

Gov. Brown loses face with Asian Americans

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—About two dozen people showed up in the State Capitol May 7 to kick off the observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week as compared with about 200 who attended last year.

Sacramento JACL president David Takashima, in his remarks just before Gov. Brown appeared (23 minutes late), having observed the poor attendance, said more people could have been expected but they stayed away because "they are protesting that the governor had kicked out Jerry Enomoto... We believe the governor's treatment of Jerry is a slap in the face to him and a slap in the face to us." Previous speakers were noting the significance of Heritage Week.

Apparently expecting the party to be in progress, the Governor commented to Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton), "I thought we were going to have some champagne or some sake." The Governor had come to issue his proclamation opening Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week (May 7-13) and rendered in six languages including Japanese.

While no mention of Enomoto was made in the Governor's presence, an aide later termed the cold-shoulder treatment "embarrassing". The Governor's office thought the occasion was going to be a social occasion rather than a series of brief remarks on Heritage Week.

Mori, who had bitterly criticized Brown's firing of Enomoto, said after the reception that Enomoto's dismissal "clouds the celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week... I ask the governor not only to recognize Asian Pacifics with a proclamation but by his actions."

In Los Angeles, Mayor Bradley opened Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week May 7 visiting various groups: Sri Lankan Assn. for breakfast, Burma Assn., PACE-Head Start at Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute and the Asian Businessmen's Assn. in Chinatown; lunch with the Thai community at their North Hollywood

temple and ending with a reception at the Asian Rehabilitation Service. The full day was co-chaired by Ron Wakabayashi and Barbara Jean Lee.

On May 17 at the JACCC, Friends of Little Tokyo Art host an art and cultural festival between noon and 5 p.m.

In Houston, JACLers are helping to stage the area's first Asian Pacific American Festival May 17 at Westbury Square. Astronaut Capt. Ellison Onizuka will be guest of honor.

In New York, the JACL is sponsoring its second annual Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival May 17, noon-7 p.m., at Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park. The chapter booth will feature Sansei-designed T-shirts, other merchandise and Japanese food. (May 18 is the rain date). Ted Goto (212-679-6457) is chairman.

The New York JACL is also a co-sponsor of the fifth annual Heritage Festival in New Jersey June 1, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the County College of Morris in Randolph Township. Tom Kometani (201-356-5484) is chairing the second event.

Senate panel votes out S1647 11-0

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — JACL's bill for the commission approach on redress took another step May 8 toward realization as the Senate governmental affairs committee voted 11-0 to report out S1647 to consideration by the full Senate sometime in June.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wa.), who had chaired the Senate committee hearings a month earlier, presented the bill to the full committee, chaired by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Ct.), proposing amendments to strengthen the bill.

Major amendments include reduction of the number of commission members from 15 to 7, shortening the length of the commission from 18 to 15 months. These changes were offered as being beneficial in light of congressional interest in balancing the budget and reducing federal expenditures.

Another major amendment, introduced by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), adds the findings and purposes of the commission to include a study of the U.S. military removal of 1,000 Aleut civilians and in some cases detention in internment camps with hearing sites added in Alaska.

The streamlined Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians would be composed of three members (instead of 11) appointed by the President, two members by the Speaker of the House and two by the President pro-tem of the Senate "to review the facts and circumstances surrounding Executive Order 9066, issued Feb. 19, 1942, and the impact of such Executive Order on American citizens and permanent resident aliens and to recommend appropriate remedies".

(The previous quotation marks enclose the amended title to S1647 which, when introduced, read in part: "to gather facts to determine whether any wrong was committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens affected by Executive Order No. 9066...")

Committee Vote—The 11 senators voting in favor were:

DEMOCRATS: Abraham Ribicoff (Ct), Henry Jackson (Wa), Thomas Eagleton (Mo), Lawton Chiles (Fla), John Glenn (Ohio), James Sasser (Tenn), David Pryor (Ark), Carl Levin (Mich). REPUBLICANS: Charles Percy (Ill), John Danforth (Mo), David Durenburger (Minn).

Douglas was 'wrong' on Nisei cases

By HUGH DAVIS

SPOKANE, Wa.—The late Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, considered a guardian of individual freedoms, was wrong in voting with the rest of the high court to intern Japanese-Americans in World War II, according to one of his former law clerks.

In civil rights matters "that was one of the few times he was wrong," Vern Countryman said.

Countryman, here to deliver the ninth annual William O. Douglas Lecture at Gonzaga University April 17, said Douglas wrongly sustained the order to establish a curfew for Japanese Americans when war broke out.

Now a Harvard Law School professor, Countryman was one of Douglas' law clerks in 1942-43, when that judgment was made.

"Even we (clerks) knew it was wrong," he said. "They should have let the clerks vote."

Douglas "was wrong on the second case too, that gave the order sending Japanese Americans to concentration camps," Countryman said.

Douglas balked at approving a third order that required Japanese Americans to complete a loyalty program, Countryman said. "But it didn't matter much. It was too late and the war was over."

With that exception, Countryman said, the justice always supported individuals' rights.

Asked why he thought Douglas so fiercely defended the rights of "the little man," Countryman said, "Two things: One, he grew up in poverty — abject poverty right down here in Yakima," he said.

'Significant step forward' taken

SAN FRANCISCO—John Tateishi, national JACL redress committee chair, was pleased and encouraged by the unanimous 11-0 Senate governmental relations committee vote. "It's an important and significant step forward," he said. "We've come a long way in the past 10 years."

But looking ahead to the more difficult task in the House, "we're counting on every chapter and member to assist us in seeking support of civil rights organizations throughout the country." #

Mark-up session pleases JACL rep

WASHINGTON — JACL Washington representative Ron Ikejiri was extremely pleased with the mark-up session in the Senate governmental affairs committee on S1647 that voted 11-0 to report the bill out for full Senate consideration. He said:

"The inclusion of 1,000 Aleuts in the commission findings and purposes strengthens the bill by bringing forth to the American public another perspective where Americans were unjustly and summarily relocated and interned under the justification of military necessity."

"The JACL is confident that

when the commission is formed, heretofore unknown facts would have a significant impact on the determination of the degree of harm and thereby allowing and improving the chances of finding appropriate remedy."

Ikejiri expected Senate action in the near future.

"The 11-0 reporting out should provide the House with immediate incentive to move forward on a House version of the commission bill." #

Tashima nominated U.S. district judge

LOS ANGELES—Atsushi Wallace Tashima, 45, a Los Angeles civil trial lawyer and partner in a San Francisco-based law firm, was nominated May 9 for the federal bench in the Central District in Los Angeles.

A 1961 graduate of Harvard Law School and a former deputy California attorney general, Tashima was nominated by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Ca) from a bipartisan merit selection panel created by Cranston and Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Ca). Senate confirmation is required.

