

# HIROSHIMA • NAGASAKI

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COMMEMORATION

PROGRAM

- ✓ 0 WELCOME: Lori Kitazono / Concerned Japanese Americans
- ✓ 0 FILM: "Race To Oblivion"  
Starring Shigeko Sasamori and Burt Lancaster
- ✓ 0 SPEAKER: Mike Tsukahara / CJA / Hibakusha update
- ✓ 0 POETRY: G.T. Wong  
"Written For the 37th Anniversary Of The  
Hiroshima-Nagasaki Bombings"
- ✓ 0 SPEAKER: Ken Jordan / Mobilization For Survival /  
Nuclear weapons in New York harbor
- ✓ 0 SPEAKER: Sharon Hom / Asians for a Rainbow Coalition
- ✓ 0 SONGS: With music by Charlie Chin

\* The members of CJA would like to thank Mrs. Kishi for  
all her fund raising efforts!



CONCERNED JAPANESE AMERICANS OBSERVE 39th ANNIVERSARY OF  
HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI ATOM BOMBING--August 11, 1984, Jpa. Un. Ch.

"Race to Oblivion" was not only the name of the film but the theme for the 39th Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration, sponsored by Concerned Japanese Americans at the Japanese<sup>American</sup> United Church of Christ last Saturday, August 11.

Lorrie Kitazono, chairperson, opened the afternoon program with words of welcome and remembrance of the holocaustal event and introduced the film, "Race to Oblivion" which was produced by Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The film is the story<sup>Nimble</sup> of one of the<sup>26</sup> Hiroshima Maidens who ~~Shigeke-Nimote~~ were here in New York in 1955 and '56 to receive plastic surgery gratis in a special medical program at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Her story unfolds through an interview by film actor, Burt Lancaster. Interspersed throughout her story are film clips of modern-day missiles, current bombs, documentary shots of the aftermath of the Hiroshima bombing, and prophetic statements being given at a Conference by the Physicians for Social Responsibility by some of the most renowned medical personnel involved in the peace movement. These distinguished experts included: Dr. Helen Caldicott; John Kenneth Galbraith, PHD; Jack Geiger, Judd Marmor, Richard Saxon, Victor Sidel, and Kosta Tripis; also former Admiral Gene R. Laroque. They spoke of the effects of nuclear war on the human body and psyche, the danger today of global annihilation, and the urgent need of mass preventative action.



Mike Tsukahara, CJA <sup>member of both</sup> ~~member~~ and ~~also a member of~~ the California Friends of the Hibakushas, gave a presentation of the current <sup>situation's</sup> ~~problems~~ of <sup>the</sup> ~~California~~ Hibakushas--their problems and needs. Denied any provisions for medical aid by the U.S. government, the Hibakushas themselves have created a network called Committee of Atom Bomb Survivors who have been raising funds to send Hibakushas <sup>medical</sup> ~~patients~~ to Japan where treatment is free. He also addressed the tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States which <sup>have</sup> ~~have~~ escalated the arms race to a point of global endangerment.

Ken Jordan, representing Mobilization for ~~S~~urvival, enlightened <sup>and warned</sup> the audience with statistics of the number of nuclear weapons (200 slated for Stapleton in nearby Staten Island), <sup>when 7 Navy ships will be based there</sup> ~~with a possibility of 800 in 5 years~~. He mentioned that, of all the elected officials representing this area, only Ted Weiss articulated against the Navy's presence there.

Sharon Hom of the newly transformed Asians for a Rainbow Coalition, spoke on working together for an end to racial division, and emphasized for Asians to help bring about needed change; to remember the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, <sup>and</sup> that the survival of the human race is all of our responsibility.

G.T. Wong, well-loved Asian American poet, spoke of "voices making us unite...like Dragon Tunder....that those who died, did not die in vain."

As a finale,

Mike Tsukahara lead the audience in <sup>the songs</sup> ~~Hibakusha~~ songs of ~~the Hibakushas~~ singing in Japanese, rather than the English translation--which the audience <sup>followed amazingly, surprisingly</sup> ~~did amazingly~~ well.

CJA expressed special appreciation to Mrs. Haru Kishi, for her long years of contributing her art work to benefit the Hibakushas medical fund.



# Commemorate Hiroshima Nagasaki



Saturday, August 11 — 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Japanese American United Church  
255 7th Avenue (bet. 24-25 Sts.)  
New York City

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## PROGRAM

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- O Guest speaker Ken Jordan from Mobilization For Survival:  
To speak on the issue of nuclear weapons in N.Y. harbor.
  - O Guest speaker from Asians For A Rainbow Coalition
  - O Mike Tsukahara from Concerned Japanese Americans:  
Hibakusha update
  - O FILM: Race To Oblivion with Shigeko Sasamori and Burt  
Lancaster
  - O POETRY: G.T. Wong
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