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JACL Legal & Education Fund to be established for redress

By HARRY HONDA

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

Inasmuch as the 1978 convention at Salt Lake had authorized its formation at an appropriate time, Frank Iwama, national legal counsel, said with JACL now about to engage in legislative activity to push a redress bill through Congress, a separate arm to be known as the JACL Legal and Education Fund with a 501(c)4 [an Internal Revenue Code reference to a nonprofit organization which engages in extensive lobbying activities; contributions to a 501(c)4 organization are not tax-deductible] rating be implemented. Earlier Min Yasui, national redress

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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

TOKYO—Reports that the Japanese government supports a Nisei businessman's plan to set up a \$10 billion investment fund to create jobs in the U.S. are "absolutely false," a spokesman for Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Feb. 23. The aide said Suzuki had never been contacted about the plan, which was proposed by multimillionaire Kaytaro Sugahara (PC Feb. 26). The idea that Suzuki or the Japanese government endorsed it was "groundless," added the official.

"Such a sum would be too big for us to deal with," the aide said. Other officials and various members of Japan's business community also reacted with disbelief about Sugahara's proposal, which was presented to the National Governor's Association in Washington Feb. 22. The Japanese officials had expressed surprise and said they knew nothing of it or considered it a highly doubtful project.

One observer pointed out the amount in the plan would nearly equal Japan's proposed \$11.6 billion military budget for fiscal 1982, a figure approved by Suzuki's Cabinet under pressure from the U.S. A spokesman for Keidanren, the economic federation of 800 Japanese businesses, said the plan was "unbelievable" and represented "overconfidence."

Spokesmen for major com-

panies, including Mitsubishi and Nippon Steel, said no one in their firms knew of the project.

In addition to Japanese officials and businessmen, Bill Brock, international trade negotiator for the Reagan Administration, expressed his skepticism and said that U.S.-Japan trade problems might be more readily resolved if Japan were to ease access to the Japanese market for U.S. goods. #

Justice Dept. blamed for lax civil rights

WASHINGTON—The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights last week (Feb. 23) charged the Justice Dept. with permitting "political considerations to corrupt fair administration of the law", such as civil rights. The 57-page document contained the sharpest criticism yet of the Administration's positions on school desegregation, voting rights and affirmative action.

The JACL, a founding member of LCCR, was expected to review the document at its National Board meeting last weekend in San Francisco, according to Ron Ikejiri, Washington JACL representative who was to report on this and other matters. #

Supreme Court gives INS easier access to businesses in raids

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Feb. 22 that the Immigration and Naturalization Service, when conducting searches for undocumented workers, may use search warrants that do not contain specific information, including names and physical descriptions of the aliens they are seeking.

The justices rejected an appeal by a Washington restaurant that challenged a U.S. Court of Appeals decision which stated a U.S. magistrate has the power to issue such warrants.

The case had involved Blackie's House of Beef restaurant, which had been raided by INS agents in 1978 and resulted in the arrest of 14 illegal aliens. Based on an informant's tip, the INS obtained a search warrant from a U.S. magistrate to seek the

undocumented workers in the restaurant.

However, the restaurant won a federal district court order declaring the warrant invalid because it did not list the names and physical descriptions of each illegal alien sought.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia struck down the lower court decision, ruling a U.S. magistrate has power to issue an "administrative warrant" that authorizes INS to search for illegal aliens in commercial establishments.

It declared the "level of probable cause" evidence INS must show (to support an administrative warrant) is less than what is needed to support a more conventional criminal warrant. The Supreme Court concurred with the Appeals Court. #

Nisei veteran wins honorable Army discharge after 36 years

LOS ANGELES—After 36 years, Kiyoshi Kawashima finally got the honorable discharge that was denied him after World War II.

Kawashima, 63, a retired Monterey Park businessman, won the change in military status after an Army Discharge Review Board hearing Dec. 16 here. His old U.S. Army lawyer, Capt. Hyman Bravin—now a New York human rights attorney—won the case for the former Nisei private.

Last January Bravin was informed that the Army Dept. had reversed Kawashima's 1946 "blue (at the convenience of the government)" discharge and made it honorable.

The ruling is a test case that will permit up to 300 other Nisei ex-GIs to simply apply to get their "less than honorable discharges made whole," Bravin told the New York Post.

Bravin, who had been one of Kawashima's commanders, testified to the review board that the Nisei soldiers received "atrocious" treatment in the service, because of their ancestry.

In an interview with the PC Feb. 25, Kawashima, a pre-war Imperial Valley resident,

said he had volunteered for a one-year stint in the Army in June 1941. He noted that Japanese Americans in the service were "treated good—until Pearl Harbor."

He had been stationed at an Army hospital in Santa Barbara before the war, but after Dec. 7 he was sent inland to Fort Riley, Ks. Kawashima and other Nisei soldiers were forced to pick up trash on Kansas highways under military police guard, and passersbys would call the Nisei "Jap prisoners".

