Council supports ‘coram nobis’

LOS ANGELES—The JACL National Council passed a resolution Aug. 13 which supports the efforts of attorneys seeking to correct the Supreme Court’s decision on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. 

Chuman noted that the resolution was introduced by Los Angeles attorney Frank Chuman, who introduced the needed implementation of the procedure to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. 

The resolution was presented by the three council members present—Los Angeles attorney Frank Chuman, Seattle attorney Kathryn Banami and Chuman and Portland attorney Peggy Nagie Rigosini. 

In addition, numerous other Nisei and American attorneys from throughout the country introduced full, full-paged research materials, preparing petitions and compiling evidence for the case.

National HQ hires Program Director

LOS ANGELES—JACL National Headquarters has hired Lisa Shimamura as its new Program Director, a position which will cover all aspects of the planning and coordination of programs and services for the National organization. 

Shimamura, who began her duties Aug. 17, is a native of San Francisco and received a BA in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a degree in Cross-Cultural Counseling from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. While at the University of Wisconsin, she studied under five national academicians. 

Shimamura was a teaching assistant at UPS in Statistics and Philosophy of Science and had also been a staff counselor for the University of Wisconsin’s counseling services. In addition, she had been a Kincho Home volunteer in San Francisco, is a white-collar worker and joined the JACL staff Jan. 1, 1981.

Her academic and professional interests include Asian American history and psychology, as she is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students. In addition, she has also served on research universities in Japan, Chinese and Mexican American women.

She is the first Asian American to hold the position of Program Director for the JACL.

Aging and Retirement resolution fails to win funds from Council

LOS ANGELES—Although the JACL National Council passed a resolution Aug. 13, assuring “support” of the National Aging and Retirement Committee, such assistance will not necessarily mean monetary help.

An original resolution requesting the designation of a national staff person to help with the activities of the committee, along with an appropriation of $5,000 per year over the next two years, was defeated last March by a vote of 24 for and 30 against.

The initial resolution, introduced by the New Age Chapter of the PSWDC, originally called for funding to offset travel expenses, program development, education models such as videotapes, brochure workshops, etc., and supplies and other expenses.

When the resolution failed, the new Age chapter re-submitted an amended resolution, which asked JACL to “assist staff support and . . . assist the activities of the National Aging and Retirement Committee.”

However, the new resolution did not ask for any funding from the National budget. The revised resolution was then passed by consent of the council.

Walter Sakai, D.C., past JACL president, asked the council to pass the revised council, prior to the vote on the initial resolution, that aging and retirement committee a $1,000 per year.

But John Tani, M.D., council president, said that according to the goals of JACL’s long-range planning committee, the League should be a “civil rights organization” and that while there is a need to do something about that detracts from JACL’s goals. Tani added that the League should “lead by example.”

Okura responded by noting that there are many “civil rights” that are being denied to our senior citizens—cuts in medical care and social services, etc., for example.

However, Toursu Isahara, Cleveland delegate, and Ted Shimizu, Sela­madele delegate, both felt that a resolution such as the council program seemed unclear. Ishihara, while noting that he was not against the principle of the program, added that he did not know what he was voting on and did not want to vote in favor of it.

Sakai said that there were already social services problems with the elderly, and that if the resolution was not passed, he would not vote for it.

After the initial resolution was defeated on the floor, Okura said it was “regrettable” that a program which deals with the protection of the elderly went down in flames.

The decision was made to continue the program in the next session.

SF civil rights groups file suit against INS for ‘raids’

SAN FRANCISCO—Several pro­Perm conference anti­ and private attorneys filed suit against the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in San Francisco Federal Court Aug. 10, charging that the immigration raids conducted during the recent West Coast “Project Jobs” violated the Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Amendments of the Constitution.

Purportedly “creating more jobs,” the raids were said in late April raid factories which alleged they had not been found by the INS.

More than 5,000 persons were arrested across the country.

The INS has been ordered to have illegally entered workplaces without warrants or consent and detain them in violation of their rights of counsel and to remain silent, or in persons, with such cases in which there are physical threats, to give them legal representation.

This type of Gestapo-like conduct by the government is appealing. This is part of the racist, anti-worker, anti-Japanese, anti-strikes, high-unemployment problem at a time when the government has not been approving a real solution, said Jobs’ lawyer, Associate Counsel of the Metropolitan Bar Association and Educational Fund, at a press conference Aug. 10.

“We are trying to assist the INS by not raiding the companies that violated the civil rights of individuals, and our efforts are to help the government by the Constitution,” he added.

Haerta also noted the effect of the anti-Japanese hysteria created by these raids to polarize citizens against Latino and Asian members of the community.

