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From
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NATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman
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April 27, 1990

Dear Sichan:

This note is to get your attention to an important aspect of the Rose Garden ceremony on May 7th.

Presidential remarks at last year's ceremony for Asian Pacific Heritage week did not include anything about Indian Americans. The group was left out completely.

Kindly make sure that something about Indian Americans is included in this year's remarks. It will be much appreciated.

Needless to say that it is embarrassing to be there and find that we are ignored completely.

Thank you for the help.

Sincerely,

Achamma

Achamma Chander

P.S. I have been trying to reach you or Charles from last Monday. Please give me a call.

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cc: Jim Cicconi

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The words and pictures in the book tell, to my mind, a verifiable portion of that story. Perhaps, that is what histories are for. In any event, these words and photographs are not the usual kind. The words portray, the pictures speak. Together they become yet another medium of expression: in this instance, they illuminate.

Consider the Filipino as a neophyte in that inevitable journey. The records go back to 1565. We meet him on the Spanish galleon, *San Pablo*, a member of the crew. In 1763, he jumps ship, possibly at New Orleans. Then we next hear of him as one of the forty-six founding fathers of Los Angeles. He buys a catch of fish from Naookan Indians on behalf of Captain Douglas, of the *Iphigenia Nubiana*, circa 1788. During the reign of King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, he takes it upon himself to apply for citizenship: thousands are to follow his lead a hundred years later, attracted by the blessings of another allegiance. Meanwhile, back to the reality, this time in the form of a winter with the crew of a whaling ship at Point Hope in Arctic Alaska. In 1883, he hires himself out as a sawmill worker at Port Blakely, on Bainbridge Island, off Seattle. A veritable man for all seasons and unlikely places.

What did the alien world want of him? Certainly, not riches; he had none. Yes, his sweat and brawn. He could work with his hands and could stoop for hours on end in the blistering sun. But his dreams and aspirations were a secret, his vision a brooding mystery. Enough that he was around; helpful, handy. One day Captain Douglas was moved to note in his journal, "My servant was a Manilla man," a pleased master because the man spoke English as well as the language of the Naookans. Quite possibly there were other assets to tap.

These he pitted against working conditions that were hardly ideal. When the comforts of family life were denied him, he was forced, it is true, to frequent gambling joints, dance halls, and similar places; but also he turned the other way as best he could when called "Brown Monkey".

Now there were far too many of them to overlook, sweating it out in the fields of California, for example. It was well to give themselves a name that suggested warmth and fellow-feeling. Indeed, as Pinoys they found a common identity. When, as a work force they became threatening and a free trip back to the homeland was offered them, only one thousand one hundred and ninety, out of forty-five thousand, could swallow their pride and avail themselves of the opportunity. Their quest was far from over; the die was cast. When Depression came, they stuck together. Years later, they could boast: "We never joined the breadlines!"

With World War II, conditions changed. They were now dubbed "The Little Brown Brothers". At war's end they could own property and move up the social scale with some confidence. In a few more decades, they were even to join the American public service and enjoy prestige in their practice of the learned professions.

They will undoubtedly be joined by thousands in the immediate future and will continue to make their mark in all walks of American life. And will they lose sight of the purpose of their journey? In this book, it is difficult to judge. Here they have been given an opportunity to speak up—in their own vocabulary, and in a tone of voice that succeeds, amazingly enough, in keeping both emotion and high-mindedness subdued. But there is a clear feature to be observed: a *sakada* says, somewhere in these pages: “I have conquered a lot of changes in the past, and I am confident that I will be able to conquer any kind of challenge.”

This book, then, is about that kind of courage whatever else the reader might desire it to be. He could, of course, read it for the nostalgia that the unadorned speech of memory will provide. But because of the undaunted spirit that informs the collective voice documented, the shape of the future is discernible.

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—N. V. M. GONZALEZ

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RESPONSE:

Please see comments.

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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April 26, 1990
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: Asian-American Month, The Rose Garden
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((Acknowledgements -- Jeanie Jew and Ruby Moy. Senator

Daniel Inouye, and our newest Senator, Daniel Akaka.

Representatives Pat Saiki, Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and Ben
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Frank, because of your diligence in working with so many of
your colleagues in Congress, and the vision of Ruby Moy and
Jeanie Jew, we established Asian-American week. And now I am
proud to take one more step and proclaim this May to be the first
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON 
SUBJECT: Asian-American Month Draft

pg. 1, para. 4, line 1 "Spark's brilliant career was the culmination of a history that began 146 years ago with the arrival of the Nisei, the first Japanese-Americans to land on these shores."

The Nisei, literally "second generation," are the first Japanese-Americans to be born in North America (the first to come to America are called Issei). And it is not really necessary to explain the term to this audience anyway. Also, if we're not mistaken, the late Senator was known familiarly as "Sparky."