During the war, Kawashima's mother and brothers were sent to Poston, Az. relocation camp but his father was in a tuberculosis sanitarium near Los Angeles. He said the Army denied him visits to his father, and the situation for the Nisei soldiers got so bad that Kawashima requested that he be transferred and sent to Poston. His request was ignored.

However, Kawashima said he was glad to have finally won his honorable discharge.

"It took so long (to pursue the matter) because my family and I were too busy making a living," he noted. "But now that I'm retired, and before I (pass away), I wanted to straighten it all out."

'DAY OF REMEMBRANCE' IN 1982 ...

WW2 aid of Quakers recalled

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. — Local Nikkei, joined by the San Francisco JACL, observed the Day of Remembrance by lauding efforts of the Americans Friends Service Committee, whose members (often called Quakers) visited the WW2 internment camps, assisted in placing over 4,000 Nisei in colleges, established hostels and sought jobs for Nikkei affected by Executive Order 9066, signed Feb. 19, 1942 by President Roosevelt.

Virginia Heck, an AFSC member who was active in the Bay Area in the 1940s, received a certificate of appreciation during a program held Feb. 20 at Christ Presbyterian Church. Kiku Funabiki chaired the event.

250 remember in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES—Nearly 250 observed the 40th anniversary of the signing of E.O. 9066 by marching Feb. 20 through Little Tokyo, shouting "Justice Now! Reparations Now!" and carrying signs in a peaceful demonstration organized by the National Coalition for Redress-Reparations.

Among the speakers at the

rally in front of old Nishi Hongwanji on N. Central Ave. were Ralph Lazo, a teenager who voluntarily went to Manzanar with his Japanese American friends from Belmont High School; Gardena City Councilman Mas Fukai, Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Cal.) and Masaharu Tanibata, president of the Terminal Islanders organization and former Manzanar internee.

Lazo, now 57 and a college counselor, said, "The only way we're going to get any progress (on redress) is if everybody works together." Dymally, offering his support, said he and his colleague, Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.) of Seattle, were ready to carry a reparations bill which would call for establishment of a trust fund, although the NCRP favors individual reparations as well.

Tanibata called for monetary reparations: "It is certainly anti-climactic to cry over spilled milk, but to ease the trauma of tragic remembrance, individual monetary reparations still seems to me a positive solution to the unanswerable question: What might have been (if there was no evacuation)?"

In Sacramento, Assemblyman Pat Johnston (D-Stockton) proposed Feb. 19 to the Legislature his bill which provide compensation of up to \$5,000 to Nikkei who had been dismissed from their state jobs during World War II because of their ancestry (PC Feb. 19).

JACL National Director Ron Wakabayashi was present as Johnston announced his bill, and the Assemblyman expressed his regret that the Nikkei were sent to camps during WW2.

"But if we mean what we say, we will pay back our own loyal state employees who were the victims of the most outrageous campaign of discrimination in the history of California," Johnston said during a press conference.

In Cambridge, Mass., the Asian American Resource Workshop held its "Day of Remembrance" program Feb. 21 at the Harvard Science Center. The agenda included videotapes of last year's Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings and guest speaker Dr. David Sakura, president of the New England JACL. #

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REDRESS PHASE 3: by John Tateishi



JACL's Redress Ambassador Min

San Francisco

Many are probably wondering why it is I who writes this column rather than Min Yasui, who chairs the National Committee for Redress—especially since this column has been the realm of the Redress chair.

Clifford Uyeda instituted the column during his brief tenure at the helm of the national committee.

Quite simply, it's just that Min doesn't have the time.

I find that there are certain requisites to write a weekly column, figuring out what needs to be disseminated (absent of anything pressing) or coming up with an appropriate topic. Once that's decided, there's the matter of getting words from the thought process to the page. But most difficult is finding the 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 paperwork 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 reads all of that correspondence and responds personally to a good part of it.

If there was something ridiculous about the amount of paperwork Min has to deal with daily 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 luncheon 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 week and a half per month on an average. And having been on the road with him, I know that his road schedule usually has only a little more mercy than his daily work schedule.

So this is mainly why Min doesn't write this column. I find it possible to squeeze in an hour or so—sometimes at the last minute to meet the Friday deadline—to put this together. That much free time would be a luxury to Min.

Amazingly, somewhere in the midst of his crazy schedules, Min finds time to carry out his responsibilities as the Redress chair. In the ten months as chair in 1981, he spent 81 days away from his desk on behalf of Redress (an equivalent of 16 work weeks), traveled some 39,000 miles (only a fraction of which was charged to the Redress budget), personally absorbed an enormous amount of his expenditures on the road, and spent some 1,500 hours at home in the evening and weekends answering letters, etc., as the Redress chair.

Being a prolific writer, he sends me seven or eight page letters each week with directions and thoughts concerning the Redress campaign, responds to all of my memos, personally answers all of his Redress correspondence, and stays in close touch with me and others. It's not infrequent that we'll be in

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daily contact by phone for weeks at a time when there are pressing matters to discuss.

