Asian American coalition formed to battle racism

By Peter Inamura

LOS ANGELES--In reaction to the recent occurrences of racial prejudice against Asian Americans, a new Asian American community leaders in Southern California announced July 14 they were forming a coalition modeled after the Anti-Defamation League.

Members of the new group made the announcement at a press conference on the steps of City Hall, where they said that new and incumbent city officials, including Councilwoman Burton, were to be sworn in. Stevenson had conducted a reelection campaign in May against Michael Woo which had included the community label as racist (PC-A).

Although the group initially plans to focus specifically toward Asians, A-PART's leaders eventually forsee a broader coalition that will involve private citizens, elected officials, business and labor leaders from all segments of California. A-PART, still in the formative stage, currently has about 75 members.

Attorney Fred Fujika, spokesperson for the group, read a prepared statement which said, in part: "Almost from the time the first immigrants crossed the Pacific and landed on our shores, Asian Americans have been the target of vilification in one form or another. We have had to become more blatant, more recently subtle."

Hayakawa wants 500,000 for his guest worker program

WASHINGTON--California Senator S.I. Hayakawa proposed June 9 to the Reagan Administration that only 500,000 Mexican workers be brought in for the next year, because the 500,000 loophole is large enough for the project to be a success and that a number of guest worker visas between 500,000 and 1 million would be necessary to realistically test the program's feasibility. The senator made his suggestion while meeting with President Reagan and President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico at the White House.

Hayakawa, the author of the "Guest Worker Act of 1981," said, "The purpose of a guest worker program is to encourage workers to return to Mexico after a specified period of time in the U.S. legally. Estimates are that about 1 million Mexican citizens enter the U.S. States range from 1.4 million to 3 million. Only about 500,000 workers to enter legally every year, and the program would simply become another bureaucratic boondoggle accomplishing nothing. It is imperative that this issue be faced by the U.S. and Mexico. This fact needs to be faced realistically."

Task Force Proposal

Meanwhile, the President's Task Force on Immigration and Refugees has recommended President Reagan grant permanent amnesty to more than a million undocumented aliens who can prove they have been in the U.S. prior to Jan. 1, 1980, and that he double the number of immigrants permitted to enter the country annually from Mexico and Canada from 20,000 to 40,000 each.

"Go For Broke" pictorial delayed until Dec.

SAN FRANCISCO--A permanent trustee group will be established for the 100th birthday of "Go For Broke," the World War II picture scheduled for a July 29-30 at the California Hotel. Organizations and individuals interested in participating in this effort should call Tom Kawai (415) 883-2000, ext. 493/494, 222-0518 after 6 p.m.

The "Go For Broke" pictorial book publication has been pushed back to November or December 1981, because of extensive editing being undertaken to better focus bits and pieces into a more interesting portrayal of the era.

NC-WNPDCE mock hearing produces tips on testimony

ORLAND, Cal.--Lessons on testimony presentation were learned from the NC-WNPDC redress出来 of citizens that may have been held June 14 at Laneay College. A total of 86 JACLers and non-JACLers attended the session, in which UC Berkeley Chancellor Michael S. Heyman, Supervisor Suze McPeak and television producer Ren Berek served as "commissioners." JACL redress committee coordinator John Tatchi and committee chair Min Yasui monitored the proceedings, in which several witnesses presented testimony, including:

William Makave, Ben Takahata, George Nakats, Betty Sato, Ray Oyamada, George Sakai, George Okuma, Tom Hayase, Min Yasui, Tom Makave, Mary Takahata, and Toshie Niida.

District redress committee co-chair Chuck Kubokawa noted the witnesses who told their personal experiences within the allotted 3 to 5 minutes had the most efficient presentations, while those who did not know the format gave out too much information, taking up too much time.

No, Calif. Tips to Witnesses

For oral testimony, it was suggested the following guidelines be considered:

1. DO NOT provide any remarks that may take you away from your personal experience or drive into constitutional issues or irrelevant topics unless you are well versed in law or were actually instructed or had observed such incidents. (There will be lawyers addressing the constitutional issues and persons actually instructed or being briefed that up matter. Hearers should be avoided.)

2. TIME WILL BE limited for testimony; therefore, speak on what you feel is unique to your wartime or camp experience that supports Redress. (As background material and general conditions of the camps are already known, the story will be stressed.)

