WASHINGTON—JACL urges retention of 5th nuclear preferred in immigrant bill

The bill, HR 6014, is nearly identical to the one which passed the Senate Aug. 17 (S 2227). The pending legislation, authored by Sen. Alan K. Simpson (R-Wy), is designed to achieve redress for the discrimination against Japanese Americans which occurred in the 1940’s during the internment program when the government placed 100,000-120,000 of Japanese ancestry in concentration camps.

The bill would provide for the payment of $5,000 to Japanese Americans fired by the government during the internment years, plus $1,000 for each year of incarceration, up to $15,000 to a person who was incarcerated for over 5 years.

JACL urges all members to support this legislation. The bill has already been approved by the House and is expected to be voted on by the Senate this week.

Names of former state workers eligible for AB 2710 released

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Patrick Johnston’s office is seeking help in locating some 145 Japanese-Americans who qualify to claim $5,000 in back wages from the State of California.

Assembly Bill 2710, authored by the Stockton Democrat, provides for the payment of $5,000 to Japanese Americans fired by the State of California in 1942. “Some of these individuals may be deceased, but we feel quite certain that this call goes out to all eligible individuals,” said Priscilla Ouchida, Legislative Assistant to Johnston.

In 1942, the State Personnel Board compiled a list of Nikkei employees fired for the State at that time. The following were included on the 1942 roster, and have not formally written to us to inform us of their whereabouts,” said Ouchida. The names are:

Masako Abe; Dorothy Y. Akushi; Shigeji Jack Ari; George Ariha; Maruho Aylin; Toshio Ariha; Satoko Azuma; Fusako Ashida; Hiroko Baba; Evelyn Date; Henry Fujimoto; Toshie Fujimoto; Marie Fujino; Fred Y. Fujita; John J. Fujita; Martha K. Fujita; Yoshio K. Fujita; Yutaka Fujita; Tulio Go; Tatsuo Hanawa; Tom Harra; Walter Hara.

Nobell prize-winner says Japan will be No. 2 economic power

OSAKA—By the year 2000, Japan will surpass the Soviet Union to become the No. 2 economic power in the world, according to Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Samuelson.

Paul Samuelson noted, “If Japan’s total GNP is to surpass that of the Soviet Union in the next 18 years, Japan must make its per capita income grow faster than that of the Soviets...I am sure this will not be too difficult a target for the Japanese economy to achieve.” He added that Japan can at least equal China’s success in economic development as well.

Samuelson, who received the Nobel Prize in economics in 1970, made his remarks in a keynote address at The University of Tokyo’s 50th anniversary celebration on the 21st century.

S.F. hospital tests hepatitis B vaccine to treat Asian babies

SAN FRANCISCO—S.F. General Hospital Medical Center is coordinating a Bay Area-wide clinical trial of hepatitis B vaccine in infants born to Asian women who are found to be carriers of the virus.

This trial is a follow up to the research conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CD/C) and the San Francisco Blood Association (SFBA) in the 1970’s.

The CD/C study was designed to determine the risk of maternal transmission of hepatitis B virus to infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers. The study found that 80% of infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers had detectable levels of the virus in their blood within 7 days of birth.

The SFBA study showed that the hepatitis B vaccine is effective in preventing hepatitis B infection in HBsAg-positive infants born to HBsAg-positive mothers.

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Choi Soo Lee acquitted of 1973 Chinatown murder

SAN FRANCISCO—Choi Soo Lee, a Korean immigrant who had been accused of a Chinatown murder in 1973, was found not guilty of the slaying Sept. 3 after a five-week long trial.

In 1980, Lee had won a reversal of his conviction in the 1974 case which involved the shooting of Yoo Yee Tak, a reputed leader of the Wah-Ching gang. Lee's conviction was reversed because defense attorneys successfully argued that the prosecution failed to list the name of a witness in the case who could have cleared the accused. Prior to the reversal, Lee had been incarcerated on San Quentin's Death Row, all the while maintaining his innocence. In 1981, Lee was granted a retrial but after several continuances, the case was finally heard on Aug. 2 of this year.

When the acquittal was read in San Francisco's Superior Court, shouts and cheers erupted in the packed courtroom. Members of various Asian American support groups who had contributed to Lee's defense fund, expressed relief over the verdict.

Superior Court Judge Robert L. Donoee permitted Lee to address his supporters before he was taken away by bailiffs. He is currently on death row for a murder he had allegedly committed while imprisoned for the Chinatown slaying case.