But most importantly, he has guided and directed the JACL redress program during the past year—a time when his where-withal and skill have been crucial. His leadership hasn't been recognizably evident to most because this hasn't been the na-

ture of the campaign, but Min has brought us through some major difficulties and has shaped what we have undertaken this past year.

Those who have heard him speak publicly need not be told about his oratory style. Without a doubt, he is by far one of the

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

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

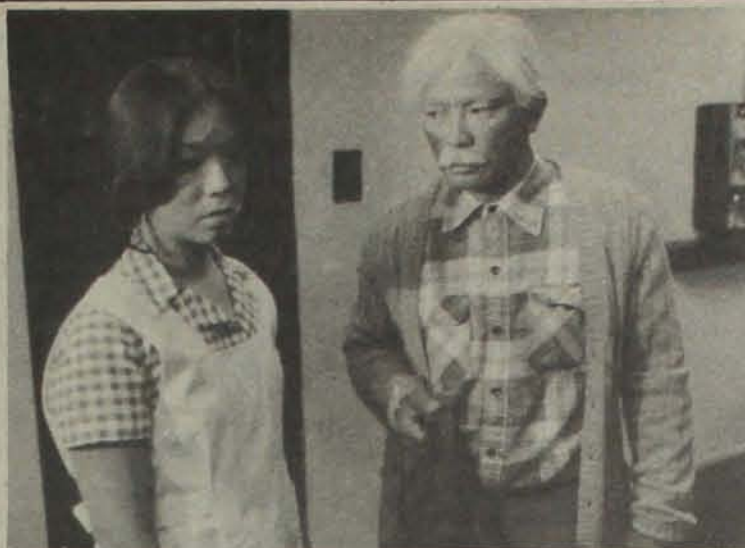
Other persons announcing their candidacy for the district include Ventura City Councilwoman Harriet K. Henson and businesswoman Barbara Garcia-Weed, both Democrats. Kato may go unchallenged within his own party, but Tom McClintock, former Ventura County Republican Central Committee Chairman, is reportedly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

Kato pointed out that cur-

rently there are no Asian American legislators serving in the State Legislature (the last Nikkei to hold Assembly seats were 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.



'HITO HATA'—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

Bilingual librarian post open at JACCC

LOS ANGELES — Japanese American Cultural and Community Center announces a position opening of library director, graduate from either an accredited U.S. or Japanese library school with a minimum of three years of professional experience and bilingual ability in reading, writing and speech. Applications must be received in the JACCC Office (244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 505) by April 15, 1982.

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LOS ANGELES—A dinner in honor of Associate Justice Stephen K. Tamura will be held Friday, March 26, 6 p.m. at the New Otani Hotel in Little Tokyo. Members of the Asian American legal and business field as well as community leaders will pay tribute to Tamura, who retired last year from the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District. A law scholarship in his name has also been planned.

For reservations (\$30 per person) call Leslie Furukawa, Esq., (213) 627-7727; Judge Kathryn Doi Todd, 974-5731 or Justice Elwood Lui 736-2408.

Gouaches on display

LOS ANGELES—An exhibition of gouache paintings by Teruko Yokoi is currently on display at Mitzi Landau, 2045 Sawtelle Blvd., until March 13. Yokoi's collection includes many impressions of flowers and vegetable gardens. For more info call (213) 473-5553.



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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 Queen 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 100% Japanese ancestry. Deadline Mar. 10. For info call Jean Ushijima (213) 550-4826, 390-6914 or Veronica Ohara 473-7066.

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Membership Drive

Long Beach, Ca.

Since 1977, JACL membership has continued to decline between 5 and 9 per cent per year. One of the prime reasons given is the increase in membership dues required to operate the organization. Normally, dues increase has been around 10% 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 if possible.

It's imperative that all chapters have a vigorous membership drive and reverse the trend of falling membership. Last year, we should have taken advantage of the redress commission hearings. There's no doubt that JACL was the prime mover in getting the bill passed to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which then held hearings. When people ask what JACL is doing for Japanese Americans, this is just one of the many things.

The most effective way of getting new members is by direct contact. One way is to divide the chapter board into two teams with the winning team being treated to a potluck dinner. And some chapters have been able to increase membership almost every year—showing it can be done.

Prospects for outside funding are not good. Therefore, the only way dues can be maintained at the same level is by increasing memberships.

BY THE BOARD: by Vernon Yoshioka



Ask Your Friends to Join JACL

San Diego, Ca.

The results are now in for the 1981 JACL membership and the story is not good. Our total of 26,615 members, as of Dec. 31, 1981, is down nine percent from the 1980 total of 29,090. As Vice President of Membership and Services, I'm really disappointed. A lot of new people did join in 1981, indicating that over 2,700 did not renew their memberships. Interestingly, our former treasurer George Kodama had predicted these results and held the line on our expenditures.

An encouraging result is that 30 chapters have increased or kept their previous membership figures. Within these chapters, there was a total increase of 305 individuals. With a normal turnover, it can be seen that someone in each of these chapters really hustled for JACL.

In San Diego, the whole board of directors pushed JACL memberships under the leadership of Masaaki Hironaka, our chapter president, and we were able to increase the San Diego roster.

