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

Asian American coalition formed to battle racism

By PETER IMAMURA

LOS ANGELES—In reaction to the recent occurrences of racial prejudice against Asian Americans, a coalition of Asian community leaders in Southern California announced July 1 the formation of the Asian - Pacific American Round Table (A-PART), an organization modeled after the Anti-Defamation League.

Members of the new group made the announcement at a press conference on the steps of City Hall, on the same day that new and incumbent city officials, including Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson, were to be sworn in. Stevenson had conducted a reelection campaign in May against Michael Woo which had been labeled by the community as racist (PC June 12).

Although the group initially plans to combat racism directed specifically toward Asians, A-PART's leaders eventually foresee a multi-ethnic 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 Fujioka, 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; often more blatant, more recently subtle.

"The long history of racism directed toward Asian Americans, marked by a series of discriminatory and defamatory acts—both public and private—is a sorry aspect of American history. Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans and Southeast Asians—none of us have been spared."

Fujioka then cited such incidents as the Ku Klux Klan's reported activities in Monterey Park and Alhambra; the blaming of Japan for U.S. economic problems; the "Korean Mafia" allegations publicized by the media; the problems faced by Vietnamese immigrants and of course, the Stevenson campaign.

Fujioka continued, "Any attempt by public officials, business and labor leaders, or whomever, to slander the Asian American community will be vigorously challenged by all means and on all fronts—including the courts, if necessary."

When one reporter asked how the group would have reacted to the Stevenson campaign in May, Fujioka said that they would have "condemned" it.

Politically, the group would be non-partisan, noted Fujioka, who pointed out that there were a considerable number of both Democrats and Republicans involved in the organization. The group is now recruiting members and plans a fundraiser in the fall.

Asian American community leaders who endorse

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IN RECOGNITION—The late Amy Uno Ishii was honored June 12 in Los Angeles for her work towards attaining redress for the Japanese American internees during World War II. Accepting the award is her son Art Ishii (left) from County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) and Gardena Councilman Mas Fukui.

'82 JACL convention site, date set

LOS ANGELES—The JACL 1982 National Convention will take place from Sunday, Aug. 1 to Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Hyatt Airport Hotel, it was confirmed July 3 by Lou Tomita, Gardena Valley JACL president and convention committee chair. This is the first National JACL Convention being hosted in the Los Angeles area since 1954.

Ethnic mix on draft boards sought

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—The California Headquarters of the Selective Service System has begun a program to recruit and train civilian volunteers for possible appointment to future draft boards throughout the state, according to Keith W. Lamb, state director (916-484-4949).

Local boards are not to be established unless Congress directs a return to the draft. This announcement does not portend a return to peacetime draft system either, it was stressed. The program is only seeking applicants for possible emergencies.

CWRIC adds three more to staff

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians named three new appointments to its staff this past month. They are:

Dr. Tom Taketa, retired NASA scientist and an active San Jose JACLer, joined the staff June 22. Individuals and groups wishing to appear at any of the hearings should contact him at CWRIC, 726 Jackson Pl NW, #2020, Washington, DC 20506, 202-395-7390.

Cheryl Yamamoto of Hawaii, staff liaison to Commission chair Joan Bernstein; and Stuart Ishimaru, San Jose, research staff. These appointments were announced June 24.

NC-WNPDC mock hearing produces tips on testimony

OAKLAND, Ca.—Lessons on testimony presentation were learned from the NC-WNPDC redress committee mock hearing held June 14 at Laney College. A total of 86 JACLers and non-JACLers attended the session, in which UC Berkeley Chancellor Michael I. Heyman, Supervisor Sunne W. McPeak and television producer Ren Breck served as "commissioners". JACL redress committee coordinator John Tateishi and committee chair Min Yasui monitored the proceedings, in which several witnesses presented testimony, including:

Wilson Makabe, Ben Takeshita, George Nichols, Betty Saito, Ray Okamura, Tom Hayase, Don Nakahata, Elaine Yoneda, Violet De Cristoforo, Nikki Bridges, Judy Niizawa, Lester Suzuki, Emiko Shinagawa and Haru Sakagi.

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 experiences or delve into constitutional issues or mistreatment in camps unless you are well-versed in law or were actually mistreated or had observed such incidents. (There will be lawyers addressing the constitutional issue and persons actually mistreated would be bringing up that matter. Hearsay should be avoided.)

2—TIME WILL BE limited for testimony; therefore, speak on what you feel was unique to your wartime or camp experience that supports Redress. (As background material and general conditions of the camps—smelly stables, etc.—will have been already stated, do not waste precious testimony time to restating a known fact.)

3—DOCUMENTATION HELPS. There are many incidents (e.g., suicides, homicide, inhumane treatment) in & out of camps that may emotionally hurt the witness to raise in testimony. But it should be chronicled

CWRIC will try to set the record straight

REGIONAL HEARINGS DATES

LOS ANGELES	Aug. 4 [Tue], 5, and 6
SAN FRANCISCO	Aug. 11 [Tue], 12, and 13
SEATTLE	Sept. 9 [Wed], 10, 11
ALASKA	Sept. 15 (Anchorage), 17 (Unalaska), 19 (St Paul)
CHICAGO	Sept. 22 [Tue], and 23

WASHINGTON—The Japanese American Citizens League is expected to present its opening case to the nine-member Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians July 14 and 16 here to hopefully, "achieve redress for all persons who suffered injustices by official actions of the United States Government during World War II, as a result of the issuance of Presidential Executive Order 9066 and other associated actions of the United States Government," as JACL guidelines state.

