Reagan signs CRWC extension bill
WASHINGTON—The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was granted an extension of time, as President Reagan signed the bill giving them until Dec. 31, 1981, to complete their report and make recommendations.

The CRWC, created on July 31, 1980, had originally been scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 1981. However, the House of Representatives and the Senate had recently approved HR 5211, which gave the Commission an additional year to submit its report and suggest remedies to Congress regarding the World War II evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans and Aleuts.

However, the approved bill gives the CRWC an extension of time until Dec. 31, 1981, for the purpose of completing its report and making recommendations to Congress. The extension is contingent on the commission's submission of a report by Dec. 31, 1981, which includes specific findings and recommendations.
Implementing [501(c)4]

As noted in the PC, Min Yasui’s request for the implementation of a 501(c)4 political arm of JACL was approved by the National Board at its February meeting in San Francisco.

Although the 501(c)4 will bear the name “JACL Legal Defense and Education Fund”, its specific purpose will be for the lobbying of redress legislation. The creation of the 501(c)4 political arm for redress was deemed as necessary lest the tax-exempt status of the JACL be placed in jeopardy by the direct lobbying efforts anticipated in the foreseeable future.

At Yasui’s request, JACL legal counsel Frank Iwama is preparing the articles of incorporation and by-laws for 501(c)4. Under Internal Revenue Service regulations [501(c)3 of the IRS Code], tax-exempt non-profit organizations such as JACL can participate in direct lobbying on a limited basis and are allowed up to 20% of the total revenue for this purpose. Exceeding this 20% limit would result in the loss of the organization’s tax-exempt status. While the current effort of the JACL does not require the establishment of a 501(c)4 immediately, it was felt that implementation of a political arm should be initiated at this time since we will begin to move into direct lobbying sometime this year, and to do so will require the establishment of a separate arm of the JACL. The 501(c)4 will be established as a separate lobbying corporation, with its papers filed in the State of California.

The JACL employed a political arm once before, the Anti-Discrimination Committee, which was effective in the effort to gain citizenship rights for the Issei and evacuation claims in the post-World War II era. Amazingly in those days following Evacuation when the JA community had very little, the ADC was able to raise $1,000,000 for a campaign which lasted five or six years.

The redress campaign unfortunately will probably take a number of years for its successful completion, which in turn will require continued funding for the lobbying of any kind of redress legislation. At best, lobbying is an expensive proposition, but this is precisely what will be necessary over the next few years as we partly shift the JACL redress operation to Washington, D.C.

The most difficult part of the campaign lies ahead as we begin to coalesce our thought on the specifics of legislation and focus our attention on convincing the members of Congress and the White House on the legitimate claims for redress.

If gaining citizenship rights for the Issei—an apple pie and motherhood kind of situation—proved to be so difficult, it’s not hard to imagine the difficulties that faces us in this particular issue.
3 JA teachers charged with grand theft in credit scandal

LOS ANGELES—Three Japanese American teachers were charged with misdemeanor grand theft for receiving class credits and resultant salary increases for courses they allegedly did not attend nor performed any work.

The complaints were filed March 9 in Los Angeles Municipal Court against Betsy Emiko Marumoto, 44, Rumi Koto, 32, and Jan Tatsuo Tokioka, 26, all with the L.A. Unified School District.

According to a report from the District Attorney’s office, schools’ officials, the DA’s investigators are considering filing charges against the organizations of the course, who may have manipulated the grades of the teachers without the knowledge of the two schools’ officials.

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**Press Row**

Howard M. Jonakata, president of Hokubi Mainichi, announced Feb. 27 he would be retiring from the English section editorship of his paper this year.

**Dear Abby** asks if JAs were ‘in a slot’

Los Angeles

Syndicated columnist Abigail Van Buren recently responded to a reader writing of an ex-prisoner of war organization who was seeking other ex-POWs by asking him if former Japanese American internees of World War II should also be considered as “ex-prisoners of war.”