It's time now to recruit memberships for 1982. We need to sell the importance of JACL, its purpose and its programs. If you believe in JACL, you'll be willing to ask your friends to join this year. Also in membership renewals, some people need to be reminded two or three times.

We need to reverse the trend of declining memberships. I don't claim to have any new methods or magic formula on recruitment, but a "how to" booklet on membership solicitation has been sent to every chapter membership committee chairperson. This booklet of 10 pages will be included in a future Chapter President's Notebook. It is a compilation of techniques which have worked in other organizations. Additional copies may be requested from Emily Ishida, who handles membership at JACL National Headquarters. Also, JACL national officers and staff are all willing to assist chapters that need help in membership development.

Some of the materials for the membership campaign may look familiar. In an effort to keep down costs, useful printed material from the 1979 campaign was included. For the future, we shall be generating pre-printed material on the computer for each chapter.

One new item is the 1982 Calendar, a fold-out with a pictorial representation of Japanese American history which should cause the viewer to ask questions about JACL. I hope that you will be able to recruit your friends with this.

NAT'L BOARD

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chair, had spelled out the legislative campaign required to secure passage of a redress bill—which can take years.

Funds currently being received, such as 1000 Club contributions, by JACL, a 501(c)(3) or non-profit tax-exempt organization, for its educational and charitable activities are tax-exempt, but hereafter, as JACL steps up its redress program—those contributions earmarked for legislative activity to influence the Congress and getting involved in electoral process would be acknowledged by the Legal and Education Fund and not be tax-deductible for income tax purposes.

As part of the Washington Office report, Ron Ikejiri produced a video tape recording bringing messages from Mike Masaoka, Joan Bernstein, Pat Okura, Reps. George Danielson, Norm Mineta and Bob Matsui, and a candid assessment of U.S.-Japan relations with respect to JACL by David Nakaido. In most instances, the tapings were made Feb. 19, the 40th anniversary of the signing of E.O. 9066, "which is the actual date of infamy for the U.S.," Matsui noted.

Masaoka, recovering rapidly from his open heart surgery, looked well as he thanked the many who sent him "get well" cards and letters. He is looking forward to the convention at Gardena when a portion of the redress workshop will spotlight Masaoka explaining and answering questions from JACLers about the organization in 1942.

In Brief

While a full story of the board meeting will appear next week, some of the highlights were:

Introduction of David Nakayama as youth director.

Approval of the 1982 Convention schedule.

Established a 1000 Club Life Membership Restricted Fund.

Referred request for regional director at PNW Office to personnel and finance committees.

Joined PSWDC questioning methods used in INS raids in Little Tokyo raids.

Notifying Lima, Peru, the 1983 April spring break is No. 1 preference for the next Pan American Nikkei convention.

Authorized international relations committee to seek outside funds for its program.

Endorsed proposal to limit campaign spending at JACL convention elections at \$200 per candidate.

35 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen
MARCH 8, 1947

Feb. 28—Madera County receives \$15,250 in settlement of two alien land law escheat cases under 1945 amendment; previously all funds accrued to state treasury. (Settlements represented compromise under which Nisei were permitted to retain title upon payment of stipulated sums to county and state; but new attorney general Frederick Howser declared he is opposed to settlements and would confiscate any property awarded to state in escheat proceedings.)

Mar. 1—Bill introduced by Assemblyman Gus Hawkins (D-L.A.) to repeal Calif. Education code authorizing districts to establish special schools for Amer-

GIRLS' DAY DISPLAY



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

'I, too, am a human being! ...'

Salt Lake City

This is the story of two men whose disparate lives are entwined. The younger could not possibly realize the backward reach of their relationship. It began long before he was born in Korea. Before he knew this country or Death Row in San Quentin.

Chol Soo Lee's retrial has been scheduled for March 1 in Sacramento (PC 2/5). The young Korean was convicted by a jury for a 1973 San Francisco Chinatown killing. There is reason to believe that important testimony was withheld and that Chol Soo was an innocent victim. Some suggest the trial was biased by racism. Four years after his incarceration, Chol Soo was charged with first degree murder in the self-defense killing of another prisoner. In the opinion of many Asians, he was poorly served by the judicial system. To them, he represents the hopes of all Third World people. Proof that justice is obtainable for all. His cause has forced an alliance among Koreans, Chinese and Japanese. Perhaps this unity is a sign of political maturity. It also has something to do with the individual, Chol Soo Lee. From the depths of his anguish, he writes, "I, too, am a human being ..." What Asian American has not made that declaration, however silently, in the desperate years of our lives? Sometimes, there seemed to be no answer of affirmation.

Forty years ago, Japanese Americans had reason to believe that our basic humanity fell largely on deaf ears. Ancestry was sufficient cause for mass incarceration. Our defenders were few. In the climate of the times, some feared to be

thought unpatriotic. Beneath the bosom of even the most moral, often beats a coward's heart. The heat is hard to take, so true men and women of goodwill are few and far between.

