara and Nakahara, he said, "They are people that came to a \$100 fund-raiser, along with 100 other people, people that... have been involved in civic affairs in Gardena. They've pleaded no contest, but they still get a day in court."

'The Real Issue'

Furutani added, "If you look at the \$500,000 [stolen from the district] that has been reported so far... that's the real issue. While John Greenwood was president of the board, while John Greenwood was the chairperson of the business operations committee, this is when all this was happening."

Despite the accusations, Furutani has acquired endorsements from several organizations and public figures, among them United Teachers of Los Angeles, California Teachers Association, Reps. Robert Matsui and Mervyn Dymally; state Sen. Diane Watson; Assembly members Richard Floyd, Teresa Hughes, Gwen

Moore and Maxine Waters; and councilmen Mike Woo and Richard Alatorre of Los Angeles, Mas Fukai and Paul Tsukahara of Gardena, Mike Mitoma of Carson and George Nakano of Torrance.

Furutani said of Greenwood, "He has been resting on whatever laurels he seems to think he has. His campaigning has been nominal... We've been working extremely hard, and any advantage he has as an incumbent has been erased."

Woo likened Furutani's campaign to his own 1985 campaign for the City Council. In both cases, he said, the incumbent was "out of touch with the voters" and the challenger was "sensitive to the many different [ethnic] groups out there."

The ethnically diverse district includes Watts, Gardena, Carson, Wilmington, Lomita, Harbor City and San Pedro.

Other School Board Races

School Board incumbent Jackie Goldberg, speaking to the ethnic press on March 20, noted that her Hollywood-Downtown district has experienced growth not only in the number of Spanish-speaking students but also in students who speak Vietnamese, Cantonese, Cambodian, and Philippine

languages.

"At the same time that this is happening," she said, "programs which directly impact those students, as well as students who are native English speakers, are threatened with major cuts in the governor's budget."

Among services affected would be multicultural education and counseling for immigrants having difficulty adjusting to life in the U.S., according to Goldberg, who said minority students would feel the impact "disproportionately to their numbers."

She said that she would circulate petitions, printed in various languages, urging Gov. George Deukmejian to stop the cuts.

Goldberg is running against businessman Tony Trias.

Community activist Mark Ridley-Thomas, who is challenging incumbent School Board member Rita Walters in the South Central and Southwest Los Angeles district, is being supported by members of the Asian American community, among them Woo and Garvey School Board member Judy Chu. A fund-raising reception for Thomas was held at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center on April 1.

Office of AP Affairs Established in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — State Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) has announced the formation of an Office of Asian Pacific Affairs within his staff.

"The Asian Pacific community is rapidly growing in California,"

he said. "The absence of Asian Pacific representation in the Legislature makes it critical that every effort be made to ensure that this community be involved in the legislative process to the fullest extent."

The office focuses on issues of concern to the Asian community, including civil rights, education, health, redress, Southeast Asian refugee issues, small business assistance and Pacific Rim trade.

In addition, the office will assist other senators in developing stronger relationships with Asian organizations and leaders in their districts.

The staff consists of Georgette Imura, former staff director of the Senate Democratic Caucus and former principal consultant to the Senate Elections Committee; and Maeley Tom, former chief administrative officer of the Assembly.

For more information, contact the Office of Asian Pacific Affairs at State Capitol, Room 400, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 445-5581.

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'Pacific Rim Profiles II'

United Way Group to Study Services in AP Communities

LOS ANGELES — The Asian Pacific Research and Development Council, a United Way group of approximately 40 volunteers from Asian communities throughout Los Angeles County, has made a commitment to conduct a major needs assessment study called "Pacific Rim Profiles II."

Chairwoman Lilly Lee and other council members have agreed that a top priority of the Asian community is to find a way to identify and assess the most serious gaps in the health and human care system.

The forthcoming study follows the council's 1985 study, "Pacific Rim Profiles," which showed major changes in the Asian Pacific communities. For example, more than 457,000 Asian Pacific residents were counted in the county in the 1980 census, and current estimates range from 560,000 to 792,000, including more than 73,600 Southeast Asian refugees.

The initial study was intended to create a base of demographic information for business, government, and human services organizations. It is being used by corporations, universities, and community planners.

As part of the second report,

public hearings and conferences will be conducted to identify current services available to Asian Pacific clients as well as gaps in service. The study is expected to be completed in June.

William Kieschnick, chair of the corporate board of United Way, hailed the council as an example of United Way's role as a "convener and builder of coalitions of different ethnic and geographic functional groups in the community."

Frank Watase, a United Way board member, vice chair of the council and chairman of Yum Yum Donut Shops, expressed hope that "Pacific Rim Profiles II" would "encourage the Asian business community to participate more in United Way—in the board of directors, in campaign work, fund-raising and serving in the allocations process by which agencies are funded."

The council also decided to form a group of business leaders whose goal is to involve the Asian business community in the human care system. Watase was named chair of the new group.

For more information on the council, call United Way at (213) 736-1300.

Concert to Raise Funds for Suit

CHICAGO — National Council for Japanese American Redress will present "Omoide II," a benefit concert, on May 2, 7 p.m., at West Ridge United Methodist

Church, 2301 W. Lunt Ave.

Guest soloists will be mezzo-soprano Phyllis Unosawa, soprano Hinae Nakazawa, tenor Edward Ozaki, and piano accompanist Marina Ozaki. The artists perform professionally with such groups as the Chicago Symphony Chorus, Chicago Chamber Choir, and Chicago Baroque Ensemble.

Proceeds will go to legal expenses of NCJAR's class action suit, scheduled to be reviewed by the Supreme Court on April 20. The first "Omoide" ("Memories") concert took place in 1982.

Tickets are \$10 each. To order, write to NCJAR at 925 W. Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614 by April 20. Checks should be payable to Redress Legal Fund. Donations are tax-deductible. Info: Harue Ozaki, (312) 743-3617, or Nelson Kitsuse, (312) 271-6996.

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year. All of the other candidates are Black.

'We Have to Live Together'

Song has a number of Black supporters working on his campaign staff, and he said he is planning to announce major endorsements from the Black community shortly. A March 6 fundraiser at the Ebony Showcase Theatre "was fairly well attended. I was happy," he said.