In San Francisco, before an unprecedented gathering of eight Asian communities April 8, Sen. Cranston praised them for "helping to give me a special understanding of foreign policy, peace and defense issues". He recalled how he and Eleanor Roosevelt had pleaded with President Roosevelt not to intern Japanese Americans during WW2 and how later he visited many of his former schoolmates at Tule Lake and Heart Mountain.

As state controller in 1958, he recalled appointing the first Asians to state positions and as U.S. senator nominated the first Korean American federal judge.

In Honolulu, Gov. Ariyoshi filled his 14th and last remaining vacancy in the state circuit court last month by appointing district judge Bertram Kanbara, 54, attorney general during Gov. Burn's administration. Kanbara finished Harvard Law School in 1953 and was in government work for most of the time and a jurist since 1976.

Previous Nikkei nominees to the circuit court include Donald Tsukiyama, district family court judge; Kei Hirano, Kauai district judge; and James Wakatsuki, Speaker of the House.

Nat'l JAYS confab slated July 22-27

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The 1980 Japanese American Youth conference will be hosted by the Northern California JAYS July 22-27 at Sacramento State. Due to limited housing, the first 250 will be registered. The \$100 fee covers all convention expenses, meals, lodging, conference transportation, workshops, according to Bruce Shimizu, National JACL Youth director.

Besides the opening night luau, fishing derby, trips to Old Sacramento, Folsom Lake and the Wakamatsu Tea & Silk Colony landmark, final night dinner-dance, speakers are being invited to discuss the "Japanese American Experience". While chapters will receive a JAYS convention kit, questions may be addressed to the NC-WNDYC chair: Wendell Kishaba, 7986 Washington Ave., Sebastopol, Ca 95472, (707) 823-0376.

Budget headline

The headline over the JACL budget story (May 2 PC) should have read \$782,000 rather than \$728,000. The National JACL Board is recommending a FY1981 budget at \$782,770 and 10% additional for FY1982 of \$861,047. As the National Council meets once every biennium, chapter delegates will probably refer to a \$822,000 budget (the average amount for the two years).—Ed.

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'Temporary detention camps' designated historic landmarks

SANTA CRUZ, Ca.—Sites of 12 Temporary Detention Camps for Japanese American in 1942 have been designated as California State Historical Landmarks. Some 93,000 Californians were confined at these locations while the more permanent concentration camps were being built.

At a meeting here May 2, the California State Historical Resources Commission unanimously approved an application submitted by the Ethnic Minority Cultural Resources Survey—Japanese Americans, Commissioners present and voting for the proposal were: Julia Costello, Ernestine Elster, Robert Ferris, Amanda Frost, and Nadine Hata.

After President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 in February, 1942, authorizing the mass detention of Japanese Americans, the U.S. Army expropriated various fairgrounds, horse

racetracks, rodeo grounds, and labor camps and rapidly converted them into detention facilities. Existing horsestalls, livestock exhibition halls, and grandstands were used for living quarters, and flimsy tarpaper barracks were built for additional housing.

Known as "Assembly Centers" the compounds were surrounded by high barbed wire fences, guardtowers, searchlights, and sentries armed with machine guns. The inmates were forbidden from going beyond the camp boundaries by order of General John L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command.

The 12 Temporary Detention Camps existed between March 27 and Oct. 30, 1942. Each detainee spent an average of 102 days in a temporary camp before being transferred to one of the more permanent camps built in the U.S. interior desert or swamp regions.

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WRA Photo by Dorothea Lange/Bancroft Library
Baggage is searched at the Stockton temporary detention center in May, 1942, as Japanese Americans arrive as ordered.

10 weeks till the 1980 JACL Convention:

'Speak English Only' policy at work 'racist'

By LINDA OGAWA RAMIREZ
(Hokubei Mainichi)

SAN FRANCISCO—The Human Rights Commission of San Francisco is "proceeding with the complaint" issued Mar. 20 by Jun. Kempis, president of the San Francisco General Hospital Filipino American Employees Assn.

Kempis asked the commission to "look into a racist policy certain department heads in the city have been imposing on their employees. I specifically refer to the practice of inhibiting employees from speaking their own dialect in addressing each other."

The complaint stemmed from a memo issued in the personnel department of the hospital requesting employees to speak only English during working hours. The memo was later retracted and an apology issued to Spanish and Tagalog-speaking employees after protest and pressure from the union and hospital administrators.

But Kempis is taking his complaint to the city. "I want to obtain some official policy on whether this is in fact legal or illegal."

Josie Ragas of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission said such an office policy would be "legal" if issued out of "business necessity."

The "business necessity" was defined as giving department supervisors the opportunity to monitor their employees conversation to see if it is personal or professional; alleviating the feeling of isolation other employees have when they don't understand the conversation being spoken in a different language; and enabling employees to practice their English and thus be more prepared for career mobility.

Kempis countered these reasons by saying "there is no reason employees should be monitored. They are mature, responsible adults and should be given a certain amount of trust."

If employees who speak in their native dialects make other co-workers feel isolated, the problem should be solved between the workers involved, Kempis said. The issue should not be taken up as office policy, he suggested.

I hold that man is in the right who is most closely in league with the future.

—HENRIK IBSEN

Deaths

Mineo Sakaiye, 63, retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, of Los Angeles died April 29. After an early education in Japan, he returned and was graduated from UCLA in 1940, taught at Rohwer, Ark., and entered the federal service in 1945, the Foreign Service in 1956 with assignments in Japan and Germany. He retired in 1976. Surviving are wife, Jane, 63, and sons, Ronald and Mark, 30 and 28.

Robert Tajima, 25, who spearheaded President's local rent control campaign, died April 10 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. He was hit by an auto at an intersection near his home while riding his bicycle taking home some work. He is survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark, 58 and 56, and three children, Mark, 10, and Renee, 8.

Kempis, who is a native of Manila, said, "Compared to other ethnic groups, I think Filipinos can communicate the most effectively. A lot of city employees are taking accent correction classes. They don't need a policy to dictate to them or motivate them for self-improvement."

Kempis said he has the support of Chinese for Affirmative Action and Latinos for Emergency Bilingual Services in asking for the Human Rights Commission probe.

"We are trying to ascertain whether other departments have issued either verbally or written such a policy," said Frank Anderson of the commission. The job is difficult, he said, since there are more than 57 departments in the city and more than 25,000 employees.

"Arbitrarily, a department should not and cannot develop a personnel practice without first getting clearance from its policy-making board or commission, which is the personnel department of the City and County of San Francisco."

Chinese American named to high post

WASHINGTON — Francis L. Jung, of Woodbridge, Va., has been nominated by President Carter to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, a new position.

The 32-year-old native of Philadelphia has been with the Washington law firm of Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Levy since earlier this year. He specializes in international trade matters and has represented clients before the Treasury Department and the International Trade Commission.

