Commission-approach ideally suited for internment experience

SANTA MONICA, Calif. -- Rep. Peter V. Thomas of California said here Dec. 1 in the educational role JACLers must assume for passage of 3, 100-page 24,499, the JACL-sponsored bills to establish a commission on World War II internment and Internment of Civilians.

Besides knowing what the bill would do and why it was needed (Oct. 19, P. 2 of this week's JACL), Thomas was able to answer our questions (both side by side) when Rep. Doris Matsui of California asked him to explain the commission approach was ideally suited to the relocation internment experience by pointing to accomplishments of other commissions.

"The Commission form us to consider the facts as to what really happened and what went wrong. The first thing that came to me was, it undertakes a comprehensive study, pulls together those commissions which assembled rather than two, three and two, systematic historical record, two accurate, significant and immediate, information and accepted answers.

"The knowledge gained from this approach will be very good. We have the Mineta hopes, which would guarantee that such tragedies as Eva- mendate will never occur again. Mineta was the main speaker at the Marta JACL's first installation dinner. He also installed the board by Paul T. Tamura, Executive Director, following a talk by 220 attended the affair on Page 3.

Federal ombudsman proposed for all Iranians

SAN FRANCISCO -- As the highest ranking federal officials in California responsible for upholding the law, the four U.S. Attorneys in the state were asked this week (Nov. 26) for a federal ombudsman for all Iranian residents.

The request was jointly made by the Japanese American Citizens League, Chinese for Affirmative Action and the American Civil Liberties Union. The request was also addressed to:


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STOCKTON, CA. -- The JACL was instrumental in gaining the law which prevents the President or Congress from interning any citizen on an assumption alone.

This fact was noted by George Baba, Stockton JACL president as Stockton area educators, religious leaders and others sharply criticized the Stockton city council for its 3-2 vote Nov. 24 to send a letter to President Carter urging “confinement” of the 30,000 Iranian students in this country.

"The JACL was able to go through that experience without any trial, just on the basis of being Japanese," Baba said.

"We are now a permanent position on the city council because the chairman of the board did not meet the statute.

The council's letter also called for immediate halt to all trade with Iran and military action "if necessary to secure the release of hostages.

Civitelli's stand toward Iranians endorsed

SAN FRANCISCO--Words of U.S. Attorney General Ben Civitelli regarding U.S. policy toward Iranians in the U.S. was immediately endorsed by the National JACL.

With anti-American provocations by some Iranians in the U.S. ending in ugly episodes, Civitelli said:

"We must restrain our actions and believe with a common sense.

On work with Los Angeles park staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Construction is scheduled to start this fall on the $5 million project of what was once the Walser swimming pool and Palms Avenue.

A Day of Remembrance program was observed here last Feb. 19 and it is expected the feature will be held again this year. Donations, tax-deductible, for Walser Park should be mailed to Walser Park Development Project, Sacramento, California 95801.

FREMONT- FUKAYA SISTER CITIES--Dr. Walter Hashimoto (left), 1979 Fremont JACL president, and Mrs. Yoneko Hashimoto, are the present letter of what was once the Fremont Assembly Center in 1942 to a garden of memory at the site of the old 180th and Palm Ave.

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School trustee ends respected career of 22 years

LIVINGSTON, Ca. — Shero Kishi has his Wednesday nights free now after completing 22 years as a school trustee. He did not seek re-election this fall to the Merced Union High School district board, representing Livingston for the past 12 years. Prior to that, he was a Livingston Union School District trustee for 10 years.

New Santa Maria Minami community center opens

SANTA MARIA, Ca. — The long-sought Minami Community Center was dedicated Sept. 15 and became a part of the city’s recreational program, a home to everything from ballet to basketball. Rep. Robert Lagomarsino was on hand at the dedication.

The $1.2 million center with some 20,000 sq. feet was named for the late Yaemon Minami, patriarch of the Minami family which had donated $205,000 to help make the building a reality. The Minami family provided the initial contribution of $100,000 in 1971.

The multi-use center is located at Depot Park, east of Depot St. and south of W. Sto­well.

None of the costs for the new center came from city tax funds, according to the city recreation and parks director. Bulk of the building funds came through federal public works project funds. Park also has other recreational facilities, baseball diamonds, courts and children’s play area.

Minami Center includes a gym, locker rooms, a mirrored room for dance instruction, arts & craft room, weight training room and a kitchen.

A contingent of Japanese consul, civic and business leaders led by Wataru Miyakawa, consul general; and Fred Wada, sportsman, also attended the dedication.

One of the biggest issues he faced at Merced Union High was as a trustee came in the racial conflicts on campus in the spring of 1973. He also feels the district today has had to start to its affirmative action program and is getting a fair balance of ethnic minorities among district employees.

Trustee Kishi attended his final school board session Nov. 14. "One thing over the years you learn is that when you go to conferences and talk to other educators that your problems and district are not unique. Most school systems have the same or similar problems," he told the Merced Sun-Star reporter before the meeting.

Kishi is proud of his district, a five-campus system with buildings in excellent shape (meeting the new earthquake codes), and graduates able to compete with any other district graduates (as the percentage of college students and achievements indicates).