3. DOCUMENTATION HELPS. There are many incidents (e.g., suicides, bombings, harassment, treatment etc.) that will vary interestingly the witness to minority treatment. But it should be chronicled with an official document.

Back to 50 Weeks a Year

The PC frequency of publication returns from the experimental 45 issues of last year to every Friday except the last few weeks of the year.

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Los Angeles Aug. 4 (Tues.), and 6
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Seattle Sept. 5 (Wed.), 10, 11
Alaska Sept. 15 (Anchorage), 17 (Unakaska), 19 (St Paul)
Chicago Sept. 22 (Tues.) and 23

WASHINGTON--The Japanese American Citizens League is expected to present its opening case to the nine-member Commission on April 8 if the Cubano Government terms were set.安定 does not want to be prejudiced with Minoru Yasui, the League's Redress Committee chair on the first day of the hearings. Yasui said that he will state the JACL position on the issue of President's Task Force to be redressed. It will introduce Minoru Yasui, the League's Redress Committee chair on the first day of the hearings. Yasui said that he will state the JACL position on the issue of President's Task Force to be redressed. It will introduce

Redress Guidelines

JACL's redress guidelines would allow Congress to appoint an appropriate monetary sum to all persons, who, because of government actions since 1941, suffered property damages due to excesses, including incarceration. The costs of property losses and injuries suffered as a result of government actions would also be redressed.

Astronaut Onizuka to address, JACL fete

SAN FRANCISCO--Shannon Onizuka, the first Nisei in the astronaut program of NASA, will be the keynote speaker at the forthcoming banquet of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council of the JACL. The banquet is to be held at the Embassy, 3055 California St. and will be served by the San Francisco Japanese Community Center. The banquet is to be held at the Embassy, 3055 California St. and will be served by the San Francisco Japanese Community Center. The banquet is to be held at the Embassy, 3055 California St. and will be served by the San Francisco Japanese Community Center.

Regional Director George Kondo revealed that chapters will receive copies of the banquet proceedings for the Aug. 15 dinner. A $500 donation per person is being asked. Checks should be made out to "Redress Dinner Committee, 1760 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94115".

Policy Documents

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2) PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE. Such material for use in the hearing should be furnished at the time of filing.
3) CLOSING REMARKS. If you have some ideas about how you should close your remarks, then write down a good way to do so. (Remember, the testimony of the witnesses will be presented.)
4) BE PREPARED to answer the commission's questions when your testimony is received by the commission, so that you will be satisfied with the answers and what you want to say.
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Memo to CWRIC: Gather a group of evacuees in all the story

By PHIL SHIGEKUNI

Eight of us sat in my living room sharing with each other some fragment of our past. The (CWRIC) Commission Hearings, to be held soon, would be held in Los Angeles sometime in July or August. I could sense the time was passing all too quickly.

Hiroshi started off by telling of how his father had told him that a concentration camp was the only way to make something of what it was worth before moving the family to Utah to escape being evacuated.

William was told shortly before his family was sent to Manzanar, and his sister Judy had spent her early years there.

They spoke of the negative impact on their self-image, the camp experience and the subsequent relocation had on them, causing them to feel ashamed about their Japanese ancestry, and as a result to deny their Japanese heritage.

Some of us were surprised that 900 JAs in Hawaii were shipped to Rohwer and Jerome because of the hardships endured by the evacuees in Manzanar. Several of us had been picked up by the FBI, leaving the family destitute. I had even brought tears to my eyes. She went on to tell about seeing her father again after a year at the internment camp in Louisiana. The sadness and shock at seeing her father again, broken in health and spirit, was obviously painful to recall.

She and her brother were both very young at the time and the effects of the humiliation and stress of the internment were directly reflected. She had been moved when Mrs. Ira had to go to the nursery, his father appeared to decline after that. She vividly remembered when Mrs. Ira was moved when Mrs. Ira was going to testify in his father's case. The internment camps were based on the fact that both my parents would rest easier by testifying to the stories of the camps.

Two years after being interned, she married a friendly, brother, and sister within a 7-month period. She, being a man, got married. The humiliation and stress of the internment were directly reflected.