Jung's appointment is the highest executive level appointment of a Chinese American to date, and he must be confirmed by the Senate before he takes office.

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The Civil Service Commission does not have an "English-only" policy.

The general accounting division of the Department of Social Services does, however, have an "English-only" policy. Robert E. Applebee, supervisor of the unit, said the policy was issued in July, 1976, after a Filipina started a "ruckus" when she claimed two Burmese women were talking about her in their native language.

The directive in a memo dated July 20, 1976, reads: "Only English may be spoken in the office during

working hours. Use of other languages has created misunderstandings which have resulted in behavior which cannot and will not be tolerated."

While the directive is "theoretically" still in effect, Applebee said it is not really enforced.

"We tried to get everyone to speak English but found we couldn't really enforce it because of the freedom of speech matter," he said.

Applebee said he still gets occasional complaints from "American workers" about the Filipino workers speaking in Tagalog.

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A reunion mixer May 24, 8 p.m. at the Hyatt House will kickoff the weekend festivities. At 7 p.m. memorial service for deceased members precedes at the Betsuin. The fourth annual Zebra-Zebra-ette invitational basketball tournament will be in progress at Santa Clara high school gym with teams from Seattle and all parts of California. For reunion banquet tickets, call Clark Taketa (408) 294-2459.



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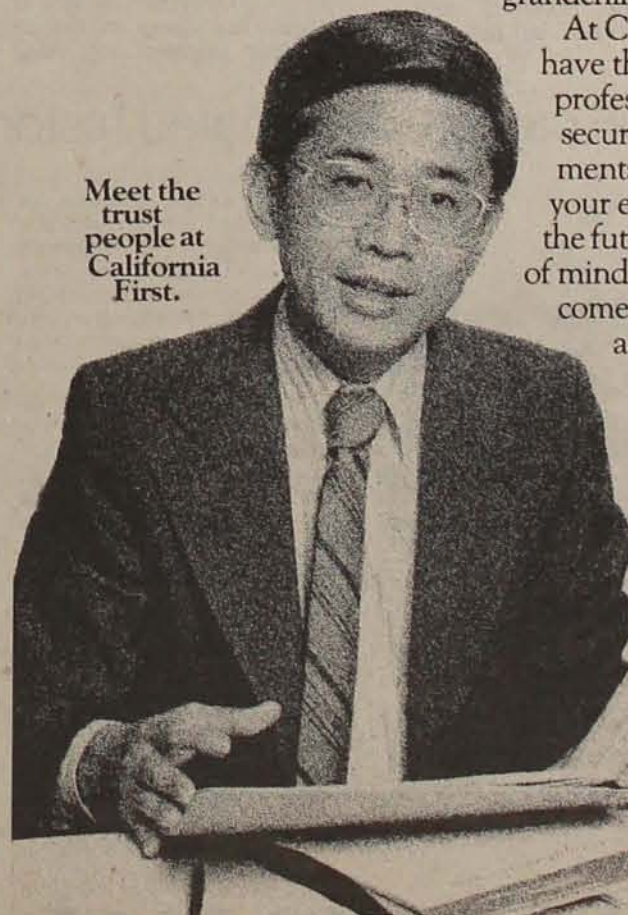
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JACL in Japan attractive to Sansei

JACL in Japan continues to reap good coverage in the English-language press in Tokyo—the latest being an interview with the Japan JACL president Barry Saiki by the Asahi Evening News reporter Nancy Ukai—Ed.

By NANCY UKAI

Tokyo
Dock workers scrambling for cigarette butts on a Yokohama pier, locals cleaning out GI pockets in blackmarket operations along the train tracks and war-weary mothers lining up to scoop up their allotted can of garbage to keep the children fed—these were some of the scenes Barry Saiki witnessed on his first day in the land of his father.

It is also one among a wealth of stories and experiences that lays buried in the history of Japanese Americans in Japan. Saiki, president of the newly-formed Tokyo chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) foresees a sharing of such oral histories through the organization's activities.

"There is more of a variety of Nisei and Sansei here than in any other chapter community," Saiki said, referring to what he estimated to be "between five to eight thousand" Americans of Japanese ancestry residing in Japan.

Broken Dreams

"The range of experiences is inexhaustible," he added. "We hope to draw these perspectives together."

Some of the first Nisei to come to Japan were mere toddlers, he said. Between 1909 and 1924, 118,000 Japanese emigrated to the United States, but during the same period, 40,000 left the "land of promise" and returned to Japan. Family obligations, failed dreams, and the end of professional duties brought the first

generation Issei back, he explained. Many of their Nisei children long ago gave up their U.S. citizenship and never even spoke English, Saiki said.

Another wave of Nisei arrived in Japan before the war to receive a traditional education, business training or to study language, he said. Many were unable to find jobs in America despite their college degrees, and came to study Japanese in order to broaden their employment opportunities, he explained.

The outbreak of World War II stranded these young Americans. Some surrendered their U.S. citizenship and others automatically lost it because they had voted, been drafted into the Imperial Army or assumed Japanese citizenship. (The U.S. Government later approved reapplication for citizenship, acknowledging that many Nisei might have taken Japanese citizenship under duress during the frenzied war period.)

In the aftermath of the war, however, these transplanted Americans played a significant role, he said.

Working as translators and interpreters, these Nisei, together with those who came over with the occupation forces, did much to help Japan make a smooth transition into the postwar period, he said.

Saiki himself first came to Japan in 1946 as a 2nd lieutenant with U.S. Army intelligence.

Calling together a group of these wartime interpreters and having them discuss their experiences is one of the activities he would like to organize.

Other plans include a talk by some of the Nisei journalists who staffed the English dailies after the war and have since gone on to become editors, bureau chiefs, and foreign correspondents, he said.

The Sansei also are an important source, he feels. "Why did they come to Japan?" he asked. "We would like to get them to talk about their experiences."

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Village Plaza gets nat'l HUD award

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The Housing and Urban Development's honor award for urban design was presented May 2 to Japanese Village Plaza. Receiving the award from HUD Secretary Moon Landrieu were:

JVP architect-developer David Hyun; Tony Chew, deputy to Councilman Lindsay; and CRA commissioner Howard Nishimura, Los Angeles.

Los Angeles

Kobo Abe's new play, "The Man Who Turned Into a Stick", a tragic-comedy of a washed-up prizefighter, opens May 28 at the Fifth St. Studio Theater (Wed-Sun), ending June 15.

Crenshaw area Nikkei will picnic June 8 at Sycamore Grove from noon. The Seinan Pioneer Project is coordinating the "Seinan Kenjinkai Picnic" with service groups and churches as co-sponsors.

Viet cemetery

LOS GATOS, Ca.—The Vietnamese cemetery to be dedicated in the United States was established in mid-April at Los Gatos Memorial Park, which will include a covered gate ("quan") similar to those before palaces and temples in Vietnam.