The complaint alleged that INS agents have blacked out all circits and the factories without warrants or consent, and arrested every Hispanic-looking person inside, without probable cause. Hundreds of workers were harried for up to four to six hours, and were not advised of their rights to remain silent or to talk to a lawyer.

The complaint filed at the United States District Court, Northern District of California, in San Francisco,指控 that frequently an atmosphere of peac­­Inustices. Anyone who attempts to leave at the time of the raids, whether a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident alien, is charged, handcuffed and beaten if he or she resists in any way. Employees who appear or be of Hispanic or Latin ancestry are detained and questioned primarily or solely on the basis of their race, national orig­­in, or language, and if they cannot produce positive identification or papers, or lawful permanent resident alien status, they are arrested. Persons arrested are then processed and de­­pended on the U.S. defense.

Sandra Gutierrez, Director of the Central American Refugees Project, San Francisco, expressed surprise at the methods the INS agents used.

“The government is trying to use these 'surveys' to hard to believe that 'Pro­­ject Jobs' is working in trying to naturalized citizens,” she said, referring to the raids.

Senator immigration bill was opposed by civil rights groups

WASHINGTON—The immigration bill passed by the Senate Aug. 17 is opposed by a number of civil rights groups because of its provisions, which have been in effect since the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1943. Although the bill (S 2222), introduced by Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida­ho), is thought to help ‘naturalize’ and control the admissions of legal aliens in a somewhat reasonable manner, it has been criticized by several civil and human rights groups as a “meaningful” measure aimed at promoting the illegal alien.

The bill, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) and continued to the House Judiciary Committee in September. The House has a nearly identical bill pending in its immigration subcommittee.

The Senate bill, which passed 81-18, calls for—

The imposition of criminal and judicial sanctions against employers who knowingly hire an illegal alien.

An elaborate verification program to help employers determine the legality of potential workers; e.g. hard-to-forge identification papers.

Amnesty for most illegal aliens already in the U.S., with terms varying by category and length of stay.

The barring of all legal admissions to the U.S. at 425,000, with quotas of 20,000 immigrants from each foreign country. Exceptions are Canada and Mexico, each of which would have a quota of 40,000 (Canada’s unused quota, if any, would be granted to Mexico).

The elimination of the fifth visa preference (which had provided special treatment for brothers and sisters of American citizens).

Streamlining of procedures for exclusion, deportation and refugee claims.

The Senate also voted 78-21 to add an amendment, sponsored by Sen. S.I.Bayhakawa (R-Ca.), which supported English as the official national language and included a heritage program aimed at celebrating the symbolic significance for minorities, especially Latino.

Bayhakawa noted that the program was “very positive” and would “strengthen our education, but ‘only insofar as it accelerates the learning of English.”

In various parts of the country, however, the bill’s provisions have come under fire from a number of organizations, including the National Council on Asian American Policy, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Legal Aid and Defender Program, and the New England Immigration Law Center, past chairman of the human rights section of the National Council on Asian American Policy.

The provisions are extremely weak and would exclude a small portion of legislation, most of which is devolved to the INS.

The senators’ amendment was an attempt to make up for the National Senate’s negligence.
Japan trade minister protests

North American content' bill

TOKYO—Japan's International Trade Minister Aug. 5 1 criticized legislation aimed at restricting the export of American and European content into the parts in automobiles sold in the U.S. to be made in North America.

"This issue is a sensitive issue in bilateral relations," he said after a cabinet meeting that the so-called "local content" law violates the international agreement on tariffs and trade and could damage the bilateral relationship.

In adopting the resolution, the resolution was also included as a segment of the auto trade negotiations.

Presbyterian Church supports redress

HARTFORD, CT.—The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church recently adopted a resolution urging Congress to provide adequate monetary compensation to Japanese Americans and Alaskan Aleuts who were interned during World War II.

Speaking before the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, the Reverend said, "We have not been consulted. We have been ignored. We have not been listened to."

The resolution also noted that American citizens were "given no choice but to be informed of no other reason than the accident of ancestry or to become refugees within their own country."

Mansfield warns of US-Jpn. 'recrimination'

TOKYO—Mike Mansfield, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, has expressed concern Aug. 5 about what he said was the "mutual recrimination" between Japan and the U.S. over the issue of steel dumping.

"There is a need for mutual understanding," he said. "We must work to heal the wounds and move forward."
Need for cultural center in S.F. Japantown voiced

SAN FRANCISCO—In an East/West review of J-town's 80-year history, most of the businesses catered to its residents settled in the area known as Western Addition, bounded by Pine and Geary, from Octavia to Webster St., recalled Masao Ashi­

zawa, owner of Solo Hardware, which was established in 1929 by his father.

And most Japanese lived in Japantown "because they were not allowed to move out," recalled Yori Wada, UC regent and former director of Buchanan "Y.