JACL president James Tsujimura 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, asking the CWRIC to look into the legal and constitutional aspects of the decision to evacuate 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

The Redress Committee chairman added that he will also ask for monetary and individual reparations, and will request that the CWRIC investigate the matter to assure that such a tragedy will never happen again.

Redress Guidelines

JACL's redress guidelines basically call for Congress to appropriate a monetary sum to all persons, who, because of government actions since 1941, suffered property damages due to forced expulsion and incarceration by the government. Personal losses and injuries suffered as a consequence of government actions would also be redressed.

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Astronaut Onizuka to address JACL fete

SAN FRANCISCO—Ellison Onizuka, the first Nikkei in the astronaut program of NASA, will be the keynote speaker at the forthcoming benefit dinner for the National JACL Redress Program being sponsored by the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council of the JACL on Aug. 15, at the Japan Center Theatre, it was announced by Steve Doi and Tad Hirota, dinner co-chair.

This dinner will serve to recognize and honor all Nikkei civic and judicial leaders, elected and appointed, of the Northern California community. Nominations are now being accepted by the dinner committee.

Charles "Chuck" Kubokawa, district redress committee chairman who was the first Nikkei astronaut in the NASA project, will introduce the guest speaker. Steve Nakashima, prominent San Jose civic, business and Republican leader and former National JACL vice president, will serve as the toastmaster.

Regional Director George Kondo revealed that chapters will receive credit towards their Redress fund raising quota for any tickets sold for the Aug. 15 dinner. A \$50 donation per person is being asked. Checks should be made out to "NC-WN-P-DC JACL" and mailed to Redress Dinner Committee, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94115.

Hayakawa wants 500,000 for his guest worker program

WASHINGTON—California Senator S.I. Hayakawa proposed June 9 to the Reagan Administration that allowing only 50,000 Mexican workers into the proposed guest worker program is not enough for the project to be a success and that a number of guest worker visas between 500,000 and one million would be necessary to realistically test the program's effectiveness. 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 of the number of illegal aliens in the United States range from 1.4 million to 3 million. Allowing only 50,000 workers to enter legally would hardly discourage illegal traffic 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—and faced realistically."

Task Force Proposal

Meanwhile, the President's Task Force on Immigration and Refugee Policy has recommended President Reagan consider granting 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/442nd "Go For Broke" museum exhibit during a conference on July 24-26 at the Californian Hotel. Organizations and individuals interested in participating in this effort should call Tom Kawaguchi (415) 835-3000, ext. 463/464; 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 documents and pictures into an interesting portrayal of the unit.

(Though sample questions above are provided, there may be other questions which witnesses feel, to ease their minds, should be answered by Federal authorities. The commission can seek out the answers. The commission hearing is the place to relate your personal experiences and the place to seek answers to questions which may have been festering in your minds all these years.)

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 in L.A. and elsewhere, in addition to the Nikkei vernaculars, have been running feature articles and comments on the Evacuation and the redress/reparations issue. These articles, which sympathize with the Japanese Americans, have been evoking

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 stand 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 seem to involve technicalities

and semantics. A Los Angeles Herald Examiner columnist had commented on how some Nisei were interned in camps while their fellow Nisei fought for the U.S. in Europe. Baker responded in a letter to the daily June 28 by stating, in part:

"There were no Japanese Americans interned in internment camps during World War II. Only enemy nationals were in internment camps,

which were established under military control by the Department of Justice. These camps were in existence with the outbreak of hostilities."

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

She added, "Those young J-As and those never even born during WWII, who are now asking 'redress and reparations' should more properly ask their alien parents why

they chose to go and remain at 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. McGrary, whose perceptions of the issue appear similar to Baker's:

"Those in the relocation 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."

McGrary also argues that "the right to a Writ of Habeas

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● Dr. Nagisa Mizushima, 94:

Issei dentist honored

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Southern California Japanese American Dental Society paid tribute June 13 to Dr. Nagisa Mizushima, 94, an Issei dentist who worked his way through high school as a houseboy and later overcame several personal tragedies to serve the community with his profession for over six decades.

A native of Shingu City, Wakayama-ken, Mizushima arrived in Seattle at the age of 20, later moving to San Francisco. Attending high school English classes at night, he worked as a "school boy" domestic for \$1.50 a week.

He decided on a career in dentistry and moved to Los Angeles to attend USC in 1913. One summer, Mizushima lost parts of three fingers on his right hand in an accident, and was discouraged by the dean of USC's dental school to continue his studies.

However, Mizushima persisted and graduated with his DDS degree in 1916. He opened a practice in Little Tokyo. During WW2, he was sent to a detention camp in Arizona.

He retired from practice four years ago, and is presently the oldest surviving Japanese American dentist, as well as the oldest living alumnus of the USC Dental School.