"We're working really fine," said assistant campaign manager Charles Kim. "We're building a coalition, that's the key. We have to live together... But if you keep insisting this is a Black district, you may generate some kind of division in the district among different ethnic groups. That's not healthy."

The 10th District race has become "a family affair," said Song, because his cousin, former state Sen. Alfred Song, initially endorsed Orduna, and Alfred Song's daughter Leslie is working for Broome's campaign. According to Arthur Song, his cousin withdrew his endorsement and decided to remain neutral when he discovered these two conflicts.

Asian Outreach

Meanwhile, candidate Orduna has been making efforts to reach Asian Americans in the district.

According to Miya Iwataki, a member of Orduna's campaign staff, Orduna was addressing the Korean-Black conflict in South Central Los Angeles as early as 1983. "He worked with Dymally to bring together the Korean and Black clergy to start a dialogue," she said, adding that Orduna plans to establish an intergroup relations committee to deal with such problems.

Orduna has visited the Seinan Senior Citizens Center and made a pledge to provide the center with a van and a meals program for shut-ins if he is elected. In addition, he presented 476 chickens to the Issei members of the nutrition program on March 27.

He has also been involved in protesting eminent domain proceedings by the Board of Education which would displace up to 500 families in the 10th District by condemning property and using it for school expansion.

In a written statement, Orduna called the issue "a terribly unjust and tragic situation. Homeowners of 20 and 40 years are being displaced by school parking lots and temporary bungalows."

A number of the residents are elderly renters, and "a large portion of those affected are Asians, predominantly Korean Americans and Japanese Americans," said Iwataki.



Reporters gather around Tatsuo Yata, whose home is being threatened with eminent domain proceedings by the Los Angeles Board of Education, during March 7 protest by homeowners and renters. He is flanked by City Council candidate Ken Orduna (right) and Orduna campaign staffer Clarence Wong. Yata is president of Wilshire JACL.

Takeru Higuchi

Chemist Who Invented Time Release Pill Dies

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Takeru Higuchi, 69, the pharmaceutical chemist who developed pills that release medicine slowly into the bloodstream, died March 24 at the University of Missouri-Columbia Hospital and Clinics.

He became ill during a conference at Lake Ozark and cardiovascular bypass surgery was performed March 18.

Influential Scientist

"He was probably the most influential scientist and human being I ever met," said Louis Schroeter, a vice president for Upjohn Co. and a former student of Higuchi's at the University of Wisconsin.

Higuchi, who held more than 100 patents, was the Regents Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and chair of the University of Kansas Department of Physical Chemistry. He was also chair of Oread Laboratories in Lawrence.

Scientific Accomplishments

Among his scientific accomplishments was the development of slow-release time pills, such as those used in over-the-counter cold medicine and certain prescription drugs, including an anti-glaucoma compound and a contraceptive used extensively in Europe.

Before moving to Kansas in 1967, he was a professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. He published more than 275 articles on pharmaceuticals and chemistry.

He is survived by his wife Aya, three sons and a daughter.

Deaths

May Semba (née Nakao), 67, of St. Paul, Minn., died Feb. 17. She was one of the USO volunteers who prepared special Sunday dinners for members of the 442nd RCT in Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1944-45. She is survived by her husband Yutaka; brothers George Eichi and Tom Tadao, both of California; sisters Sarah Sugimoto of Tacoma, Wash., and Sue Mada and Kimi Kaneshige, both of Oakland, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held March 16 at Whitney Memorial United Methodist Church in Tacoma.

Heart Mt. TV Documentary Available on Videocassette

CASPER, Wyo. — VHS copies of "Winter in My Soul," a 1986 television documentary on the wartime Heart Mountain camp, are now available.

Produced by Bob Nellis of KTWO-TV, the 45-minute documentary includes interviews with former internees and area residents. The title comes from a poem written by an internee, Miyuki Aoyama, and published in the Heart Mountain Sentinel.

Original copies are available for \$25 from KTWO Television, P.O. Box 2720, Casper, WY 82602, Attn: Michelle Ferguson; (307) 237-3711. Those interested in broadcasting the documentary should contact general manager Robert Price.

Organizations wishing to borrow tapes can also contact Bacon Sakatani at 210 N. Shadydale Ave., West Covina, CA 91790; (818) 338-8310. A deposit will be required.

According to Sakatani, the Heart Mountain High School Class of 1947 plans to donate tapes, as they become available, to community organizations.

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The Japanese and the Jews

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



RECENTLY, THERE HAVE appeared reports (Newsweek, New York Times) of a spate of writings in Japan that would foment anti-Semitism. Books bearing titles such as "The Jewish Plan for Conquest of the World," "How to Read the Hidden Meaning of Jewish Protocol" and such similar deplorable drivel.

One Japanese magazine reportedly contained an article entitled "Mysterious Judea" (a title born of the same mentality that concocted the "inscrutable Oriental") and devoted its issue to outlandish and cynical statements such as Jews being behind Watergate and that former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's conviction in the Lockheed Aircraft bribery scandal somehow involved or was caused by Jews!

A strong personality such as Mr. Tanaka did not know that it was illegal to take a *waim* (bribe) and the implication that somehow he was compelled to take it, regardless of the religious subscription of the "compeller"?

C'mon. AND SOME JAPANESE know some things about Watergate that I apparently never knew—and I followed that sorry episode

in Washington quite closely, including reading a transcript of Mr. Nixon's tapes (with the expletives redacted, however). Some Japanese writer tells us that those shadowy figures, high and low, most of whom were exposed and a number of whom served time, all—or most—attended a synagogue on the Sabbath.

While all this may be laughable, the tragic part is that the ordinary Japanese reader is being poisoned with falsehoods. Diabolical ones.

Makes me wonder if Hitler is still alive. In Nippon.

I WISH I were overstating this dangerous phenomenon that appears to hold sway in Japan. But a Mr. Masami Uno, reportedly one of Japan's most popular writers, is reported to be spewing discarded shibboleths such as that Jews caused the Great Depression of the 1930s and—hold on to your seats—that they are plotting another one for 1990!

Another article suggests that the scope of genocide of the Jews during WW2 was exaggerated. (One wonders: if so, by how much? Instead of 6,000,000, was it, say, 5,460,000?)