Robert O'Brien is a proven friend and defender of minorities. At the outbreak of the war, he was an assistant to the dean of the college of arts and sciences at the Univ. of Washington. He was also adviser to the Japanese Student Club. Dr. O'Brien played an important role in the successful release of college students from Concentration Camps. He did most of the field work for the National Student Relocation Council. His responsibilities included the placement of students and maintaining an interest in their welfare. It is estimated that more than 5,000 Nisei students benefited from his contribution. This experience is related in his book, *The College Nisei*. Dr. O'Brien, a professor emeritus of sociology at Whittier College, was honored in April 1981 at the American Concentration Camp conference held at the school.

It will probably not surprise many former students who knew Dr. O'Brien that he has not been resting on his laurels. Some may assume he is continuing his scholarly writing, a suitable pursuit for a man his age. Few probably know that Dr. O'Brien is a strong and active supporter of Chol Soo Lee. His amazing energy has been expended in rallying other individuals and groups of conscience to Chol Soo's cause. For a true man of goodwill, sole and sufficient reason is the plea, "I, too, am a human being ..." Dr. O'Brien must have exceptionally good ears. They have not changed in 40 years.

ican Indians, Chinese, Japanese or Mongolian parentage children; similar bill in 1945 legislature failed to pass.

Mar. 1—MISLS, Presidio of Monterey, starts new recruitment for Nisei students; needed for vital Occupation duty in Japan.

Mar. 3—Nisei and Negro groups meet with Mayor Bowron over readjustment problems, vow to live, work together in Little Tokyo/Bronzeville area as Brotherhood Week opens; attorney Kenji Ito quashes rumor evacuees want Negroes to move out; "Japanese Americans don't believe in Evacuation".

Mar. 4—Calif. Supreme Court hears Stockton theater case on Issei (H. Hayashino) right to lease commercial property under terms of alien land law; case fought since 1942, lower court holding for pro-

erty owner but overturned by appellate that Issei had rights to operate commercial property despite abrogation of U.S.-Japan commerce treaty in 1940.

Mar. 4—After stormy session, No. Calif. Civil Rights Defense Union reverses early decision to withdraw support of Oyama land law test; CRDU had been led to believe Oyama case would not stand up in final supreme court challenge.

Mar. 5—Hawaii statehood hearings open in Washington before House subcommittee; Rep. Claire Engle (D-Cal.) asserts Gen. MacArthur favors statehood as "step in support of a program to bring democracy to Japan"; contrary to a Feb. 20 statement by Rep. Fred Crawford (R-Mich.), subcommittee chair, that possible pressure of Japanese Americans in Congress would hamper MacArthur's ef-

orts in Japan ... Hawaii Statehood Commission official testifies loyalty of Japanese Americans "no longer questioned in Hawaii"; Sec. of Interior Krug calls for immediate statehood, declaring his confidence in the loyalty of the Island population.

Mar. 6—WW2 air corps tail gunner Ben Kuroki cancels speaking tour in Deep South with final speech in New Jersey of his unfinished fight for democracy; to rejoin family in Pocatello, Idaho, and enroll this summer at Univ. of Nebraska.

Mar. 8—First big group of 70 Nisei stranded aboard General Gordon leaving today from Yokohama to San Francisco. Report 12,000 seeking return home; over 3,000 processed since U.S. consulate in Japan began accepting applications August 1946.



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 student radicalism. 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 leaping on the sound truck, projected by television into middle class homes around the country, that made him a viable political candidate.

Hayakawa made history when he defeated incumbent John Tunney to become the first Nisei to represent a mainland state in the Senate, and the first Nisei Republican in Congress. Equally notable was the fact that California, historically the font of American anti-Oriental-

ism, had elected a man with Japanese roots to represent their 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 besmerching 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 semanticist.

Hayakawa won honors enough to satisfy any academic with his mastery of the meanings and nuances of the English language. His service in the Senate was an unexpected bonus to crown a distinguished career.

It is well-known, of course, that many Japanese Americans saw no good whatever in Hayakawa's conservatism, his performance or his political beliefs. No doubt they were both pleased and relieved to see him bowing out of public life. Hayakawa was no darling of the liberals even though, oddly enough, he had worked closely with blacks long before that was either acceptable or

popular. But political dissent is part of our system and we are entitled to voice our own opinions while respecting the views of those with whom we do not agree.

We don't need the verdict of history to evaluate Hayakawa's achievements as a senator. He was neither among the best nor the worst. He was reasonably diligent and no breath of scandal touched him. Perhaps it was enough that he was there, a highly visible, often controversial figure of integrity, speaking his mind with scant regard to the consequences.

With Hayakawa's decision not to run, the Japanese American representation in the Senate will be reduced to the two veteran Democrats from Hawaii, Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga. In the House, Democratic Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui are given a good chance of winning re-election in November.

