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## Controversial judge in Chin case was former POW of Japan

DETROIT—The judge who gave probation sentences and fines to two men convicted of manslaughter in the beating death of Vincent Chin says he is stunned by the criticism of that decision.

"In all my years, I have never received such vilification," said Wayne County Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman. "This is just another case."

"This kind of thing happens regularly in the Recorder's Court and here (Circuit Court)."

Ronald Ebens and his stepson, Michael Nitz, were charged with second-degree murder in the death of Vincent Chin, 27, who was beaten with a baseball bat outside a nightclub in the Detroit suburb of Highland Park on June 19.

The charges were reduced to manslaughter in a plea-bargain arrangement with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Ebens pleaded guilty and Nitz pleaded no contest to the reduced charge.

In March, Kaufman sentenced them to three years' probation and fined them \$3,780 each.

The sentences amounted to "a \$3,000 license to commit murder, provided that you have a steady job or if you are a student," according to Kin Yee, a member of American Citizens for Justice, which drew 500 protesters to a rally in Detroit on May 9 to denounce Kaufman's decision.

The protesters said the judge would have ruled differently if the victim had not been Chinese American.

Kaufman was a prisoner of war held by the Japanese during World War II, and the protesters contended the experience left him with an anti-Oriental sentiment. But Kaufman said last week that his decision was not motivated by his wartime captivity.

"It was a bad experience, but it doesn't affect any of my feelings against any group people," he said. "I'm one of the few judges to know what it feels like to be in prison for a long time."

Kaufman has agreed to consider whether there are grounds for him to reconsider his sentencing. In the meantime, a complaint against him has been filed with the state Judicial Tenure Commission after an earlier such charge was dismissed.

The FBI has begun investigating Ebens and Nitz to determine whether they could be brought up on federal charges of violating Chin's civil rights.

"It bothers him," said Judge Kaufman's son, Richard, who is also a Wayne County Circuit judge. "He feels there is no way for him to ever explain to people everything that will allow them to make a fair judgement. It wrenches him, especially when he is accused of having no feeling for Vincent Chin."

## JACL Headlines...



**AP HERITAGE WEEK ON THE EAST COAST**—New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean (center) presents New York JACL and EDC Vice Governor B.J. Watanabe (right) with a proclamation for Asian Pacific Heritage Week at ceremonies held (May 6) at William Paterson College of New Jersey in Wayne, N.J. Looking on at left is New York JACL president Tom Kometani.

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## Vietnamese student killed in racially-sparked fight

DAVIS, Ca.—A 17-year-old Vietnamese student was stabbed to death at Davis High School May 4 in a fight that reportedly followed weeks of racist taunting by a handful of white students.

Thong Hy Huynh, who suffered a "very severe wound" to the right side of his stomach, died two hours after the stabbing while receiving emergency surgery at Sutter-Davis Hospital, Davis police Sgt. Leo Sackett said.

A student identified as James "Jay" Pierman, 17, was arrested on homicide charges and taken to the Zane Probation Center in Woodland.

Police called to the east end of the campus found Huynh lying on the pavement. A "military-type" knife with a long blade was found nearby, Sackett said.

Pierman offered no resistance when arrested, Sackett said. No one else was taken into custody, and Sackett said he couldn't say if other arrests were expected. There were no other injuries.

Davis principal David Murphy said the fight, which occurred about 10:45 a.m., involved three Vietnamese students and two white students.

Bon Chau, an 18-year-old junior and one of the three Vietnamese students, said that there had been tension between the Vietnamese students and a group of Pierman's friends since an off-campus confrontation about a month earlier. He said taunts from Pierman and a friend started the fatal fight.

Other witnesses said that the argument escalated into a physical battle. Seeing his friend in a fight, Pierman apparently grabbed Huynh from behind and stabbed him once in the midsection.

Pierman produced the knife so quickly that no one had a chance to stop him from using it.

Chau said a previous incident started when Pierman and about 20 other students approached him, Huynh and two other Vietnamese students who frequently spent time together.

Chau said Pierman and his

friends harassed and threatened the Vietnamese students. When Huynh picked up a board to defend himself, Pierman and three others picked up boards and said something like, "You better put that down or we're going to bat you around," Chau said.

He said some swipes were taken, but no one was hit and the outnumbered Vietnamese students ran off.

"Next day, every time we saw them, they just teased us and called us names, called us the F-word, teased us about our country," Chau said.

The verbal confrontations continued for several weeks, with the white students sometimes yelling, "Hey, you want to fight?"

On May 4, in response to some

name calling, Chau yelled "You too."

Chau and one of Pierman's friends started hitting each other, he said. Pierman left for a minute, returned with a knife, and the fist-fight turned into a brawl with all five students, Chau said.

Approximately three classrooms of students witnessed the aftermath of the fight, although few saw the stabbing occur.

A Davis police officer patrolling nearby was on the scene within moments of the 10:47 a.m. stabbing, police said. Emergency first aid attempts by a Davis High student and an officer kept Huynh alive until 11:20 a.m. when he died during surgery at Sutter-Davis Hospital.

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## Over 500 march in streets of Detroit protesting Chin case

DETROIT—More than 500 people marched through downtown Detroit May 9 in support of a citizens' group demanding the jailing of two men who were placed on probation in the beating death of a Chinese-American.

"When you have a person brutally killed like this, it pulls at your guts," said Liza Chan, an attorney heading the drive for stiffer penalties in the case.

The demonstrators, organized by the American Citizens for Justice, rallied in a downtown park before marching to government buildings to read letters demanding that Ronald Ebens, 43, and his 23-year old stepson, Michael Nitz, be imprisoned for the death of Vincent Chin.

The citizens' group claims eyewitnesses reported that the tavern quarrel between Chin, Ebens and Nitz started when one of the men made statements about Japanese cars costing American workers their jobs.

Ironically, Chin was an engineer for a firm doing work for automotive and aircraft manufacturing companies in the Detroit area.

At the rally, marchers waved signs protesting the sentences and cheered as a procession of government and civic representatives called for an investigation into the case. Later, chanting, "We Want Justice," they marched through the streets.

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## Racist cartoon stirs anger among ethnic rights groups

HAYWARD, Ca.—An editorial cartoon depicting various racial stereotypes recently appeared in The Daily Review newspaper here, drawing angry letters from representatives of educational and civil rights groups.