1,4,5 "...the greatest engineering feat since the Great Wall of China...."

This comparison seems a little too much as if it were contrived for the audience and therefore, paradoxically, risks sounding condescending.

2,1,4 "They can be of Arab, Iranian, Indian, Korean, Burmese, or Thai descent."

We wonder about the inclusion of Arab and Iranian descent in this list, but presume this has been checked. Also, we wonder whether "Burmese" has changed now that Burma has become Myanmar (although the Burmese are one of several groups who live in Burma).

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3,3,2 "And yet,...Asian-Americans have yet to excel in politics to the same degree to which they have excelled in every other field.

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The truth is that Asian-Americans have not entered into politics because they have been so exceptionally successful outside of politics. The unparalleled success of Asian-Americans has meant that, in a certain sense, Asian-Americans have not "needed" to enter politics. Thus, to say that Asian-Americans must look to the "second, third, or fourth-generation" for Asian-American politicians is to deny them a deserved compliment and to sound a slightly patronizing note of "your day will come."

We suggest omitting these lines and amplifying instead the succeeding sentence on the idea that America's Asian-American population will serve her well with Asian and Pacific cultures. That sentence which starts, "And as America looks East" should be changed to "...looks toward the Pacific..." because to look East from America is to look towards Europe.

3,5,2 "But America's destiny is also tied to the Pacific Rim."

Pacific Rim is the vogue expression but we wonder if this does not risk leaving out those Asian countries not near the Pacific, such as India, Pakistan, Thailand, Burma -- sorry, Myanmar, etc.

3,5,3 "I have lived in Asia. And I know that the fate of Asia is no less important than the future of Europe."

A strong and effective line.

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Nemanja dynasty, but in 1375 the Turks captured it from the Serbians.

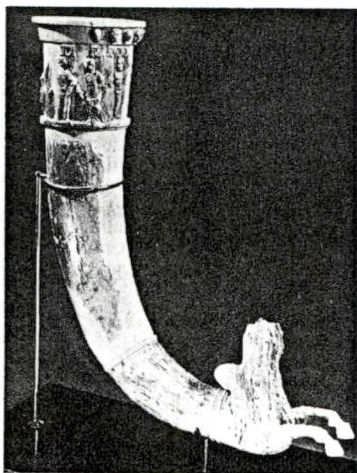
Niš was recovered briefly several times, but Turkish domination lasted for 500 years, and the town became an important station on the route from Istanbul to Hungary. In the first Serbian uprising (1809), the Serbs fired their powder magazine and destroyed themselves and a large number of the enemy; in the ruins of the Turkish-built *Cele Kula* (Tower of Skulls) are embedded the skulls of more than 900 of these Serbians. The Serbs' army liberated Niš in 1877, and the town was ceded to them by the Treaty of Berlin (1878). In World War I, Niš was for a period the capital of Serbia.

Heavy bomb damage from World War II and consequent postwar construction erased much of the town's Turko-Byzantine style. Historical buildings include a 5th-century Byzantine crypt.

Industries include textiles, beer, tobacco products, locomotives, household appliances, and electronic materials. A university was opened in 1965. Pop. (1971 prelim.) 127,178.

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·map, Yugoslavia 19:1100

Nisa, also called **PARTHAUNISA**, first capital of the Parthians, located near modern Ashkhabad in Soviet Turkistan. Nisa was traditionally founded by Arsaces I (reigned c. 250–c. 248 BC), and it was reputedly the royal necropolis of the Parthian kings. Excavations at Nisa have revealed substantial buildings,



Ivory rhyton from Nisa, 2nd–1st century BC; in the Hermitage, Leningrad

By courtesy of the State Hermitage Museum, Leningrad

many inscribed documents, and a looted treasury. Also many Hellenistic art works have been uncovered, as well as a large number of ivory rhytons, the outer rims decorated with Iranian subjects or classical mythological scenes. In fact, almost all the art and architecture at Nisa exhibits a great intermingling of Western and Iranian styles. Nisa was later renamed Mithradatkirt by Mithradates I (reigned 171–138 BC).

Niscemi, town, Caltanissetta province, southern Sicily, Italy, in a cork-growing district; it has wine and sugar industries. Pop. (1971 prelim.) mun., 22,673.
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nise-e ("lifelike painting" or "realistic portraiture"), sketchy portraits that became fashionable in the court circles of 12th- and 13th-century Japan.

Realistic art was originally outside the tradition of Japanese portraiture, which, until the 12th century, was purely religious in character. Alongside the rise of scroll painting, which depicted incidents of real life, a parallel trend in the field of portraiture arose in the second half of the 12th century. The skill of



Nise-e of Minamoto Kintada, one of the 36 poets, from a handscroll by Fujiwara Nobuzane, Kamakura period (1192–1333); in the Freer Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

By courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution, Freer Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

nise-e consisted in catching a man's character in a few simple lines, although portraits expressed not so much a feeling for the individual and his characteristics as veneration for his accomplishments. The angular, geometric, almost abstract, treatment of robes contrasts strikingly with the realistic treatment of the face.