If, in time, there is to be a third Japanese American in the Senate again, Norm Mineta would seem to be the logical candidate. There are many advantages to a Senate seat over a House seat, not least of which is that a senator faces re-election only once in six years. But whether Mineta has his eye on a senatorial race, and whether he would have party support if he inclined that way, I have no idea. For the moment it appears as though it will be 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. #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani



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. It must not sag back into the comfort of old concepts of the past; it must not recite the catechism of yesteryears as the keys to the future; it must not put old wine into new bottles. Rather, taking the past as a foundation, the leadership must vigorously thrust forward, with sensitivity and daring. These times call for nothing less.

IT MUST BE a leadership whose prime concern is for the people it purports to represent, not the organization itself. The organization, itself, is unimportant—for it is only the means by which the people's concerns and welfare are to be served and promoted. If it fails to do this, then the organization becomes effete, irrelevant. These are not times for business-as-usual.

THE LEADERSHIP MUST be prepared to take meaningful risks in its service to the people; yes, in so doing, it must inevitably risk alienating some of its membership, those who would continue to cling to the past and refuse to look to the now, to the future. To those who continue to dwell in the past, the leadership must seek to provide enlightenment and provide understanding. But to assuage those who refuse to budge, the leadership may not forfeit the future. For if we stagnate, we can only wither away.

IT IS HOPED that the leadership-to-come will step forward boldly, with renewed imagination and confidence; that it will demonstrate leadership; that it will be responsive to the times and as a national organization speak out on the issues; that it will freely and openly join with other Americans of goodwill in addressing the concerns of the day toward strengthening the fabric that is America. We would hope that the leadership would speak out on such issues as granting of tax exemptions for institutions that practice racial segregation, racially discriminatory immigration practices, the Haitian refugee situation, the reference to a United States Senator by his religious preference,—those areas which degrade and dehumanize our citizenry and which are contrary to all that has made America so great.

THE JACL ORGANIZATION must not, cannot, thrive on a fare of platitudes. It must arouse itself into the meaningful and productive organization that it can be. That it must be. In a few months, it will be up to the delegates assembled in Los Angeles to select a panel of national leaders who will be committed to a revival, a new dedication, a renewed vigor. These times call for nothing less. #



MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi

JACL Network

San Francisco

I have been traveling during this installation season to various chapters. It has been a great opportunity for me to encounter the JACL at the grassroots.

The major lesson that this experience has provided me is an understanding of the importance of the local chapter as the basic unit of JACL. Our strength over the past fifty-plus years is based in the organization of these local chapters into a national network. Such a network could not be 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 a great insurance policy as well as an important social institution to link the Nikkei together.

There are several concerns that local chapters expressed to me during these visits. The most disconcerting comment reflected a sentiment that people felt that the chapters were servants of National JACL. They expressed distress that the National organization gave orders and made demands on local chapters for support without measurable or visible reciprocity.

If, in fact, the network of chapters is the basic operating unit of the National JACL, it follows that we must provide support to the development and strength of these local entities. Information provided through these pages should reflect the activities as well as the needs and wants of local areas. Programs to enhance membership development, to ease the paper flow for membership chairpersons, and to provide resources to the local chapter should be priority one.

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most articulate and knowledgeable speakers in our midst. I'm personally aware of one occasion where he took occasion to educate one audience about the Evacuation. He was being honored by the Marine Corps in Denver (his having been drummed out of the Army like few other Nisei, I thought it was appropriate that the Marines recognized Min). His acceptance speech to the military audience became a fiery speech about the injustice of WW2 internment and culpability of the military. At the close, he was waving acknowledgement to a standing ovation.

In a sense, Min has become JACL's ambassador for the Redress issue. Wherever he goes, he makes it a point to call on whomever he can to drum up support for Redress and will zip all over any town he's in to do so. On his work trips to Washington, D.C., he spends most of his free time in such a manner.

Unquestionably, we're fortunate to have someone of Min's calibre at the helm of the campaign to provide the strong leadership so necessary at this time. He has, from behind the public scene, provided that leadership everyday since he assumed the responsibility of the Redress chair. I know of no one more dedicated to this particular cause who would be willing to give so selflessly as he has. And he's been at it for 40 years... But there are only so many hours in a day and that's why I—and not Min—write these columns. #

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 chapter support in many 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 mistaking 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. Living in a real world, we 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 the trenches as in the past. History is not going to allow this. Nisei are the elders of the community today. There is a responsibility that goes with this. The responsibility is to themselves, to the memory of their parents, and finally, to the youth and young adults of the community. The Nisei are modeling a role for Japanese Americans in this country. The role is not to defer to anyone else on this issue. The role is to finish what was started.