The cartoon, by Steve Benson of the Arizona Republic, depicts several ethnic "representatives" lining up for reparations from the courts—with a "Japanese American" at the head of the line, bowing down and receiving a \$24 billion payment (shown).

The sketch is a parody of the lawsuit being filed by the National Council for Japanese American Redress, who are attempting to win reparations for the World War II internment of Nikkei.

The cartoon even shows a snail darter, a fish species that had

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## Racist leaflets passed out at slain student's school

DAVIS, Ca.—Early May 9—before mourners gathered at Thong Hy Huynh's funeral—someone went to the Davis High School campus where the 17-year-old was slain and distributed leaflets decrying the influx of non-whites to California.

The leaflets carried the banner "White Student Union" and the message that immigrants were taking away the jobs of white people, said school principal David Murphy. They also solicited membership in the White Student Union, and gave a Sacramento post office box as an address, a teacher said.

The racist literature was discovered just before 7 a.m. by members of the school's golf club, who noticed leaflets blowing about the school grounds and stickers placed on campus buildings.

Murphy and his staff gathered as many of the leaflets as they could before the rest of the student body arrived.

"This is contrary to everything we believe in here," Murphy said. Murphy said there is no Davis High chapter of the White Student Union. "They are outsiders. This is the first time we've ever been confronted by something like this."

Greg Withrow, founder of the organization, told the Sac-

ramento Bee that the literature was from the White Student Union. And while Davis high may not have a chapter of his organization, he said, "There are people there who are obviously interested in what we have to say."

Withrow described Huynh's accused slayer, 17-year-old James "Jay" Pierman, as "an inspiration to white students everywhere."

But he said that "the politicians who permit millions and millions of legal and illegal aliens to enter this country" were really to blame for Huynh's death.

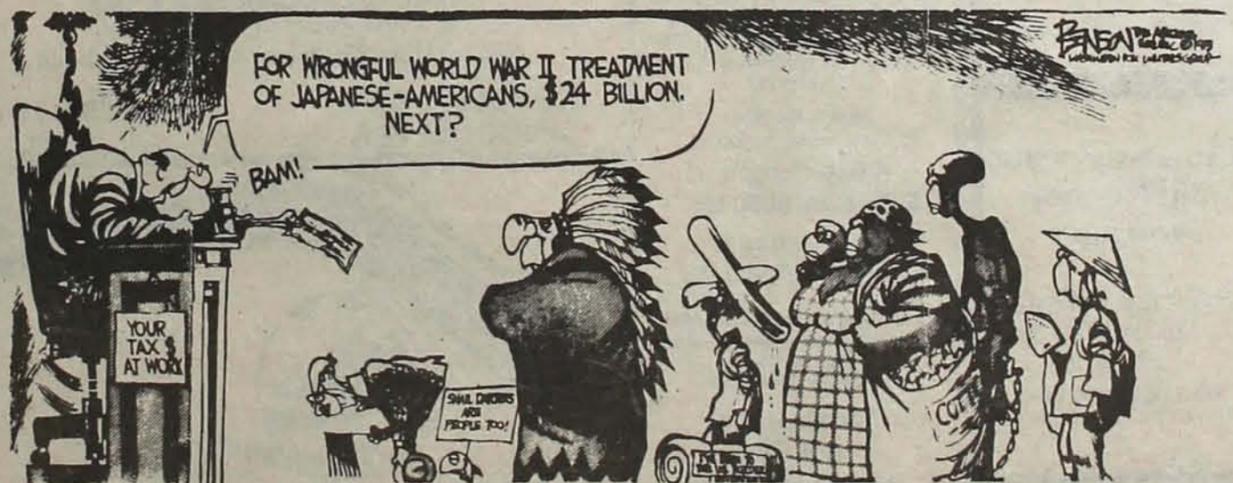
Murphy said that Davis police have identified a suspect who distributed the fliers, but further details were not available.

—Sacramento Bee

## Asian student shot on way to school

HOUSTON—A 10-year-old Cambodian American student was shot in the shoulder May 9 as she walked to school.

Chansophea Nhim, of Houston, said the wound would not keep her from returning to classes. Police speculated that Nhim may have been hit by a "stray" bullet resulting from a deliberate shooting. No arrests have been made so far.



**RACIST CARTOON**—This editorial cartoon by Steve Benson of the Arizona Republic drew much criticism after it appeared

in The (Hayward, Ca.) Daily Review on March 22. The cartoon is a parody of NCJAR's lawsuit.

## Judge criticized for freeing rapist reverses his decision

SEATTLE—A King county Superior Court judge, recently under heavy criticism for releasing a convicted rapist on bail pending his appeal, reversed his initial decision May 6 after new evidence was presented by the prosecutor.

Judge Richard Ishikawa had sentenced convicted rapist Joe Burns Jr. to two life terms in prison, but released him on \$30,000 bail despite protests of the victim, Donna Berg, the deputy prosecutor and several women's rights groups.

However, the judge had Burns reimprisoned after a second bail hearing, prompted by public response, in which new evidence was brought forward stating that Burns may be a threat to the victim and the community.

Various organizations, including Rape Relief of Seattle and the National Organization for Women clamored for Ishikawa to change his mind. One group, Families and Friends of Missing Persons and Violent Crime Victims, demanded



Judge Richard Ishikawa

the judge's resignation.

Ishikawa said that there was not enough evidence at the first bail

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## Nikkei gambler gets probation sentence

CHICAGO—Ken Eto, who has been telling the government mob secrets since his brush with death at the hands of assassins in February, was sentenced May 6 to five years of probation for a gambling conviction.

U.S. District Judge George N. Leighton imposed the sentence on Eto, 63, after Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Purdom noted that Eto has cooperated extensively with federal authorities.

Eto, a longtime crime syndicate gambling boss, was shot three times in the back of the head Feb. 10 as he sat in his car in a Northwest Side parking lot.

Since then, he was put in the witness-protection program and has been spilling mob secrets to Purdom, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeremy Margolis and the FBI.

## Deaths

Stanley Chikashi Kokata, 51, of Honolulu, died April 26. Born in Wahiawa, Kauai, he was a sales representative for Mum's Co. and a past commodore of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the first Nikkei to achieve this rank. He is survived by a son, David S.C.; father, Tadao; brothers Kenneth T. of Calif., and Francis M.; sisters Mrs. Ernest S. (Judith) Fujita of Makaweli and Mrs. Takeo (Jean) Nakama; and one granddaughter.