In passing, the Times article notes that Mr. Uno is a Christian fundamentalist who heads an organization called the Middle East Problems Research Center. Oh, by the way, he also disavows any intended anti-Semitism. (Yes, I too wondered about Mr. Uno's orientation, noting the "Middle East" portion of the label of his

organization.) In the U.S., we're not unfamiliar with religious "fundamentalists" whose pronouncements one would be well advised to look askance.

IT ISN'T THAT the Japanese, in years past, have not been understanding and actively sympathetic to the historic plight of Jews in the world. During WW2, there was a Japanese consular official—I think it was in Lithuania—who, bending the rules if not in outright violation thereof, issued papers permitting large numbers of Jews to escape the pogrom then raging in Europe.

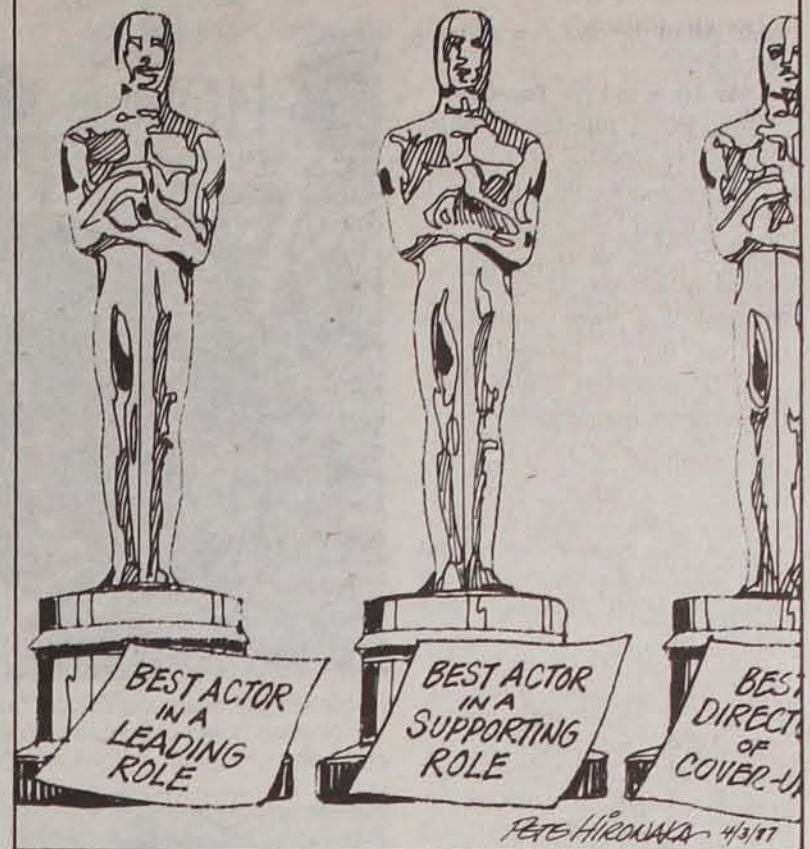
The Times article mentions a prewar Japanese project called the "Fugu Plan" to invite German Jews to settle in Manchuria. (I don't believe the *fugu* here refers to the blowfish; rather, without seeing the *kanji* characters, I would guess it's probably the *fugu* meaning "ill-fated" or "unfortunate"—which reflects the compassionate nature of the proposed relief.)

Indeed, within Japanese lore, the Japanese people (or at least the imperial family) are said to have descended from the ten lost tribes of Israel.

IN THIS PERIOD of the rising value of the yen and the persisting trade imbalance, instead of engaging in unfounded "bashing," it is hoped that the *nipponjin* will focus upon their demonstrated capabilities.

Koshi o agete doryoku shimasho. (Loosely translated: "Hike up your boots and get going.")

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Mae Takahashi

It is with deepest appreciation and joy that I introduce the new national LEC Fund Drive chair, Dr. Mae Takahashi. She is also the current Central California District governor.

Mae has been a member of Clovis JACL for 20 years and a 1000 Club member for 10 years. During 1984-86, she was CCDC vice governor and chaired the annual CCDC conference. She is corporate president of Manor Drugs, director of pharmaceutical services at Clovis Community Hospital, and a consultant pharmacist.

Mae's concerns on issues affecting Asian Americans led to her co-founding Central California Asian Pacific Women and serving as the charter president. She is now president of California Asian Pacific Women's Network.

Her concerns on community economic issues have her serving as chair of the Fresno Private Industry Council's board of directors and as a member of the executive planning board of the Valley Women's Business Conference and the task force for the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce for developing minority business.

Her other community activities include board membership in the Clovis Unified School District Foundation, Shin Zen Garden, and the Youth Citizenship Award regional committee for Soroptimist International, Sierra Pacific Region. She is past president of Soroptimist International of Fresno.

I wish to thank all governors (district keypersons), prime solicitors, the chairs of major fund-raisers—Toy Kanegai (West LA.), Cressy Nakagawa (San Francisco), and Jerry Enomoto (Sacramento)—and over 3,000 donors who enabled LEC to engage in the tremendous lobbying work, headed by Grayce Uyehara, to push for passage of a meaningful redress bill.

We certainly are now on a fast track, but there is much to be accomplished yet—grassroots lobbying, letter-writing, and money. So please keep the money rolling in to Mae Takahashi.

The structure of keypersons and prime solicitors will continue. Keypersons and prime solicitors should mail paperwork plus checks to Mae Takahashi, c/o 912 F St., Fresno, CA 93706.

Last, but not least, Bacon Sakatani has graciously volunteered to continue with the computerized donor processing portion of the fund drive. Thank you all very much.

Second Chance

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa



Our first-born, Mike, was a toddler when Grandma lived with us. Since she was an Issei, she spoke Japanese. And since Mike spent a lot of time with her, he learned to speak Japanese. In fact, he learned to speak it quite well.

Alice and I preferred to speak English to each other. Although both of us understood enough Japanese to carry on a conversation, having learned it from our parents in childhood, it was easier and just more natural to speak in our native tongue except in talking to Grandma.

But somehow little Mike got the impression that his parents didn't understand Japanese. So he took on the role of interpreter. When Grandma said something in Japanese, he'd tell us in English what she was saying. And when Alice or I said something in English, he'd translate it into Japanese for Grandma. He did a pretty good job of it.