That evening was one of the most moving times of our lives. If you are in the position of soliciting people to testify, I would suggest that you talk with us. We can talk in this way. I sensed a real change in the attitudes of the people by sharing with one another that evening. Also, it further confirmed that we as JAs have set out on a journey, that while involving discomfort and many times, must be traveled.

Thank you for your willingness to hear our stories. We hope that our experiences may help you in understanding our concerns.

Hiroshi

PHOTO BY Tom Parker (Mar. 1943)

BABIES IN DETENTION CAMP—Pre-schoolers at Jerome (Ark.) Center grade school are coloring sketches under the watchful eye of Mrs. Ira Tatsukawa and Emiko Shimagawa, all former West Coast residents.

Peninsula forum on redress advocated

PALO ALTO, Ca.—A successful educational forum was conducted June 6 by the Assembly of the Japanese Americans (PYL), the Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal) and JACL redress committee chair Min Yasui of Denver were featured speakers. The talk, "Guilty by Reason of Association," was shown.

An audience participation panel was moderated by attorney Peter Nishiyama, panelists were: John Tatsukawa, JACL redress committee coordinator; Lori Suzuki, attorney, Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, San Francisco; and James Shishima, Seabury JACL, chair and YAS.

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Of War and Remembrance

With the first hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in Washington drawing near, some of the local newspapers here are running feature articles and comments on the evacuation and the redress/repatriation issue. These articles, which sympathize with the Japanese Americans, have been evolving and opposing responses from individuals who feel that the relocation and internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry were justified, and that the "logic" behind the government's 1942 decisions still stands firm, even today.

Lillian Baker opposes any type of reparation for those affected by the government's actions during WWII. Much of the basis for her arguments is the need to involve technicalities and semantics. A Los Angeles Herald Examiner columnist had written recently of relocation. Some Nisei were interned in camps while their fellow Nisei fought for the U.S. in Europe. Baker responded in a letter to the paper that there were those who never born during WWII who are now asking for a redress of reparations should more properly ask their alien parents why they chose to go and remain at the WRA centers.

Baker further stated in her letter that Japanese American citizens who were sent to relocation centers under the WRA were not "interned" and "were not only free to leave the WRA centers, but were urged and assisted in doing so.

She added, "Those who J-As and those never even born during WWII, who are now asking for redress and reparations should more properly ask their alien parents why they did not leave the WRA centers.

Baker also noted, "No Americans were ever interned in the internment camps unless they, themselves, chose to join alien enemy parent(s) and thus remain for the duration of the war."

The Rafu Shimpo published a letter June 30 from H.R. McGrory, whose perceptions of the issue appear similar to Baker's: "Those in the internment camps were never prisoners even though many may have felt this way. Still, in those particular camps the resident could leave at any time they wished provided only that they could not re-enter the declared war zone which was for some time naked to invasion or threat of invasion."

McGrory also argues that "the right to a Writ of Habeas Continued on Next Page"

Los Angeles—The LAPD Department is currently seeking Asian American recruits to train and serve as officers to augment its present roster of 80 Asian American officers. For information on requirements and applications, call Officer Steve Takahashi, 150th Floor, City Hall East, Los Angeles, 90012 (213-485-4651).

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BY THE BOARD: by Henry Sako

35,000 Members

As you all know, I am a great believer in bringing in more funds and members into the JACL. It can be done, but it will take a lot of work by a lot of people.

For as 35,000 JACL members, why not? That's only 50 members per chapter more. With a membership as it is now, it can be done, and it will add a lot of work by a lot of people.

That's why I am writing this letter to all of our members. It's to let you know that our membership is down, and we need to do something about it.

First of all, let me assure you that the JACL is not in financial trouble. We have a good financial reserve, and we are not in debt. However, we need to increase our membership to be able to continue our work.

We have a lot of people who are interested in the JACL, but they are not members. This is because we are not doing enough to attract new members.

One of the reasons why we are not attracting new members is because we are not doing enough to promote our work. We need to do more to let people know what the JACL is and what we do.

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Justice Douglas reflects his role in wartime Nisei cases

By MARSHALL M. SUMIDA

Justice William O. Douglas wrote the majority opinion in Ex Parte Endo (323 U.S. 208), and was one of the three justices who dissented in the Fred Korematsu case (323 U.S. 214). He reflected his feelings in his final book, The Court Years (1980: Random House), in which he felt that he had made a mistake and indicated a possible procedure to correct such errors of the Supreme Court.