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## Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan hit with gastritis

BOSTON—Edwin O. Reischauer, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, was reported in stable condition May 5 at a Boston hospital, suffering from gastritis, an inflammation of the stomach lining.

Reischauer, 72, was rushed from Japan to Brigham Young Women's Hospital May 4 with internal bleeding related to the gastritis, according to hospital spokesman James King.

"Several weeks ago Prof. Reischauer was admitted to a Japanese hospital suffering from gastritis and bleeding," King said, and he is fully conscious, alert and resting comfortably.

Reischauer, a noted scholar in Asian Studies, is in a general medical-surgical unit at the hospital, where family members, including his Japanese-born wife, Haru and son, Robert, have been visiting him, King said.

No prediction has been made for the release of the retired Harvard University historian, King said.

John Fairbanks, a professor at Harvard and close friend of Reischauer, said he "had been ill in Japan for some weeks with some mys-

terious symptoms, possibly related to an old stab wound he received in Japan about 20 years ago."

King said doctors had not said Reischauer's current ailment might be related to the stab wound.

Reischauer, then U.S. Ambassador, was stabbed in the right thigh in 1964, reportedly by an emotionally disturbed Japanese youth outside the U.S. Embassy. A few days later, doctors reported that Reischauer had developed internal bleeding in the region but was reported to have responded quickly to transfusions.

### Awards

Kris K. Takata, a senior at the University of Hawaii, was the first recipient of the annual Frederick M. Kresser Award in the College of Engineering. She was presented a certificate by Mrs. Shelagh Kresser at the college's annual banquet at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on April 16.

Takata will also receive a \$1,000 cash prize and an engraved plaque.

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## Another Nikkei probed by L.A. Board

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion ordering an investigation into the Department of Public Social Services, which is directed by Nisei Eddy Tanaka.

The motion, by Supervisor Michael Antonovich, was called for to look into allegations of excessive administrative/supervisory positions in the DPSS.

The probe will be conducted by county Chief Administrative Officer Harry L. Hufford, and is the third investigation into a county department that is headed by a Japanese American.

In 1981, the CAO and district attorney were ordered to look into alleged improprieties in the county's Affirmative Action Compliance Office, headed by Michael Ishikawa. Ishikawa subsequently resigned during the probe, under charges that he used county personnel to conduct private business.

As a result of articles appearing in the Los Angeles Times, the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office was investigated last year by the CAO, resulting in the demotion

of Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi on charges of mismanagement and misuse of the office. Earlier this year, Noguchi lost his bid to win back his old post, and is currently seeking reinstatement through the courts.

Tanaka's DPSS is the county's second largest department in number of employees and consumes 38% of the county's \$5 billion budget.

The review of the DPSS will include an examination of the "appropriateness" of management organization, size and structure. #

### Medicine

Takeru Higuchi, regents professor of chemistry and pharmacy and chairman of the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Kansas, has been named the 1983 recipient of the American Pharmaceutical Association's (APHA) Remington Honor Medal.

Dr. Higuchi becomes the 54th Remington Medalist since the pharmacy profession's most prestigious award was established in 1918.

## Career Opportunity EDITOR

The Pacific Citizen is seeking a full-time editor to work in its Los Angeles-based office. Duties will include news gathering and newswriting; copy-editing and proofreading; and cold-type page layout and camera-ready paste-up.

Preferred candidates should have a BA in Journalism, English or related field or comparable experience. Typing skills of at least 35-40 wpm. Prior newspaper experience is preferred. Photography skills and knowledge of 35mm camera helpful but not required. Periodic travels, plus some evenings and weekend hours required. Candidate should also have some familiarity with the Japanese American community at large and/or Japanese American Citizens League.

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### Buddhist campaign raises \$1 million

SAN FRANCISCO—Henry T. Yamate, Chairman of the BCA Endowment Foundation announced recently that 25 persons had already pledged a total of \$1,036,100 to The Campaign for Buddhism in America.

"I am especially pleased to report that there was 100% participation by the Foundation Trustees," says Yamate. "As we begin this Campaign, it is especially encouraging to have the full commitment of the Foundation Trustees. I am grateful not only for their gifts, but also for the leadership they are giving to this important project."

The Campaign for Buddhism in America, approved by the BCA National Council in February, is a plan to raise \$15,000,000 during the next five years for Buddhist education, supplementary support for ministers and funds for administrative efficiency.

When the announcement of The Campaign was made, Mr. Yehan

Numata, a Japanese industrialist and patron supporter of the BCA, announced that he was so impressed by the importance of The Campaign for Buddhism in America, that he would make a personal contribution of \$10,000 and an additional \$100,000 from his private foundation.

### Eye examinations set

LOS ANGELES—A Free Eye Screening for the Asian community will be offered by the Eye Clinic, White Memorial Medical Center, 414 No. Boyle Ave. on Friday, May 20, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

The event is being held to prevent possible blindness or worsening of eye disorders by checking to detect glaucoma, cataracts or diabetes-related abnormal eye blood vessels. For more info call Masamori Kojima (213) 933-5167.

## California First Bank acquires 18 new branches in north area

SAN FRANCISCO—The Bank of California announced May 12 that it has agreed in principle to sell 18 branches in Northern California to California First Bank. The price is variable depending on the deposits and assets of the offices immediately prior to closing. However, it is expected to be approximately \$18.8 million, including real estate. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval.

Chairman Chauncey E. Schmidt said the sale of the 18 offices was in keeping with the bank's decision to concentrate on selected corporate markets as well as on the private banking needs of business and professional clients. Schmidt added, "This sale is the second we have announced this year. When both are complete, The Bank of California will have 19 offices located in key markets throughout its three-state territory."

"We are pleased to have the opportunity of working with California First Bank," he said. "This purchase is equally consistent with California First Bank's continuing emphasis on its expanding retail market."

Acquisition of the 18 branches will give California First Bank 130 branches in California. The bank will have 37 branches in Northern California, including 25 in the San Francisco Bay Area. The remaining 93 branches are in Southern California.

The Bank of California branch offices affected by the sale include Berkeley, Burlingame (Mills Office), Danville, Davis, Hollister, Martinez, Menlo Park, Pleasant Hill, Redwood City, Sacramento, San Carlos, San Jose (Alameda-Taylor Office), San Leandro, San Mateo, Stockton, Sunnyvale and Walnut Creek.

### JA day slated at Candlestick Park

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi Senior Center, in association with the San Francisco Giants, presents Japanese American Day with the Giants on Saturday, July 30. The Giants will be playing against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Game time will be 1:05 p.m. Pre-game entertainment will include San Francisco Taiko Dojo Kai and much more.

