San Francisco--A separate JACL organization to substantially engage in lobbying activities will be implemented, it was decided Sunday (Feb. 26) by the National JACL Board, which met here at Headquarters on the Feb. 26-28 weekend.

Aaron the 1976 convention at Salt Lake City had authorized its formation at an appropriate time, the resolution was approved by a 2,001-0-14 (an Internal Revenue Code reference to a non-profit organization which engages in extensive lobbying activities; contributions to a 501(c)4 organization are not tax-deductible) rating being implemented. Earlier Min Yasui, national results

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CWRIC extension bill passes Senate
WASHINGTON--The Senate adopted HR 5021 on Feb. 25, which would grant the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians a one-year extension.

Japan denies support of Nisei businessman’s ‘foreign aid’ plan

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Once that’s decided, there’s the matter of getting words from him. Schedule was even more so. Typically, anything pressing) or coming up with an appropriate topic. But even more incredible, I found out later from time to sit down at the typewriter without having a thousand other things to do … and time is the thing Min has precious little of in his work day.

The last time I walked into Min’s office, I literally lost sight of him as I sat down across from him at his desk. Except for a little space in front of him, his desk was stacked with paper. There was paper work piled at least a foot high around him. Neither he nor I being tall men, we couldn’t see over the stacks of paper. But even more incredible, I found out later from his personal secretary that he actually read all of that correspondence and responded personally to a good part of it.

If there was something ridiculous about the amount of paper work Min has to deal with as the executive director of Denver’s Commission on Community Relations, his daily schedule was even more so. Typically, his work day starts at 6 or 7 a.m. with a breakfast meeting or speech. Then he’s in meetings most of the day, except for lunch hour speeches to one group or another. This goes on into the evenings. In fact, the week’s schedule I saw had him dragging home after midnight through the entire week.

The only time there seems to be relief from such a rigorous schedule is when he’s on the road, which appears to be about a third of his time. One of the more mercy than others it’s only a little more. Min responds personally to a good part of it. But some of it, I think, is simply due to the fact that he’s on the road with Denver’s Commission on Community Relations, work Min has to deal with daily as the executive director of that organization. He spends some 1,500 hours at home in the evening and weekends answering letters, etc., as the Redress chair.

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Oxnard's Mayor Kato to seek Calif. Assembly seat for GOP

Oxnard, Ca. — Mayor Tazoo Kato announced Feb. 11 his candidacy for the newly reapportioned 36th Assembly District for the Republican primary election in June. His announcement came two days after Assemblyman Charles Imbrecht (R-Ventura) said he would not seek re-election.

Other persons announcing their candidacy for the district include Ventura City Councilwoman Harriet H. K. Henerson and businesswoman Barbara Garcia-Weed, both Democrats. Kato may go unchallenged within his own party, but Tom McClintock, former Ventura County Republican Central Committee Chairman, is reportedly considering a bid as well.

Kato pointed out that currently there are no Asian American legislators serving in the State Legislature (the last Nisei to hold Assembly seats was Republican Paul Bannai and Democrat Floyd Mori, who both were defeated in the Nov. 4, 1980 elections). Kato, a 43-year-old dentist, was first elected to the Oxnard City Council in 1972 and then elected mayor here in 1976. He served for three consecutive terms.

With Kato's announcement of his intention to run for the Assembly, several persons stated their plans to run for mayor. Among them was retired Nisei businessman Nao Takasugi, formerly Mayor Pro-Tem of the Oxnard City Council and chairman of the City of Oxnard Planning Commission.

Bilingual librarian post open at JACC

LOS ANGELES—A dinner in honor of Associate Justice K. Tamura will be held Friday, March 5, 1982.

His Hana”—Actors Saachiko (left) and Mako, shown here in a scene from Visual Communications “Hito Hata: Raise the Banner”, will make personal appearances at a benefit showing of the film on Sunday, Mar. 14, 7 p.m., at El Camino College, Torrance. For ticket info, call Nancy Araki (213) 680-4462.

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‘Las Vegas Nite’ set at East SGV center

WEST COVINA, Ca.—The East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center will hold its ninth annual Las Vegas Nite on Saturday, Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 1200 W. Puente Ave. Grand Prize is a three day/two night stay at Mint Hotel in Las Vegas; for tickets ($7.50 per person) call (213) 960-2566.

Join the JACL

West L.A. JACL seeks Nisei week candidates

LOS ANGELES—The West Los Angeles JACL is currently accepting applications for Miss West L.A. candidates in the 1982 Nisei Week Contest.