Jury foreman Scott Johnson said the jury of nine men and three women found sufficient doubt in the evidence, which dictated the not guilty verdict.

"I had a long computation about the eyewitness," said Johnson, a 42-year-old special education teacher. He added that the prosecutor's case was neither solid nor persuasive.

"There was an Asian aspect," he said, restating a defense argument that the prosecution's eyewitnesses couldn't tell one Asian from another.

Japan textbook dispute settled

 TOKYO—The two-month dispute with China and South Korea over Japan's new history textbooks "has tentatively been settled," it was reported.

The two countries gave conditional approval to efforts by the Japanese government to partially amend controversial passages that critics say distort Japan's history and conduct during and after World War II.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said that Peking has accepted the commitment of Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki's government to review text books by 1983 and to direct classroom teachers, in their teaching in the meantime, to correct those that describe the Japanese invasion of China in 1937 and its subsequent aggression.

"Although there are still some ambiguous unsatisfactory points about concrete measures proposed by the Japanese side this time to correct the remarks in the textbooks," said Deputy Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian, "this is a step forward." He said, "The Chinese people will welcome the step forward taken by Japan." He added that the Chinese people would "continue to treat the matter with reasonableness and patience." The Chinese minister's statement was acknowledged by the Japanese government.

In Seoul, Chei Dong Jin, chief of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's Asian affairs bureau, gave a "positive response" in meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Yosho Sakurazuka.

Japan said that although the offending passages could not be changed for the next two years, "newswriters" would be sent to teachers to correct controversial accounts of Japan's military actions during World War II.

"They (witnesses) thought it was another Asian face at that distance," he said, referring to the 42-foot distance from the witnesses to the shooting.

"I tried to separate my emotions and feelings and tried to use the rule of law and found there was a reasonable doubt," Johnson said. Based on the evidence, he (Lee) could have killed somebody, he added, but it wasn't "anyplace else.

But the evidence wasn't beyond a reasonable doubt."

The prosecution's case against Lee, now 36, relied mostly on two eyewitness accounts of the shooting by a pair of tourists. They identified Lee as the man they saw shoot Tak at the intersection of Pacific and Grant avenues in Chinatown on June 3, 1973.

Prosecutor William Smith had also called Arthur Serrato, a three-convicted murderer pro- fessed under the government's special witness program, to testify that while Lee and Serrato were inmates at the Deuel Vocational Institution, the defendant admitted to him that he had killed a man in Chinatown.

Lee was subsequently convicted of killing a fellow inmate at Deuel during the time between his two trials for the slaying of Tak. He was sentenced to death row for the second slaying. That case is currently on appeal.

The defense in that case contends it was an act of self-defense and that if Lee had not been initially and unjustly convicted of the Tak murder, he would never have been in prison at all. Lee's acquittal in the Tak slaying might win him a reprieve from the gas chamber, but whether or not he should have been in prison to begin with is a question that courts are taking into consideration. The courts are treating each case as separate and unrelated matters.

Lee has been receiving support from the Committee to Free Choi Soo Lee, which has branches in both the Bay Area and in Southern California.

Japanese American community leaders have been pressing for a settlement of the textbook dispute for months.

Republicans block appointment of Asian to Ca. education bd.

SACRAMENTO—Dr. Allan Seid, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s appoint-ee to a four-year term on the state Board of Education, was not reappointed to the board with the other 8 members on Oct. 25, a week after he lost a recall election.

The Republicans, in a move to block confirmation of the second term of the state board of education member, said, "We are not satisfied with who Governor Brown has chosen as the next Board of Education member."

"To block confirmation is an effort to keep long-term appointments open until after the November election," said Rep. Gary Fong, a Republican candidate in the gubernatorial race.

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Northern Cal. JCCO names campaign chairs for Vision 80's

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California project recently announced the honorary and general campaign chairs for the upcoming Vision 80’s development campaign which will seek contributions to establish a new center in Nihonmachi here.

We are very pleased and excited to have Mayor Diane Feinstein and Yori Wada heading up our campaign organization,’ announced Ed Tanaka, board president.

Mayor Feinstein will serve as honorary chairperson for the $1 million campaign. "It will be a privilege to work once again with my very good friend, Yori Wada," said the mayor.

The people of San Francisco cherish this splendid opportunity to renew our warm ties of friendship and cooperation with the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, and we sincerely appreciate the many significant contributions to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of our overall life here made by your community.