Also, before the game Kimochi will honor Atlee Hammaker as one of two Japanese Americans playing in the major league. Atlee Hammaker is the first Japanese American to play for the Giants. A strong supporter of Kimochi, Atlee and his wife Jenny volunteered and participated in two Kimochi projects; the Kimochi Home Golf Tournament and the 2nd Annual Kimochi/Cherry Blossom Run.

For ticket information call Steve Nakajo at (415) 931-2294.

### Topaz reunion space in S.F. available

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans are almost complete for the Class of 1943 and 1944 Topaz High School Reunion. Program includes dinner, Saturday night, September 24 at the Presidio Officers' Club. Seating is limited for this affair but registration is open to anyone who wishes to attend on a first-come basis. There will be a picnic on Sunday, September 25 with box lunches. This also is open to anyone interested in meeting with former Topaz residents. Registration is required for both or either of these affairs.

Anyone interested in attending either or both of these events should contact Machiko Nakamura, 16 Citadel Court, Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523 or Frances Morioka, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA. 94115. For more info call Morioka at (415) 931-6633.

### Ikebana show at Huntington gallery

SAN MARINO, Ca.—Japanese flower arrangements created by members of the San Marino League will be on display in the Ikebana House at the Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford R., on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (213) 449-3901.

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## Manzanar pilgrimage attracts 200 to former internment camp

MANZANAR, Ca.—Approximately 200 persons traveled through rain, braved gusty winds and occasional dust devils to participate in the 14th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar on Saturday, April 30.

A new tour of the Gardens of Manzanar was the main feature of the day's program, and the tenth anniversary of the naming of the camp site as a State Historical Landmark was also observed.

Shi Nomura of Garden Grove, Calif., a former internee, spoke of his experiences in Manzanar. Nomura also conducted tours of the camp and guided visitors at the Eastern California Museum in Independence, Ca. The Museum reported a record attendance of over 200 visitors over the weekend.

June Kizu, representing the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, reported on the latest activities in the redress movement.

Two Buddhist ministers, the Rev. Hogen Kurosawa of Jodo-Shu Temple and the Rev. Nobuyuki Fukushima of the Zenshuji Temple officiated the religious services before the "Ireito" or Soul Consoling Tower in the cemetery.

Tom Kurai, recently returned Taiko performer, accompanied the music for the Ondo (folk dancing) led by Grace Harada.

Twelfth graders from Kathy Uchida's Fairfax High School class joined Asian Pacific Island Student Union of U.C. Santa Bar-

bara; the United Teachers of Los Angeles; San Fernando chapter JAFL, the Asian Student Union of Cal State L.A.; UC Riverside students, and press representatives.

"We thank all who participated and helped the Committee in the success of the Pilgrimage to Manzanar," Manzanar Committee spokespersons stated recently in particular naming the following individuals and organizations:

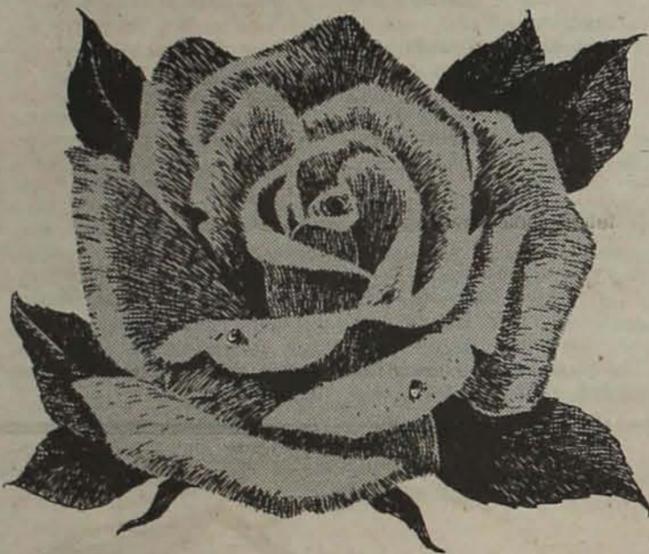
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### 'Lost Years' book now available

LOS ANGELES—"The Lost Years—1942-46," a publication of the Manzanar Committee is available in a new edition with an updated bibliography. The monograph has been out of print since 1977.

Copies of the book may be purchased through the Amerasia Bookstore, 321 Towne Ave., or directly from the Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, CA. 90026 for \$5 plus 75¢ postage and handling.

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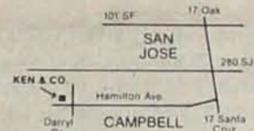
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## Amendment for Calif.'s AB 2710 called for by state Sen. Dills

SACRAMENTO—State Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D—Gardena) has requested the Senate Finance Committee here to amend the Nikkei state worker compensation bill, AB 2710, so that it will also repay Japanese American former employees of the University of California and California State University systems.

AB 2710, co-authored by Dills and Assemblyman Patrick Johnston of Stockton, passed the state legislature last year and was signed into law by then Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. The bill calls for payments of \$5,000 to Nikkei who lost their state jobs during World War II because of the evacuation.

Dills, in a letter to state Sen. Walter Stiern of the Finance Committee, noted that reparations of \$340,000 had been included in the 1983-84 Budget for the Dept. of Personnel, to compensate the eligible claimants.

However, Dills pointed out that eight claims have been filed by former UC employees and five by former CSU employees. The bill had unintentionally excluded employees in these categories because they were considered "exempt" workers rather than civil service workers.

Dills has asked Sen. Stiern to appropriate another \$10,000 for the UC employees and \$13,750 for the CSU workers, for a total augmentation of \$23,750.

The committee will take Dills request under consideration. #

## Ca. Senate passes redress resolution

SACRAMENTO—A joint resolution authored by State Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), urging Congress to provide compensation for Japanese Americans relocated during World War II, was approved by the State Senate May 5.

"When the National Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians held hearings in California, I testified to urge that they follow the preference of the Japanese American community when making their recommendations," Marks stated.

"My SJR 9 supports the position of the Japanese American Citizens League which has called for monetary compensation."

"California has one of the largest number of Japanese American citizens of any state. In 1942, I witnessed the sudden evacuation of thousands of American citizens, many of them friends of mine. Those of us who were not evacuated cannot fully comprehend what Japanese Americans experienced. They lost their friends, their homes, their businesses," Marks continued.