Barry Saiki

Hawaii Herald

HONOLULU—The Hawaii Herald is being revived by Hawaii Hachi as a semi-monthly tabloid starting May 16 with Kenneth Toghuchi, 31, as editor. It had lasted 4½ years until the 1973 paper shortage. The Herald will stress Japanese heritage and serve as an intra-community communications vehicle.

Hawaii

John F. Teehan II, 59, assistant to Mayor Fasi, died at his Honolulu home April 18. After his reporter's stint with the Advertiser, he was Sen. Inouye's press secretary in Washington (1962-1969). Sen. Spark Matsunaga's fondest dream is to establish Hawaii as the first energy self-sufficient state by the year 2000—virtually meeting all of its energy needs without oil. One of his pet interests is the "aluminum-air storage battery" being researched at the Lawrence Livermore (Ca.) Laboratory.

Francine Fumie Kondo is the new queen of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

The federal grand jury has refused to indict Honolulu police officers who were accused of violating the civil rights of a Waikiki whore, thus ending a controversial investigation by the U.S. Dept. of Justice that raised the threat of having Honolulu police chief Keala and others sent to the jail for contempt. Among three officers targeted was Richard Nagao.

Mayor Frank Fasi is seeking a fourth term as mayor, making it official at a \$100-ticket fund-raiser at Aloha Tower April 9. Nearly 4,000 showed up.

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Sculpture removal shocks Noguchi

NEW YORK—Reached for comment April 18 at his home in Takamatsu where he spends part of each year, Isamu Noguchi, 75, said the recent removal of his rhomboid-shaped aluminum sculpture from the lobby of the Bank of Tokyo near Wall Street was "vandalism and very reactionary".

Customers paying loans complained the 1,600-lb piece suspended from ceiling hung "like a guillotine". Noguchi was commissioned in 1975 by the bank to fashion the sculpture. New York Times architecture critic Ada Louise Huxtable praised it as a "deliberate contrast of style... from the 19th to 20th century". The bank is in a renovated 85-year-old building.

Nitta cherry trees

LANSDALE, Pa.—The 37 Japanese cherry trees, donated by longtime Philadelphia JACLer S. John Nitta and planted in 1976 at the memorial park, were in full bloom for the first time the last week of April. The 37 trees signified the number of years Nitta had been resident here and establishing his chick sexing school.

Topaz '45 grads plan reunion

SAN FRANCISCO — Topaz High class of 1945, the only group receiving its entire secondary education in camp, will hold its 35th year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Miyako Hotel. Graduates, requiring details, should write to:

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Volunteers



Volunteer organizations must be one of the most difficult to administer. Because volunteers give both precious time and expertise unselfishly, there often tends to develop a feeling that if criticized they just withdraw from the organization's activities. It is their way of saying, "If I'm not appreciated, the heck with them."

The staff personnels have to stick it out because they're paid to do the job. The staff often becomes discouraged, frustrated and depressed. I feel for and with them. Their work is difficult and stressful.

On the other hand, volunteers who are not motivated will not contribute much nor meaningfully. It is the staff that creates much of the climate for motivation.

There is a delicate balance. The staff that encourages maximum volunteer participation and the volunteers who recognize and appreciate staff efforts and the travails they go through.

One of the sources of misunderstanding and unnecessary encounter is the nebulous concept of the roles of the staff and the volunteers.

JACL is primarily a volunteer organization. Due to the amount of work generated by and within the organization, we cannot function without the paid staff. On the other hand, without the hundreds and thousands of dedicated volunteers there would not be a JACL. Both are indispensable.

To the elected volunteer officers fall the task of setting policies. They were elected for that purpose. If their work is unsatisfactory, there is a mechanism for a change at each biennial convention. That is the built-in safeguard for the organization.

To the staff that can effectively administer the multiple voiced requests of often impatient volunteers goes the huge credit for the progress and accomplishments of the organization.

EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Double Standard

WHENEVER A MINORITY group makes a proposal to a governmental agency or body, one of the first queries with which the minority is confronted is: Does everyone in your group agree? Is it unanimous? I've never understood this. I understand less why some minority groups permit others to get away with this device.

IN OUR GOVERNMENT, what decisions are there that are unanimous, where *everyone* agrees? The very operation of our political system, for example, involves a two-party system. No unanimity. Our nation is led by a president, at any given time, who not only does not have the vote of everyone but often leads by virtue of less than a majority of the populace. And this is healthy, for only in a dictatorship will there be anything approaching (superficially at least) a consistently overwhelming, absolute majority. Dissenting viewpoints are beneficial, for imbedded therein are the blueprints for future improvement.

THEREFORE, WHENEVER A minority group is confronted with an accounting of unanimous concurrence as to any proposal presented on its behalf, I suggest that a double standard is being invoked. And that's un-American.

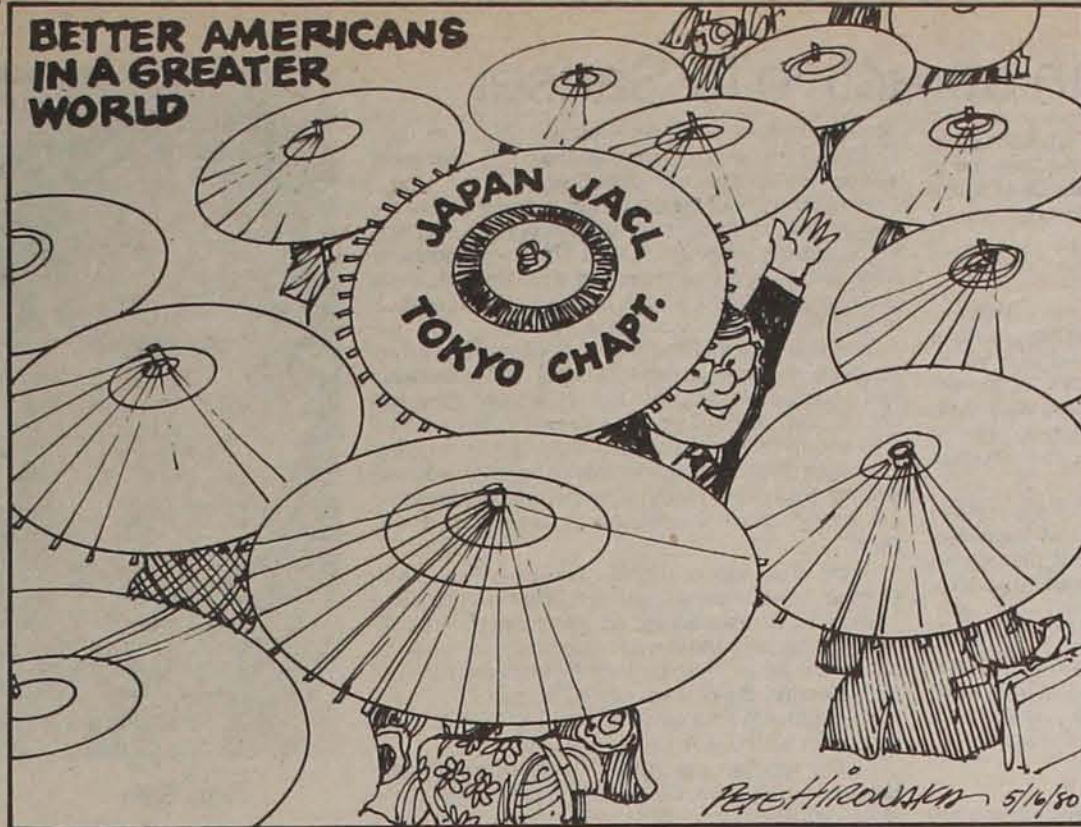
THE MINORITIES THEMSELVES, however, also impose on themselves a double-standard, without realizing they are doing so. Thus, for example, whenever a candidate for some position or elective office rises from amongst the minority's midst, all too often such a candidate is subjected to hypercritical assessment. And the candidate being only human, subject to all the past foibles and frailties to which humans are vulnerable, more likely than not is unable to survive the severe scrutiny. Questions such as: Is (s)he qualified? Honest? Hard-working? Moral? And so on. If the candidate meets these stringent criteria, (s)he belongs in heaven; (s)he cannot be a mere mortal on earth. But nonetheless, these are the "super standards" that we minorities impose upon candidates from our midst.