This community background appeared in the Chinese Ameri­

can weekly in community Fair story ap­

pearing Aug. 4. The fair began in 1974 as a Japanese Community

Youth Council enterprise and is held in mid-August.

Around the turn of the century, Western Addition was pre­

dominantly Jewish—a building which was a synagogue still remains on Bush St.; and as the Jews began moving out, the Japanese who were then concentrated in South Park (on Third St. between Polk and Harrison) began to move in.

During the WW2 period, most of the apartments and homes were occupied by black workers recruited from the south. After the war, the Japanese began to move back.

With development in the late '50s and early '60s, Japantown was again on the move. Old buildings were torn down and rebuilt. Japan Trade Center was built with money from Hawaii and Japan since most local people could not afford to develop their property initially. But more recent redevelopment, up­

grading the area with better shops and buildings, has been handled by local merchants.

Wada noted Japanese Americans moving into the Richmond and Sunset districts further west for better schools and less crime, "but redevelopment hastened the process." As many younger Japanese Americans wanted to own their own homes, "this movement out of (J-town) grew into the cohesive feeling of community," he added. And J-town still remains a center of cultural activity with its churches, two newspapers and organizations.

Noting the community's drive to raise $3 million for a com­

munity and cultural center, Wada said, "If the center is built, people would come back on a regular basis.

400 march in Hiroshima vigil

LOS ANGELES—An estimated 400 persons participated in a candlelight procession through Little Tokyo Aug. 7 marking the 31st ob­

servation of the atomic bomb at­tack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II, organizers reported.

Japanese Americans of all ages gathered in front of the old Nida Hongoji Buddhist temple for an inter-denominational religious service for the more than 210,000 killed by the two U.S. bombings at the close of WW2.

Rev. Alfred Tsuzuki of Konko­

kyo of Los Angeles, Rev. Russell Hamada of Humpa Hongoji Temple and Rev. Paul Nakamura of the Lutheran Oriental Church of Turrance, conducted Shinto, Bud­

dhist and Christian rites.

The crowd also listened to tear­ful words of Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor Mrs. Kazu Sueyoshi, who recounted the horror of Hiro­

shima bombing and described those present work toward nuclear disarmament and in securing aid for the estimated 750 atomic bomb sur­

vivors now living in the United States.

Each person present was then given a cup-wrapped lighted candle and a procession which at times extended more than two blocks in length wound its way down Little Tokyo streets and through shopping malls to the Japanese Amer­i­

can Cultural and Community Center.

EBJA-Sakura Kai to hold art auction

EL CENTRO, CA.—The sixth an­

nual Asian American Art Auction, a benefit sale of works by Asian American artists from Northern California, will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, 1-4 p.m. at the El Centro Community Center, 707 E. Owens. More than 100 art pieces in­

clude Japanese brush paintings, sculptures, ceramics, batiks, gra­

phics, and other media. Among the honorary auctioneers will be JACL National Director Ron Wakahaka­

shi and newly elected National JACL VP Tom Takeshita. For more information call the El Centro Jap­

anese for Action, (415) 966-5506 or Amy Shinsako (415) 731-8645.

S&J outreach project seeks coordinator

SAN JOSE—A project designed to help bring bilingual and bi-cultural social services to isolated ethnic minority elderly residing in the San Jose area was recently awarded a grant of $2,500,000 from the Council on Aging of Santa Clara County.

The Coalition for Minority Outreach, a coalition composed of five independent ethnic minority service agencies including the Yu Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service of San Jose, received the funding to implement a comprehensive outreach project. The project will include a major door-to-door canvassing effort in selected neighborhoods, telephone outreach, an extensive media campaign, and usage of a core of bilingual outreach volunteers.

The members of the Coalition for Minority Outreach responsible for the project's execution are: The Black Senior Center, the Filipino American Senior Opportunity Development Council, the Japanese American Community Service Agency, the Mexican American Community Services Agency, and the Yu Kai.

The Coalition is presently seek­ing qualified applicants for the po­

sition of coordinator of the minor­i­

ety outreach project. For more information regarding the project and the application process, contact Jesus Reyna at the Japanese American Community Services Agency, 1529 Lincoln Ave. Al Ai Kai, (468) 296-2046.

To exhibit and display Korean ceramics

LOS ANGELES—The Korean Amer­i­

can Cultural Service will sponsor an exhibition of 86 treasures of contem­

orary Korean ceramics from August 31 to September 30, with an open­ing reception to be held on Monday evening, Aug. 30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All events will take place at the gallery of the Korean Cultural Service, which is located at 500 Wilm­

ing Blvd. For info call (213) 386-7161.

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Nisei Week Closes—The festivities of Nisei Week in Little Tokyo drew to a close Aug. 15 with the traditional ondo dancing on Los Angeles St. (top) which drew participants of all ages, including Heather Akemi Nagano (bottom, left) and an unidentified youngster, who both did their best to keep in step.