During the SCJADS dinner at the Century City Playboy Club honoring Asian dental students and hygienists, Mizushima was awarded the "Outstanding Pioneer in the Field of Dentistry" award, which was accepted by his son, George, because of his father's ill health.

Miss Sansei Pageant program set

BEVERLY HILLS, Ca.—A sampling of Hollywood and Las Vegas talent will add to the Miss Sansei California Pageant set for July 18 at the Beverly Hilton, beginning with choreographer Helen Funai's production of a Broadway-like number comprised of the 15 Sansei contestants who are vying for the 17th annual honors. Comic Johnny Yune is bringing his Las Vegas act.

Guests of honor include Lt. Gov. Mike Curb, honorary chair; and author James Clavell, who has been encouraging Nikkei short story writers through his \$1,000 annual prizes, one of which will be awarded that night. Dinner will be served from 6:30. For reservations, call (213) 294-7159.

Post Office raises 2nd Class rates July 6

LOS ANGELES — Second class postage rates, which went up July 6, had minimal effect (up 2%) on the Pacific Citizen, while such publications published by schools, scientific, farming and certain non-profit groups (JAACL never did

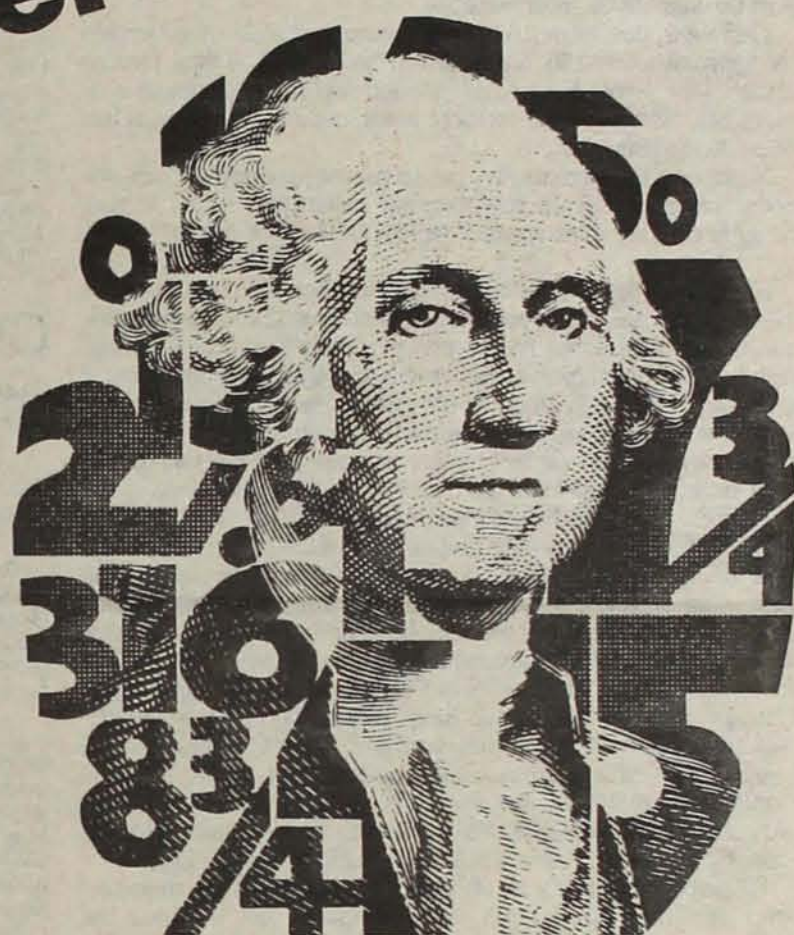
qualify here because of its civic nature) were affected the most.

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BY THE BOARD: by Henry Sakai



35,000 Members

Long Beach, Ca.

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

As for 35,000 JACL members, why not?

That's only 50 members per chapter more. With redress as a rallying point, the Chapters are missing an opportunity to gain support through membership by not calling for sustained support through JACL membership.

Last year, the Selanoco Chapter increased their membership by approximately 150. Much of the credit goes to Mrs. Evelyn Hanki, who wrote letters, telephoned and made personal contacts. She admitted it was a lot of work, but it can be done. It has been done in Selanoco!

Some district councils give prizes for the productive chapters. Some chapters set up membership enlistment teams to thoroughly canvass their areas. People still like to be asked to join.

Mrs. Emily Ishida, our dedicated membership coordinator at Headquarters, is one of our unsung heroes on staff. She receives a number of inquiries on the phone asking about the status of redress. She helps pick up new members by telling them that if they joined the JACL, they would get the Pacific Citizen and the latest on redress. And emphasize to new members that their PC subscription is for the full twelve months—not the end of this year which happens to be the case for JACL membership.

Emily's approach has worked and it's a great way to solicit people who want to keep up-to-date with redress, a subject which will be on the legislative scene for several sessions. [The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians is just getting underway with public hearings this coming week in Washington. It will convene through the summer and into the early fall in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Alaska and Chicago. Another year will have passed before the CWRIC makes its report and recommendations to the Congress around October, 1982, if it maintains the schedule of PL 96-317. Then the Congress (which may see some changes in make-up with the November, 1982, elections) must decide in the subsequent session. No one expects this would be a quick decision.—Ed.]