ON THE OTHER hand, the various candidates that are routinely advanced by our system are not subjected to such searching inquiry. (Or if they are, somebody has been ignoring the resulting answers.) Some of these successful candidates would, I submit, fail on every question that a minority group poses to one of its own candidates. And, frankly, I don't quite understand this double standard, either.

PLEASE, DON'T MISUNDERSTAND: like every civic-minded citizen, I, too, would wish to have every public official—regardless of race, creed, sex, color or national origin—to be qualified, honest, hard-working and moral. My point simply is that so long as we minorities exercise a double standard, insisting on saint-like qualities of minority candidates while others get away with far less, we shall be foredoomed to having no representation. Indeed, we may well be slamming the door to the many highly qualified, potential candidates within our midst who could make a meaningful contribution to our social order.

SO THE NEXT time we make a proposal, or there be an aspiring candidate from our midst, be alert for the double standard.

BETTER AMERICANS IN A GREATER WORLD



JAPAN

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On the other hand, Sansei have expressed an interest in the older generation. At a recent Tokyo JACL reception attended by about 100 people—including a Harvard doctoral candidate currently doing anthropological field work at a traditional pastry shop, a copywriter for an automobile firm and a Hawaiian married to a German American—one young Sansei woman said she "wouldn't dream of attending a JACL meeting in Sacramento" but came because she was interested in knowing about the Nisei experience here.

The JACL, a nationwide organization of 30,000 members, is a civil rights group which is involved in a variety of political activities, including a redress campaign in which a group is asking the U.S. Government for \$25,000 per evacuee in reparations for losses incurred during the World War II "relocation" of 110,000 Japanese Americans in concentration camps.

Although Saiki said that the Tokyo chapter would support such efforts, he emphasized that political action was not a priority.

Membership fees are ¥6,250 (\$25) and ¥3,750 (about \$15) for students. The organization is open to all U.S. citizens, regardless of race. For Nisei who no longer have U.S. citizenship, an affiliate membership is available.

The membership roll is now at 45, and 20 more have pledged to join, Saiki said.

Detention Camp Diploma

A Stockton, California, native who was forced to leave his studies at the University of California at Berkeley two months before graduation due to the war's outbreak, Saiki finished his tests at a Stockton college and received his U.C. diploma while in an Arkansas detention center. He now works as a consultant to Universal Public Relations. For more information on the JACL, he can be reached at (03) 503-6451.

Radiation Victims: The Growing Concern

By SHERIDAN TATSUNO
Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors

San Francisco

For the past ten years, Kanji Kuramoto, president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors, has been seeking medical assistance for the more than 700 Nikkei survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. But, until recently, his plea has gone largely ignored by the American public which perceived radiation victims as a problem limited to Japan.

This situation, however, is rapidly changing. On April 12, he was invited to testify at the Citizens' Hearings for Radiation Victims in Washington, D.C., where he was joined by over 100 radiation victims from around the country: atomic test veterans, uranium enrichment workers, Native American uranium miners, nuclear shipyard workers and residents of Utah, Nevada and Three Mile Island.

The purpose of the hearings was to provide a nongovernmental forum for examining the health effects of man-made radiation.

The hearings bore witness to the dangers of radiation exposure. The victims all reported widespread incidence of cancer (including malignant blood diseases), severe tissue damage and psychological impairments. Many had lost family members and incurred prohibitive medical and legal costs, and the victims and their families expressed strong feelings of anger, frustration, depression and hopelessness.

In testimony after testimony, a disturbing theme emerged. Without exception, the victims felt they had been used as "human guinea pigs" by the government. Most were never informed of radiation hazards to which they were exposed while on the job, at home or in the military service, nor were they offered any assistance when they became ill. Instead, they reported being treated with arrogance and contempt by federal agencies, particularly the Dept. of Defense and the Dept. of Energy, which required them to prove that their illnesses were caused by exposure to radiation.

As the commission panel noted, this problem was compounded by "a consistent pattern of withholding radiation and medical records, intimidating injured persons and

their families and suppressing scientific information." This situation has led many radiation victims to completely mistrust the federal government.

In response to these testimonies, the commission panel issued a statement calling for the following action:

- 1—Independent research on the health effects of radiation funded by the federal government, private philanthropy and labor unions.
 - 2—Identification of persons exposed to radiation and immediate notification by the responsible party.
 - 3—Assessment of radiation exposure by a public health agency (not the DOD or DOE).
 - 4—Uniform federal compensation law for radiation victims.
 - 5—Critical analysis of all data on the Japanese atomic bomb survivors by an independent research facility.
 - 6—Reduced occupation exposure to ionizing radiation.
 - 7—Location of nuclear facilities away from populated area.
- Whether or not these recommendations are pursued is a question of public policy and should be thoroughly discussed by the public, the media and the Congress. The issues and problems raised are too important to be left to the discretion of federal agencies.

In this regard, the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors encourages all members of the public to express their concerns to their congressmen. Currently, there are seven bills in Congress related to radiation victims which need public support:

- HR 1129 (Edward Roybal) and HR 1924 (Danielson) - payment for certain medical services and treatment for U.S. citizens and permanent residents injured in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- S 1938 Federal Radiation Protection Management Act of 1979 (Glenn and Ribicoff) establishes Federal Radiation Protection Council to provide advice on radiation protection standards.
- S 1827 Uranium Miners Compensation Act of 1979 (Domenici and Schmitt) provide benefits to uranium miners.
- S 1965 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1979 (Kennedy and Hatch) makes U.S. liable for damages arising from nuclear detonations at the Nevada Test Site.
- HR 4766 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1979 (McKay) makes U.S. liable for damages arising from nu-

clear detonations at the Nevada Test Site to certain residents, participants, and qualified sheep herds.