Mayor Feinstein has been a strong supporter of the Japanese American community for many years, and that was evident several years ago when the community leaders of Japan, and in particular Mayor Matsumura held during April.

She strongly supported the recent congressional hearings focusing on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the measures to compensate community members who suffered losses.

Her administration has funded several programs to benefit residents of the Japantown and the Western Addition has worked closely with the committee of general Japan.

As a general campaign chairperson, Wada will oversee the total volunteer organization which will consist of eight sections.

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center will bring a new and important dimension to the Japanese American community as well as the greater community of Northern California," commented Wada.

This needed facility will serve thousands of people for years to come and deserves the support of the entire community. I look forward to the coming months when we will be asking hundreds of men and women to be actively involved with this community project.

Wada brings to the Vision 80’s project a vast wealth of community involvement and expertise which he has developed during his many years here.

A UC Regent since 1978, Wada has also been on the California Youth Authority Board, the San Francisco Social Services Commission, the Mayor’s Council on Criminal Justice Task Force on Juvenile Delinquency, and the Western Addition Council of Youth Serving Agencies.

During a recent testimonial dinner honoring Wada for his 22 years of dedicated service in the field of criminal justice, he made the following statement which reflects the basic belief behind his involvement in the Vision 80’s campaign.

"I believe that if you are here . . . have a continuing role to play in the history of these times . . . the time is now to create institutions that are willing and capable of continuous change and continuous response to human needs."

The JCCO is designated to be a responsive program for the benefit of the community. The community-wide campaign will seek to establish a new center in the Greater community of Northern California."

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"I can probably find letters like that from every county department regarding their program area," Hufford said. "I can go up to the (the hearings were held in the county Hall of Administration) across the hall and find letters like that.

As a matter of practice, Hufford said, the letters are assigned to personnel and his office is incorporated into departmental files.

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The Nisei Aging Project in Critical Need

Denver, Colo.

As a group, the Nisei are racing toward their retirement. Because most of them were born within the brackets of a relatively few years, they are growing old together. You will recall that at the time of the Evacuation in 1942 the average Nisei was said to be 17 or 18 years old. Add 40 years and those kids are getting on toward 60. A good many Nisei are already retired.

How are they getting along? What needs do they have that are different from those of other Americans? Did their evacuation bring emotional and psychological scars that now are surfacing? And what about ethnic values, like a strong sense of independence and a dislike to complaining that may lead to their needs being overlooked?

Two years ago Dr. Minoru Masuda of the University of Washington set out to find answers to these and scores of other questions because no one had any definitive answers and the coming need was only too apparent. He and a team of investigators interviewed something like 229 Nisei—married couples, widows and widowers, men and women who had never married, people with and without children—in King County (Seattle), Washington, to ask about their present and future needs.

Dr. Masuda, tragically, died in mid-project. Dr. Joseph T. Okimoto and Dr. Donna L. Leontei are carrying on the project which has the support of virtually every important Japanese American organization in the Seattle area.

Then, this year, the Nisei Aging Project took another step in obtaining blocks of time $582,000 a year from its funding for the third and final year when the data is being compiled and analyzed. Now, the Japanese American public everywhere is being asked to make tax-deductible contributions to complete the study.

"The Nisei Aging Project," says a spokesman, "was to take a look at something people often avoid—the facts of getting old. He felt strongly that the Nisei could benefit from such a study given the unique qualities of their social, cultural and historical background, and the way these qualities can influence what happens in the later years. What impact do intergenerational (Nisei-Sansei) changes in life style, marriage patterns and geographic dispersion have on the support or companionship the Nisei can expect from their children? What are the roles of other Nisei in social support as the years pass? Are the shared understandings of a lifetime of shared experiences a potential or fully realized resource among the Nisei? What financial liabilities do the Nisei face in retirement?

"The Nisei can benefit from a time of problems which need to be faced. It can also be a time of enrichment, reflection and self-understanding. The Nisei Aging Project will provide information that can help deal with problems and knowledge that feeds understanding."

NISEI AGING PROJECT—Dr. Donna Leontei and Dr. Joseph T. Okimoto carry on the Nisei Aging Project, started two years ago at the Univ. of Washington by the late Dr. Min Masuda. Having lost federal funding for its third and final year for contemplation and analysis, the project, Univ. of Washington RP-10, Seattle, WA 98195, is in need of individual support. Contributions are tax deductible.