In Van Buren’s “Dear Abby” letter column Mar. 10, Edward Fisher, national senior vice commander for American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. (San Antonio, Tex.), said that the “Former Prisoner-of-War Benefits Act of 1981” was signed into law last Oct. 1. The new law, noted Fisher, would give benefits to Americans who were prisoners of war.

Fisher was seeking all ex-POWs to inform them of these benefits, and asked Van Buren to publish his organization’s address.

Van Buren complied with his request, and responded:

“I am pleased to be a part of this generous, patriotic effort. Will it include Japanese Americans who were placed in ‘relocation centers’ also known as ‘internment camps’ for the duration of World War II?”

Hanamatsuri parade April 4

LOS ANGELES—The Hanamatsuri Baptist Church held its annual spring festival April 4.

Large murals drawn by various Buddhist Sunday School students will be on display during the festival March 28-April 30 at the JVP Mall. At the JACCC, historic Buddhist artifacts will be on display.

**Poster, essay contest for APA Heritage Wk.**

LOS ANGELES—“Contributions of Asian Americans” and “Why is it Important to Have an Asian Pacific American Heritage Week?” are the respective themes of the annual poster and essay contest being held in observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week which begins May 7.

Sponsored by Mayor Tom Bradley, the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week Committee and the Asian American Education Commission, the contest is open to all students from kindergarten to the 12th grade.

Deadlines for all entries is March 31. For more information call the Mayor’s office at (213) 482-4860.

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**FEDERAL COURT**

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served, better economized and made more efficient. Wynn also feels he can do "a better job in helping to improve the system," which is in "sorry shape".


Mayeda said he has heard rumors that Wynn is opposing him simply because the number of the office—39—is Wynn's lucky number.

"I plan to conduct a vigorous campaign," said Mayeda. "I'm going to base it on my record as a judge and my performance as a deputy city attorney over eight years."

Mayeda added that he has never met Wynn and knows very little about his challenger.

Nikkei Have Experience

Both Hiroshige and Mayeda have extensive legal experience in the city. Prior to his appointments to the superior and municipal courts, Hiroshige had been a deputy district attorney for approximately nine years in both the criminal and civil field. Born in Aug., 1945 at the Rohwer, Ark. relocation camp, Hiroshige is a graduate of Hastings College of Law, San Francisco.

Mayeda, before his appointment to the municipal bench, had been deputy city attorney in the civil and criminal law branches from Feb. 1973 to June 1981. He is a graduate of UCLA Law School.

Both are past presidents of the Japanese American Bar Association, Hiroshige—1978, Mayeda—1979—and were officers of the Minority Bar Associations of Los Angeles.

A fundraiser for both judges has been slated by the "Friends of Judges Hiroshige and Mayeda" for April 1, 5 from 6pm at the Mirime Restaurant, 750 11. Hill St. For info call Leslie Furukawa, (213) 627-7777.
The Commission on the Higher Education of Minorities Study found.

This was the Commission's record. We were not afraid of the challenges, we were determined to confront the issues and make the necessary changes. We were not afraid of the obstacles, we were determined to overcome them. We were not afraid of the critics, we were determined to prove them wrong. We were not afraid of the future, we were determined to shape it.

And so, we press on, with our heads held high, our hearts full of hope, and our minds set on the path of justice and equality. We will not be deterred by the naysayers, we will not be silenced by the haters, we will not be cowed by the doubters. We will continue to fight, to strive, to triumph.

For we are the children of the sun, and the sun never sets on justice.

And so, we continue to fight, to strive, to triumph.

And so, we continue.

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After Redress, Do We Need a No-Evacuation Law?

Denver, Colo.
Our good friends of the Anti-Defamation League of Na'vi B'rith, who know so much about discrimination, recently passed a resolution relating to Japanese Americans. ADL's national executive committee, meeting in Palm Beach, Florida, called on Congress to adopt a resolution to assure that "No United States citizen shall be evacuated, relocated, detained, partially confined or otherwise deprived of civil liberties on the basis of race, religion, ethnic origin or color."