The network of chapters that comprise the National JACL is a convenient and viable vehicle. #

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Trust Fund for Redress seen as breach of faith

By KATHRYN BANNAI
Seattle JACL President

We write to express our dismay at the recent JACL turn towards a formal adoption of the trust fund approach to redress, as elucidated by John Tateishi in his column of Feb. 12. We must point out what a

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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 incarceration. Individual payments has 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 towards winning redress. Regardless of how JACL administrators wish to cross-reference their interpretation of the Salt Lake City guidelines, the statement that "we do not, however, intend to seek individual payment from the government but will advocate legislation which will place appropriated funds from Congress 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 individual payments plan,

Deaths

Tomoko Watanuki Yano, 64, died Feb. 10 in Salt Lake City. She 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. She is survived by h Mas; s Kent T.; daugh-in-law Donna; 2 step-gr; bros Isamu, Max; sis Mrs. (Reiko) Imada.

that of unclaimed monies reverting to the government, is a paper tiger. Such monies can easily be placed into a trust fund after payments to internees. This, in fact, was the recommendation of the Salt Lake City convention and it could be incorporated into any legislation calling for individual payments.

Leaders of the JACL redress campaign had excellent reasons for avoiding the trust fund concept:

1—Grants to community agencies could be made from unclaimed funds. But setting up a foundation to make such grants, without first ensuring that all internees obtain compensation if they wish, unfairly favors those who live in communities with large Nikkei populations. Others who

live in more isolated areas do not have access to services provided by Nikkei community agencies. These individuals were also in camp and deserve equal treatment.

2—We are sure that, if Nikkei win individual compensation, many people will give generously to agencies that benefit their community.

3—The idea that individuals should submit claims to a "representative board" puts many people off. Redress payments should be automatic, from the government (which has records of every internee). Redress should be made on the basis of the violations of constitutional rights, not losses that may be difficult to document no matter how real and devastating they are.

4—Foundations require administration. Administration requires decisions. Decisions, especially decisions about allocations

of money, result in bitterness and division, no matter how even-handed the foundation board will try to be, no matter how much integrity they may bring to the job.

5—Applying to Congress for a trust fund, even in conjunction with individual payments, increases the chances that provisions for payments would be dropped during negotiations and compromises. Establishing a foundation may be seen as an easier way out of the request for redress than individual compensation, because it does not require legislators directly to address questions of government liability, damages to individuals, or rights to compensation.

Numerous polls have shown an overwhelming preference

1982 Officers

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(Feb. 28, 1982)

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WATSONVILLE JACL

(Dec. 12, 1981)

Harry Fukutome, pres; Gerald Kondo, 1st vp; Kent Tashiro, 2nd vp; Betsy Shikuma, treas; Willie Yahiro, rec sec; Yoko Umeda, corr sec; Bill Akimoto, aud; Wally Osato, memb; Paul Hiura, 1000 Club; Tokushige Kizuka, sr cit proj; Ben Umeda, del.

Tom Shigekuni to head South Bay

TORRANCE, Ca.—Local mayor Jim Armstrong installed 1982 president Tom Shigekuni and his board at the South Bay JACL luncheon last Sunday, Feb. 28, at Torrance Recreation Center. Tak Matsuda, teacher of Japanese and conversation Japanese, spoke on the historical beginnings of the Japanese in America and of Manjiro.

Shigekuni, an attorney who headed the neighboring Gardena Valley JACL a decade ago, is a founding member of the South Bay chapter, which was organized in 1973.

Social, cultural events on Chicago calendar

CHICAGO—Starting off the Chicago JACL program for 1982 was a wine & cheese social Feb. 20 at Lake Point Tower with Pam Morita entertaining at the piano bar. A Chicago JACL board member, she is a music consultant at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and has been singing at clubs and currently is at the Adela Lo Restaurant. She has both bachelor and master degrees in music from the Univ. of Illinois.

Upcoming is the Mar. 8 tax and legal workshop at Heiwa Terrace starting at 7 p.m. with Mike Ushijima, Dave Tanaka, Alan Teraji and Patti Motto as speakers. Ushijima, coordinator, announced topics include the new income tax law, creditor and consumer rights, estates planning, affirmative action and discrimination.

Brian Matayoshi is scheduled to teach ballroom dancing at an April meeting and a white water rafting excursion is being planned for May, according to Kathy Nakamoto, program committee chair.

among former internees for individual monetary compensation. We call upon the National JACL leadership to represent this position with energy and conviction. #

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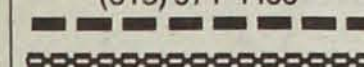
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Cal.-brewed sake faces stiff import duty in Japan

By JOE OYAMA

BERKELEY, Ca. — Problems of U.S.-Japan trade relations in terms of distributing American-made sake into Japan was the unusual topic of the main speech at the Berkeley JACL installation Jan. 30 at Spengler's Restaurant.

Guest speaker Curt M. Rocca, Jr., president of Numano Sake Co., Inc., said he has been trying to introduce the California rice-wine into Japan since the operation began in nearby Emeryville four years ago with Taki Numano.

Numano's introductory effort into Japan had gotten off with a great start with radio-TV hoopla. Sales in Japan then represented 25% of production, but, subsequently sake brewers in Japan pressured the government to limit Numano's distribution with a huge import duty boosting price of the California-made sake six times more than normal, according to Rocca. Company was also requested to label their bottles in three places, he added.

Rocca pointed out that their experience was not unique and said "there was talk of retaliation in the United States and in Europe." "Where does protectionism get us?" he asked.