"Every Justice I have known feels in retrospect that he made mistakes in his early years ... from which he later wants to retreat. That happened to me in the Japanese detention case.

"The Japanese cases are another illustration in which a state of war affects civil rights.

"This pertained in 1943 and 1944, but they arose in 1942 when no one knew where the Japanese army and navy were. ... The Pentagon advised us on oral argument that the Japanese were taking everything west of the Rockies if they chose to land. Evacuation of the entire population would of course have been permissible by constitutional standards under martial law pertaining in time of war.

"It was constitutional to evacuate only [American] citizens of Japanese ancestry. That was an issue hotly contested at the outset of the Korematsu case, but it was settled by the Supreme Court.

"The Pentagon's argument ... was not much of an argument [since martial law was not involved on the West Coast] but it swayed a majority of the Court, including myself.

"The severe bite of the military evacuation order was not a requirement for the continued maintenance of the West Coast and move into concentration camps in the interior. Locking up the evacuees after they had been removed had no military justification.

"I wrote a concurrence opinion, which I never published, agreeing to the evacuation but to evacuate via concentration camps. My brothers, especially (Hugo) Black and (Potter) Frankfurter, urged me not to publish it, which they said.

"The latter was of course not true, as John Marshall’s famous Marbury v. Madison (5 U.S. 177) shows ... ."

"Incidentally, the rejection of detention was not presented to us, and I have always regretted that I bowed to my elders and withdrew my opinion.

"On the same day that we decided the evacuation case we held that

K-9 Corps vs. 25 Nisei GIs

L.A. Mayor Bradley comments on CRCRC

Although Mayor Tom Bradley's comments are not directly related to the CRCRC's role in the establishment of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, they reflect his support for the agency's mission. In a letter to the CRCRC, he praised their efforts in educating the public about the internment of Nisei during World War II.

The Changing of the Guard

There is something wrong about the nature of change that triggers concern. It is not so much that the change is going to happen, but the fear that it is not going to happen. The result is a failure of leadership. Without leaders, the situation will deteriorate to a point where it is too late to change it. Without leaders, the situation will deteriorate to a point where it is too late to change it.
**From PACIFIC SOUTHWEST:** by John Saito

**Round Trip**

It took me over two years, but I have finally closed with every chapter that meets in the PSW district.

From San Luis Obispo to the North, to Imperial Valley to the South, to Arizona and Las Vegas to the east to the many chapters scattered by the Pacific Ocean, PSW district represents a vast geographical and a diverse population.

My last three visits included the Arizona, Ventura, and Imperial Valley chapters.

The question is when in Phoenix in mid-May was just slightly warmer than ideal, but the reception we (Governor Dennis Kunisaki and Peter Imamura) received from the Arizona folks could not have been any more memorable. Compared to the L.A., some Phoenix pace is more mellow, if not, a big city, small city, spring, and the ending valley fringed by a border of small mountains. Thanks to Chapter President Gary Tadano for picking us up at the airport and Dr. Dick Matsukawa for taking us up and around the Valley of the Sun.

Near the end of May, my secretary, and I drove north along the coast to Oxnard to visit with the Ventura chapter. The turnout was what I would consider miraculous, as since the last four regional directors never had the opportunity to visit the Ventura chapter. Forty plus members and potential members came forth with a strong expression to reinvigorate the chapter. Look out! There is an expression of desire to become the number one chapter in the organization, and with the enthusiasm of Harry and Jane Kagihara, it just may become a reality.

We (Dennis Kunisaki, Peter Imamura and myself) must be plutones for punishment; We went by car to be with the Imperial Valley Chapter, July 19, 1981. I forgot what hot was, since I left Pastor in 1943, never to return to that kind of weather until now. Chapter President "Pro" Nimura did everything within his power, made it possible for us to have heard that "Pro" got his name because there wasn't any subject under the sun that he was not an authority on. Keep up the good work "Pro".

They say the second time around is better and I tend to believe it as well.