HR 6057 Consumer-Patient Radiation Protection Act of 1979 (Lent, Lundine, Luken) requires HEW to promulgate radiation protection standards.

S 2539 Medical Radiation Safety Act

BY THE BOARD: Floyd Shimomura



Constitutional Revisions

Delegates to the National JACL convention in San Francisco (July 28-Aug. 1) will be presented with a newly revised constitution for their ratification. Under the able chairmanship of Judge Mikio Uchiyama, the National Constitutional Revision Committee has worked diligently throughout the past two years to shift through the various proposals submitted by the Districts in order to come up with a revised JACL constitution for the '80s.

The proposed revisions make changes in the following broad areas:

1. STRENGTHENS NATIONAL BOARD. The role of the National Board will be increased by increasing the number of its meetings and decreasing the number of Executive Committee meetings. To accomplish this, the membership of the National Board will be reduced to 17.
2. CLARIFIED ROLE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL. The National Council's role will be, among other things, to adopt a "Program for Action" that will set the policies of the National JACL for the following biennium.
3. ELECTION REFORM. The election process for National JACL office will be liberalized to permit easier advance nominations but will be tightened to close nominations early in the convention.
4. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES CHANGES. The rules regarding membership dates, standard new membership rates, and family memberships will be made more flexible and subject to National Board discretion.

Drafts of the new constitution were sent to all the chapters and Districts in February and the new text appeared in the Pacific Citizen in its March 28, 1980, edition. Hopefully, everyone will have an opportunity to study the constitution prior to the convention. If you have any ideas, please submit them to National Headquarters by July 1, 1980.

In the coming weeks, I will attempt to discuss in greater detail each of the above areas.

Members of the Constitutional Revision Committee include: Mikio Uchiyama, chair; Jim Murakami, Frank Iwama, Lorrie Inagaki, Ron Mayeda, Ted Taniguchi, William Marutani, Lillian Kimura, Wiley Higuchi, Raymond Uno, William Takahashi and myself.

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April 30—Gen. Mark Clark, 15th Army Group commander, lauds Nisei 442nd record upon their return to Italy.

May 2—Unitarians open hostel in Boston for evacuees (6 Walnut St. in Beacon Hill).

May 9—Prime Minister Churchill hails "Japanese American combat team" for victories in Italy.

May 10—U.S. Seventh Army (in Germany) notes 522nd (all-Nisei) Field Artillery (originally with 442nd in Italy) remained in southern France to assist in Siegfried Line breakthrough across Rhine River.

May 10—Fresno police chief blames hoodlums for recent anti-evacuee violence upon two more homes after news describes attack on S.G. Sakamoto home.

May 12—Weiser, Idaho, American Legion refuses to rent hall to anti-Nisei promoters (Japanese Exclusion League of Seattle); promoters were earlier refused to hold rally at Weiser baseball park.

May 14—Interior Secretary Ickes blasts terrorism directed against 24 returning Japanese American families, most of them in rural California, since Jan. 2 when Army lifted exclusion.

May 9—U.S. Judge Tillman Johnson rule upsets Ogden city policy of denying business licenses to Nisei (George Sugihara had sought permit to run Parrot Cafe).

May 15—Nisei wife files for divorce, refuses to renounce loyalty; alien husband awaiting possible deportation in New Mexico camp.

May 18—Univ. of Missouri fires four instructors (including Teru Hayashi) for their support of a student interracial education committee, not recognized by U.M.

Short Notes

Editor:

Kudos to you, Dwight Chuman (The Rafu Shimpō) and to Vincent T. Tajiri for daring to castigate the Sacred Cow, the junior Senator from California, Sam Hayakawa. I'm referring to the April 4 P.C. A triple-bulls-eye!

DENNIS A. ROLAND
Astoria, N.Y.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Thai community's Water Festival a hit

Denver, Colo.

The cowboys and dryland farmers who were a very large part of the local scene when I first arrived soon after World War II would have been astounded by what took place here one recent Saturday night.

The occasion was the celebration of the Water Festival by members of the local Thai community, with some of their Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian friends joining in. That there would be enough of these people in the Mile High City to rent a ballroom in a downtown hotel for their festivities is surprising even now, although a celebration involving water strikes a responsive chord for water is a precious commodity in the semi-arid West.

There must have been more than 300 at the celebration, mostly young people. Some were students, others the wives of American servicemen who married local girls while serving in Southeast Asia. Still others were recent immigrants making a living in one way or another. Since most of the celebrants were Thais, there probably were few boat people present.

Like all other immigrant groups, the Thais have brought some of their culture to these shores. We saw dancers, beautifully costumed, reminiscent of Anna and the King of Siam. There were Thai folk dances with couples weaving gracefully without touching, not unlike the Japanese 'ondo' performances.

And then there was disco to the ear-splitting beat of contemporary sounds that pass these days for music, proof that the youth culture, if one can call it that, knows no international boundaries.

Whatever it was that drew these Southeast Asians to our area, they brought with them something of their own culture, even as the Poles brought their polkas, the Germans their oompah bands, the Chinese their Peking opera and the Japanese their ondo, naniwabushi and kabuki dramas.

I wondered what was going through the minds of these Southeast Asians as they participated in the evening's festivities. Were they thinking of the balmy evenings of home, so different from Denver's harsh winters? Were they finding delight in speaking a familiar language for one evening, and for a while not having to struggle with the difficult syllables of English? Were they happy to relive, even for a little while, the happy memories before

war or economic deprivation or whatever it was brought them to an alien land?

Many years ago there were occasions to visit groups of Nisei expatriates in Japan who had gathered to share a meal, converse in English, reminisce about the bitter-sweet life they had left behind in the States, and to welcome a visitor from "back home." Unlike the Thais, who had come to the United States voluntarily, many of the Nisei were in Japan reluctantly. Their nostalgia for the states was almost a tangible thing that could be felt rather than simply sensed.

It was somewhat different with the Thais. They loved the old ways, but it was obvious they were glad to be here.

Watching the few older people in the crowd, I wondered what they were thinking. When they came to Denver, certainly they must have suffered a more grievous wrenching experience than the younger ones. Were they disturbed to see the gentle Thai dances being replaced by the frenetic jerking and gyrating of disco?

Whatever it was these people were thinking, it was obvious they were having a wonderful time. Some months ago we had attended a New Year's party in Denver's young Korean community. Everyone was having a great old time there, too, but somehow the Thais seemed to be more spontaneous, more outgoing, less formal.

