More co-sponsors back internment commission bill

WASHINGTON — Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas introduced into the Congressional Record this past week a list of eight more co-sponsors of HR 5499. They are:

Floyd Fitzhian (D-Ind.)
Charles Wilson (D-Tex.)
Henry E. Gonzalez (D-Tex.)
John Boehner (R-Ohio)
Lee Arcoff (D-Minn.)
Robert F. Dinan (D-Mass.)
James E. John (D-Ga.)
Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.)

In the meantime, each chapter has been asked to have its president or redress chairperson send a letter of appreciation to those congressmen who have supported the bill originally (see Oct. 12 issue). House members listed above, Washington JACL Representative Ron Bejiri said.

The immediate JACL goal is to have a minimum of 250 co-sponsors of HR 5499. As of Oct. 12, the total count came to 122. "We are halfway to our goal," Bejiri noted. "A cursory look at Congressional support for HR 5499 found us our support from certain parts of the Midwest, Eastern seaboard and the South is lacking."

JACL members were further encouraged to contact friends in other parts of the country and seek their help in having their respective members in Congress support both S 1647 and HR 5944 versions of the internment commission bill.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

This past week HR 5499 was reassigned to the Judiciary Committee on administrative law and governmental relations, chaired by Rep. George E. Danielson.

Danielson has been a long-time friend of the Japanese American community, representing the Monterey Park area in Los Angeles county. JACLers in the Pacific Southwest district were expected to encourage Danielson through letters to set hearing dates for HR 5499 immediately.

SENATE CO-SPONSORS

Since the introduction of S 1647 on Aug. 2 in the Senate, eight more senators have joined in sponsorship of the bill. They are:

Bill Bradley (D-N.J.)
Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.)
Mike Gravel (D-Alaska)
Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.)
Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.)
Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.)
John Melcher (D-Mont.)
David D. Durenberger (R-Minn.)

Constituents in Hawaii, California and Idaho senators as well as those listed above were also being asked to send letters of appreciation for support solidification of the internment commission bill.

The procedure in setting a hearing date on S 1647 is underway in the Senate governmental affairs committee. Constituents of Sen. Jackson’s home state of Washington were expected to urge the senator to call for an early hearing on the bill.

MINETA TO ADDRESS MOUNTAIN PLAINS DC

DENVER, Colo. — Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), co-author of HR 5499, the internment commission bill, will be the main speaker at the forthcoming Mountain Plains District Council dinner on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Denver. He will be accompanied by Dr. William I. Tashkashi, Mile-Hi JACL president.

Gov. Mitsu Kawamoto of Osaka will preside at the district session Nov. 10-12.

Another Nisei general named

CHICAGO — Col. Allen K. Ono, chief of staff, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, Ill., has been nominated by President Carter to be brigadier general, the Army Times reported Oct. 8.

Ono hailed from Honolulu. He was among 68 colonels nominated and awaiting Senate confirmation.

MATSUMI TO SPEAK AT CCDC PARLEY

FRESNO, Calif. — The Central California JACL District Council will meet Nov. 17-18 at the Sheraton Inn, climaxing with the Sunday banquet with Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) of Sacramento as keynote speaker.

Pre-registration fee will be $16 per person. Chapters are also being assessed $2 per capita toward convention expenses. It is also announced by Ray Hada, CCDC treasurer.

The golf tournament will be held Oct. 27 at the Sherwood Forest in Sanger.

GRAND MARSHAL

FOWLER, Calif. — Judge Mikio Uchiyama, 57, was grand marshal of the Fowler Fall Festival parade Oct. 7. Born in nearby Sanger, he has been a local resident since 1933, practicing law and being active in the Lions, JACL, Buddhist Churches and judo.

Yoshimura release date stays the same

FRONTIERA, Cali.—Wendy Yoshimura was not classified as a “serious offender” by the Community Release Board at California Department of Justice, and therefore, remains in the case in a convincing manner.

Yoshimura’s original release date of September, 1980, remains.

More information about these sites can be obtained from Naomi Ariaoka Watan, Box 798, Alhambra, Ca. 91801 (415) 227-4830. Individuals and organizations with suggestions regarding possible California Japanese sites listed, are encouraged to submit them.

EL CERRITO, Calif.—Eventually, the Calif. Ethnic Minority Cultural Resources Survey will have compiled a list of 100 sites possessing unique characteristics and being representative of the Japanese experience in California.