Unfortunately, Grandma had to leave us. After she was gone, Mike didn't hear Japanese any more. And his parents, not being smart enough to know better, made no effort to let him hear Japanese being spoken, nor did they encourage him to continue using the language.

That was a long time ago. Mike still remembers a few words, but not many. And that's a pity, because Grandma had made a pretty good start toward teaching him a second language.

Mike's little sister, Susan, was too young to come under Grandma's linguistic influence. So she

was no better prepared to learn Japanese in Dr. Willie Nagai's class at the University of Colorado than her blonde and blue-eyed classmates.

Sad to relate, her efforts were less than successful. She hasn't retained much more out of that experience than *Watakushi wa Nihongo ga wakarimasen*, which, as any first-year student knows, means "I do not understand Japanese."

But an interesting thing happened. Susan's son Steve, which makes him my grandson, has taken a lively interest in the ancestral language. He acquired the interest in his karate class, taught by a Caucasian who requires his students to learn to count to 100 in Japanese and to recognize Japanese characters as well as karate technique.

The students learn the meaning of the characters, but not necessarily the sound. Take, for example, the character for sun, which also means day, which is pronounced *hi* or *nichi*. When that character is displayed, the kids recognize it as meaning either sun or day. But Steve is interested in even more. He wants to be able to speak the language.

Steve's parents, being wiser than his grandparents, have recognized his interest and are encouraging it. They have asked me to help him and I have agreed happily. When we get together, we practice such useful phrases as *Onaka ga sukimaseta* (I'm hungry), *Gakko wa omoshiroi desu ka?* (Is school fun?) and *lie, gakko wa omoshiroku nai desu* (No, school is not fun).

Steve's accent is remarkably good. I have hope that I can do a better job of teaching my grandson than I did with my own offspring. Not many are given a second chance, and I do not want to flub it again.

Letters

In Search Of...

I am trying to locate two former schoolmates, Kazuo and Yoshio Maruyama (cousins, not brothers), who were in my Medford (Ore.) High School graduating class of 1937. Our class is celebrating its 50th anniversary May 29-30 at the Red Lion Inn in Medford, and Kazuo and Yoshio are among those whom the program committee has been unable to locate.

If either of them should read these words and wish to attend the festivities, they should contact: Esther Stevens Tompkins, 18050 SW Pilkington Rd., Lake Oswego, OR 97034; (503) 639-8963. Or if any reader knows the whereabouts of either of the Maruyamas, I would appreciate learning about them so that I can initiate contact. Thank you for passing the word along.

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'Japan' and 'Japanese'

The PC's editing of my letter (March 13) made my points sound confusing and ambiguous. People asked me why I oppose "Jpn." as an abbreviation. This is incorrect.

I have only my rough draft to refer to, and I admit that I could have mistyped the letter. I wrote (or meant to write): "I have my doubts about 'Jpn.' being an appropriate abbreviation for 'Japanese'" and "I have no quarrel with 'Jpn.' as an abbreviation for 'Japan.'" In the PC the phrases "for Japanese" and "for Japan" were left off.

To set the matter straight, I am satisfied with "Jpn." as an abbreviation for "Japan" but not for "Japanese." I think "Japanese" needs a more suitable abbreviation.

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A New Restrictive Racial Quota

by Dorothy Gilliam

The following column appeared in the Feb. 5 edition of the Washington Post.

Those American leaders who decided to put Japanese Americans into detention camps during WW2 might not be chagrined, but isn't it sad that a new trend threatens the descendants of some of the citizens who suffered that terrible indignity?

After an eight-year enrollment surge, the rate of admission of Asian students has plummeted at some of the nation's most prestigious universities because officials are moving to restrict their enrollment, according to a researcher who has been studying admission trends.

"As soon as admissions of Asian students began reaching 10 or 12 percent, suddenly a red light went on," Ling-chi Wang, an associate professor of Asian American studies at UC Berkeley, recently told the New York Times. In the last three years, Wang said, "at Berkeley, Stanford, MIT, Yale, in fact all the Ivy League schools, admission of Asian Americans

has either stabilized or gone down."

Added Henry Der, executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action in San Francisco, "There is a perception growing around the country that we are somehow squeezing the university systems, that Asians are cut-throat students and all they want to do is go to college, milk the system, and get a good job. . . .

"What I see evolving . . . is a growing uneasiness that as a disproportionate number of Asians get admission to the system they are creating an imbalance and there should be quotas."

The Justice Department is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the allegations.

Not surprisingly, most officials at the prestigious universities cited by worried Asian leaders deny any racial prejudice and say they do not use racial quotas in admission. Some insist that they object to them on moral grounds.

But some of these same university officials admitted to the

Times that the influx of Asian students does indeed upset their efforts to maintain racial and ethnic diversity in their student bodies. So even if one were to take the universities' denials at face value, with such an admission, restrictive quotas could be only a step away.

But what's going on here? Why should these students be penalized for their scholastic success?

Some point to what could be called a "concentration gap" with Asian students. Most tend to concentrate in subjects such as science and engineering as opposed to liberal arts. While they lag somewhat behind in English on such standardized tests as the Scholastic Aptitude Test, their proficiency in mathematics and scientific subjects makes their overall scores high and increases their acceptance by institutions that rely on SAT scores at a higher rate than students from other ethnic groups. Thus, say officials, diversity is especially threatened in engineering and science classes.

Washington businessman and former Nixon official William "Mo" Marumoto thinks there are too many Asian students in some California schools. "That's not the real world. They run around with each other in cliques, sororities and fraternities but are not mixing with other kids from other backgrounds. I don't think it's healthy. You can't forget your heritage, tradition and culture, but you need a well-rounded background."

Moreover, Marumoto would like to see Asian youths strive to achieve a greater balance between academics and extracurricular activities. "Most non-Asian kids are into sports, student government, etc. . . . but most Asian students are just hitting the books and not having a well-balanced school life."

While Marumoto's statements may be true, I think he skirts the basic issue. The fact is, restrictive quotas are wrong. I'm all for racial, ethnic and cultural pluralism, but the fact that more Asians choose engineering and science

than, say, Hispanics should have nothing to do with the number of them who get into a particular school.

If more diversity is desired, other racial groups should be encouraged to study mathematics, engineering and the sciences. And Asians should also be encouraged to enter liberal arts curriculums as well as take part in extracurricular subjects.