LSTC needs funds from L.A. council

LOS ANGELES—The Little Tokyo Service Center is currently seeking funding for the next two years of operation from the City of Los Angeles. Due to federal cutbacks, the competition for local funds has become much stiffer, according to LSTC executive director Bill Watabe.

LSTC has begun a letter-writing drive to councilman Gilbert Lindsey in an effort to obtain more funds. Persons interested in assisting LSTC in their efforts should contact Watabe at (213) 680-5729.

Jewelry BookPreview — Chef Tanaka, author of the book, "Go For Broke," (left) presents copies to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn during the veteran's reunion held Aug. 5 in Hahn's balcony at the Hall of Administration.

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Nisei Retirement Faire set for JACCC

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei retirement faire entitled, "Is There Life After Retirement?" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 245 S. Pedro St., 2nd Fl.

Program includes: "Making the Most of Retirement," with keynote speaker Dr. Virginia Boyack, president of Calif. Federal Savings Life Planning Program; workshops on continuing education, sexuality, recreation and volunteerism; plus social security and informational booths throughout the fair.

The faire is sponsored by the Nisei Continuing Education Committee, JACCC, JA Community Services and the JACL PWJSDC. Registration by for more info call Bill Watabe (213) 680-3729.

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My wife Ruth and I would like to thank all those who supported our efforts this past week on the 7th Biennial Nisei Convention. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Gardner convention committee, particularly co-chairperson Tomi Tomita and Chester Sagimoto and everyone in Nobi-Nakaji for the fine job that they did. I pledge full my effort to carry forth the great responsibility placed on me as your new national president.

The Gardner convention is now over and now over the great work begins—implementing the National Council’s mandates during the next two years. JACL’s top priorities appear to be redress, membership development, U.S.-Japan relations, aging/reitrement, youth, and Pan American Nippon relations.

The new National Board met on the Saturday (Aug. 14) following the convention and established a plan for reorganizing the national board.

(1) Recommendations for National Council’s mandates and assignments should be made to National Headquarters by Aug. 31.

(2) On Sept. 11, the elected national officers (president, the four vice-presidents, treasurer) will meet to prepare a Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) for the biennium. This plan will include concretes and timetables, recommendations on the committee appointments, establish school of staff and budget priorities, and the assignment of monitoring responsibilities among the elected persons.

(3) This CAP will be distributed to the National Board by Aug. 18.

(4) On the weekend of Oct. 8-10, the National Board will meet to consider the Action Plan and confirm committee appointments.

Hopefully, this systematic approach will result in a well-organized national program for our more than 500,000 members. If you have any comments or ideas, please send them to National Headquarters, 956-Stockton, San Francisco, Ca 94115, (415) 921-5225; or to me at 8122 Grove Ave, Woodland, Ca 95695. Together, we can make a better and more responsive JACL for all of us.

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Convention Memories and Personalities

Betty Yumori, traditionally the hostess with the mostest at convention social affairs, has something else—a husband, Ben, who may be the leading Nisei classic car hobbyist. He has, by rough count, well over a couple of hundred Nisei cars, plus dozens of cars and trucks (and even by his standards) which he rebuilds and displays in his spare time. He doesn’t need much encouragement to tell you about his transcontinental races against time in a Model T Ford.

Kayo Kikuchi, semi-retired real estate broker from the San Jose area (his wife Tatty is in insurance business) was born in Bellry, Mont., and grew up in Worland, Wyo. He may have the distinction of having been fired from the least security-sensitive job after the war broke out in 1941. Kayo was working on a sheep ranch owned by a Greek immigrant and apparently thought Pearl Harbor could be avenged by sending that “Jap kid” packing.

There’s been a lot of talent in various fields of endeavor on display here this week, but none of it has been more outstanding than that of Butch Kasahara, singer and major dorno of a Hawaiian stage show who performed at the convention luau. Kayo Kikuchi, who has been a favorite in these parts for years, has a marvelously flexible voice, stage presence and a flair for turning sense of humor and deserves to be in the big time of entertainment.

Kawatani of The Denver Post. The dean of Nisei journalism and author of several books—his latest “The JACL Story: In Quest and Reflection”—is No. 1 in the writing field ... and in his usual rare form; and Tanaka, my prewar journalism mentor, was in top form; understanding and cooperation with Japan and/or improving the quality of life for Americans and especially those of Japanese ancestry.

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A Lucky Friday, the 13th

By HENRY MORI

Los Angeles

Had it not been for “Bull” Kawamoto’s kind phone call just two days before the 27th Biennial JACL National Convention’s Sayonara dinner dance at the Hyatt Airport, I probably would have dozed off that Monday night at 13th and front of my old black-and-white TV tube. As it turned out, the occasion provided me with many pleasant and yet touching memories.