Bureaucratic Say-So

Rocca also contends that much of the difficulty in trade discrimination comes from the lower echelon and petty bureaucrats in Japan. He thought that it would be very difficult to change their attitude to understand that there is a huge trade imbalance in Japan's favor.

Since then Rocca has had intensive negotiations with top Japanese officials and feels things may still turn out favorably.

In introducing Rocca, the new JACL President Kiyoshi Katsumoto good-naturedly said that there was a 20-page profile on him

and "no duplications" in the twenty pages.

A University of California graduate in business administration, Rocca has been in farming, ranching and sugar beet development. Katsumoto described him as a "remarkably well-preserved man who hunts and skis."

President's Message

In his president's message, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, senior research associate project leader at Chevron in Richmond, joked, "I think it was inevitable that we recycle old 'fogies' like myself..."

Speaking of "the good old days," he said, "but those days were not all that good." Feeling the need for JACL, he said that "there are many issues that affect us in subtle ways." He felt there was a need to give a "true sense of what is going on between the United States and Japan." He was concerned about groups in the U.S. like the auto industry blaming Japan for hardships and for the recession.

Katsumoto had several occa-

Yick Wo School breaks ground

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca. — Ground was broken Feb. 23 for a new two-story Yick Wo Elementary School at Jones St. between Lombard and Greenwich (north of Chinatown) where the old Sarah Cooper School stood. Last October, the Board of Education voted to rename the school in recognition of the oft-cited 1886 U.S. Supreme Court decision that outlawed a San Francisco ordinance denying Chinese laundry owners the right to be in business.

Board of Education commissioner Ben Tom sponsored the resolution to rename the school.

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JACL Events are identified with name of sponsor set in bold face.

- **MAR. 5 (Friday)**
Oakland—Inst dnr, Koto Res't, 6:30pm.
Los Angeles—JACOC Tribute Dnr for K. Mukaeda, G. Doizaki, Dr. Franklin Murphy, "Beginning Century II", Biltmore Hotel.
- **MAR. 6 (Saturday)**
IDC/Wasatch Front North—1st qtrly sess, Min Yasui, spkr.
Boise Valley—43d annual judo tournament, Vallivue HS, Caldwell.
San Francisco—Golf tournament, Sharp Pk, 11am.
Chicago—Judo tournament, Truman College, 11am.
Sacramento—CalJAR mtg, Airport Hotel, 9am.
- **MAR. 7 (Sunday)**
El Cerrito—EBIH Crab-spaghetti feed, EC Comm Ctr, 4-8pm.
- **MAR. 8 (Monday)**
Chicago—Tax/Legal workshop, Heiwa Terr, 7-11pm; Mike Ushijima, coord.
Las Vegas—Gen mtg, Osaka Res't, 7:30pm.
- **MAR. 10 (Wednesday)**
PSWDC—Dist Bd mtg, JACL Reg Off, 7pm.
- **MAR. 11 (Thursday)**
Los Angeles—Wakako Yamauchi play: "12-1-A" debut, East West Players, (Ends Apr 18).
- **MAR. 12 (Friday)**
New York—Lionelle Hamanaka play, "Rohwer", 28th St Playhouse, 7:30pm.
Omaha—Inst dnr, Ron Wakabayashi, spkr.
- Ventura County—Financial Planning seminar, Camarillo Boys & Girls Club, 7pm; Douglass Russ, spkr.
- **MAR. 13 (Saturday)**
Arizona—Heritage class: Manju and tea, JACL Hall, 10am; Mrs. T. Kanemura, instr.
- Chicago—JAYs mtg, JASC Bldg.
Mile-Hi—Redress workshop.
New Age—Inst dnr, Proud Bird Res't, 6:30pm.
- **MAR. 14 (Sunday)**
Contra Costa—Sumitomo/Spring golf tournament, Alameda Golf Course, 7:30am.
Hoosier—Bd mtg, Doris Maeda's, 2pm.
Torrance—Vis Comm bnf: "Hito Hata", El Camino College, 7pm.
- **MAR. 17 (Wednesday)**
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbytn Ch, 7:30pm (3d Weds).
- **MAR. 18 (Thursday)**
Arizona—Heritage class: Tsukemono,

sions to visit Detroit. He said that it was "unhealthy to drive a Japanese car in Detroit", and that there is an "emotionally charged situation" in that city.

In concluding, Katsumoto pointed out that JACL is the most effective spokesman for the Japanese American community and that he would like to have JACL members participate more in activities of the general community-at-large.

Kako Introduced

Dinner was emceed by Gordon Yamamoto. George Kondo, regional director, installed the officers. Tokuya Kako, former president of San Francisco's Nippon Co. and longtime supporter of JACL and recipient of Japanese government honors in 1964, was introduced by Beatrice Kono.

Highlighting his own year as chapter president, David Inouye said his experiences with Redress

brought many things to light for him and felt the hearings depicted the evacuees as an extended family with a common bond of history. "That was a new light in my American cultural heritage," he commented.

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

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A member of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Assn., the Eastbay artist visited China previously in 1953 and again in

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