It's been a long time since I've attended a Japanese American party so I don't know how the Sansei and Yonsei are socializing these days. But compared to old-time Nisei functions, with which I have a passing acquaintance, the young Thai and Korean immigrants seem to be more relaxed, less inhibited, more natural. Perhaps this is subjective evaluation based unfairly on imagination.

Be that as it may, if you get an opportunity to meet and know these newest Americans who look much like us, don't pass it up. You'll find them gracious additions to the American mosaic.

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LANDMARK

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- 2—Farmlands north of the Marysville Municipal Golf Course, Arboga;
- 3—Merced County Fairgrounds, Merced;
- 4—Housing tract west of the old Air Force Depot, Pinedale;
- 5—Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, Pomona;
- 6—Palmdale tract (Camp Kohler/Walerga), Foothill Farms;
- 7—California Rodeo grounds, Salinas;
- 8—Santa Anita Park, Arcadia;
- 9—Central Valley Exposition/San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton;
- 10—Tanforan Park Shopping Center, San Bruno;
- 11—Tulare County Fairgrounds, Tulare;
- 12—Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock.

Local groups that wish to have a memorial placed at the site may now apply for a plaque under the general landmark registration. The state does not automatically install a plaque at every registered landmark, so a separate plaque application, with proposed wording, must be submitted.

Each plaque may be worded differently, reflecting the perceptions and sentiments of the local community. The Ethnic Minority Cultural Resources Survey has not proposed any plaque wording and does not intend to apply for any plaque. Plaque applications and plaque wordings are left completely within the jurisdiction of local committees. Information on plaque applications may be obtained from:

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Micki Altiveros, my assistant, was extremely helpful in packing the hundred plus cartons and tagging them.

Ron Wakabayashi got a crew from his Asian American Drug Abuse Program to transfer the packages and furniture for us and on the second day of moving PC editor Harry Honda and his staff rolled up their shirtsleeves and helped us move the balance of our office equipment.

Jeffrey Matsui came on the wrong day to visit the new office and ended up helping move furniture and buying us lunch.

We are slowly putting things in their proper files and cabinets but there isn't any storage space. Our office is one big room that is 26 ft. by 27 ft. or 702 sq. ft.

Our previous office in the old Nishi Hongwanji Building was spacious compared to what we now have. We had separate rooms and thereby had some privacy but now we have to talk in a whisper or else let everyone in the office be part of our conversation.

One of the consolations of being on the top floor in the new Japanese American Cultural and Community Center building is to not worry too much about being burglarized or having a seamy character come through the entrance, but then again we have been in this new office for only one week.

Calendar

- **MAY 16 (Friday)**
Diablo Valley—TV drama: Ameyuki-san no Uta, JA Club, Concord, 7:30pm.
San Jose—West Valley—Joint Spring Dance, Lou's Village.
- **MAY 17 (Saturday)**
New York—Asian Pacific Heritage Festival, Damrosch Park, Lincoln Ctr, 12n-7pm.
Riverside—Graduates potluck dnr.
Fremont—Invit charity bowling tournament, Mowry Lanes.
Eden Township—Sr Recog potluck, Eden JCC.
Hoosier—Japanese Festival, Earlham College, 12n-10pm.
Los Angeles—Asn Pac Heritage art-cultr fest (3da), JACCC, Little Tokyo, 12n-3pm.
Tule Lake—T.L. Comm pilgrimage, bus fr San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose.
- **MAY 18 (Sunday)**
PSWDC/West Los Angeles—DC sess, Little Tokyo Towers, 9am; Miss Nisei Relays introduction (lunch on your own in Japanese Village Plaza).
Reno—Gen mtg.
Berkeley—Japanese Women Alumnae mtg, Faculty Women's Club, 2pm.
● **MAY 21 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.
● **MAY 23 (Friday)**
Sacramento—Walnut Grove reunion.
Lodi—Mtg, Church Annex, 8pm; splr from rape crisis ctr.
San Francisco—Pre-retirement mtg, Japan Center Cal 1st Bk, 7:30pm; Tom Matsumoto, splr, Social Security.
- **MAY 24 (Saturday)**
Stockton—Rohrer High reunion: banq, 6:30pm, Buddhist Church hall.
- **MAY 25 (Sunday)**
Stockton—Comm picnic, Mickle Grove, 10am.
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AN EXERCISE IN ETHICS

Is there a Christian view on Redress?

By REV. ANDREW N. OTANI
Minneapolis:

Is an answer "No" for Redress a good Christian, and "Yes" a bad Christian? It was one of main subjects discussed at the Japanese Convocation of Episcopal Asia-American Ministry held from May 30-June 3, 1979, at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Previously, a steering committee of the same convocation met in February, 1979, at Los Angeles (I was unable to attend) and on Feb. 19, the Day of Remembrance for 37th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that sent 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry, citizens and non-citizens alike, into concentration camps, they had discussed the JACL redress resolution. Finally they recommended:

Therefore, we the Steering Committee of the Japanese Ministry Convocation of Episcopal Asia-America Ministry call on our fellow Christians:

First, to help us identify clearly and concretely what we mean when we consider the resolution of JACL on reparations;

Second, to help us reflect on what it means for us to be Christians in these kinds of questions, so we may enable each other to be more reflective and intentional in making ethical decisions.

Third, that we may continually remind ourselves that we need to distinguish carefully between ethical goals we aim for, and the means we choose to attain the desired ethical goals.

In June, 1978, at San Francisco, the Japanese Convocation of the Episcopal Asia-America Ministry had passed a resolution to support the JACL redress effort. Then the following morning a delegate objected because he thought the demand of reparation from the U.S. government was unethical. Another half-day of discussion followed and finally the resolution was tabled. Each congregation was asked to study more about the subject and report to the Steering Committee. The Feb. 1979 recommendation seems to be the result of reports sent to the committee. A short resolution, it says:

RESOLUTION—The Japanese Convocation meeting in Dallas, Texas, supports the principle of "remedial legislation" for the incarceration and evacuation of Japanese Americans during the World War II.

It purposely avoided to touch the monetary payment of \$25,000 each for the Japanese incarcerated in the camps because some thought to demand money from government was unethical from the Christian point of view.

After returning home from Dallas, I thought about this matter by myself, and now conclude that the matter of reparation is not so simple as those who say "no" are good guys and "yes" are bad guys. There are different elements in both approvers and disapprovers.

A highly ethical Christian may disagree with redress because we all are sinners before God, but we are saved by redemptive acts of Jesus Christ. Since we have been sinners forgiven by God, we should also forgive the others who had offended us. There also will be non-Christian but highly ethical Japanese Americans who doesn't believe in redress.

Injustice had been done by the government, but it is all in the past. Forgive and forget them those who persecuted us, he might say. There will be some, though not so ethical, who are reluctant or hesitant to receive money from the government—a gesture which is thought as a "shame" in a way of Japanese thinking.