“Did you know Ayako Noguchi Nakama is in town? She wants to see you,” the onetime fourth estate, block-print artist correspondent for the local vernaculars in the hometown, Visalia, in Central California.

It’s no secret that he left the national directorship under a cloud, but a year later he returned and set some kind of new standard of excellence. Kayo, who in prewar days was a major dorno of a Hawaiian stage show, is now a real estate broker in Worland, Wyo. He may have the distinction of having been fired from the least security-sensitive job after the war broke out in 1941. Kayo was working on a sheep ranch owned by a Greek immigrant and apparently thought Pearl Harbor could be avenged by sending that “Jap kid” packing.

Los Angeles’ famous Nisei Week coincided with the JACL convention but most conventioneers, housed at an airport hotel fifteen miles away from Little Tokyo, saw nothing of the festivities. They missed something more, an opportunity to meet the latest of the Nisei Week queens. She is Janet Barrientes, a 21-year-old college student who serves to remind us that prides itself as being a democratic nation, such as the United States a decade ago with her father after her parents were divorced. The grandparents helped care for the children, but Janet and her younger sister are pretty much on their own now.

ONE of the most encouraging matters this way is the Kari Nobukuni Award, presented to an individual who has contributed significantly to JACL, affairs as Gardena chapter president and convention coordinator.

Full's Minori Yasui was JACL’s Nisei of the Biennium back in 1962. Thirty years later he was chosen JACLer of the Biennium, which may set some kind of record for sustained enthusiasm. It says something of the dedication of some oldtimers, and also points out the need for infusing new blood into the organization.

Ira A. George, who was the newsletter editor in 1982.

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Nikkei Widowhood Study

Every year more than half a million women in the United States become widows. Since the life expectancy of a woman is longer than a man's and because she traditionally marries a man older than herself, the age at which she is most likely to survive a husband (the median age at which a woman will die if she lives to age 65 is 76 years of age) was the reason for a recent study conducted among Japanese American widows in the Los Angeles area. The survey was administered to Japanese American widows to determine the extent to which the stress and mental cost of the taking care of their homes and families was brought on by the Nisei experience during World War II. The survey also revealed that loneliness is the single most important problem that widows face.

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27th Biennial Convention: A Convention Overview

By HENRY SAKAI
Past National Secretary/Treasurer

The 1982 National Convention at the Convention August 10-13 made some difficult decisions in a very responsible manner. In fact, this was the best Convention I have seen, at least in the past ten years.

On all issues, the delegates asked many questions and once satisfied, they made decisions accordingly.

The three vital issues that I feel we needed to resolve were: (1) the "independent contractor" status of the Washington Representative Office, (2) Redress guidelines and the loan from the Endowment Fund, and (3) the budget entailing a $3.5 million deficit.

In each case, the Council acted with about 100% of the delegates present at all sessions, debated and then made decisions to support these proposals. Now all of us have gone out and fulfilled the commitments that were made.

To those JACLers who could not attend the Convention, I'd like to tell you that their delegates worked very hard in long sessions, and really did do a job. None of us on the board nor in the Council wanted to increase dues, and the Council did not approve any resolutions with financial impact without considering them carefully.

Financially, JACL is headed in a positive direction and present membership data indicates that with the anniversary system, membership will increase this year if the chapters continue recruiting new members.

At the end of July, membership increased by 985 over the last year at thirty-four chapters. Thirty-four chapters have met or increased their last year's membership.

Dr. Yosh Nakashima, NCWNPDC governor, said that JACL isn't the only organization raising its fees. For example, the Unitarian Universalist Religious Society (UUS) of which I am a member, has just increased its dues to $400 to $480. I can assure you that I get much more out of JACL than I do from UUS.

JACL has done what other federated associations have done, simply stated, to keep pace with the rising costs involved in running a national organization.

Redress has gotten the go-ahead with a $300,000 loan from the Endowment Fund and the approval of guidelines. But the Redress Committee should realize that the membership must be kept informed of the committee's activities.

WELCOMED—The Hon. Yoshio Okawara, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. (left), accepts a scroll welcoming him to Los Angeles County from (l-r) Gardena JACL president Karl Kurihara, Gardena mayor Kenneth Mahn and JACL National President Floyd Shimomura at the Sawanoy Banquet.

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Behind the War Clouds: A Story of Unsung Valor and Devotion

The Pacific Citizen continues to bring light to some of the missing chapters of Japanese-American history this week with an in-depth treatment of Hawaii’s Emergency Service Committee (ESC), a little-known civilian war service organization comprised of a group of Nisei who were appointed by the Military Governor’s Office in Honolulu to help maintain the war effort during World War II.