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UCLA’s Kitano chosen Nisei of Biennium

LOS ANGELES—A pioneer in the social study of various racial groups before it was called “ethnic studies”, Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano of UCLA’s School of Social Welfare was honored as the lone Nisei of the Biennium recipient at the recent JACL National Convention here.

While presentation of the gold JACL medallion, which recognizes outstanding contribution or leadership to the American scene, by a Japanese American is traditional, one of the highlights of the convention, this year’s ceremony for Dr. Kitano at a chapter convention, this year’s ceremony

Los Angeles: “Japanese American of the Biennium”, the chapter noted

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Recent Achievements
Already well known in the Nisei community for his earlier works in sociology, in the development and enhancement of the Japanese American identity, and personal involvement in the highly complex, interracial scene, the Japanese American of the Biennium committee, chaired by Kathryn Yoshwa of Los Angeles, has recognized Kitano’s achievements of the past three decades in publication and in addition to the biography, appoints and contributions professionally, politically and community-wide.


Chicago JAS aid Jpn. flood victims
CHICAGO—The Chicago Jap American Service Outreach, Inc. (CJAOSO) announced that it will hold an annual membership fundraising drive on Sept. 30. For the past nine years, CJAOSO has provided community assistance to members here with assistance in problems such as social security, landlord/tenant, employment discrimination and auto accidents. CJAOSO also provides legal education as well.

According to Minnette Kong, executive director, cutbacks in social service programs has increased the need for a community-based organization, and CJAOSO officers and supporters have stepped up efforts to obtain private grants and monies.

Persons interested in joining or contributing to CJAOSO should contact Kong at (312) 444-2382.

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At the office, meeting with Foreign Trade Organization (JETRO), surveyed reported their business for the United States.

Tokyo—More than 20% of Japanese companies and manufacturers operating in the United States reported brisk business despite the lingering recession and continuing high interest rates, the Associated Press reported.

A survey on performance of Japanese firms was conducted in March by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), covering 36 firms and 25 machinery manufacturing companies operating in the United States.

JETRO found that 71.2% of those surveyed reported their sales in the U.S. outperformed sales for the previous year. It said 93% of those surveyed reported their business performance dropped from 1980, while 13.4% said their sales remained the same as in 1980. Japanese manufacturing firms hire 32,273 persons, or 27.1% of all those employed in 274 Japanese business establishments including non-manufacturing companies and representative offices in the United States, JETRO reported.

The number of workers at Japanese firms accounts for 3.8% of more than 1 million persons employed by 2,631 foreign firms operating in the United States, according to the report.

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JETRO stated 76% of the firms surveyed indicated they did not lay off a single employee for the past year, and some Japanese firms, including United Instruments, a medium-sized firm, introduced a four-day work week system to avoid layoffs.

It said localization is progressing in some firms, such as Mitsubishi Manufacturing Co. and Sanyo Electric Co., by promoting American employees to managerial positions.

Some 40% of the firms said they sold all their products in the United States, while 30% said they exported 30% of their products.

The survey said the average wage for those employed in Japanese firms was $838 with an average 46.6 weekly working hours. This compares with the average U.S. weekly wage of $818 and 38.8 working hours a week, it said.

Of the total direct Japanese investment overseas, $2.5 billion, 28.1%, went to North America, including $161 million to Canada in fiscal 1981, it said.

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- SEPTEMBER 1 (Friday) West Valley—“In the Mood” for JI Studies at San Fernando Valley College, Glendale. Kuni T. Iwakura, spkr.
- SEPTEMBER 2 (Saturday) San Fernando—Golden Garden—Grass Festival. sponsored by the American Japan Christian Church, San Fernando Post. 
- SEPTEMBER 3 (Sunday) National City—Mystery Peninsula—50th anniversary day. spkr. Dannie Yavrouss, spkr. Future of JACL. 
- SEPTEMBER 4 (Monday) West Valley—“A Middle Class Japan” by Linda V. Salsberg, spkr. 
- SEPTEMBER 5 (Tuesday) San Diego—Assembly of the Japanese American Citizens League. Mr. Ishii, spkr. 
- SEPTEMBER 8 (Friday) West Valley—Kibei Book Club, 7:30 pm. 

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- OCTOBER 1 (Saturday) Salt Lake City—Bazaar, Buddhist Temple 10:00 am-1:00 pm. 
- OCTOBER 2 (Sunday) San Diego—JACL luncheon. Speaker: Mr. Ishii. 
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