But the institution of restrictive quotas—however informal—evokes an unsettling sense of déjà vu. It is the same practice some universities in America instituted before WW2 when Jewish students began to gain admission at stepped-up rates. To stem the gains, they began to look for ways of slowing down the admission of Jews. Blacks and women also have slammed against that terrible brick wall.

The moral of this story, however, is unchanging. It is a dangerous practice that was wrong in the past, and it's equally wrong now.

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Perceptions of the JACL Membership

by Paul Shinkawa

Former MPDC Governor

I have received many interesting and thoughtful letters concerning my first two columns. There are many PC readers who have very profound ideas about what JACL is and how it should be performing.

One line of discussion concerns the perception of members whose principal source of information is through the Pacific Citizen and an occasional chance meeting with a national officer.

It appears to be a common perception that news and reports which appear in PC about JACL are the "official word" on organization matters; that PC, as the "house organ," reports only what has been sanctioned by the National Board.

First, it is important to differentiate between hard news and columns such as this one, which essentially report opinions (notably mine). Opinion columns ap-

pear to be divided between thematic columns by regular contributors and those provided by national officers, committee members and the national director. All of these offer varying and sometimes contradictory observations on what is going on or what has happened.

I know for a fact that columns contributed by National Board members frequently reflect only the opinion of the writer. I certainly never had anyone successfully tell me what I should write about while I was on the board.

In the category of hard news, PC has recently attempted to provide more objective reporting of JACL events, last year's stories on the election ruckus at the National Convention being the most visible. This was a surprise to many readers, because it is very uncharacteristic of PC to report authoritatively on events in which the facts are very much in dispute. This livelier style of journal-

ism certainly makes for a more readable newspaper.

The question that brings up, however, is whether increased readability results in a sacrifice of any other important attributes of reporting.

Generally, the problem with reporting on stories where there are still facts in dispute is that the writer can easily put himself in the role of adjudicator of those facts. The writer makes the sole decision as to which facts get greater weight and which get ignored. He can also decide which facts the reader will know about and which he will not recount.

The reason I raise this is that I have been asked many times if the events recounted in PC about the elections were true. Well, from my vantage point on the convention floor sitting next to some of the key delegations involved, the facts which PC reported were true. However, they did not report all of the truth!

The only facts reported appear to be those which fit the story. Admittedly, my own vantage point in the affair did not afford me an all-encompassing view of the events. Nonetheless, PC's version of the election differs so markedly from my own observations that it brings to mind the story of the seven blind men trying to describe an elephant.

In this case, the elephant is the JACL election process, which I observed from a similar vantage point in Honolulu in 1984. Let me assure you, it is the same elephant; this time a different blind man reported on it. I don't really intend to discuss election reform here, or even whether reform is necessary. My real purpose in raising this again is to explain that perceptions of the membership, what each member thinks is going on, is really as important as what is actually happening.

JACL is run through a curious mix of openness and secrecy.

Some of it is absolutely necessary and some of it is by custom. Because of this method of operation, the members, by necessity, must have a great deal of confidence in the leadership. When that confidence diminishes, so do the members. It is probably no coincidence that as we become more self-critical, we also become a smaller organization.

I am not suggesting that we become less self-critical. What I am suggesting is that we attempt to open up the deliberative actions of the National Board to greater member scrutiny and that we also encourage PC to continue with its objective journalism in a more objective manner.

My own experience with the board suggests that if the members could better understand the nature of the responsibilities and decisions demanded from the board, their confidence in their leadership would be enhanced rather than diminished.

Singling Out the Singles: Survey Results

by Karl Nobuyuki

VP, Greater L.A. Singles JACL

In 1985, a confab directed specifically at singles was hosted in San Jose under the sponsorship of JACL. This group, broad in its definition, incorporated any person who happened to list her/himself as "single" on the IRS tax form. This was the third JACL Singles Convention.

Taking the form of a national convention, the event drew just over 250 persons from 42 cities and five states. The program lasted three days and brought attention to a variety of issues that face single persons—widowed, divorced, or never married.

One of the notable achievements of this conference was the circulation of a questionnaire, returned by 144 of the attendees (57.6 percent, a representative sample).

The purpose of this article is to share some of the findings of this questionnaire with the JACL membership.

In terms of gender, 71.5 percent of the respondents were female, 28.5 percent male. The age category is parallel to that of JACL—34 percent were over 61, 50.7 percent were 46 to 60, 12.3 percent between 30 and 45, and 3 percent in the 20 to 29 bracket.

Annual income levels for the group (in thousands of dollars): 25.8 percent in the 10-20 range; 45 percent in the 21-35 range; 12.9 percent in the 36-45 range; and 16.1 percent over 46. The average annual income was in the 21-35 range.

In terms of education, 27.5 percent were high school graduates, 23.2 percent were college graduates, 30.3 percent had some college, and 19 percent had gone to graduate school.

In the area of employment, 61.5 percent were employed full-time, 8.1 percent worked part-time and 30.4 percent were retired.

According to the survey, 66 percent of respondents were JACL members, and 43 percent report-

ed that their chapters did not provide activities that met their particular needs as single persons.

Among the respondents, 52.6 percent were widowed, 34 percent experienced divorce, and 16.3 percent were never married.

Finally, while reasons for attending the convention were diverse, when asked what they expected from a JACL singles organization, 68 percent said they wanted a social outlet.

An impressive 58 percent listed involvement in other community organizations.

Perhaps this profile of the JACL Singles Convention person might open a few eyes and ears among our national "leaders" to explore membership enhancement and program development that are relevant to both existing members and those needed for our future.

In the future, we will report reactions, politics and actions from the JACL leadership regarding singles' concerns.

Marutani Student Fund

The following donors enabled Philadelphia-area Asian American students and other students interested in constitutional law and civil rights to attend the Feb. 11 ACLU dinner at which former judge William Marutani was honored (see March 13 PC).

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JCCCNC to Present Five Community Awards

SAN FRANCISCO — Five individuals who have contributed to the cultural and community life of Japanese Americans will be honored May 16 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel during an awards dinner to be held by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California.

The cultural award will go to Madame Haruko Obata, an internationally recognized ikebana artist and teacher since 1912 and one of the founders of the San Francisco Bay chapter of Ikebana International.