Upon the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the VVV, the VVV is recognizing and honoring its good friend from the Emergency Service Committee (ESC) who assisted in the initial formation of the VVV and who befriended, provided encouragement and support to the Territorial Governor’s Office, and worked closely and one-year service with the U.S. Army Engineers at Schofield Barracks. Those friends are Hung Wai Ching, Shigeo Yoshida, Masaji Marumoto, Y. Baron Goto, Mitsuyuki Ikado, and the families of the late Dr. Kasumi Kome­tani, Dr. Ernest Murai, and Masa Katagiri.

Little has been said or known about the activities and contributions of the Emergency Service Committee during World War II. As a civilian war service organization comprised of a group of Nisei appointed by the Military Governor’s Office in February 1941 to work among the people of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii to help them meet and adjust to the many difficult problems which burst upon them in the treacherous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941), the ESC was formed.

Actually, the formative years of the ESC were planted one year before the beginning of war attacks. Between 1939 and 1940, U.S.-Japan became more and more strained in the field of Navy Intelligence and chaired by Robert Komenaka, Masa Katagiri, Gordon T. Bowles, Andrew Lind, Theodore F. Trent, Gerald W. Fisher, Frank Midkiff, Walter Mihata, Ernest Furukawa, Robert Murakami, Tadashi Haga, Shigeru Hirota, Robert Hikihara, Shugo Maki, Kaji Suzuki, Shinzo Onishi, Yoshio Matsusaka, Dr. Masao Kanernuir, and Masao Watanabe.

The ESC described itself as “a war service organization for all-out participation in our nation’s war effort, for the preservation of the rights and privileges of all Americans regardless of racial ancestry, for the enhancement of racial unity and democracy throughout the Territory and for the promotion of the welfare of all our returning soldiers now and after the war.” Following the Pearl Harbor attack the problems faced by Japanese in Hawaii were particularly difficult and traumatic. Over and above the blackout, food rationing, martial law, censorship and the like suffered by all the people of Hawaii, for Hawaii’s Japanese the bombs of Pearl Harbor literally created an explosion in race relations as well. The horror, fear and anger spawned of Japan’s attack was inevitably directed against those residents of Hawaii racially related to the enemy. There were wholesale firings of Japanese from their jobs. Selecting 90 to 95 per cent of all the individuals who took part in the development and growth of the ESC, the author chose the most significant, the most outstanding people whose contributions were literally life-saving, or who helped keep the people of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii from disintegration, or who contributed to the maintenance of a united community war effort.

The ESC, through the visionary efforts of a few concerned military and civic leaders, functioned as a channel between the military and the public. The ESC was comprised of Nisei who were appointed. In a sense, the ESC was the VARS in Hawaii and the role of the ESC mirrors the VARS by the presence of a population predominantly Japanese ancestry, for the enhancement of racial unity and democracy throughout the Territory and for the promotion of the welfare of all our returning soldiers now and after the war.

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assisted the Morale Section in creating and organizing emergency service groups on each of the other islands. The Committee was involved in a wrongful or unjustified arrest or detention was imminent.

Baron Goto recalls one incident where shortly after the war started, he received a frantic telephone call from the Immigration Station from a spokesman for 123 Japanese farmers from Lualualei detained there. The Navy considered them a threat to the security of the U.S. Army and put them up in a high security area. Goto, who was a Training Officer at the Army, immediately checked the border with Lualualei, and found that the farmers were not a threat. He went out to see the Commander of the Lualualei depot. Dillingham, an influential business and civic leader, knew all of the top brass of the armed services in Hawaii but he was not known to the young Marine sentry who stopped them at the gate. "Young man, do you know who I am?" growled Dillingham to the sentry and asked him his name. "Sir, I don't care who you are. You can't get in without a pass."

"Call your CO and tell him Walter Dillingham is here to see him," he bellowed. Following a quick confirmation call, a changed sentry inquired where Dillingham was going. "To the gate. The net result of Dillingham's intervention was, by sundown that day, truckloads of happy farmers were returned to their farms at Lualualei.

Educational and Meral Work
A principal task of the Committee was to maintain morale and disseminate information to the Japanese community through community meetings sanctioned by the authorities. Between February and December, 1942, the Committee held 369 meetings contacting approximately 10,000 persons. These meetings served to reaffirm and strengthen the basic loyalty of the Japanese to the United States, to enliven their support in various activities toward winning the war, and to develop and maintain a realistic and non-aggressive image of Japan with Japan. Since local Japanese language newspaper and radio programs were suspended, these meetings filled the information vacuum left by the voluntary censorship of military orders, stirring up rumors and disseminating incorrect information. Gradually, the insecurity and fear following Pearl Harbor diminished and morale improved.