While we have lost a lot of opportunities for getting membership drives going, I hope some chapters will continue the push... this final push for membership. It can be done. Evelyn Hanki and Emily Ishida, as well as others, have shown the way.

Another area we really need to keep hitting is with Wills and Trusts because there are many Japanese Americans who are ready to give and can benefit as well—if they'd only think about JACL.

A brochure is being prepared, but the text drafted by Lorrie Inagaki, the past program and legal director, appeared previously in the PC and reappears here below.

Gifts by Will

The Japanese American Citizens League, as a volunteer, non-profit, educational, and civil rights organization, has always depended upon the generosity and commitment of its members and friends for it to carry on its work for the Japanese American community.

The importance of such support cannot be emphasized enough. The people are the heart and soul of JACL, and their energy and ideas give the National Organization its strength and vitality.

One of the ways you can insure the continuance of important programs to the communities is by planning your will to include the JACL. By making gifts to charitable organizations such as the JACL, the donor's property continues to work for worthwhile causes long after his or her death. Furthermore, gifts made by wills may be advantageous to a donor as such gifts may significantly decrease federal and state estate taxes. In fact, such bequests come off the top of the taxable estate where the estate and inheritance taxes are the highest.

If you are considering making a bequest, please contact Ron Wakabayashi, National Executive Director, at National Headquarters for more information, or contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance. #

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the basic concept of A-PART include:

Michael Yamaki, vp, Japanese American Bar Assn.; Baldwin Tom, pres, Chinese American Citizens Alliance; Irving Lai, pres, Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Audrey Noda, pres, Asian Democratic Caucus; David Bow Woo, pres, So. Calif. Chinese Lawyers Assn.; Eric Aguiluz, pres, Philippine Lawyers Assn.; Toshi Yoshida, chair, L.A. Commission on Human Rights; George Kodama, Fred Hoshiyama, Carol Kawakami, John Saito, JACL; William Lew Tan, chair, Minority Bar Assn. of L.A. County; Irene Hirano, pres, Asian Pacific Women's Network; Grace Mitsuhashi, pres, Japanese American Democratic Club.

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June 29—Ninth Circuit Court upholds one-year sentence imposed by Ariz. Federal Judge David Ling on 100 evacuee draft evaders inside Poston camp. One judge (William Denman) sympathizes for defendants because of their illegal confinement in the relocation center.

June 30—U.S. FEPC expires; voters in California qualify FEPC initiative for November ballot.

July 2—Nisei couple (Ruth and Jon Matsuo) at Univ. of Minnesota excluded from Oak Hill housing project because of restrictive covenants; vow to fight real estate firm which denied his application because he was not Hakujin ... American Veterans Committee (AVC) leads campaign to challenge covenant.

July 4—AVC members spend 4th of July holiday rearranging Yuba City honor roll, putting segregated names of Nisei GIs into roll in alphabetic order.

July 6—Special troop train transports 500 members of returning 442nd RCT from Camp Kilmer, N.J., to Ft. Belvoir, Va., preparing for parade in Washington and review by President Truman July 15.

July 8—Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Henry Willis orders restoration of commercial fishing license to Torao Takahashi, despite state appeal with Calif. supreme court.

July 11—Baseball fans at Griffith Stadium applaud and cheer for 442nd GIs present for game: the White Sox defeated the Senators 4-2.

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In addition, JACL is asking for an appropriation of funds or resources for special programs to benefit those classes and groups who were affected by official actions of the government.

The JACL National Committee for Redress is currently asking all chapters to seek endorsements for the redress and reparations movement, with the hearings scheduled for other sites in Aug. and Sept.

More Time Needed?

During the PSWDC Redress Workshop held June 30 in Los Angeles, Rose Matsui Ochi, a legislative and criminal justice aide to Mayor Tom Bradley, said that the CWRIC faces an "impossible situation" in that they must file its findings and recommendations by February 1982. (However, PL 96-317 allows the CWRIC to submit a written report to Congress no later than one year after the date of the first meeting of the Commission.)

Ochi, who had previously served on the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy, felt that the community should push for an extension of time for the CWRIC's fact-finding and hearing phase and that they should make known their demands for a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the camps and the recommendation of a fitting remedy.