Candidates must be 18-25 years of age, live in West L.A. area (including Mar Vista and Culver City) and have one parent of 1/4-1/2 Japanese ancestry. Deadline Mar. 10. For info call Jean Ushijima (213) 500-4586, 390-914 or Veronica Ohara 473-7066.
The most effective way of getting new members is by direct membership solicitation in person. The view is not good. Therefore, the cost to operate the organization. Normally, dues increase has been around 30% a year and the present dues are $25.75 to JACL. National with a $5 discount for couples. 

I find that most organization dues are around $30 and they usually ask the membership to pledge more, probably indicating that over $26,615 have been requested from Emily Ishida, who handles membership intake. The most encouraging result is that overall membership has been 2,700, up over 2,600 in the previous membership figures. Interestingly, our former treasurer George Danielson, an attorney who has served as JACL's chapter president, and Bob Matsui, a candidate as a representative in the 5th congressional district with respect to JACL by David Nishio, is looking forward to the convention. He is not the actual date of the second annual Nikkei convention. As is the story of two men whose lives? Sometimes, there seemed to be no sense of the next Pan American convention. With a strong and active supporter of the successful release of college students from Concentration Camps. This is the story of two men whose lives can be so important testimony was withheld and that Chol Soo Lee was an innocent victim. Some suggest the trial was biased by racism. Four years after his incarceration, Chol Soo Lee was charged with first degree murder in the self-defense killing of another prisoner. In the opinion of many Asians, he was so poorly served by the judicial system. To them, he represents the hopes of all Third World People. Proof that justice is obtainable for all. The cause has forced an alliance among some Japanese and Chinese. Perhaps this unity is a sign of political maturity. It also has to do with the individual, Chol Soo Lee. From the depths of despair, he anguishes, he writes, “I, too, am a human being ...” What Asian Americans have not made that declaration, however, is the number of Japanese lives? Sometimes, there seemed to be no sense of affirmation.

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Sen. Hayakawa’s Wise Decision

Denver, Colo.

The fact that Dr. Samuel I. Hayakawa was elected to the United States Senate was something of a political accident. He had never run for political office previously and he had not been active in his party, the Republicans.

But he had been at the right place, the campus of San Francisco State, at the right time, the period of savage racial prejudice. And Hayakawa had the courage to take the campus and classrooms back from the radicals during an era when most academics were quaking in their shoes. It was the image of the doughty little professor doing on the sound of truth projected into middle class homes around the country, that made him a viable political candidate.

Hayakawa made history when he defeated incumbent John Tunney in the battle of the ship. Next to represent a mainland state in the Senate, and the first Nisei Republican in Congress. Equally notable was the fact that California State, at the right time, the period of savage racism, had elected a man with Japanese roots to represent its interests in the Senate.

Now, at age 75, in the final year of a less than scintillating term in the Senate, Hayakawa has announced he will not seek reelection. Whether or not President Reagan urged him to retire, it was a wise decision. Hayakawa has enough laurels in his crown not to risk besmirching his long, productive and distinguished career with a humiliating campaign defeat, or in the event of victory, an inadequate performance in Congress not up to the standards he set for himself in the years when he was the nation’s most visible semantist.

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Our strength over the past fifty-plus years is based on the organization of these local chapters into a national network that is self-sustaining, that is not replicated with huge costs and efforts. If you take the time to think about it, what occurs is that a local organized group can access the rest of the national organization, when the occasion requires it. It is in our great insurance policy as well as an important social institution to link the Nikkei together.

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A Leadership for the Times

Philadelphia

In a few months, the biennial assemblage of delegates from more than one hundred JACL chapters from throughout this land, will take place in Los Angeles. There, new national officers will be elected who will be charged with the sober responsibility of guiding this organization for the next biennium. It must be a leadership that is prepared to listen to new voices, consider new ideas, venture into new frontiers.

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most articulate and knowledgeable speakers in our midst. I'm out of the Army like few other Nisei, I thought it was appropriate to give so selflessly as he has. And he's been at it for many years before Japanese Americans can talk with pride about a 3 percent representation in what has been called the world’s most exclusive club.

Without discounting the programs that are chaired by able and dedicated volunteers, we all ought to realize that the implementation of these programs arrives as a consequence of the efforts of the most different ways.

While the most obvious contribution is monetary, it is not the most significant. For example, the active articulation for the Redress program by local chapters will ultimately determine the success or failure of this effort to seek justice. It would be totally unfair to ask chapters to take on this effort without food or arms. There is no mistake that this effort, if we are committed to final resolution, will be the greatest test of determination in our ranks since the evacuation. There are complex issues in formulating a remedies program to be offered. On an ideal and abstract level, we can formulate what should happen to a redress claim, and a world must address those realities that become barriers to the achievement of these noble goals. It means getting our hands dirty and getting into the trenches.