Still another, like Senator S. I. Hayakawa, thinks to detain the Japanese Americans was to protect them. No Japanese is suffering financially, he says. Besides he identifies us as the Japanese who attacked Pearl Harbor.

Among those who support redress, I find equally different elements. At the meeting of the Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, held on May 17, 1979, a resolution had been passed to support the redress of JACL. They recognized the Evacuation as unethical and unconstitutional.

Some may agree with redress from a legal point of view, similar to an auto accident claim. Even an ethical person will claim for damage done by auto accident.

I believe there will be very few, if none, who are in favor of redress with a greedy notion. The main issue of redress is not money, says Dr. Clifford Uyeda, National JACL President, but "the primary focus is on the suspen-

sion of constitutional rights". To defend one's constitutional rights is a noble act and even a highly ethical Christian can agree with it.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye says:

"Honor is important to the Japanese Americans. It is this sense of honor that brought my family to Hawaii, in hopes of repaying a debt to my ancestral village damaged by fire. It is this same sense of honor that obliges the American government to write a fittingly just conclusion to a sad episode in our country."

I think (Sen. Inouye) explains it well why many of us believe in the idea of redress.

Rev. Andrew Otani, 76, is a semi-retired Issei Episcopal priest living postwar in Minneapolis.

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NC-WN proposes proportional voting in National Council

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — To be considered apart from the Constitutional Convention at the 1980 convention in San Francisco, the NC-WNDC has proposed proportionate voting "to more truly represent the membership", it was announced by Floyd Shimomura, nat'l v.p. for public affairs and member of the constitution revision committee.

The plan calls for each chapter to be represented by the number of official delegates as designated below:

No. of Votes	Representing Membership of:
1	25 to 150
2	151 to 350
3	351 to 550
4	551 to 750
5	751 to 950
6	951 to 1,150
7	1,150 and over

Further each district youth council chairperson shall be entitled to one vote.

"This change would rekindle a greater interest by the membership to participate at every level of the organization," the district council believed.

The amendment would require a three-fourths majority vote. At the current time, each chapter has one vote but permitted to have two official delegates and two alternate delegates.

As an alternative, NC-WNDC suggested greater involvement would be possible by limiting the size of a chapter, setting a mechanism to trigger formation of new chapters. There would be no grandfathering clause. "Either method would increase the number of votes from a given area or district," it was added.

Chapter Pulse

• Hollywood

Through special arrangements with Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, Tomoo Ogita, art historian and past chapter president, conducted a special tour of Edward Morse's Japan Day-by-Day Exhibit on May 3.

The collection features Japanese archeological artifacts, religious art, folk art, craft items, household pieces and clothing, a selection of Ainu and Okinawan

material.

Morse (1838-1925) had visited Japan in 1877 and was one of the early Japanophiles, spending the remaining 50 years of his life visiting and revisiting Japan and studying "things Japanese", resulting in one of the most enduring and important works on Japan and Japanese life, Ogita commented.

• Las Vegas

Preparations are underway for the Las Vegas JACL food booth at the annual Las Vegas International Festival on Sunday, June 15, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Convention Center. Some will also participate in the dance festival program performing the ondo.

Help is needed to serve tempura, teriyaki chicken, gyoza and rice, plus hosting a sushi and refreshment stand, reminds George Goto (735-2365). Ondo practice is held on Wednesday nights at Heritage Square with Mitzy Tanaka (837-7757) as instructor.

• New York

In addition to sponsoring two Heritage Festivals this month, New York JACL is having a fund-raising theater party May 18, 3 p.m., at Martinson Hall where Wakako Yamauchi's play, "The Music Lessons", directed by Mako is being presented by Joseph Papp of Workshop Productions.

It is a love story of a Japanese woman and her American-born family during the depression in rural California and what happens when an itinerant laborer from the city passes through. In the cast are Dana Lee, Jane Mandy, Huanani Minn, Kestutis Nakas, Keenan Shimizu, Sab Shimono, Lauren Tom and Gedde Watanabe.

• Placer County

The annual spring clean-up of the Okei gravesite at Gold Hill and Wakamatsu Colony memorial garden below the gravesite at the Gold Trails Grammar School was held April 20 with members participating from the Placer County and Sacramento JACL chapters.

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'30,000 Negatives'

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After two presidents, however, a strange damping change appears to have taken over. Wine is no longer flowing but beer is. In the "bars" of Paris where they stop for a drink or two or a cup of coffee, most are drinking raw beer.

A distinguished gentleman of the "belle époque" is the only man sipping a small glass of Beaujolais wine, 1967. Wine producers in France are no longer the grand prix winners. The old California vintage is grabbing the prizes, which is very disturbing to the French.

Champs-Elysees, the grand, historical boulevard which every tourist must see once, is today crowded with people wearing blue jeans, sneakers, and girls in Afro puffing cigarettes. (Some women in London are seen puffing on pipes.) There are tourists toting their sleeping bags—and no wonder, hotel rooms now run no less than \$50 a night... So the gay Paris atmosphere, the elegance and chic are no where to be seen. Only rarely will there be a real lady shopping in the newly built Claridge Arcade. As she steps out of her car and walks calmly toward one of the

gorgeously decorated boutiques, everyone gazes at her. That never happened before.

Rue Fauberge de St. Honore, Rue St. Honore (the same long street with two names) are home to some of the best name and elegant shops in the world: Hermes, Morabito, Pierre Cardin, Gucci... and some are located in Place de Vendome. Yet, in contrast to the "chic-ness" these names carry, the shops are in buildings now showing their age and decay. Built during the French Revolution, it is amazing the buildings still stand. Even inside the shop, the place creaks with age. Still, these are the most sought-after addresses as the going-price today is over \$700,000 for space no more than 90 yards square plus a 16.6% tax.

Unlike the shops in Switzerland or even in Japan, the jewelry stores in Paris is as secure as a prison—burglar alarms, radar beams, everything thinkable to deter robbers—with one difference. The shopkeepers are very courteous. This sudden anti-burglarly splurge began about three years ago after insurance compa-

nies insisted no coverage would be given unless the shop was perfectly combed with anti-robbery gadgetry.

While Tokyo is the most expensive place in the world, Paris is not a cent cheaper. Maybe a dollar higher. For the tourist, any place here is costly—not knowing where to go for a good buy. Having lived here for more than four years, conversant in French and knowing where the spots were to get a good buy, I thought I was safe. But my French friends, gesturing, say: "Ou-la-la, monsieur. C'est ne pas le meme. Paris a change! Inflation, monsieur, inflation! Et les taxes."

Academie Francaise is still fighting to keep English from their French language despite what you see on South Champs-Elysees where MacDonald's sells everything in English... the French are still polite, careful not to bump or bustle into people on the walks... and it's the older people who support La Grandeur de la France and its traditions of "Egalite, Liberte and Fraternite".

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