Fujiwara Takanobu (1142–1205) initiated the trend, and his son, Fujiwara Nobuzane, a courtier and poet like his father, won a great reputation as a painter.

·popularity and examples 19:230h

Nisei, **second-generation** Japanese in the United States; the focus of national attention during World War II when all persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast were forcibly evacuated from their homes and relocated in inland detention centres as a result of mass hysteria following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941). The government claimed it was forced by public hysteria, agitation of press and radio, and military pressure to establish the War Relocation Authority by executive order (March 18, 1942) to administer the mass evacuation.

Under jurisdiction of the Western Defense Command, 110,000 Japanese-Americans (including a number who were still aliens) during the spring and summer of 1942 were placed in ten war relocation centres located from the Sierra Nevada to the Mississippi River. The sparsely furnished military barracks afforded meagre "work opportunities" for adults and a minimal education for children. By the time the evacuation was complete, the U.S. was largely in command of the Pacific and all danger of a possible Japanese invasion past. After individual screening at the centres to prove their loyalty, 17,600 Nisei were accepted for service in the U.S. armed forces, with many of their units later cited for bravery. The wartime detention centres provided a precedent for the later establishment (by Title II of the 1950 Internal Security Act, repealed in 1970) of six "emergency centres" to be used for possible peacetime dissenters.

·California's World War II isolation 3:616d
·San Francisco forced imprisonment 16:220c
·social position after World War II 11:110g
·World War II relocation and contribution 18:992h

Nish (Yugoslavia): see Nis.

Nishāpūr (Iran): see Neyshābūr.

Nishapur pottery, Islāmic ceramics produced at Nishapur (modern Neyshābūr, Iran) that were of bold style and showed links with Sāsānian and Central Asian work. The style originated in Transoxania, an ancient district of Iran, during the 9th century AD and showed such specific characteristics as black and ochre birds with dashes of white and green. A

rougher type portraying human and animal figures against an ornamental background also existed.

Nishi Armane (b. 1829, Tsuwano, Shimane Prefecture, Japan—d. 1897, Tokyo), thinker who helped introduce Western philosophy, especially British Empiricism, to Japan.

After study at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, he became a professor at Kaisho College in Tokyo. Together with Mori Yurei (1847–89), later minister of education, Nishi founded the famous Meirokusha publishing house. Its journal featured articles on such people as the 18th-century French philosophers Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Montesquieu and the 19th-century philosopher and biologist Ernst Haeckel, as well as the British 19th-century philosopher John Stuart Mill, the 19th-century British social philosopher Herbert Spencer, and the 19th-century British historian Henry Buckle. The publishing house also introduced Western

Nishi not only translated Mill's *Utilitarianism* but wrote many commentaries on Western philosophy. He is regarded as the first philosopher to create modern philosophical terminology in Japanese, which permitted Japanese philosophers to compare oriental and Western thought.

·Japanese interest in Western philosophy 10:107f

Nishida Kitarō 13:118 (b. April 19, 1870, near Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan—d. June 7, 1945, Kamakura), an outstanding philosopher who exemplified Japan's attempt to assimilate Western philosophy into its Oriental spiritual tradition.

Abstract of text biography. Nishida's early education included study of the Confucian Classics in Chinese. His lifelong friendship with D.T. Suzuki, a renowned Buddhist, greatly influenced his thinking. He attended the University of Tokyo (1891–94) as a non-regular student of philosophy. While teaching in secondary schools (1895–1909), he practiced Zen Buddhism. He taught for one year at Gakushūin University, Tokyo, and at Kyōto University from 1910 until his retirement in 1928. In his *Tetsugakuron bunshū* ("Philosophical Essays"), written after his retirement, he explained his mature "philosophy of the *topos* [place] of Nothingness," an attempt to overcome the dichotomy of the mind and its object. The progressive development of Nishida's thought is apparent in his writings: *Zen-no-kenkyū* (1911; Eng. trans., *Study of Good*, 1960), which first drew attention to him as an original thinker, *Jikaku-okerū chokkan to hansei* ("Intuition and Reflection in Self-Consciousness"), and *Hataraku-mono kara miru-mono e* (1922, "From the Acting to the Seeing Self").

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The NSC concurs with changes noted.

Brent Scowcroft
cc: Jim Cicconi

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Pacific American
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RESPONSE:

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James Wray

Someone should see Siv
 He will have a better handle
 on the names of people missing from the remarks

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(Not only Chinese American worked on the Rail Road
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Asian-American Month

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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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