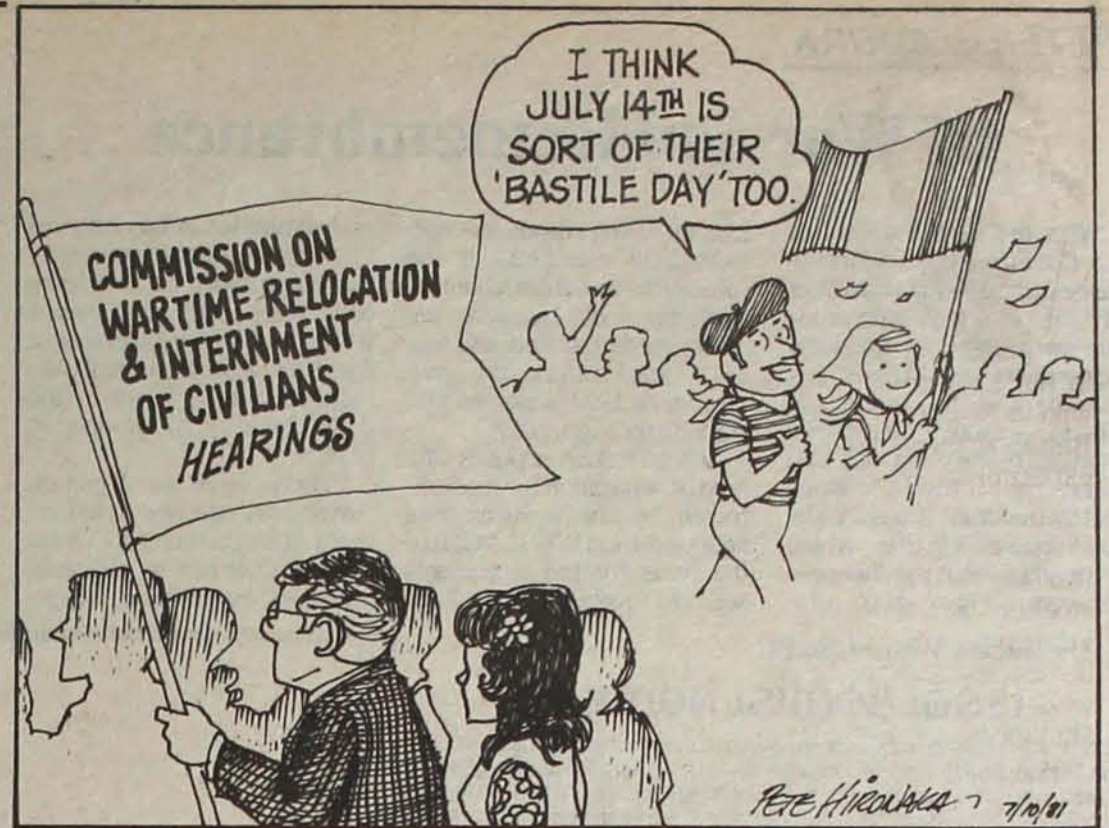
The commission she sat on had a full two years to operate, she pointed out.

Remedies the Real Issue

Although the JACL is asking for monetary reparation as one of its remedies, it may not be necessarily recommended by the CWRIC. John Tateishi, JACL redress coordinator, had previously stated that just what the remedies should be may be a much more difficult issue to deal with, more difficult than establishing to the CWRIC that an injustice had occurred.

Philadelphia JACL directory updated

PHILADELPHIA—The 1970 Philadelphia JACL directory is being updated with Kuniaki Mihara, 508 S. Brentwood Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (609-234-6254) in charge. Over 800 JACL families and friends in the Delaware Valley will be listed in the directory which will also contain the yellow-colored "Kiroi Pages" for advertisers.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

On Becoming a 'Grandmother'

Salt Lake City

Some of my Nisei friends claim that being a grandparent is the ultimate fulfillment. Achieving this status must be a heady experience. There is an air of braggadocio to even the most modest individuals, when it comes to talk of grandchildren. My lack of envy for their euphoria is partially attributable to a low opinion of roles in general. Observing my disinterest, friends say, "You should try it." I sense the suggestion of an invitation to join a select society. Perhaps the idea was never given serious consideration because the possibility of becoming a grandparent seemed extremely remote.

All that was almost changed earlier this month. A marriage was arranged for Nicholas. The prospective bride's side approached us. Nicholas had been noticed and admired by them from a distance. One Sunday, they asked to examine his dossier. We had also made inquiries of the future bride. This may seem somewhat familiar to those who are acquainted with Japanese customs, as recent as the time of our Issei parents and their marriages. Picture brides were matched with grooms after an investigation of family genealogies.

The prospective bride's family was impressed with Nicholas's dossier. It included photographs of his ancestors and extended family. Occasionally, I show them to him as a reminder of the noble line he represents. When we adopted him, it was with the stipulation that his children be of select breeding. Beyond purity of race, there was to be equality of social rank. I know it all sounds undemocratic, but for this reason other maidens who could not qualify were firmly refused. They were simply not good enough for Nicholas. In our outright rejection of the unfortunate candidates, all parties were spared the hypocrisy that often haunts unhappy arrangements. After some discussion, the bride's family agreed upon a dowry, an ancient Asian custom.

That night before the wedding, I prepared a special dinner. Nicholas asked for a second steak. As I placed the meat upon his plate, I said, "There's more if you want. You'll need your

strength tomorrow." When I tucked him into bed on the last night of innocence, I wished I had thought to replace his Superman sheet. It suddenly seemed childish.

On the eventful morning, I said, "Just think, Nicholas, you are going to be a papa. And I'll be a grandmother." After the words were out, I realized I was approaching a new threshold, ready or not. As we drove to the wedding site, doubt crossed my mind. I am presently disenchanted with being a wife and mother. Today, I prefer to be a gardener. Tomorrow, who knows? In this state of mind, how could I be a grandmother?