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Masonic lodges urged to challenge bilingual education in California

BUENA PARK, Calif. — Encouraged by individual Masons around the nation who commented on the Buena Park School Board District trustees' stand against bilingual instruction in public schools, Deputy Sup't. Robert Flewelling had asked Masonic organizations within California to challenge the 1974 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

There was no response, as of Oct. 12, from Masonic groups who were asked to file a class action suit by the school official on behalf of minority students who do not receive the same bilingual instructions as do Hispanic students here.

The trustees had recommended intensive English training to minority students as an alternative to bilingual instruction after local school officials said the 1974 Lau v. 80,000 Koreans living in New York — Although an estimated 80,000 Koreans live in metropolitan New York, only 2,000 in Los Angeles — they are one of the least visible here except on days set aside for cultural festivals and parades, notes New York Times writer Barbara Basler. While there are professional and social associations, four Korean-language newspapers, dozens of Korean restaurants, neighborhood church's, and perhaps most important, the scattered hundreds of their fruit and vegetable stores.

**Deaths**

Dr. Ki Kimura, 85, noted historian of the Japanese in the U.S., died Aug. 18 of heart failure in Tokyo. He had popularized the Okinawan culture in the 1920s. Okinawa was the Japanese girl who was brought to the US by an Okinawa doctor, in the days of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm for training by the first immigrants from Japan in 1869.

Nicholas decision provided the major minority students to receive supplemental language instruction while probably violating the civil rights of other minority students.

Flewelling said: "I think this case deals specifically with something that the Masons have stood for for generations — helping to preserve and spread information about our democratic government and supporting the public school system."

BACKGROUND

The Lau v. Nicholas decision involved Chinese-speaking students in San Francisco. They sought special education programs to combat language deficiencies. While the court proposed no specific remedy to the problem, HSW later told school districts bilingual education was required and the Civil Rights Commission concluded bilingual education was the most effective means of teaching non-English speaking students.

The Lau decision is significant because it was the first to affirm that Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act protected national origin as well as racial.

**ICU celebrates its 30th year**

CLAREMONT, Calif. — Internationally renowned Christmas University in Tokyo, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Its alumni and friends in Southern California will mark the occasion Nov. 20, 2-4 p.m., at the Guildhall of the United Church of Christ here. Dr. Atsuko Fujii-Matsumura, pediatrician at USC Medical Center and a graduate of the second class at ICU, will be present. For further information, write to: Dorothy Smith, 601 Harrington Street, Box 168, Claremont, Ca. 91711.

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**Marina to win top prize in membership derby**

San Francisco

The new Marina JACL signed up 82 more members during the four-month-long JACL membership derby ending Sept. 30 to win the $300 prize for the best percentage increase since May 31, according to JACL membership figures released this past week.

The $100 prize for the largest numerical increase since May 31 will go to San Francisco, the current Ichiban chapter with 1,490 members.

**Top Ten: Sept. 30**

For $300 Prize: Best Percentage Increase Since May 31, 1979

1. Marina (82) 131.2%
2. South Bay (106) 72.7%
3. Carmel (95) 69.6%
4. Fremont (98) 57.8%
5. Torrance (83) 50.8%
6. U.S.C. (59) 47.9%
7. Berkeley (346) 47.8%
8. Los Angeles (32) 46.2%
9. West LA (50) 37.8%
10. Pomona (95) 34.8%

For $100 Prize: Best Percentage Increase Over 1978 Total

1. South Bay (136) 171.25%
2. Reno (66) 82.125%
3. Carmel (95) 87.188%
4. Sacramento (94) 1,029.15%
5. San Diego (56) 609.315%
6. San Francisco (1,296) 199.112%
7. Gilroy (146) 157.102%
8. Delano (56) 95.3%
9. Arizona (56) 70.944%
10. Porterville (113) 118.014%

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End of the ‘Citizen’

For all Americans, including those of Japanese ancestry, the 1940s were a decade marked by the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans, the destruction of the Nisei community, and the “lost generation” of those who disappeared. The ‘Citizen’ was the newspaper of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the organization that represented the interests of Japanese Americans during this time. The ‘Citizen’ was founded in 1926 by the JACL, and its early editors were devoted to publishing the news of the Japanese American community, as well as advocating for the rights of Japanese Americans.

However, with the onset of World War II, the JACL and the ‘Citizen’ found themselves at the center of a controversy. The JACL was accused of being pro-Hitler, and its newspaper was seen as promoting a pro-Japanese, anti-American viewpoint. As a result, the JACL was forced to make a decision: either preserve its membership and continue to publish the ‘Citizen’, or dissolve as an organization.