An aloha rally was held in honor of the VVV boys on the steps of UH's Hawaii Hall on February 25, 1942.

A primary effort of the Committee was to encourage and urge Hawaii's Japanese to do their part to defeat Japan. In the early stages, they worked closely with the Emergency Service Committee to create new opportunities for the Japanese community to contribute to the war effort. The Committee worked with local Japanese language newspapers and radio stations to spread information about the war effort and ways people could help. They encouraged the Japanese community to participate in community meetings sanctioned by the authorities.

Removal of Irritants
After the December 7th attack, the Committee concentrated on the reduction or removal of sources of misunderstanding, suspicion or irritation directed against the Japanese. A "Speak American" campaign was sponsored resulting in large increase in adult English classes. Speaking of Japanese language and the wearing of Japanese clothing and "zoris" in public was discouraged. The removal of Japanese signs from stores, temples, and community organizations was encouraged. Under martial law, Japanese language schools, Shinto shrines, Japanese societies and organizations were required to be dissolved. A number of AJAs who ran for political office during the war withdrew their candidacy after the Committee quietly encouraged. Under martial law, a group of them petitioned the Military Governor to withdraw their candidacy.

The Committee was to encourage and urge "Japanese influences" and its non-enforcement of the migration of Japanese American citizens from Hawaii. This resulted in a response of 9,507 AJA volunteers. When the War Department issued the next call for AJA volunteers to serve as interpreter-translators in the war against Japan, the Committee actively recruited more than the Army could accept. Most of the ESC members volunteered for military service. "Doc" Kohtake, an able interpreter-translator, was selected by the Commanding Officer of the 442nd Combat Team to report for military service. The Committee granted the request of the family of Masaji Marumoto, Baron Goto and Walter Mihata served with the Interpreters.

As a labor battalion, the VVV constructed, repaired and renovated military facilities. Courtes of Ted Tsuchiya.

I have observed the work of the Emergency Service Committee since its beginning in February, 1942. I know well the difficulties the Committee has had to face, the long and hard hours put in by the members and their associates in various sections of the community. The work it has accomplished and the task that lies ahead.

These men are working without remuneration and with no thought of reward. They have our full confidence and support. The Army appreciates their assistance, and I know that when the work of the Committee is fully known, the entire Territory and particularly the people of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii will be proud of them.

ESC's contributions are best recognized and reflected in the statement of Charles R. Hemmenway, who said:

If the Committee had not organized and gone active to work, it is my belief that racial misunderstanding and friction would have increased to such an extent that serious and perhaps permanent harm would have resulted with a growth of intolerance, prejudice and belligerent feeling. Your Committee has done a splendid job in maintaining morale and courage among our Japanese residents and in acting as a liaison group between them and other parts of the community.

In its beginning, the ESC was instrumental in winning the unglamorous and unpublicized war on the homefront, as so eloquently summarized in John Rademaker's "These Are Americans":

A careful study of the activities, discussions, and accomplishments of the Emergency Service Committee leads me to the conclusion that their services were just as essential in winning the war as the work on the battlefronts. Service was rendered at the front in the face of the enemy, as well as on the battlefronts to the victory of the arms of the United Nations. To each belongs the satisfaction of knowing that they faced a difficult, dangerous, and a disagreeable task that they accomplished with the service knowing that they had done well, that they had made a significant and valuable contribution in their own place toward the victory of democracy and the defeat of totalitarian racism in the world.

Again, it may be truly said of these members of the wartime Emergency Service Committee, "Seldom have so many, or so much, to so few."
37th Biennial Convention:

What JACL-JARP Has Meant Over 20 Years

Following is the response from the honoree of the tribute-packed JACL Convention Testimonial held Aug. 11 at the Hyatt Airport for Ship Wakamatsu, chairman of the JACL-Japanese American Research Project Committee since its inception in 1961.

Thank you, President Jim (Tsuji) Murakami and members of the National Board. I want you to know the depth of my feeling in receiving the Ruby Pin. To me, this is just the Holy Grail of JACL as mystical and as legendary—the symbol of the idealism of this organization. It shall glow in a special place in my heart as long as I live.

Roy (Nishikawa), Nobi (Honda), Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you for your kindness and loyalty in being here this afternoon. I am thrilled to see all the speakers before me. Your participation has made this program a meaningful one.

And, Jack (Nakagawa), after that centerfold treatment in the film I got from your young tigers. I believe the trip to Japan to restore my nerves—and to restore my modesty!

Well, there's nothing like old friends to do you over! After all, it was Kumeo Yoshinari and Jack who dragged me back into JACL back in 1946, during a period when I was trying to pick up the pieces in my own life. I mention Kumeo and Jack because if your seats are getting mighty tired by now, you will know who to blame! But, in truth, I have been grateful ever since those days when Mike's Anti-Discrimination Committee was getting under way for the opportunity to participate—to be able to lose one's self in a cause that is larger than one's personal concerns.