**STatement**

JACL swim meet due entries July 22

PAPA ALT. This year's annual JACL Closed League swim meet will be held Aug. 2 at Gunn High, under sanction of Pacific Swimming. It was announced by meet chairman Dr. Harry Matsukawa, John D. types director. Entry is referee. Entries on official team cards, accompanied by a consolidated team entry form plus $7 per entrant, must be postmarked not later than June 26 and sent to Hata, 3876 Grove Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94305. (415-493-2850). There is a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 600 entrants. The $1 fee for each entry will be used for travel and registration for PCF delegates, who will be selected from a pool of 500 entrants.

Salinas Valley JACL planning golden jubilee

The Salinas Valley JACL at its June board meeting announced its 50th anniversary. The Centennial Celebration will be special for it marks the chapter's golden jubilee; the chapter was chartered in 1932 with the late Dr. Harry Kita as the founding president.

**Business**

Mr. Katsurahara, Fremont JACL board member who spent 10 years in teaching to reach the teacher's field, was the leader of the Fremont JACL.

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Strangely, the judgment took on a tone — though ever so slight — of moral annoyance, but few people seemed to give thought to the basic law of the market place: goods could not have continued to come in, if there had not been demands for them.

The truth of the matter, in part, was most likely that: buyers made their innumerable low bids, "take it, or leave it". Japanese lobbies, not eager but pressured, had to take it; they tried to squeeze some profit out of the pitifully small makers, who were desperately struggling to survive.

The most common American complaint in those years was not about quality, but about the Japanese inability to supply the quantities the American market required.

So part of the blame for the poor quality of Japanese goods was on the buyers’. But no such excuse is needed now. From cameras to TVs to automobiles, Japanese quality products have continued to grow.

That the Japanese were no strangers to the embarrassing and vexatious consequences of buying cheap things can be deduced from the still quoted proverbs: "Buy cheap things, lose money", and "Cheap things are dear." But by and large the Japanese of 1981 definitely live up to the word they have earned.

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Portland—Sas to Tomo lrandech, Episcopal Methodist Church, 12th; Dr. William S. Wilson, "Visiting Japan".

"July 11" (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Lota Festival, Echo Park

Los Angeles—Tsu Venture art exhibit under Aus, 2nd, JACL, 533 S. 6th St., Los Angeles

Montebello—Den Festival (JACL)

Salt Lake City—Oho Festival (2da)

"July 12" (Sunday)

East Los Angeles—7th birthday for little brother, Park

Redlands—JACL, patriotic, Sylvan Inn, Fund benefit.

"July 14" (Tuesday)


"July 16" (Thursday)

Washington—CIVREL, Hearing loss (1st)

Washington—CCREL, Hearing loss (2nd)

Sacramento—Memorial service for Sylvan Inn, Fund benefit.

"July 18" (Saturday)

San Francisco—Mary Jane, Art Institute of Chicago


Ecuador—Carmen pacal, Warrambool, Anna, Eddie Hines Park.

Salado—Salado, JACL, Bag Off, 1st.

"July 22" (Thursday)

San Jose—Concert, JACL, Bag Off, 1st.

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"July 24" (Saturday)

San Jose—Concert, JACL, Bag Off, 1st.

"July 28" (Saturday)

San Jose—Concert, JACL, Bag Off, 1st.

Redlands—JACL, patriotic, Sylvan Inn, Fund benefit.

"July 30" (Monday)

Los Angeles—JACL, Bag Off, 1st.

"July 31" (Tuesday)

Salt Lake City—Oho Festival (2da)

Japanese Chi of Christ.

First Asian heads Lions International

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Interna-

tional Association of Lions Clubs, Inc. has elected Ko Murakami of Kyoto, Japan as the new president of its organizations' 46th annual convention held here June 27-July 2. As a son of the first Asian to become a Lions For Foreign Service, he became the first Asian to head the world's largest service club organization.

A 65-year-old professor at Ura-UCH University in Ehime Prefecture, Murakami is a professor at Ura-UCH University in Ehime Prefecture. His name means "He who is said to own the world". He is the first Asian to win the Olympic gold medal in the game of tennis.

Tofu-odon factory opens new plant

SAN FRANCISCO — Axala, Inc., located in the Yokohama city industrial park at 1575 Burke Ave., South San Francisco, has opened a new factory which manufactures tofu.

The company said the new factory was built in 1980 in order to meet the growing demand for the product.

MUROKAWA: by Jili Konomi

JOHN M. YUMOTO

"Murakami sword Handbuch" is a new book written by John M. Yumoto.

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