The community award will be given to an Issei, two Nisei and a Sansei:

—Shichinosuke Asano, former president and board chair of the Nichi Bei Times;

—Yoshiye Togasaki, retired physician and former chief of the Contra Costa County Division of Preventative Medicine;

—Clifford Uyeda, past president of National JAACL and an active member of the National Japanese American Historical Society;

—Sandy Ouye Mori, former director of Kimochi Home and present secretary to the San Francisco Health Commission.

"We are very pleased that the Bay Area Nikkei community actively participated in nominating these distinguished individuals," said 1987 awards dinner commit-

tee chair Yo Hironaka. "We cordially invite the community to attend the awards dinner to personally honor these outstanding Japanese Americans."

Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person. Benefactor table is \$1,000, sponsor table is \$750 and contributing table is \$500. Info: Charles Morimoto, JCCCNC executive director, (415) 567-5505.

Honoree Sandy Ouye Mori is profiled on page 10.

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April 5 11:30 a.m.	Asian American Social Club will host a Day at the Races at Bay Meadows Race Track. Tickets are \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Price includes admission, reserved seating and lunch in the Turf Club. Info: Joyee Satow, (415) 952-2856.
SAN FRANCISCO	
April 5 2 to 3 p.m.	Dorothy Stroup, author of <i>In the Autumn Wind</i> , will participate in a benefit book-signing for Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors at Kinokuniya Book Store, 1581 Webster St. Info: Ruth Finnerty, (415) 654-4837.
LOS ANGELES	
April 6 1 p.m.	Speaker from the American Red Cross will discuss earthquake safety at the next meeting of the AARP, Downtown Chapter, at Union Church, second floor conference room. Info: Harold Ishibashi, (213) 942-1954.
April 8 7 p.m.	Asian Business Association's annual Scholarship Awards Dinner will take place at Woo Lae Oak Restaurant, 623 S. Western Ave. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Info: Dick Chogyo, (213) 481-4907.
April 10	Judge Ronald Lew will be honored at the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Diamond Jubilee Dinner at the Golden Palace, 913 N. Broadway, Chinatown. No-host cocktails will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. Info: Irvin Lai, (213) 753-1331.
TORRANCE	
April 5	For Singles Only will host a dance party at the Torrance Holiday Inn, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. Tickets are \$5 per person. Info: Brannigan Leishman, (714) 683-5766.
OAKLAND	
April 9 6 to 9 p.m.	Asian Pacific Democratic Club of Alameda County will co-sponsor a candidates' forum at Lincoln School Auditorium, 10th and Jackson Streets. Candidates for the Peralta Community College Trustees Board, Oakland School Board and Oakland City Council have been invited to participate. Info: Eddie Wong, (415) 839-3872.
SAN MARINO	
April 4 9 a.m. to noon	Workshop on personal investment planning, conducted by Mark Sakanashi, president, Pearhill Financial Consulting Inc., will take place at Pearhill, 2627 Mission St. Cost is \$30 per person or \$35 per couple. Info: Sharon Uyeda Fong, (818) 799-9511.
SAN PEDRO	
April 3	Fourth annual Sweater Showcase Luncheon, sponsored by Parents Anonymous of California, will take place at Nizetich's Restaurant in Ports O' Call Village. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for browsing, buying and socializing. Lunch will be served from noon to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For further information, contact Frances Chikahisa, (213) 541-4421.

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STUDENT CONFERENCE

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tee member, gave the student keynote speech. He said that although Asians and Pacific Islanders have paid for a place in society with their history of toil, many are still denied equal opportunity for a decent livelihood.

Koria's own parents immigrated from Samoa in search of a better life. His 63-year-old father still has two jobs, and his mother works the graveyard shift to make ends meet.

Education in Crisis

Arlene DeVera of San Francisco State University described education as being in a state of crisis. "Increasingly, it is becoming reserved only for a privileged few, those who already have the opportunities and advantages," she said. "How can a society that is built on its students and youth hold so little regard for their opportunities for education? How can such a society progress?"

A panel discussion focused on Asian Pacific stereotypes and the "model minority" image. UC Berkeley professor Chung Hoang Chuong noted that Asians are perceived as "unidimensional, as having one focus—finishing an education and going out and getting a BMW," with the result that Asian students are funneled into certain professions.

Virginia Fung of the San Diego Pan Asian Express newspaper said that even within the commu-

nity, students are pressured to go into certain high-paying fields by their parents, who want them to have a better life.

'A Ghetto Out There'

Panelists were concerned that the "model minority" image tends to mask problems and diversity in the Asian Pacific communities. UCLA student Dinnah Danato, who tutors gang members, asked, "If we are a model minority, then why are there upper and middle-class Filipino junior high students into the drug scene?"

"The 'model minority' myth is here to condition us to be satisfied," said union organizer Pam Tau. "The majority of our people do not have access to a decent livelihood. When you explore the suicide rates, health rates and deplorable working conditions... there is a ghetto out there."

Anti-Asian Violence

Attorney Bruce Iwasaki stated that "stereotypes tend to flip over depending on the economic conditions." He expressed concern that anti-Asian violence will continue to rise as economic conditions worsen in the U.S.

Attorney Angela Oh stressed, "Minorities in this country are not going anywhere. This is our country, we are making our history, this is our system. We've got to really believe that."

The panel was moderated by Karen Umemoto and Lisa Le.



Photo by Beverly Cheuvront

EFFORTS FOR EQUALITY—The New York-based Asian Americans for Equality held its 13th annual Chinese New Year celebration and fund-raiser Feb. 7. Pictured (from left): board members Bill Chong and Ronald Chin; honorees Ingrid Washinawatok, Native American delegate to UN Commission on Human Rights; Luis Nieves, chair of Community Board 3 in Lower Manhattan; Margaret Chin, state Democratic Committee member; Ronald Shiffman, director of Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development; longtime civil rights activist Yuri Kochiyama; board members Samuel Mui and Shelly Wong; and advisory board member Rev. Franklin Woo. Honorees not pictured: Helen Zia, former president of the Detroit-based American Citizens for Justice, and state Sen. David Patterson.