That, in a nutshell, is how I perceived my path in the organization. And along that path, I was privileged to associate and work with many outstanding people whose abilities and characters helped immeasurably in my own development as a person.

So, in this spirit, I am grateful for this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and I do so with deep humility in accepting this testimonial tribute on behalf of all the individuals who took part in the Japanese American Research Project and whose support and fidelity carried it through.

To the thousands of contributors to the Issei History Project fund drive;

To Sim Togasaki, chairman of the fund drive and the national committee of district and chapter chairpersons;

To the late Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa of Boston University who provided the rationale for the systematic study of the Japanese Americans and with the assistance of Dr. Gladys Stone and her husband Dr. Gregory Stone who prepared and conducted the Issei survey;

To the thousands of contributors to the Issei History Project fund drive without whose support this project could never have started in 1982;

To the local JAPC committee members across the country for their countless hours of volunteer work in preparing residence lists of Issei for the National sampling and later administering the Issei survey questionnaires;

To the University of California at Los Angeles for providing the home for the project and the documentary collection and to the Deans of the College of Letters and Science, the sociology and history departments who kept faith with me over the years;

To Frank Chuman who single handedly brought the project to his alma mater;

To the professors and their graduate students who did the research and writing; to Dr. Robert Wilson who headed the history branch and to principal investigator Dr. Gene Levine and Dr. Edna Bonacich who divided duties in the sociology branch of the project;

To all the authors—Bill Hsokawata, Frank Chuman, Masa­katsu Iwata, Bob Wilson, Gene Levine, Edna Bonacich, John Modell, Bob Rhodes, Yasuo Sakata, Donald Hata, Jr., Michi Asawa, the late Toyo Miyatake—whose manuscripts, and articles both published and still yet to be published, will form the basic foundation of the JARP series;

To the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the New­eraing Behavioral Science Division of the National Institute of Mental Health for their generous grants enabling the completion of the Issei, Nisei and Sansei studies;

To the members of the JARP Committee: Frank Chuman, Bill Hsokawata, Mike Masaiaka, Yone Satoda, late Mas Satow, Sim Togasaki, Akiji Yoshimura.

To and I am overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the hundreds of members and friends, here and across the country, who made this gift possible. I cherish the accompany­ments of letters and notes which not only expressed great personal warmth but also a deep understanding of and commitment to the idea of JACL and what it stands for. I am deeply moved by this spirited response to Jack's National Committee. The old vitality is there, undiminished, at the grass roots of JACL and in the Japanese American community—and I will say in encour­agement to our current leaders—it is there to support you, but lead wisely, lead well, and above all, work like hell! So, with our hearts united in gratitude to all the donors and your good wishes. To and I am delighted to accept this marvelous opportunity, my first, to visit our roots in Japan.

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More recently, she was acclaimed the Idaho Businesswoman of the Year ('77); choreographed the Salt Lake City Dance Productions for the Utah Symphony after five years; and the Idaho Cystic Fibrosis Show the past three years.

She and husband Richard Suzuki, also a Merchant Marine during WW2, are parents of two young children, Marcia Douglas of Seattle, and son Hugh, who is associated with his father in the masonry business here.

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The Endowment Fund Committee should also take positive action to maximize the investments within the fund and assure that the money earned to the Endowment Fund Committee is spent judiciously.

The Pacific Citizen, with Harry Honda as the editor, has been a mainstay of the JACL and has provided a platform for JACL's mission of promoting civil rights and equality for all. The JACL has taken a significant step in providing more education to its members and the public, with the establishment of the JACL Education Fund.

The JACL's efforts to promote understanding and bridging the gaps between different cultures have been successful. The organization has successfully held events that have brought different communities together, such as the JACL's multicultural events and the Pacific Citizen's coverage of various cultural events.

The JACL's commitment to advocacy and representation is evident in its efforts to promote the rights of Japanese Americans and to support issues that are important to the community. The organization has successfully advocated for the rights of Japanese Americans and has been a strong voice for civil rights.

However, the JACL's efforts have not been without criticism. There have been concerns about the organization's decision-making processes and its ability to represent the diverse needs of the Japanese American community. Despite these challenges, the JACL has continued to work towards its goals and has made significant contributions to the community.

The JACL's future will depend on its ability to adapt to changing circumstances and to continue to be relevant to the needs of its members and the broader community. The organization has shown a commitment to learning and growth, and it will be important for the JACL to continue to evolve and respond to the changing landscape of civil rights and equality.

The JACL's legacy is one of dedication, commitment, and advocacy. It has played a significant role in promoting civil rights and equality for the Japanese American community, and its efforts will continue to be felt for generations to come.