The ‘Citizen’ chose to dissolve, and its last issue was published in December 1943. This decision was made after careful consideration of the situation, and it was a difficult one to make. The JACL had been a vital part of the Japanese American community for over two decades, and its dissolution was a blow to the community at large.

Nonetheless, the ‘Citizen’ continued to play a role in the Japanese American community. It was succeeded by the ‘Nisei Voice’, which was founded in 1944 as a monthly publication. The ‘Nisei Voice’ continued to publish until 1946, when it was replaced by the ‘Nisei News’, which continued to publish until 1949.

The dissolution of the ‘Citizen’ was a difficult time for the Japanese American community, but it also marked a turning point. The JACL and the ‘Nisei Voice’ were forced to reevaluate their role in the community, and to consider new ways of advocating for the rights of Japanese Americans.

The end of the ‘Citizen’ marked the end of an era for Japanese Americans, and the beginning of a new chapter in their history. The ‘Citizen’ was a symbol of hope, and a beacon of light for the Japanese American community, and its legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.
Heart Attacks

All of us are acutely aware of the number of Nisei friends who have convoluted bypass operations, not to mention all others who have succumbed to acute heart attacks.

One of the prevalent social nuances of the day is our preoccupation with low cholesterol diet. The mass media has, on many occasions, made the point that it is the habits which cause heart attacks if we would only change our eating habits. A restricted intake of cholesterol and saturated fat, we are told, will improve our health and longevity.

Diet is only one of the factors in the etiology of coronary heart disease. Everyone is not at equal risk principally because everyone does not respond identically to the same stimuli.

Sixty to seventy percent of those with coronary heart disease do not have high blood cholesterol. Furthermore, extremely low serum cholesterol levels do not seem to have a profound effect on blood cholesterol. Marked fluctuation in serum cholesterol levels are often an expression of body metabolism and do not appear to have anything to do with diet.

Some people can eat cholesterol laden food and still have low serum cholesterol levels. Consensus is that those with low serum cholesterol seem to respond less to the impact of dietary substances. A combination of elevated serum cholesterol above 200 mg % and hypertension of (systolic pressure over 160) appears to be a definite risk. The incidence of heart attacks clearly arises from the cumulative factors.

There is more to better health and longevity than the mere restriction of cholesterol in our daily diet. We see too many overweight, hypertensive Nisei with flabby muscles. Do we have faith in low blood cholesterol and low saturated fat diet to keep them free from heart attacks. In such cases dietary regimen becomes a false sense of security.

35 years ago

in the pacific citizen

Oct. 21, 1944

The next issue of the Pacific Citizen will appear on Oct. 28, 1944.

The Sunday newspaper, while continuing to pay an active role in the war effort, will direct its attention to the post-war problems of the Japanese American community.

In this issue, the War Relocation Administration offices are featured in a series of stories. The Pacific Citizen will also publish a series of articles on the evacuation of Japanese Americans from California, Oregon, and Washington.

Oct. 22, 1944

The Pacific Citizen will publish a special section on the upcoming election. The section will include articles on the candidates and their platforms, as well as a special feature on the role of Japanese Americans in American politics.

Oct. 23, 1944

The Pacific Citizen will publish a special section on the history of the Japanese American community in the United States. The section will include articles on the early settlement of Japanese Americans in California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as a special feature on the role of Japanese Americans in American society.

Oct. 24, 1944

The Pacific Citizen will publish a special section on the history of the Japanese American community in the United States. The section will include articles on the early settlement of Japanese Americans in California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as a special feature on the role of Japanese Americans in American society.

Oct. 25, 1944

The Pacific Citizen will publish a special section on the history of the Japanese American community in the United States. The section will include articles on the early settlement of Japanese Americans in California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as a special feature on the role of Japanese Americans in American society.

Oct. 26, 1944

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Oct. 30, 1944

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Oct. 31, 1944

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November 1, 1944

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Thoughts on PC’s Fiftieth Anniversary

Denver, Colo.

The editor of a small town weekly is usually one of the most important men in the community. He has no elected authority. It’s not likely he has much money, but people look up to him. He seems to know almost everything about everything. He knows what has happened and has a pretty good idea about what’s going to happen. He knows who is pulling the strings and who really should get the credit instead of the four-flusher taking the bows, who is covering up for whom, to whom, how difficult it is to work for more than one boss; Honda’s performance and judgment are subject to every member’s scrutiny.

Harry Honda has been editor of Pacific Citizen for 27 years, ever since it moved to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City. The late and revered Larry Tajiri had taken the monthly Pacific Citizen from San Francisco to Utah in the early days of the war and there established a newspaper which brought evacuees the news they needed, formed, boosted their morale, made them proud.