McCarran-Walter Act

Mineta Backs Bill to Change Laws on Denial of Entry Visas

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) is an original co-sponsor of legislation introduced Feb. 18 by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) to revise laws governing the granting of visas to foreigners.

"Foremost among the concepts shaping our nation's laws are tolerance and recognition of the importance of a free exchange of ideas," Mineta said. "Yet the laws used to judge who will be admitted to this country do not live up to these principles."

"As written and as implemented, our immigration laws provide the State Department with broad latitude to deny entry visas to anyone the department wants to keep out. All too often this power has been used to stifle free and open debate within this

country.

"There is no question that there will be individuals who should not be given visas. But decisions based on political beliefs and lifestyles have no place in these laws. Congressman Frank's bill eliminates the provisions which have no place in INS laws while setting reasonable criteria on who may be denied visas. I am glad to support this legislation."

The provisions in question are part of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act, passed in 1952. An attempt to revise the law during the last session of Congress was unsuccessful.

These provisions were used in the January arrest of six Palestinians in the Los Angeles area for alleged ties to the PLO.

'Transitions' at UCLA Films by and About Asians to Be Screened

LOS ANGELES—Visual Communications and UCLA Film and Television Archive will present "Transitions: 1987 Asian Pacific American International Film Festival," a series of Asian and Asian American works, at UCLA's Melnitz Theatre. The schedule is as follows:

April 4, 8 p.m.—"Pak Bueng on Fire" by Supachai Surong-sain; "Bayan Ko" by Lino Brocka.

April 5, 3 p.m.—Symposium with actors Mako, Kim Miyori and Rodney Kageyama; "Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor" by John Esaki and Amy Kato; 7:30—"The Crimson Kimono" by Samuel Fuller.

April 7, 8 p.m.—"Pioneering Visions," a selection of short films including "Lotus" by Arthur Dong.

April 21, 8 p.m.—"Asian American Women Filmmakers," short films including "Conversations: Before the War/After the War" by Karen Ishizuka.

April 25, 8 p.m.—"Jaguar" by Lino Brocka, with an appearance by the filmmaker.

April 26, 7:30 p.m.—"Father and Son" and "Just Like Weather" by Allen Fong.

April 28, 8 p.m.—"Dream Visions and Stargazers," animation and videos by Asian Americans.

May 2, 7:30 p.m.—"Asian Americans in Hollywood: The Early Years, 1915-44," including a tribute to Anna May Wong.

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'Superwoman Syndrome' — Trying to Take on Too Much

by Anita Merina
 For more and more women these days, life has become a juggling act. Struggling to balance their roles as wives, mothers, executives and community activists, many women are beginning to pay a mental and physical price, their lives literally out of control. This pressure to perform a multitude of roles is part of a phenomenon called the "Superwoman Syndrome." According to family counselor Linda Wake, "superwomen" find themselves constantly battling for success, recognition and perfection.

Double Duty

Speaking at a Feb. 19 seminar sponsored by Asian Pacific Women's Network-Los Angeles, Wake noted that many women assume major supportive roles both at home and work. They tend to be perfectionists, striving for efficiency and delegating little of their work to others. Very often, they overextend themselves and take on a multitude of tasks, either out of guilt or a belief that no one else can get the job done.

Such high-pressure behavior can lead to serious consequences, said Wake. Dizziness, chronic fatigue and headaches are the physical products of an overworked, overstressed life. Women find themselves depressed, irritable, angry and emotionally exhausted.

This is even worse for "super singles," noted Dr. Kenyon Chan, psychologist and co-panelist at the seminar. Without the support system of a family, "super singles" run the risk of burning out even faster than their married contemporaries. They suffer more health problems and often die younger, physically and emotionally drained.

The "Superwoman Syndrome" results from the dominance of tradition even in modern times,



MILE-HI HISTORY — Mile-Hi JACL honored 15 past presidents at its March 7 installation dinner. Standing (from left): Bob Sakaguchi (current), Yutaka Terasaki (1951, 1961), Henry Tobo (1966), Don Tanabe (1965), Marge Yamada Taniwaki (1973-74), Bill Kuroki (1963), John Sakayama (1956), John Noguchi (1953), Kiyoto Futa (1975-79); sitting: Tom Masamori (1985), Roy Mayeda (1952), Shimpel Sakaguchi (1938-39, charter president), John Masunaga (1958), Bob Uyeda (1959), and Tosh Ando (1949-50). Of the 31 who have held the office, four are deceased.

said Wake. For centuries, women have been the caretakers, homemakers and nurturers in society. In the 1980s, little has changed. Despite their new responsibilities as doctors, lawyers, executives and activists, many women must continue in their traditional roles, cleaning the house, caring for children, doing the grocery shopping in their spare time. Few of them hire help even if they can afford it, believing that asking for assistance is to admit failure and lack of control.

But hiring assistants and delegating responsibility are primary means of regaining control, Chan and Wake stressed. By asserting one's right to support, whether it is hired help or shared responsibility, the "superwoman" may gain time for herself and eliminate one source of pressure.

Nurturing Oneself

In addition, said Chan and Wake, women must begin to nurture themselves first, caring for their health and mental well-being. "If you're not taking care of yourself you cannot take care of people around you," said Wake. "The purpose in life is for us to be happy. Nurturing oneself is the primary goal. Then you can pass it on to

others." Chan added that involving one's spouse in the daily and weekly responsibilities will also relieve the burden as well as the resentment and anger that build up when only one person cares for the household.

"Most modern men probably don't mind doing the household tasks, but the superwoman must be willing to remind him," he said. "Because of traditional roles, men have feelings of 'entitlement.' Women need a dose of arrogance, a sense of entitlement that says they deserve help in the home, and with the children."

Coordinating Activities

How does one successfully handle the "Superwoman Syndrome?" Wake advised women to schedule their day to run smoothly, to carefully coordinate their activities. For those with spouses, she emphasized communication and support on both sides.

Additionally, superwomen must take time for themselves, away from the pressures of work and home life. "Reward yourself

by going to dinner, or shopping, or finding a quiet place to read a book," advised Wake. "Above all, get regular exercise. Health is easy to put on hold, and one way of coping is to make sure you feel physically well."