"It is only appropriate that California take the lead in calling upon Congress and the President to provide monetary compensation. My SJR 9 urges them to do so," Marks concluded.

The resolution is now before the State Assembly. #

## CARTOON Continued from Front Page

been threatened by environmental pollution, in line with the other "minorities."

Alan T. Huie, Civil Rights Officer of the Chinese for Affirmative Action, wrote to the Review, noting:

"... This cartoon not only manages to exploit the redress issue, but lines up every racial minority group for treatment as well. This kind of racism provides people with the perception that minority issues are not worthy of public support or public funding.

"You have certainly violated professional journalistic ethics by publishing such a racist cartoon. CAA hopes that in future issues the editorial board will practice greater discretion."

Dr. D. Phillip McGee, director of the School of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, wrote:

"... The cartoon's denigration of ethnic minorities is one thing, but the implied message that if Japanese Americans are compensated then every other group including snail darters will be demanding reparations from the government is clearly promoting racist xenophobia.

"Such fanning of racial hysteria is inappropriate in your newspaper and clearly cannot hide behind freedom of speech as an excuse. The fact that a cartoon of this nature can be published is clear evidence that racism persists in our society."

Ernest H. Weiner, Bay Area Director of the American Jewish Committee in San Francisco, said:

"... The clear implication that hundreds of thousands of innocent Japanese American citizens of this country are in some fashion forbidden from making a case for the tragic injustices which they suffered is disgraceful.

"To extend this piece of tortured logic to American Indians, Hispanics, blacks and Chinese is unforgivable.

"As this nation's pioneer human relations organization, we are compelled to voice our criticism of whatever editorial judgment was used in publicizing this defamatory and seriously damaging characterization." #

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## Letters

### ● JACL Story

Editor:

This is in response to current editor Peter Imamura's comments in regard to Mike Masaoka's opinion piece on Bill Hosokawa's "JACL In Quest of Justice" (PC May 6—under "Ed. Note").

The ultimate choice for all JACL members is to decide between the traditional JACL policies as carried out by Mike Masaoka (you don't have to agree with him 100%) and a new line being advocated by anti-JACL elements promoting the cause of draft-resisters and pro-Japan activists during WW II.

The Pacific Citizen is a JACL organ and should not play the role of apologist for William Hohri and his company.

I firmly believe that a change in the PC editorial staff is in order.

JAMES ODA  
Fontana, Ca.

Since "current editor Peter Imamura" is moving on to another newspaper, Mr. Oda, you've apparently got your wish by default. But don't think I'm going to let your letter go unchallenged...

For the benefit of our readers, Mr. Oda is referring to a "negative" review of Hosokawa's book by William Hohri of the National Council on Japanese American Redress which appeared in the PC on Oct. 22, 1982. Mr. Oda apparently feels that my comments in the May 6 PC which preceded Mr. Masaoka's column was in some way "apologizing" for Mr. Hohri.

No one is "apologizing" for anyone, Mr. Oda. I may not necessarily agree with everything written by Floyd Shimomura or Ron Wakabayashi in the PC, but I do respect their right to express their opinions.

Mr. Oda, you supposedly feel that just because the PC prints a "negative" viewpoint of the JACL or its WW II actions, the paper therefore "endorses" such viewpoints—which is incorrect. I had assumed most readers of the PC were intelligent enough to realize this.

Mr. Oda, did you ever think about the strategic reasons for printing the opinions of the leader of another Nikkei group? It might be a service to JACL members if



they knew just what these other organizations are thinking about, and how they view the JACL. Whether one agrees or disagrees with them, is a matter of choice.

You say that JACL members have an "ultimate choice" when deciding what view of JACL they should agree with. How can they have a "choice" if we suppress all other views and print only those which make JACL "look good"?

Unfortunately, Mr. Oda, your peripheral view is an example of why many younger Nikkei see no "relevance" in the JACL to modern times—and why the Sansei, Yonsei, etc. become very discouraged when they try to step in and move the organization forward. Your narrow viewpoints also add to the organization's image (albeit an untrue one) that it is merely an "elitist group of old-fart Nisei."

I'm afraid, Mr. Oda, that you are the one doing the JACL a disservice by keeping it in an "ivory tower"—untouchable and above all criticism. I suggest that you should get your mind out of that citadel you've built around it and

open it up more—this is the 1980s and we're closing in on the 21st Century.

—Editor Peter Imamura

Editor:

I have not had the leisure to read "JACL: In Quest of Justice," however, I have skimmed over its contents. It seems to be a well-written and interesting book about JACL history and accomplishments. Unfortunately, there seems to be a chapter missing which might have helped sell more copies. The name of the chapter?—"Mistakes and Failures of the JACL."

I would like to see someone from inside JACL write about some of the organization's mistakes and failures. Anti-JACL people are often extremely biased and fanatical in their hatred of the organization. Yet, if one sifts through the childish fingerpointing that goes on, one can often find a grain of truth in the accusations. There seems to be indisputable evidence that the JACL (or its officials) have made their share of mistakes, and someone needs to write about them.

The book does mention a few mistakes: JACL's role in post-war

dispersal, initial lack of concern for non-U.S. Nikkei, the taping of an interview despite saying otherwise. These and other mistakes (e.g. wartime informants) need to be covered in a separate chapter without overdoing the self-justification.

Past mistakes do not mean an organization is bad, but that it is human. The JACL wants a wrong (evacuation) acknowledged by our government on the premise that it would make a better government and nation. Shouldn't a similar principle apply to JACL itself?

M. ARUKO  
Anaheim, Ca.

### ● For the Record

In the May 13 story, "FBI investigates Chin case," it was erroneously reported that JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi, requested the Commission on Civil Rights to investigate the matter. Wakabayashi actually requested the director of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department (William Bradford Reynolds) to look into the case and provide the JACL with whatever information it could.

## Guest's Column

## How to Raise an Asian American Baby

Ed. Note: No, this is not a "Focus on Women" feature; it's simply a very poignant article written by Mayumi Tsutakawa, which originally appeared in the May 4 issue of the Seattle-based International Examiner.

In light of the very harsh news that is currently appearing in this issue of the PC, Editor Imamura felt that this piece might help us all remember that life still has its more beautiful moments—especially in the raising of a child.

By MAYUMI TSUTAKAWA

Seattle

Take one healthy newborn baby with black hair and dark complexion. Name him or her after a famous Asian, a relative or some positive characteristic, such as longevity or prosperity.