It relates directly to the Japanese American experience in World War II. The resolution was introduced by Harry Keaton of Los Angeles, chairman of the League's national Executive Committee. The committee, which appointed a commission to investigate the Evacuation, has yet to pass a law to prevent a recurrence of incarceration "based solely on group membership." It also observed that the bill has no court decision that would restrain the federal government from acting again as it did in the case of Japanese Americans.

The breach of a law aimed specifically at preventing a recurrence of the sort of outrage perpetrated against Japanese Americans is also endorsed by many Nisei and Sansei. Admittedly there's a call for such legislation.

But to this observer, who is neither an attorney nor a constitutional scholar, there are plenty of safeguards already in place in the Bill of Rights if they are taken at face value. The Fifth Amendment, under the so-called "due process" provision, specifies that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without the benefit of due process of law. And the Fourteenth Amendment, with its "equal protection" provision, guarantees that citizens will not be denied "the equal protection of the laws.

But in the Gordon Hirabayashi case, the Supreme Court ruled that the Army's curfew order directed specifically against Japanese Americans was not a violation of the Fifth Amendment because in a wartime situation citizens of one ethnic ancestry may be placed in a different category from other citizens in view of the danger of espionage and sabotage.

A RAPID SERIES of questions. "M'gosh, do Nisei— with their vaunted high education, reputation for conscientiousness and hard work—suffer from this deficiency? Isn't it good enough that one is a "performance"?" And surely he could have asked the next "yes, but..." Answer: "Yes, "Not quite," and "Sorry to say, yes."") This is horrible. How'd this come about, and what can be done about it?

FOR THE NISEI it may have come about, opined one, because of the cultural, socio-economic environment in which the Nisei were nurtured. Their parents were not well-connected, and the children did not have the opportunity to be exposed to various facets of the economic world. Take a small segment of life as an example: unlike many other families in America, a Nisei at the dinner table was not encouraged to engage in topic-of-the-day conversations. Rather, the adage "children should be seen, not heard" was invoked and observed.

Okay, chalk off the Nisei; but how does this explain the discrimination in the workplace? What, for example, is the bias, either in the paycheck or in the personnel file? The interviewer can state, "We have no prejudice against this. We have no objections to this." So what are the criteria that each interviewee "fields" the questions. When the writer conducted interviews for the law firm, the questions were often very revealing. The interviewer would ask, "What is the most interesting thing that you have done in your present capacity?" The interviewer would observe how the interviewee "fields" the questions. When the writer conducted interviews for the law firm, the questions were often very revealing.

Also the question, "What are your plans for the future?" The interviewee would answer, "I am going to..." But the interviewer would counter, "What are you looking for in a position?" And the interviewee would respond, "I am looking for a position that will offer..."

One of the dynamics that occurs frequently, is the development of criteria to determine, who is the logical person to depart the group unaffected by the war. They established through a survey of the participants. Common elements that are discussed are based on the group, what the interviewer can do for the group that is the obvious and overwhelmingly appropriate site to house the JACL National Headquarters. All of them are correct, given the criteria that each is utilizing to address the issue.

Selection of the criteria will determine the answer. If JACL should maintain a compelling role in facilitating legislation and policy at a Federal level, surely, Washington, D.C. makes great sense. The interviewee "fields" the questions. The interviewer can either ask, "What are the three most important things that a law firm should seek in a law associate?" Then, in the other direction, "Setting aside certain basic 'given,' what are the three most important things that a law associate should look for in a law firm?" The answers were very interesting.

elligible civil rights, but in their interpretation. One must ask whether civil rights would be better protected if Congress should pass a law which says something to this effect:

"It shall be illegal for the President and any other member of the Executive Department of the United States government to violate the Bill of Rights, and it shall be illegal for Congress to enact legislation that violates the Bill of Rights, and furthermore, it shall be illegal for the Supreme Court to find in favor of any action that violates either the letter or the spirit of the Bill of Rights."