Washington, D.C. — A White House Conference on Families designed to promote a national dialogue on U.S. families, is encouraging organizations, such as JACL, to become involved in the new program just proclaimed by President Carter.

Rep. Elgin, Washington JACL Representative, recently attended a White House briefing, called by the national advisory committee to the Conference on Families.

The Committee strongly affirmed the importance of involving national organizations such as JACL in the WHOC and discussed specific ways in which organizations and their members could participate in Conference activities, including:

- Sponsoring JACL activities in conjunction with the White House Conference on Families; testifying at national hearings to be held across the country this fall; encouraging JACL members in state and local activities, and state conferences; and submitting recommendations of issues which will be compiled and distributed to delegates to the White House conference.

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Radio Li’l Tokyo’s Dec. 24 dance set

LOS ANGELES — Radio Li’l Tokyo’s 27th anniversary ball Dec. 24, 8:30 a.m. at the L.A. Hilton will feature Munny Haranoo’s orchestra with vocalist Carol Duane, it was announced by Mato Uwate, producer-anouncer of the Japanese language radio show.

Djeco music will be played for 15 minutes every hour. Door prizes will be given away at midnight. Tickets are $10 per person. For reservations, call: Mato Uwate, 110 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Ca. 90012 (213) 625-4688.

To generalize is to be an idiot. —William Blake
Rep. Lowry introduces bill for direct-redress

WASHINGTON—Rep. Mike Lowry, D-W. Va., 26 Jan., introduced legislation to provide direct
redress to Japanese Americans interned during World War II. He concluded the bill has little chance of passage this year.

Titled the World War II Japanese American Human Rights Violation Redress Act, it would:
1. The Department of Justice to locate all Japanese Americans who were interned, detailing who was relocated by the government.
2. Determine how long they were interned.
3. Allow making a redress payment of $1,000 plus $10 per day of internment.

"The serious abuse of government power that caused the unfair imprisonment of 110,000 Americans must be condemned in the strongest possible manner," Lowry said. "We must clearly admit our mistakes and make redress to the people who were harmed."

...The realization that a great injustice was committed as just grown in this country during the last ten years. The political climate is now ready for direct redress, but more people are realizing the importance of this issue. It will be about a four year process to passage of the bill."

Redress

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The Sherman-Miramar, Roni Bejart, Washington JACL representative, Karl Nabuyski, national executive director, Alaska, and Suzuki was on cue. The Rev. David Unoura rendered the invocation and benediction.

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If we count all the hours we spend attending meetings, we are staging important presentations. Is this a waste of time? Is this important work? Is this accomplished. Were they wise decisions?

Group discussions are often irrelevant and sterile, due to the wish to be non-controversial. On the other hand, mere vociferous challenges hurled at random often do more to confuse than clarify.

Too often one is tempted to caution, "I wish you would put your smoking gun back in its holster and think harder."

We're constantly under pressure to make instant decisions when emotions are running high. Most people make decisions by listening to their emotions, not their intellect. This is a cold fact that cannot be dismissed.

A decision is a difficult and often controversial experience. It is a decision that may always be questioned. It is a decision that may always be challenged.

Moreover, if a decision is ever made, it is a decision that is often too much to confuse than clarify.

As JACL points out, there is a problem of time. This is a problem of time. This is a problem of time.

The JACL as we know it today is a problem of time. This is a problem of time.

We need to get away from our feelings that the decision is always disloyal to a group or an organization. We need to get away from our feelings that the decision is always disloyal to a group or an organization.

There is no question that Asian Americans must continue corporation and other racial programs like "China Girl." In the United States, the Japanese American community includes all their family members.

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Newly-found oil challenges Mexico

Oaxtepec, Mexico

This pleasantly balmy resort village, along with its beach and Cuba-like road, was chosen for a Pacific Citizen column. The government operates this resort at a hot springs which, we were told, was the resort of Indian emperors. Now the waters, and various recreational facilities, are available to Mexicans of various socio-economic levels — the facilities range from tents and dormitories to luxurious cabanas.

What brought us was the thought of American and Mexican editors seeking ways to improve communications across the border. There are many issues that affect both countries, but not a great deal of understanding.

So we had commentators and academics speak about Mexico’s new-found oil riches and what the country hopes to do with both the petroleum and the money it will bring in from foreign sales; the poverty that causes so much of our current affairs, and the role that oil plays. We also brought up a Japanese American angle. The speaker relating the film

That was part of a CBS’s two-hour pilot (originally meant to be a documentary) directed by Bob Nakamura and co-directed by Duane Kudo of Visual Communications, turned out to be better than I had expected. I had seen a publicity photo, which might have prejudiced me. I thought the characters in the photo didn’t look exactly like the Issei and Nisei maintenance crew of old-times. One who might have been the foreman with his hands haphazardly pulling on the straps were speaking Spanish and which stood out glaringly from the rest of the crew.

Or was it because I recognized some of the faces in the photo and knew them as either Nisei or Sansei? Well, anyway.