Nisei that have spoken on the issue represent a myriad of perspectives. Perhaps, because of the wartime experience, they would prefer to not return to this as the past. History is not going to forget this. Nisei are the elders of the community today. There is a responsibility that goes with this.
Trust Fund for Redress seen as breech of faith

By KATHRYN BANNAI
Seattle JACL President
We must point out what a critical change in policy this is and what it means to each of us.

Working together, Japanese Americans across the country have campaigned for a legislative remedy to our wartime internment. Individual payments have been our primary goal. Not a method, but a goal.

Many of us were first inspired to action by the JACL's Salt Lake City resolution calling for individual monetary payments. Our leaders won the creation of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Many JACLers testified, winning new friends and gaining recognition for our cause.

Now is not the time for JACL to spread disharmony within the national coalition that is building toward winning redress. Regardless of how JACL administrators wish to cross-reference their interpretation of the Salt Lake City guidelines, the statement “we do not, however, intend to seek individual payment from the government, but will advocate legislation which will place appropriated funds from the Powell Act into a chartered trust or foundation from which individuals can be compensated,” represents a break of faith with those who have joined the redress campaign.

The only flaw pointed out in the statement is the interpretation of the Salt Lake City guidelines, the statement “we do not, however, intend to seek individual payment from the government, but will advocate legislation which will place appropriated funds from the Powell Act into a chartered trust or foundation from which individuals can be compensated,” represents a break of faith with those who have joined the redress campaign.

 Deaths
Tomohiro Watatsuki Yano, 64, died Feb. 16 in Salt Lake City. He was an active charter member of the Salt Lake JACL, having served on the boards of the chapter and the IDC as well as the Salt Lake JACL redress committee. He was survived by his wife, Karen; two daughters, Janice and Hearing; and a brother, Isami. He was a member of the Heiko Club.

Shintaro Ogata, 77, died Feb. 20 in Los Angeles. He was a charter member of the Shimbashi Club. He was survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Michael and James; and a daughter, Sheryl.

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Cal-brewed sake faces stiff import duty in Japan

By JOEYAMA

BERKELEY, Calif. — Problems of U.S.-Japan trade relations in terms of distribution and maintenance of California sake into Japan was the unusual topic of the main speech at the Berkeley JACL Installation Jan. 30 at Spencer's Restaurant.

Guest speaker Curt M. Rocca, Jr., president of the Dr. Pepper Snapple Co., Inc., said he has been trying to introduce the California rice-wine into Japan. He thought that it would be beneficial to the American community and that he would like to have JACL members participate more in the general community-at-large.

Kato Introduced

Dinner was emceed by Gordon Kawamoto. George Kondo, regional director, introduced the officers. Tokuya Kato, former president of JACL, introduced and longtime supporter of JACL, recipient of Japanese government honorary in 1964, was introduced by Beatrice Kono.

That was a new light in my American cultural heritage,” he commented.

Rev. Lester Suzuki of Berkeley United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Rev. Matsuyama of Berkeley Buddhist Temple delivered benediction, noting with a sense of humor, that sake was the first juice of wisdom.

Cal-Brewed Sake Faces Stiff Import Duty in Japan

“Kato introduced chapter president, David Inouye said his experiences with Bedros brought many things to light for him and felt the hearing depicted the evasives as an extended family bond of history.”

JACL President Kiyoshi Katsu­there Japanese officials

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Tour/Charters

BERKELEY, Calif. — President's Message

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In introducing the JAPAN ODYSSEY TOUR, the JACL President, Kiyoshi Katsuo­more naturally said that there was a 29-page profile on him.

Yick Wo School breaks ground

BERKELEY, Calif. — President's Message

June 24 - 16 Days - $1950 - Most Meals

Tokyo, Hakone, Lake Biwa, Shodo Island, Bepu, Miyazaki, Ibusuki, Kumamoto, Hiroshima and Kyoto.

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TOKYO

JAPAN ODYSSEY TOUR

April 15 - 20 Days - $1510 - Most Meals

Tokyo, Hakone, Lake Biwa, Shodo Island, Bepu, Miyazaki, Ibusuki, Kumamoto, Hiroshima and Kyoto.

ON SALE 3/15/82

5-Hokkaido Tour ......... ... Sept 25-Oct 16: Steve Vagi

Nisei watercolorist to lead China tour

4-5 Days - $550 - Most Meals

Shanghai, Hangchow, Hangzhou to Shanghai.

TOUR DATES: GUIDES

1-3 Days - $50 to visit Beijing, Shan­

10 - Special Holiday Tour ... Dec. 18, 19, 20: George Kaniegai

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