I doubt it. The safeguards are firmly in place. They will not be strengthened by more specific legislation. They failed in 1942 because the military in its zeal violated them with the approval of the President who chose to ignore them. They failed because the citizenry did not rise to protest the violation of their rights. They failed because the highest court of the land chose the course of expediency and adopted the military's doctrine of "military necessity."

Under such extraordinary circumstances there is no guarantee that any legislation will protect civil rights. Additional legislation would be a redundancy. The only sure safeguard is popular insistence on the sanctity of the Constitution.

* gree, with the same denials which may have foreclosed many Nisei. So, how come?

THERE WAS NO ready answer to this query, although it was pointed out that handling a job interview is a tough task for anyone. Indeed, one of the Nisei mentioned that he was conducting a "dress rehearsal" with his daughter who was about to begin job interviews. Some questions:

"Why are you applying with us? How do you think you fit in here? What advantages (disadvantages) do you see in working for us? If we hired you, where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?" and so on.* One suggested that perhaps the Nisei should sponsor seminars for young Nisei. It all depends upon the issue.

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* Very often, there is no "correct" answer. Rather, somewhat like a Rorschach test, it is the content of the response that can be manipulated. The interviewer would observe how the interviewee "fields" the questions. When the writer conducted interviews for the law firm, the questions were often very revealing.

** Aside from legal competence, honesty, and such other obvious factors, what are the three most important things that a law firm should seek in a law associate?" Then, in the other direction, "Setting aside certain basic 'given,' what are the three most important things that a law associate should look for in a law firm?" The answers were very interesting.

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Young Nikkei

Seattle

One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is going to different high school and college groups to talk with Sansei and Yonsei about JACL and current issues in the community. The question-and-answer period following a presentation almost always means a lively discussion about what it means to be Japanese American today.

Most high school and college-age students probably devote a good deal of time analyzing who they are. For Sansei and Yonsei this requires, among other things, a thorough exploration of their recent history. It has become apparent to me that, while these students are hungry for personal impressions of camp, they hesitate to intrude on their parents' privacy. At the same time, they keep their own feelings about camp and the internment pretty much to themselves. This mutual silence affects family dynamics in profound ways.

Family life holds questions for the future as well as the past. "What is Nikkei culture and how can I be sure to transmit it to my Yonsei/Gosei children?" is frequently asked in discussions held on campuses.

A new JACL-JAY chapter recently began to form in the Puget Sound area partly as a response to interest in such concerns. Drawing Sansei and Yonsei from several communities, the youth group is planning social activities and drafting the curriculum for a series of classes in family relations, community issues, ethics and values, and interment/redress. The group decided to hold the classes this fall in one of the cities lying on the eastern shore of Lake Washington, across from Seattle, because "Sansei over there are more isolated and don't have as many resources available to them."

Those who may have doubts about the future of Japanese Americans would be reassured by the energy and thoughtfulness of these young Nikkei. We hope that once the Puget Sound JAY chapter is off and running, other chapters in the Northwest will form and join the national JACL youth network.

San Diego scholarship dinner set May 2

SAN DIEGO, Ca.—Leilie Furuhashi, PSWDC legal counsel, will be guest speaker at the 25th annual San Diego JACL scholarship awards dinner Sunday, May 2, 6 p.m. at Tom Ham's lighthouse.

James Yamate, scholarship chair, recalled the first awards made in 1957 required splitting the single $100 prize because the judges could not decide. This year, the charity is presenting over $4,000 to 17 awardees ($500 first, $400 second, $300 third, and $100 each). The Committee hopes many former recipients will purchase tickets and attend the dinner to be again recognized.

5-km Kimochi/Sakura run slated April 25

SAN FRANCISCO—A 5-km benefit run on Sunday, April 25, for Kimochi Senior Center will start 9 a.m. at the Golden Gate Park Polo Grounds and end in Japantown. It was announced by Dr. Ted Uyemoto, chair. Entry fee is $7. Application forms are available in Japantown's Kimochi Office or call Steve Nakajo or Rich Ejima (821-3594).

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