'Superwoman' Sakamoto

Both Chan and Wake pointed to co-panelist Sandra Sakamoto as a superwoman who is successfully coping with her stress-filled lifestyle. A lawyer, community activist, wife and mother, Sakamoto carefully coordinates her time between her career, her home life and her community activities, aided by a supportive and cooperative husband.

Sakamoto also relies on her family for child care, which relieves her of anxiety if her work requires longer hours. She believes that stresses from work remain at work, a philosophy that Chan and Wake encourage. She spends quality time with her

family and rewards herself with time alone, shopping, reading or watching a movie. And she is not afraid to remind her husband of tasks or to ask for assistance.

Sakamoto, however, is one of the more successful cases, cautioned Chan and Wake. Many women face tremendous difficulties and pressures in maintaining control over their busy lifestyles, and many lack the support system that gives Sakamoto confidence and a sense of security.


Anyone suffering symptoms of "Superwoman Syndrome" should examine their lifestyle, Chan and Wake recommended. If one is overextended at work and carrying the stresses into the home, one should consider the steps described above. Restoring order and happiness to the chaotic life of the superwoman—and thereby regaining control over one's life and work—is the primary goal, they said.

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USC Opens Clinic Geared for Older JAs

by Alice McKay

LOS ANGELES — A geriatric clinic specifically geared to the needs of older Japanese Americans has been opened by the USC School of Medicine.

The Nikkei Seniors Wellness Center, on USC's Health Sciences Campus in northeastern Los Angeles, is a joint project of the Japanese American community and the Geriatric Division of the medical school's department of medicine.

The primary service offered by the center will be geriatric assessments. Specialists from various disciplines will work together to evaluate each patient's state of health and to find the best ways of treating and preventing problems.

Service for the Issei

The center will serve the few remaining Issei who came to the U.S. during the 1885-1923 immigration wave and their U.S.-born children, who now range in age from 55 to 75.

The center's focus acknowledges "the strong cultural ties among older Japanese Americans and is intended to help make health care more accessible, and specific, to them," said Loren Lipson, M.D., chief of the USC Geriatric Division. "We want to improve the diagnosis and treatment of problems that have specific import to Japanese Americans.

"Our goal is to provide the community with a state-of-the-art health intervention resource that will help practicing physicians, patients and their families."

An additional benefit of serving a single ethnic population will be the opportunity to study different disease patterns.

"Certain diseases change as they go from Japan to the United States," Lipson explained. "For example, diabetes is five times more common in older Japanese Americans than in older Japa-



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nese living in Japan. Atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, is also more common among Japanese Americans. Stomach cancer, on the other hand, is more prevalent in Japan.

"The patient population served by the center has the same genetic background as its counterpart in Japan. That's because the older generation here has remained genetically homogeneous by marrying largely within its own ethnic group. So, if the genetic backgrounds are the same, we can look to diet and other environmental factors to account for differences in disease patterns between here and Japan."

First of Its Kind

The center is the first geriatric assessment unit in the community devoted to Japanese Americans, according to Lipson. The Geriatric Division is planning to open another center devoted to older Hispanic Americans.

The Nikkei Center was formed with the support of Keiro Services, which gave an education start-up grant, and the Little Tokyo Service Center.

The center is staffed by USC faculty members and some outside volunteers. All health-care providers are of Japanese herit-

age; many are bilingual. Those who are not will be assisted by volunteer interpreters.

Services are geared not only to medical problems but to psychological and social factors that may affect health and quality of life.

In addition to physicians, the staff includes two clinical psychologists, two social workers, a nurse, a nutritionist, a pharmacist, a physical therapist and an occupational therapist.

A complete work-up requires an initial visit lasting two to three hours, followed by three one-hour visits and a home health visit.

The center operates Thursday mornings at USC's Diagnostic Clinics, located on the fourth floor of the Doheny Eye Institute on the Health Sciences Campus. Transportation is provided free to those who need it.

Appointments are required. The center's telephone number is (213) 224-5369.

Ex-Director of Kimochi Still Dealing With Health Concerns

by Robert Tokunaga
Hokubei Mainichi

Six years ago, Sandy Ouye Mori made a difficult career decision. After 15 years of working as a dietician in various San Francisco Bay Area hospitals, she quit her job to take on the task of overseeing fund-raising for and construction of the Kimochi senior citizens home.

"I've never regretted it," she said of her career change.

Community to Commission

Recently, Mori made another difficult career decision. She decided to leave her position as program director at Kimochi and accept a position as executive secretary to the San Francisco Health Commission, a seven-member board that is appointed by the mayor to make health policy for San Francisco.

The executive secretary runs the day-to-day operations of the commission, explained Mori. It is the responsibility of the executive secretary to keep the commissioners informed on the budget and programs of the San Francisco Health Department so that they can make necessary health policy decisions for the city, she said.

Areas of Responsibility

The city and county health department is in charge of San Francisco General Hospital, Laguna Honda Hospital, all district health centers, special health programs such as the one for AIDS, and emergency medical services.

"I decided to take this new job because I will be able to utilize my background in nutrition and health, mental health, and gerontology on this one job," said Mori, who had been involved with Kimochi since its inception in 1971. She was a founding member of the organization and served on its board of directors for 10 years before becoming the full-time director of Kimochi Home in 1981.

Her first duty as director was to raise the \$1.3 million needed to build the Kimochi senior citizens' residential care home, which was completed in 1983.

"We did it," Mori said, "and I am grateful to [former Kimochi board chair] Hisao Inouye and



Sandy Ouye Mori

[Kimochi board member] Clemen Oyama and the support from the Japanese American community." She noted that \$500,000 of the funds came from the Northern California Japanese American community.

"My decision to leave was a very difficult one because I have had such a close relationship with the organization professionally as well as emotionally," said Mori, whose last week at Kimochi overlapped with her first week with the Health Commission.

Her first meeting before the commission was on the afternoon of Jan. 20, and her last meeting with the Kimochi board was later that evening. Her first full day as executive secretary was Jan. 26.

'Invaluable' Staff

"The staff that I work with [at Kimochi] and the volunteers who are part of this whole program are invaluable," she emphasized. "Anybody coming to this position would really have a wonderful opportunity to work with the community."

Although she left Kimochi with reluctance, she felt that her departure may be beneficial for the growth of the organization. "One of the things I think is important is to have new ideas in an organization. And this organization can grow in a lot of different ways when new people come in."

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