In 1952, JACL decided it was time to take the PC back to the West Coast. Tajiri, who deserved a Pulitzer Prize, resigned for other challenges. Harry Honda, veteran of previous English sections, was appointed to succeed him. Honda was stepping into a large pair of shoes, and he has filled them well.

Hundreds of Japanese Americans in all parts of the United States look to Pacific Citizen each week to bring them the news about events, organizations and people who interest them. Each issue is the product of many hours of Honda’s time; he has never observed the 40-hour limit to his work week since he took over.

On Oct. 20, the Hollywood JACL chapter is sponsoring a Pacific Citizen Golden Anniversary Dinner-Dance in Los Angeles to honor and thank Honda for his services. It is a fitting tribute to a dedicated newspaperman.

For years, I, in effect an employee, had the incongruous responsibility of passing on his performance as a member of the PC Board. There were occasions when I disagreed, which I openly revealed. But I never doubted his integrity, and that is one of the nicest things you can say about a newspaperman. I am proud to call him my friend.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seke

Missing the Oct. 20 party

Salt Lake City:

There is a celebration on October 20th that we will miss. It is the dinner-dance commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Pacific Citizen, at which its editor, Harry Honda, will be honored for his 27 years of continuous dedication and service.

Upon receiving the invitation from the Hollywood JACL, my husband impulsively said, “Let’s fly down for the night.” He may be prepared to fly anywhere, anytime, but it is not that simple for me. I would have to buy a new pair of shoes because even I know that tennis shoes would be inappropriate for such an auspicious occasion. My solitary dress happens to be basic black, too somber for a festive night. And my hair would have to be repaired, the frizz of my Afro now fading. I am such a mess that it would require at least six months before I could fly away.

By then the party would be over, something for the memory book. Even though I will be absent on the big night, I am glad that Harry is being honored in his prime, while he is still very much in command of JACL’s official organ. The recognition is earned, the invitation letter states, “Harry Honda has dedicated the past 27 years of his life to the Pacific Citizen. He has done everything from typesetting, selling ads, layout, paste up and clerical work in addition to writing and editing. He has championed the chip off the old block. His B.A. stood. Through the years he has encouraged, as well as given opportunity to many new writers.”

Thanks, Harry, for the second chance. I appreciate the nice, loose arrangement we’ve had. You’ve never complained about the plain prose I send or my peripatetic proclivity. I’ve had a lot of fun although I complain that writing is frustrating. It is for me. But one day, I hope to surprise you and learn to write a real letter. Not one of those missives that I shot off to you now and then. I know what I want to say, but words come slowly to me.

The right words, anyway.

So, for now, thanks for the shoulder I’ve borrowed, for the listening ear, and even for the blue pencil. And thanks, too, for being a friend. You’re the best kind anybody can have. Sorry to miss your big night, but Ern and I will be thinking of you.

I came here because your interest was high enough to attract my attention.
Divide and Conquer

The word “unique” has been used so often that I wonder if the word has not lost some of its value or significance. According to the Dictionary, “unique” means being the only one of its kind. As individuals, we would be the only one of its kind and therefore be “unique.” As individuals joining with other individuals and forming groups, those groups can or cannot be “unique.”

At the risk of being criticized, I believe I belong to a “unique” group called the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

We are a minority group. We have always been victims of the racial psychology of divide and conquer. Just because your approach differs from mine, it does not mean we don't have the same goals.

Since that meeting, I really feel that our group has gained momentum and our present objective is to outreach to community groups and work towards a unified voice when the Los Angeles community is asked to give testimony on Redress-Repatriation.

If there is another coalition like ours, I guess we are not unique.

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At the 1970 National Convention in Chicago, two JACL youth delegates were victims of a brutal and senseless crime. Evelyn Okubo (age 18) was murdered by an unknown assailant and Rancho Carol Yamada (age 17) was near death after being severely assaulted. It was a miracle that she survived.

JACL is committed to assist the two Stockton families with legal matters and with the construction of a memorial house. Hilton Hotels, which owns and operates the Palmer House. No funds raised will be used for attorneys' fees.

Nine years following the tragedy, the legal battle continues. Will you join us in support of these families?

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The chapter's first president is Shirley Nakatsu-Kasama. Dr. George Hanuson chaired the chapter in its third year. George, a California native, currently serves as the chapter's redress representative. The current president is Shirley Nakatsu-Kasama. She is a former teacher and has lived in Indiana. The president for the coming year will be Yasuko Matsumoto. Yasuko was born in Idaho and raised in California and has lived in Indianapolis for the last 10 years.