Nicholas must also have been having his doubts. He had us stop the car twice. When we reached the place, intermediaries were waiting. They were to instruct and direct the marriage ritual and consummation. The propriety attached to the ceremony dignified the merging of two great bloodlines. No surreptitious coupling as among lesser breeds. The bride had arrived and was waiting in the chamber. Nicholas gave us an apprehensive look as he was led to the bridal suite. We assured him we'd return in two hours.

During that time, I kept watching the clock. Was I about to become a grandmother yet? At the appointed hour, I rushed into the building, asking, "Is it over?" It had been a total failure. Nicholas refused to consummate the marriage. Didn't he like the bride? Was he mean to her? Did he try to bite her? No, he was a perfect gentleman, but completely disinterested. Didn't she like him? She was crazy about him, behaving like a harlot. What did Nicholas do? He sat and looked. At what? Up at the ceiling.

I guess it wasn't in the cards for me to be a grandmother yet. My friends can relax. They'll be spared my butting into their conversations with stories of a furry, four-footed grandchild. I confess I was looking forward to bragging about one who was potty trained at the age of six weeks, just like his father. He would also have probably typed at one year and driven a car by the time he was two, just like his father. #

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Corpus can be suspended, the operative word 'unless,' when in threat of invasion or rebellion 'the safety of the nation shall require it.'

McGrory also compares the treatment of Americans, British and Dutch "caught in Japan at the moment of Pearl Harbor" with the Japanese Americans' WWII experiences, noting that "no reparations have been sought by their survivors or given by the Japanese government."

The Pasadena Star News ran a letter last month from Caryl C. Bradford, who also considered such camps as Manzanar as "heaven" to the POW camps in Japan and Manila during WWII, and that

there was a "panic" which made it hard to tell "who was a loyal Japanese American and who was a collaborator."

Published statements such as these obviously draw anger from the Japanese American community, and have the tendency to create a distorted impression for the uninformed public. There's no doubt that more of such statements will resurface.

Baker and McGrory justify the Evacuation by attempting to go "by the books" and are careful to make semantic distinctions, such as differentiating "internment," "assembly" and "relocation" centers. They both appear to support the reasoning that was held by some in power during the war, even though retro-

spect and sensibility has uncovered what actually took place.

It's useless to respond emotionally to such advocates; facts and the recollection of reality are the only means of substantially countering their positions, even though they may not listen to them.

There are those in the Japanese American community who strongly feel that the Nikkei really don't have to "prove" anything to the government nor the American public when it comes to the issue of redress. In a sense, they are correct—but they must also remember that history, and its facts, cannot speak for themselves without human beings bringing them to light. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

K-9 Corps vs. 25 Nisei GIs

Denver, Colo.

What follows must qualify as one of the zanier stories of World War II. It has to do with an old Swiss who had a theory that dogs could be taught to seek out and attack Japanese soldiers by their smell in the jungles of the Southwest Pacific, and the 25 Hawaiian Nisei who were detached from the 100th Infantry Battalion then training in Wisconsin, to take part in the experiment.

The story is told in the March-April 1980 issue of *Puka-Puka Parade*, the publication of Club 100 in Hawaii, which was sent along by friend Sohei Yamate, the Honolulu stockbroker. Sohei is a story in himself. As guard and interpreter at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo after World War II, he became acquainted with many of the Japanese leaders who were tried and executed as war criminals. But that's another tale.

The *Puka-Puka Parade* story is by Yasuo Takata and Raymond Nosaka who were among the 25. On Nov. 3, 1942, they were flown with great secrecy from Camp McCoy, Wis., to what seemed to be an abandoned airstrip somewhere near the mouth of the Mississippi River. A boat took them to what they later learned was Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico about 20 miles off Gulfport, Miss. They settled into an old barracks type building at ancient Fort Massachusetts. Then, for the first time they learned they would be traveling by boat each day to nearby Cat Island, covered with dense jungle growth, to train sentry dogs, scout dogs and attack dogs.

Scouting and sentry training was fairly routine, but the attack dogs was something else. The authors write:

"To train attack dogs to hate us, we began by beating one dog at a time chained to a tree, with a knotted burlap bag. Can you imagine the dog growling, snarling and springing

at you every time you hit him with a burlap bag! It didn't take too long before the dogs were growling and pulling on their chains when they saw us coming. Going through this process we had no protection except our fatigue clothes.

"In the next process the dogs learned to bite the knotted burlap bags. This time we used a helmet with a neck guard, face mask, and hockey gloves. We held the knotted burlap in front of our necks, then at the trainer's command of 'Kill, kill,' the dog would rush the knotted burlap at our neck. The dog would bite it and try to rip it away ...

"The attack dogs were just beginning to understand their mission to kill when the head trainer—the old Swiss—was asked to leave after the big shots from Washington inspected our program ... The high command finally concluded that the Buddheads from Hawaii did not secrete a peculiar odor of their natural ancestors. They forgot to feed us 'chazuke, koko and takuwan (rice with tea and pungent pickled vegetables)'."