Bring the little one home to a house full of bustling relatives, who all describe their experiences of parenthood, and their children's ailments and accomplishments.

Spend endless hours waiting for the little one to go to sleep, then wait for the little one to wake up.

Marvel over the good job Mother Nature does, creating tiny hands that grab, a whale of an appetite and an endless need for clean diapers.

Sing a mixture of Asian children's songs and Mother Goose rhymes and speak baby talk in several languages to this budding linguist.

Surround the crib with Asian baby pictures, colorful toys and soft dolls and animals.

Watch him or her grow before your very eyes, with just the right amount of caring, ignoring, playing, disciplining and hugging.

Develop recipes for favorite baby foods such as: mashed *tofu*, mashed banana, mashed peas, rice soup, apple juice, chicken or fish (already chewed by mom). Later, introduce: frozen bagels for teething, *misoshiru*, watered-down green tea, *rakkyo*, *takuan* and the wonderful array of sticky *sembei* rice crackers. And watch the poking and lifting process of learning

to use chopsticks (and the baby's insistence on pouring their own *shoyu*).

Watch the little wonder baby begin to crawl, sit up and then take those precarious first steps. Don't pick him or her up every time they fall. Just rub the little bumped heads, skinned knees and say, "Itai, ne."

Introduce the tyke to family picnics with potato chips and *onigiri*. Watch the kid wade in cold tide pools, chase a butterfly, wave at trains, push elevator buttons, lose helium balloons, poke Jello-O with a fork, get milk from a machine, pick peas from your own vine, honk the car horn and watch people jump, punch a hole with a hole punch in Daddy's office or write his own name on an electric typewriter.

Puzzle at where *Ojichan* gets his endless patience when explaining how you catch a fish and watch *Obaachan* break all the "no sweets" rules you've set.

Of course, you can't expect the baby to be happy every minute. The temper tantrums, the inability to communicate important wishes, the misunderstandings, the fears of Halloween masks and dark rooms come, too.

But the singing, the learning to express things, the curiosity at why someone's hair is black and someone's isn't or why someone talks or writes "different"—and the smiles—are what's worth it. The next generation is coming up, folks, no question about that. Many couples who swore never to stretch this planet's resources by creating another mouth to fill are reconsidering, because maybe there is something to having a little one grow up under your own roof, learning about your heritage and facing the future, no matter what it may bring.

It's all a challenge, but what's life without a challenge—and one which brings tangible results at that. What could be more tangible than watching a two-year old eat an ice cream cone on a hot day wearing his or her best outfit? #

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura

## Violence Against Asians

Woodland, Ca.

In San Jose, a teenager throws a match on an elderly Issei woman working in her garden. She is seriously burned. In San Diego, a 17-Year-old Japanese exchange student is abducted, raped, shot, and left for dead. She survives but is permanently paralyzed. In Detroit, a young man named Vincent Chin is brutally beaten to death with a baseball bat after he dares to stand up to an auto worker who taunts him with racial epithets.

Random incidents? Disquieting happenings but no clear connection? I used to think so but am no longer certain.

Take the Vincent Chin murder. A recent investigation reveals that the owner of the bar in which the fight began believes the killing was the result of ill feeling against Asians that was endemic in Detroit because of the losses the U.S. auto industry was taking from imported cars. "We got 16% unemployment in town," he said. "There's lots of hard feelings. In my opinion, these people come in, they see a man, supposedly Japanese. They look at this guy and see Japan—the reason all my buddies are out of work."

This statement—if accurate—reveals how irrational and ugly the current backlash against Japanese business competition can become when all Asian Americans become potential targets. But that's Detroit and not typical of the rest of the country. Right? I took refuge in that thought for a few days until recently.

I teach at the University of California, Davis. Davis is a quiet, affluent, liberal, rural town of 40,000 near Sacramento. A student was viciously murdered at the local high school. He was Asian. The local newspaper's opening lead stated that "A 17-year-old Vietnamese student was stabbed to death at Davis High School (May 4) in a fight that reportedly followed weeks of racist taunting by a handful of white students."

Isolated incidents? Can't happen in your town. Maybe you are right. But I'm concerned that violent racism is beginning to emerge again in this country. We may be in for some hard times. #

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



## So Long, P.I.

San Francisco

Somewhere in these pages is a notice that we are seeking a replacement for Peter Imamura as Editor of the Pacific Citizen. Peter has been accepted into a journalism internship program and will be moving on to a new experience. I am sure that we will continue to hear from Mr. Imamura in the future.

I would like to thank Peter on behalf of the organization for the contribution that he made in the two years plus that he spent with us, and wish him all the best in his new experience.

This leaves us with a search for a replacement at a very critical and significant period. The recommendations from the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is due shortly, and we should be in the peak of a legislative campaign over the next twelve months. The first Nikkei in space is scheduled for November of this year with Ellison Onizuka's Space Shuttle ride. The acceleration of global events across the Pacific Ocean having impact on Nikkei is becoming increasingly evident. Specific cases of interest to the organization such as the Mitsue Takahashi case in Livingston, the Vincent Chin case in Detroit, and the ongoing scenario on Dr. Thomas Noguchi continue.

At the same time, the story from the Christian Science Monitor reprinted in the May 6 edition of the PC, predicts an end to vernacular presses, interviewing the likes of Hiro Hishiki of the Kashu Mainichi. Coupled with Dr. Ronald Tanaka's essay from the publication of the Cali-



**U.S. FLAGS FOR MUSEUM**—Ken Nakano of the Seattle JACL (left) presents M. Nishio, architect of the Meiji-mura Museum project, with an American flag that flew over the nation's capitol and a Washington state flag. The museum was formerly Seattle's Japanese Evangelical Church, which was disassembled and transported to Japan. The flags will fly over the museum, expected for completion next year.

## Sacramento JACL to honor Scholarship winners for 1983

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento JACL Chapter will hold its Scholarship Banquet on June 15, 6 p.m. at the Fujii Restaurant. For more info call Warren Kashiwagi (916) 925-4488.

The following recipients include:

Sacramento Chapter JACL Scholarship (\$350), Natasha Ann Reichle; Roy M. Kurosawa Memorial Scholarship (\$300), Julie Tamiko Matsu-moto; Nisei Post 8985 VFW Scholarship (\$300), Robert Susumu Shin-kawa; Nisei Post 8985 Auxiliary Scholarship (\$300), Calvin A. Nakamoto; Nisei Post 8985 Memorial Scholarship (\$300), Kenneth Nishimura Memorial, Shinzo Inouye Memorial, Russell Mamoru Kuroda; Nisei Post 8985 Memorial Scholarship (\$300), Dr. Yoshizo Harada, Masao Itano, Mrs. Haruye Asoo, Peter Samuel Phillips; Lucille Hironaka Okimura Memorial Scholarship (\$300), Brian Kenji Sugimoto.