Yes, within the heartland of America, there thrives a chapter of JACL.

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1 Midwest Comments
Winds of Change Blow

By HIROSHI TOKUBO
(Chicago JACL)

At one time, the JACL was the leader among the Japanese American community and maybe those days will never happen again. But there is so much more to be accomplished and a significant percentage of the Japanese American community enjoy the good life and have "made it". But the winds of change can bring with it ominous consequences.

If you think that Japanese Americans no longer suffer from racial discrimination, you are sadly mistaken. Attend one of our "Affirmative Action Committee meetings and you will be amazed with the number of alleged discrimination cases involving Japanese American Japanese American who are in the professions are not excluded from the effects of racial discrimination. The JACL still has an important and critical role to play in eliminating the lingering effects of discrimination.

Furthermore, if the JACL can play an active role in combating racial discrimination, it may be able to integrate itself with the larger Asian American community. For example, foreign-educated and professionalized beetles and professionals face enormous difficulties getting certified to practice in the states. The JACL, as a national organization, can use its political contacts and influence to make sure that the intent of these credentialing processes are not racially motivated, particularly toward the newly-arrived Asians.

One area in which I have spent many hours talking before various bodies and writing letters to the media. There isn't a high price, but I believe it is worth the effort even if you get only 100 radio stations to air something for the JACL.

If you have had the opportunity to actually witness the amount of effort and time it takes to convince the media to air something for you, you begin to realize the uphill battle that such things as the Rehoboam campaign face. The media, in general, is very ignorant of the Japanese American affairs and there is very little interest in it.

(Comments above appeared in Hiroshi Tokubu's farewell column in the Chicago JACL News Letter, September 1979.)

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directly, speak on "Operation '80s".

Renew Your Membership

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The Nikkei Tradition

America from cheating on her greatness as she once did the Evacuation Order. The reason America has not faced the issue of the camps yet because national self-determination would be the result. Of course, there are those who don't give a damn what happened to us. But America has to grow up sooner or later. It can't be all fun and games. They weren't. They were a real disaster for America and a real tragedy for us.

The tragedy could have been worse if it weren't for the tradition, the spirit, the Issei immigrants brought with them. It could have been worse if it weren't for the faith the Nisei had in America. The Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei are recipients of the legacy of dedication and achievement. The 442nd and MIS will continue to live on as symbols of distinguished bravery and loyalty.

Contrary to what they represent, the concentration camps have made us free men and women. Through blood and guts, and coming to grips with a psychological nightmare, we have earned the right to walk tall as free and equal. The concentration camps have freed men and women from the tradition of free men and women going forth to master their own destiny in spite of being dealt a poor eco-nomic, social and political hand. We could have turned into social and political ca- rious radicals. But our way was the best. We worked hard to make a place for ourselves in this mixed-up society with little or no help. We have been patient, and we have succeeded, by and large. And the credit is due to us and no other. The racists did their dirty best to beat our heads. Now all we have to do is prove them wrong in a snappy manner.

We specialize in Japanese Delicacies, in Japanese Blind spent the day in the Royal Poinciana Playhouse with the Friends of Morikami. They have been offered a chance to be a part of the birthplace of the late George Morikami, an original Yamato Colorian who remained in Florida, now called as Delray Beach. (The "Gun Tower Syn- drome") what they have experienced. The reason America

While the tradition of fairness and straight-shooting, a distillation of the finest aspects of Americanism, what it means to be an American. At the same time, we have found living in our own ways a whole essence of an ancient civilization and culture. We, of course, cannot ignore that all these aspects and traits work together to make us who we are. Such an identifi-
cation is not necessary to be-go with—in spite of the modern scientific trend to ana- lyze everything to death. We are what we are. I propose one of the most salient features of the Nikkei tradition is the set of charac-
teristics that can be perusal, perseverance and self-help. A combination of factors have made it what it is, but whether we realize it or not, we have set a trend and path for others to fol-low, just as Japan has established herself as a model for other nations to emulate.

One of the big deficiencies of the Nikkei tradition that I see is the reluctance to allow ourselves to see beyond the dictates of the middle class mentality or the median range of possibilities. We have not allowed our-selves to dream. And dream big. Space exploration is not only the dream big. We should dream of prod-ucing greatness in leadership, scholarship, science, art—even if everything seems to militate against such greatness today. With very little exception, everything is reduced to sim-
ping mediocrity. But the ability to dream should never die.