The Nisei worked only a few hours morning and afternoon, which left them plenty of time to fish and rake up oysters to supplement GI fare. One day a couple of the men rowed out to buy several buckets of shrimp from a fisherman for a tempura feast. Shortly some officials showed up to investigate reports of strange soldiers, possibly Japanese, landed from a submarine on Ship Island.

Cat Island was stocked with a three-month supply of beer. It was used up in three weeks because, the authors assure us, "the drinking water was brackish, sulphur taste and smelled like rotten eggs". By the time the dog trainers rejoined their buddies with the 100th, they were so badly overweight from good food and limited duty that it took them a while to catch up. Their commanding officer, Maj. Jim Lovell, observed not long ago that the "hate-Jap" training for the dogs, on the theory that blood and sweat smelled different one from another, was a total failure.

But now, nearly 40 years later, it makes a good story. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



The Changing of the Guard

Philadelphia

THERE IS SOMETHING about the very nature of change that triggers concern if not fear, simply because of the uncertainty inherent in the process of change, including its end result. Undoubtedly, this phenomenon has currency insofar as the national JACL is concerned. There are new, young leaders on the horizon eager to take over the reins - while, at the same time, there may be some "older" leaders who view with trepidation the inexorable change that is taking place. And, I might add, should take place. This process of change can be somewhat traumatic, although it need not be so. If both sides, the incoming as well as the outgoing, approach the process with perspective and understanding, the shift can be mutually satisfying as well as beneficial to the organization.

I HAPPEN TO KNOW a bit about the process and have had the good fortune of participating in it, albeit not without some disappointments along the way. There are yet a number of changes which I had espoused, for years, which somehow have never come about; but that is to be expected as part of the effort. There were, and continue to be, many other changes that I would have liked to have seen, but did not even propose simply because I realized it would be for naught. That, too, is part of the effort: one needs to be selective as to what is truly important and what, even though somewhat important, cannot be changed as of that time or moment. Some things simply take time.

IN THE COURSE of seeking to forge a shift, I've knowingly challenged—not always diplomatically, I must admit—some "sacred" concepts in JACL as well as some of its established leaders. As to the established leaders, sometimes referred to as the "old guard", in almost all instances I was extended courtesy if not change. But if I kept it up long enough, some change would be realized. Some others, however, not: the most significant one for me is the reformation of JACL into a pan-Asian group that I had labelled "Oriental American Citizens League," or ORACLE, for short. That such will eventually come about, I have no doubt. The time may not be right because, by and large, the membership apparently is not ready for it. Another is leadership roles, at top places, for our women members: this change is slowly evolving.

THERE MAY BE impatience among the young, potential leaders in our midst who seek change; equally, there is, among a few "old guards," reluctance to permit change. But as suggested at the outset of this column, this need not be so with mutual understanding, cooperation and trust. The "old guard" must come to grips with the inevitability of, indeed the need for, change; at the same time, the "young turks" must understand, and accept, graciously, the fact that the "old guards" do have experience and there from a meaningful contribution to make. When the metamorphosis from "young Turk" to "old guard" takes place (and it will take place much faster than one expects) you, too, will come to realize this.

FOR MY OWN PART, over a decade ago I decided to bow out as a member of the National Board, in the conviction that the younger members should have room to participate. This did not, however, signify that my concerned interest in the welfare of JACL, and in more particular the welfare of all Nikkei, had waned, quite the contrary. And so it has been that whenever I perceived something that needed correction, I have spoken out—at times bruising some toes in the course of doing so. But then we did the same while a member of the National Board as well. But in neither situation did we do so with any ill-feeling or animosity. And in this spirit, we hope to continue to do so. The stakes are too important to do otherwise.

SPEAKING OUT:

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. 283), and withdrew his opinion 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 know 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 camp case.

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

"They reached the Court 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 army could take 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.

"Was it constitutional to evacuate only [American] citizens of Japanese ancestry? That was an issue hotly contested both in the curfew case (*Hirabayashi v. United States*, 320 U.S. 81) and in the evacuation case (*Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214).

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

"The severe bite of the military evacuation order was not in a requirement to move out but in the requirement to move out 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 concurring opinion, which I never published, agreeing to the evacuation but to evacuation via concentration camps. My Brethren, especially (Hugo) Black and (Felix) Frankfurter, urged me strongly not to publish. 'The issue of detention is not here,' they said.

"The latter was of course not true, as John Marshall's famous *Marbury v. Madison* (5 U.S. 137) shows ...

"Technically, however, the question 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

there was no authority to detain citizen, absent evidence of a crime [Ex parte Endo].

"Meanwhile, however, grave injustices had been committed. Fine American citizens had been robbed of their properties by racists—crimes that might not have happened if the Court had not followed the Pentagon literally.

"The evacuation case, like the flag salute case, was ever on my conscience. (Frank) Murphy and (Wiley) Rutledge dissenting, had been right."