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Henry Oji Memorial Scholarship (\$200), Renita Ann Kilgore; Hiro-shima Nikkeijin Kai Scholarship (\$200), Margaret Inokuma; Mrs. Shige Tahara Scholarship (\$200), Melanie Umeda; Japanese American Heritage Scholarship (\$200), Steven Wayne Kohaya.

Community College Recipients

Sacramento Chapter JACL Scholarship (\$100), Joyce Kawano; Sacra-mento Chapter JACL Scholarship (\$100), Tammie N. Iseri.

THOUSANDERS' CORNER: Dr. Frank Sakamoto



## Sources of Funds

Chicago

Congratulations to V.P. Miki Himeno for the great article on the P.I.F. as a possibility for JACL's future (PC, Apr. 15). Right On! I hope she will get this Pooled Income Fund

concept adopted.

I think it is important that we have as many avenues as possible whereby one can leave some of his/her hard-earned money to the JACL and at the same time benefit by receiving a tax exemption. In other words, when an individual donates \$5,000 into an irrevocable fund, the donor receives the interest from the \$5,000 during his/her lifetime. And, the original donation reverts to the JACL upon the demise of the donor or the donor's surviving spouse.

As Ms. Himeno states, this program cannot succeed without a strong commitment from potential donors. Therefore I see that we must do some hard selling to our fellow JACLers.

Currently, the National 1000 Club is behind the Mike Masaoka Fellowship Fund, which has been approved in concept by the National Board. We are asking for contributions of \$1,000 for eligibility as a Mike Masaoka Fellow. This commitment may be paid in \$200 increments per year for five years, and this initial \$200 payment entitles the donor to be a Sustaining Fellow. When the amount reaches \$1,000, he/she becomes a full-fledged Fellow. For those who can afford more, there will be other categories, such as Platinum for over \$10,000; Ruby, over \$7,000; and Sapphire, over \$4,000. Certificates will be issued for each category.

As I wrote before, these monies will be put into the JACL Restricted Fund and the interest derived will be used for the operation of the National JACL. Contributions have started to come in and I am optimistic that this is only the beginning of a successful fund to honor Mike Masaoka. #

## Marina to sponsor Japan tour

LOS ANGELES—The Marina JACL Chapter is sponsoring its Second Annual Sansei Tour to Japan set for August 20. Led by travel agent Quinn Okamoto, the 15-day tour includes such places as Tokyo, Nikko, Takayama, Kanazawa, Kyoto, Nara, Himeji, and Hiroshima in its itinerary. Japanese-style accommodations are used in most cities. Total price including airfare is \$1,495. The tour is not restricted to Sansei, but to those who are adventurous and young at heart. For more information, call (213) 822-8271. #

## Honolulu fundraiser draws 1,300

HONOLULU—The Honolulu JACL Chapter held "The Naoyuki Harada Show" as fundraiser recently which drew an audience of 1,300 at the Pacific Beach Hotel.

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**MOTHERS OF THE YEAR**—The Downtown L.A. JAACL Chapter honored four "Mothers of the Year" during a luncheon on May 7 at the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo (l to r): Aya Nakaoka, Kayo Takasugi, Fusako Hamaguchi and Hatsuko Nasu.

## PSWDC PANA tours slated

LOS ANGELES—As previously reported (PC May 6), JAACL Pacific Southwest District members will attend the Pan American Nikkei Convention slated for July 13-17, in Lima, Peru, with tours to be provided.

Those attending will participate in various business and professional workshops. Additional plans to create dental and communication workshops, suggested by Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda and Tritia Toyota of KNBC-TV, are being studied for inclusion in the agenda.

The basic convention tour departs July 12. Airfare, seven nights at the Lima Sheraton, transfers, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities are included at the rate of \$928 per person (double) for 41 persons or more. If less than 41 persons, the rate will be \$945 per person (double).

The pre-convention tour departs L.A. on July 10, for a visit to Cuzco and Machu Picchu. This optional tour includes two nights, three days, first-class hotel, airfare, all meals, transfers, sightseeing, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities. The additional cost is \$216 per person (double) depending on 15 or more traveling together.

A post-convention tour is slated with visits to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and the largest falls in the world, Iguazu Falls. The cost of this optional tour includes the basic program in Lima, at the rate of \$1,696 per person (double) for 15 or more persons traveling together. It is interesting to note that all tours will be fully escorted from Los Angeles by an experienced tour conductor and a native of South America.

Air transportation will be provided by Aerolineas Argentinas. The PANA convention has set up a registration fee of \$100, per person. Rates from other cities are also available.

For registration and further info please call PSWDC Regional Director John Saito at (213) 626-4471 or Martha Tamashiro at 624-1041. #

## Contra Costa CARP probes recreation

EL CERRITO, Ca.—Are you facing retirement in the near future? What do you plan to do with your time? What have others been doing? Are you tired of doing the same thing...going to the same places?

The Contra Costa JAACL Aging and Retirement Program will hold a workshop, "Recreation and Leisure," on Friday, May 20, 8:00 p.m. at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Avenue.

George Yoshida of the Berkeley Adult School and Jean Whiteneck, social worker, will put on a skit and explore the possibilities of creative uses of leisure time.

Chizu and Ernie Iiyama will share ideas of places to go to and things to do.

## Marutani to address scholars

CLEVELAND—Judge William Marutani will address the 1983 Cleveland JAACL Scholarship Dinner on June 18, 7 p.m. at the Bond Court Hotel, East Sixth at St. Clair Ave. For more info call Wade Kojima (216) 942-9276.

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## PSWDC Redress Report

By HARRY KAJIHARA  
PSWDC Redress Chair

LOS ANGELES—The PSWDC submitted their second \$10,000 redress pledge installment in early April, 1983, to the National JAACL Redress Program. The cumulative donation is now \$20,000.

A more mentally successful Community Redress Fund-Raising Dinner was sponsored by the San Fernando Valley JAACL Chapter on April 16. The event was chaired by Phil Shigekuni, SFV JAACL Redress Chairperson, and long-time redress activist. The total amount raised, \$4,500 was donated to the PSWDC Redress Drive. The SFV JAACL Chapter having donated \$12,905 is the first chapter in PSWDC to donate in excess of their three-year assessment.