CBS’s Nation Builders

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Nakamura

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Visiting the Capitol

By VICKY MIKESSELL
(Dayton JACL)

I was in Washington D.C. and spent nearly a week on JACL work. It was really exciting and educational for me. I began my journey by visiting the Library of Congress, then the U.S. Capitol, and other government buildings.

The Library of Congress is one of the largest libraries in the world, housing millions of books, manuscripts, and other materials. It was fascinating to see the vast collection and learn about the history of the institution.

The U.S. Capitol building is a symbol of American democracy and the legislative branch of the federal government. It was awe-inspiring to stand in the rotunda and imagine the many debates and decisions that have taken place within its walls.

I also visited the Supreme Court, where I learned about the history and structure of the judiciary branch. The building's architecture was impressive, with its grand columns and elaborate decorations.

Overall, my trip to Washington D.C. was an unforgettable experience. I gained a deeper understanding of our government and its role in shaping the nation. It was a trip I will never forget.
**Philadelphia Fair**

Philadelphia, PA 19102

The Philadelphia Fair will be held on May 24-26, 1978, a gala special occasion sponsored by Nationalities Service Corp., Philadelphia. The event is expected to attract hundreds of foreign visitors from upwards of 50 different ethnic groups. Philadelphia JACL has participated in many of these biennial events since its inception in the 1950s.

One of the leading fund-raisers for the event is being chaired by George Giudici, assisted by: Jackie Ovaca, recruiting; Sam Eno, mood; Radio Campus Philadelphia; performance; Hiroshi Uehara, Mary Yamamoto; food; Edko and Chiya Sakata, sales.

**Philadelphia Sets Year-End Calendar**

Philadelphia JACLers are being primed for a Christmas party Dec. 15, a new year program and feast, Jan. 3, and a chapter board meeting Jan. 11 prior to the EDC meeting Jan. 20 at Washington, D.C. A Mexican touch - breaking the pinata and a Mexican dinner - is being planned by Edko Eida.

**Oyama**

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more concerned about an old friend than any other social eccentricity.

Speaking to Nakamura later, he said that they had planned to cut out the last scene and change it!

"A low budget film has a lot of credits," Nakamura said. "I can't say that I can't list all the credits here.

Nakamura briefly mentioned the trials and tribulations of making a film specifically for shoe-string budget. He said, "None of the locomotive moved, so we had to shoot our own chairperson, for the Dec. 15 festivities at Valley Forge Presbyterian Church from 2-5.

Guspie, Chiz Sakata and Betty Endo.

Oyama was very pleased with the success of the film. He said, "I believe that the film was shown to school children in one of the remote English-speaking areas of California and when they asked their opinion one of the children surprisingly repeated, "Too many Nippons" (in the film). Nakamura also said that many Nikkei were concerned about the impression that it would make on Caucasians, as well as to its educational value.

"I ask, 'Shouldn't we be the judges instead of them? Isn't this, after all, our history?"
When Navy Had Issi Sailors

By Ted Miyashima

San Jose JACL

We are in a United States worry, as we should, about the continuous rise in the cost of living. But I wondered if our problem is as great as those five South American countries where the JACL Tours this past summer.

Argentina, which is suffering more from the dilemma than its neighboring countries. According to the Buenos Aires Herald, it stated on the first page that the cost of living in Argentina was up 11 percent, which was below the 11 percent predicted by economic observers. Imagine the increase is for one month period! The article further pointed out that prices have risen 19 percent since the first year period since June 1978.

While pricing a Samoan tote-bag identical to the one I purchased for about $25 before leaving, I was surprised to see the price tag marked at $12.50. Now, this is not in any fancy specialty shop but a large department store in Buenos Aires.

Although it seemed a redundant question to the saleslady, I asked her how the people manage their lives in face of the increase in prices. She said she didn't have a time to spare for a dissertation on the causes of inflation, as she offhandedly remarked that they were all "prudent" and hardworking people, and they make ends meet although their income never keeps up with the inflation rate. Resistant of home, I thought, as I continued on my way.

As my wife and I walked back to our hotel, I wondered about the saleslady's comment on the inflation rate was in a way incongruent to what I saw.

True, the street we were walking was noted for its fine shops, but almost all the passerby appeared to be well groomed. Women especially appeared to be dressed in the latest fashions of fur coats, gloves and boots. I also noticed that there seemed to be a large flower shop on every block.

(To Be Continued)

1980 JACL travel program with group flights to Japan planned

SAN FRANCISCO - The 1980 National JACL travel program has been successfully concluded with some 1,300 members participating in the 27 flights to Japan and two special tours; one to South America and the first into the People’s Republic of China.

"We are looking forward to the 1980 program," travel committee chairman Roy S. Sakai said, "to include about 4 flights to Japan, another tour to South America in June and to China in October.

"With the value of the dollar climbing in Japan, it would seem that 1980 is the time for you if you’re thinking about going.

Information of fares to Japan is pending but it will still be a bargain," Sakai continued. While rumors in the travel industry say the airlines are cutting in the budget of group travel programs, "JACL will be coming out with the 1980 schedule as confirmed by the airlines next week," Sakai said.