It is believed that major constitutional violations occurred when the Supreme Court allowed the military without "martial law" on the West Coast to assume jurisdiction over American citizen civilians while civil courts were functional. A suggestion to correct by legislation the possible errors during World War II when the military assumed jurisdiction in the evacuation and detention of Japanese American citizens into concentration camps is found on page 137:

A SUGGESTED 'MODEL':

"The Senate of the United States shall comprise a Court with final appellate jurisdiction to review decisions and judgments of the Supreme Court when the 'war powers' of the President directly or indirectly suspend or conflict with the civil rights of American citizen civilians. The Senate exercise of such final appellate jurisdiction shall be under such rules and regulations as may be provided by the Senate, including the time within which appeals shall be taken. A decision of the Senate affirming, modifying or reversing a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States shall be final."

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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: by John Saito

Round Trip

It took me over two years, but I have finally attended or met 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 area and a diverse population.

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

The weather 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 pleasant. Compared to the L.A. scene the Phoenix pace is much more relaxing although by no means a small city, it sprawls over an almost never 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 Matsuishi for taking us around in 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 since, at least the last four regional directors never had the opportunity to meet with the Ventura chapter. Forty plus members and potential members came forth with a strong expression to reactivate the chapter. Look out! There is an expressed desire to become the number one chapter in the organization, and with the enthusiasm of Harry and Janet Kajihara it just may become a reality.

We (Dennis Kunisaki, Peter Imamura and myself) must be gluttons for punishment. We went by car to be with the Imperial Valley Chapter at their dinner meeting in El Centro. I forgot what hot was, since I left Poston in 1943, never to return to that kind of weather until now. Chapter President "Pro" Nimura did everything within his control to make it comfortable for us. I 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 that statement.

JACL swim meet entries due July 22

PALO ALTO, Ca.—The seventh 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 Hatasaka. John Kaku is meet director; Sam Uriu is referee. Entries on official cards, accompanied by a consolidated team entry form plus 75¢ per event fees should be postmarked no later than midnight July 22 and sent to Hatasaka, 3876 Grove Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303 (415-493-8932/321-7066). JACL ribbons go to first six places and trophies to high pointers. Families are encouraged to bring picnic lunches and socialize during the award presentations.

West Valley to burn clubhouse mortgage

West Valley JACL has tentatively scheduled a party in September to burn its clubhouse mortgage. The house at 1545 Teresita Dr. is the "home" for chapter board meetings and many activities as well as the Senior Center.

It was acquired in late 1972 and the chapter was awarded the Inagaki Prize at the 1974 national convention in Portland for having purchased a home and reconverting it to community use.

In the meantime, preparations are underway for the annual Daruma Folk Festival for the benefit of senior citizens program on Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. at the Saratoga Lanes parking lot. Event features unique folk craft produced by the seniors and area Nikkei artisans, fresh farm produce, games, food and entertainment.

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First Sansei to head Seabrook

SEABROOK, N.J.—C. Scott Nagao was installed Seabrook JACL president June 20, becoming the third member of the Nagao family to head the chapter here and also Seabrook's first Sansei chapter president.

His father, Charles, was at the helm in 1951 and again in 1964 and in the interim was EDC governor. His mother, Mary, led the chapter in 1976. Scott's wife Carol has served on the chapter board, making the Nagao family in every respect a true JACL household.

Scott succeeds Peggy Fukawa, a two-year president. EDC Gov. Cherry Tsutsumida swore in the new cabinet. Washington JACL Representative Ron Ikejiri, main speaker, stressed the importance of taking part in the political process and demonstrated ways by which impact is made.

The dinner at Centerton Golf Club, which drew 180 people, also honored local graduates, including scholarship recipients Caroline Fukawa and David Mukoda (\$250 awards) and Keith Yokoyama (\$100 award). The JACL silver pin was conferred upon Iddy Asada for her many years in community work and promoting Nisei heritage. The Seabrook Minyo Dancers entertained.

Dayton World a Fair 'most successful'

With 6,000 pieces of chicken yakitori and 2,000 chicken teriyaki sold by the Dayton JACL during the International World a Fair Festival (May 29-31), a prize-winning cultural booth staged by the Fujinkai Club and an enthusiastic turnout of volunteers, success was inevitable, noted Mas Yamasaki and Bob McMullen, co-chairmen of the 1981 festival.

Initial reports show over \$8,000 was grossed, the "most successful" festival for the chapter to date. The JACL cultural booth placed 5th in a field of 34 entrants. To express appreciation to volunteers, a wine & cheese party is being planned.

Salinas Valley JACL planning golden jubilee

The Salinas Valley JACL, at its June board meeting, announced its 1982 installation dinner in January 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

Ms. Kay Iwata, a Fremont JACL board member who spent 10 years in teaching to enter the real estate field, was named manager of Gy-gax Realtors, Fremont.

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James Oda

From the Author's Memory (Part 3)
During the Vietnam war millions of American youth resisted the draft system. Their struggle was a morally just one.

The case of the Nisei draft resisters during WW2, however, should not be viewed in the same light. In this instance, the government exempted us from military duty categorically as a race in an initial attempt to revoke our citizenship and eventually effect mass deportation to Japan.

JACL saw the handwriting on the wall and campaigned actively for its reinstatement. Mike Masaoka, Fred Tayama and Koji Anyoshi were some of the leading advocates. In the process Tayama was beaten by hoodlums to within an inch of his life. We must all remember him as a great hero for Japanese Americans.

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