The table below shows the progress of PSWDC Chapters on their pledge fund-raising:

Chapter	Net Submitted	Pledge
Arizona	\$417.50	\$1,670
Carson	525.00	525
Coachella Valley	435.00	545
Downtown Los Angeles	.0	690
East Los Angeles	.0	3,220
Gardena	.0	4,235
Greater Pasadena	.0	140
Hollywood	1,000.00	1,145
Imperial Valley	.0	220
Las Vegas	.0	185
Latin America	50.00	285
Marina	665.00	665
New Age (Disbanded-Jan '83)	200	415
North San Diego	.0	310
Orange County	700.00	2,685
Pacifica	.0	260
Pan Asian	870	870
Pasadena	380.00	635
Progressive Westside	130.00	130
Riverside	435.00	435
San Diego	1,000.00	2,315
San Fernando Valley	7,500.00	1,725
San Gabriel Valley	.0	930
San Luis Obispo	215.00	415
Santa Barbara	600.00	600
Santa Maria	250	430
Selanoco	1,900.00	1,740
South Bay	.0	885
Southeast Cultural	.0	80
Venice-Culver	1,310.00	1,310
Ventura County	465.00	930
West Los Angeles	1,511.50	5,455
Wilshire	350.00	670
Total to Date	\$20,909.00	\$36,750

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# STUDENT

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The alleged murder weapon was recovered by police at the scene. Police would not comment on details of the incident or a possible motive for the stabbing.

A juvenile detention hearing, which is similar to an arraignment in adult court, will be scheduled for Pierman by the district attorney. At that point, charges against Pierman will be read, the suspect will enter a plea and a court referee will decide whether to keep him in juvenile hall.

Because the suspect is close to his 18th birthday, it is likely there will be a fitness hearing at a later time when the court will determine whether Pierman should be tried as a juvenile or an adult.

Murphy said he had no prior indications that the handful of Vietnamese students at the high school were being harassed by whites.

"We are stunned, but we are more saddened than stunned," Murphy said.

"I'm not aware that it was a racially sparked incident," said Murphy.

School officials, however, will conduct an investigation to see if racial prejudice was at the root of the incident, Murphy said.

Several Davis High students said that there had been some racial tension during the past year between the two groups involved in the fight and that Pierman was known to tease the several Vietnamese students who currently attend Davis High School.

Murphy said a "significant" number of Asian students attend the school, but probably fewer than 10 are Vietnamese. The school has an enrollment of 1,300.

"We were not aware of any substantial problems between the Vietnamese and the other students," he said.

Chau said some students definitely seemed racist, but that the Vietnamese students didn't have any problems with most other students.

Murphy said the victim's mother, Phung X. Huynh, arrived at the high school campus shortly after the incident. She was transported by car to the hospital by a teacher and police.

"This is the most tragic thing which could happen to us, and we all share in the grief and sorrow," Murphy said.

Students at Davis High expressed shock over the incident and said that physical confrontations are usually restricted to fist fighting.

"This just doesn't happen in Davis," said one student.

"This is a terrible aberration compared to what we're used to seeing," said Murphy.

Davis High has experienced a "few dramatic incidences" during the past seven years, "but students usually don't resolve conflicts in a physical way," he said.

According to their neighbors, the Huynhs have lived in Davis for the past three years, but it is not known how long they have lived in the United States. The youngest of three children, Thong, is survived by his mother, a brother and sister.

School officials refused to answer questions about the suspect Pierman. Like Huynh, apparently he is not a well-known student on campus.

Several students said Pierman had a reputation for "picking on" the Vietnamese students, who were still learning English. #

# JUDGE

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hearing to show Burns was a threat to the community. He said he had no choice but to allow Burns to go free.

A juror in the trial of Burns, E.W. Marshall of Seattle, defended Ishikawa's decision in a letter to the Seattle Post Intelligencer May 1. Marshall criticized media reports and said they should "have been more familiar with the case before picturing Judge Richard Ishikawa as a great friend of rapists." The juror added, "Judge Ishikawa... handled the six-day court case very well, and is far more aware of the circumstances than the news media."

Ishikawa's reversal of his earlier decision came after the Deputy Prosecutor David H. Smith introduced new evidence regarding the history of Burns' aggressive behavior. A pre-sentence report detailed Burns' past assaults and a psychiatrist's report called Burns "alcohol-dependent, anti-social and possibly a sexual psychopath."

Smith also produced an affidavit by an orthopedic social worker at Harborview Medical Center which accused Burns of brutally abusing his ex-wife, Delores Burns, and raping her 13-year-old daughter.

After severely criticizing Smith for failure to produce the affidavit and letter at the first bail hearing, Ishikawa reversed his earlier decision and ordered Burns back into custody.

## Nikkei killed in Korea by robber

SEOUL—A Japanese American was found killed in a room in Lotte Hotel here April 28, police said.

The victim was Minoru Nakamura, 58, an employee of Marubeni America Corp., a New York-based subsidiary of Marubeni Corp., a Japanese trading house.

Police said he was apparently killed by a robber. Nakamura was found dead with his hands tied behind his back and a necktie around his neck.

# CHIN

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Chin's 62-year old mother, Lily, who speaks no English, also made a brief appearance at the rally.

"Asian people who live here are citizens like anybody else," said Jim Shimoura of the Detroit JACL.

Stewart Kwoh, an attorney from Los Angeles, told the demonstrators: "I came from California where they had the first Chinese exclusion movement in the 1880s, so we feel outraged 100 years later."

In Los Angeles, the Asian American community has also denounced the murder of Chin and the release of his killers.

At a press conference May 6, speakers included Monterey Park Mayor Pro Tem Lily Chen, Asian Pacific Legal Center attorney Cas Tolentino, UCLA Asian American Studies professor Dr. Judy Chu, Japanese Welfare Rights Organization president Roy Yamadera, Korean Research Center staffer Jai Lee and ACLU board member attorney Michael Eng.

In a joint statement, the Asian American community leaders said: "We do not view this racist murder and sentencing as an isolated case of injustice. In this period of economic crisis, Japanese are being blamed for the auto industry's failure. Korean and Vietnamese immigrants are being blamed for unemployment and Asian people are continuing to be victimized due to misunderstanding, ignorance and racism."

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