Contra Costa Board backs redress

CONCORD, Calif.—The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution Sept. 14 in support of JACL's effort to redress the wrongs and injustices suffered by Japanese Americans who were evacuated and incarcerated during World War II.

The resolution, sponsored by Supervisors Fahden, Schroder, Toriakson, and McPeak (Supervisor Powers absent), stated that "the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, in support of the Japanese American Citizens League, urges the Congress of the United States to consider providing monetary compensation to those individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942."

The Board also "goes on record acknowledging that such past injustices affecting innocent persons are an affront to the ideals of American justice and democratic principles which have made this great nation of ours the leader of humanitarian ideas."

Kimochi Home project moving along but more funds needed

SAN FRANCISCO—Construction of the Kimochi Home Project, an adult day-care center, has been under way since last February but more funds are needed.

The $7 million dollar project had received contributions from Japanese American organizations throughout the state and other parts of the nation. So far, the nation's Kimochi Home Project has been raised, with $700,000 has been raised, with $700,000 being given away in pledges. However, the cash cost, construction and architecture services have already been paid for and the need for more donations is immediate. Kimochi is planning to open the loan of Bank of California First Bank, Sumitomo Bank and Golden State Santee Bank, but the project's coordinators would like to avoid having to devour the maximum amount of this loan by offsetting it with donations.

Kimochi must raise at least $350,000 by the end of construction.

Japan scientists warn Tokyo may be hit by massive quake

TOYO—A handful of Japanese civic leaders and scientists expressed on September 28 in Tokyo their surprise at the mildness of the August 17 quake, which caused moderate damage and left 17 people dead.

The quake, which was felt in the city of Kobe, was the first of four earthquakes in Japan this summer that have caused 14 deaths.

"The quake was mild in comparison to the August 17 quake in Kobe," said Dr. Toshio Sakabata, a seismologist at the National Seismological Institute.

"The damage was slight and the number of injuries was low," he said.

Japanese scientists said that the city of Tokyo is at risk of a major earthquake, but they do not expect a repeat of the magnitude 7.5 quake that struck the city in 1923, which killed 140,000 people.

"It is possible that we could have another major earthquake in Tokyo," said Dr. Toshio Sakabata. "But we do not expect it to be as severe as the 1923 quake."

Korean students in S.F. stage protest over Japan textbooks

SAN FRANCISCO—Nearly 200 demonstrators marched through Nihonmachi Oct. 9 to protest Japan's textbook revisions of World War II history.

The protesters were members of the Korean Student Union of Colleges in Northern California. The demonstration was organized by the Korean Student Union of Colleges in Northern California (KJAC).

"We are protesting against the revision of Japanese textbooks that distort history and glorify the war," said Kim Jong Lee, one of the organizers of the march.

"We believe that the revision of textbooks is a form of cultural genocide and we want to bring attention to this issue," he said.

The protesters said that they wanted Japan "to have history alone" because they "can't change history." They added that they "will not let them distort history again."
Astronaut Onizuka ready for fall '83
HONOLULU.—NASA astronaut Ellison Onizuka is due to fly on the fifth space shuttle Columbia mission in the fall of 1983, it was reported recently by the Honolulu Advertiser's Don Chapman.

Onizuka, 38, a resident of Los Angeles, is the first astronaut of Japanese ancestry and the first from Hawaii.

He goes to training at McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento as a flight test engineer major at the age of 92 in his Mercer Island home.

Shimuzu's service in the United States was started in 1948, according to the interview with the Japanese American Cultural Society.

A Honolulu-bom Yonsei, Hata is currently on sabbatical leave from her job as a professor of sociology at the University of Hawaii for her work on research on the subject of intermarriages and places of historic interest.

The commission recommends buildings and properties for placement on the National Register of Historic Places, establishes state historical parks and approves Places of Historical Interest throughout California.

Seattle leader Mihara dies at 92
SEATTLE.—This nation should have a "Peace Academy" as well as a "Science Academy," University of Hawaii sociology professor Prof. Kitano, 58, has said.

Katino notes intermarriages among Asians has on rise

LA. (%): Intermarriages among Japanese and California of Mexican origin have risen. Research on the subject has been conducted by Karl Stump, professor of psychology at UCLA, on the effects on social progress and social changes can be achieved through the intermarriages. It has been found that social progress and social changes can be achieved through the intermarriages.

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In Japan, the number of intermarriages has been increasing and many Japanese are choosing to marry someone from a different ethnic group.

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UCLA’s Amerasia Jnl. focuses on new research in history

LOS ANGELES—UCLA’s Asian American Studies Center announces the publication of its August issue focused on research in Chinese and Japanese American history by Asian American scholars.

To mark the centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act, 1982-1983, Shirley Hune, of the City University of New York, re-examines the politics which led to the passage of the Act. Hune looks at the formation of the 1872 U.S. immigration policy towards the Chinese from both an international and domestic perspective, and considers the roles of the president and the federal government in the debate. She also discusses the far-reaching effects of Chinese exclusion on the subsequent development of Asian American communities, especially on the West Coast.

The issue also includes new findings on Chinese American migration and investment in Southern China before 1949, which are brought to light by Lucie Cheng of UCLA, and Li Yuan, of Tsinghua University, the People’s Republic of China. They examine the Sung Railroad in Guangdong, which was built mainly with the capital, technology, and management know-how of the Chinese of America. This article gives Chinese American insights on the relationship between Chinese emigrants and the development of modern capitalism, transportation, and industry in Guangdong Province.

Marion Hsin, also of UCLA, has made the first English translation of an essay entitled, “Chinatown Literature during 1930-1940,” penned by an anonymous Chinese American writer. The essay, originally published in New York before 1949, provides rare information on Chinese American literary groups of the 1930s and 40s who called for a new literature relevant to the social and cultural concerns of Chinatown life. Little is known about this progressive Chinatown literary movement, which disappeared with the movement of the 1950s.

In another article, Jere Takahashi of U.C. Berkeley’s Asian American Studies Department examines a neglected topic in Japanese American history: the formation of the political force which shaped Nisei ideas and ideals in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. Excluded from mainstream American institutions, the Nisei developed various responses, ranging from “Americanism” to collectivist social action, which then carried over into the occupation camps of World War II.

The internment of Japanese Americans and the eminent domain role of the U.S. Census Bureau is pointed out by Roger Daniels in a resource note on political forces which advance Foreign Aid. Daniels points out by Roger Daniels in a resource note on political forces which advance Foreign Aid. Daniels indicates that the Nisei were aware of the political implications of their exclusion from American society.

For more information, contact Janet Takehara, 213-626-4471.

Legal defense and ed. fund founded

LOS ANGELES—In response to the increased number of requests for assistance in discrimination cases against Asian Americans, the newly formed Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund (APLDEF) was recently incorporated.

The effort was spearheaded by the “Friends of Carole Fujita Committee” and a coalition of community organizations. The Fujita Support Committee has collected $2,500 to help the committee work for two years to bring about laborious victories against discrimination by the County of Los Angeles.

The board of directors of APLDEF held its first meeting on Sept. 22. Members and officers of the board include: chair, Betty; vice chairs, Phillip Ooi, ypc; Carole Fujita, sec.; John Saito, chief, fin off.; Cref Abad, Adol Aquayna, Wilma Casaclang, Jack Fujimoto, Paul Huang, Mituo Inoye, Betty Kozauma, Peter Kwon, Cherrie Okamoto, Kai Parker, Ben Quon, Gerald Saito, Ed Shiraki, Mitsuo Sonoda, Sam Sperling, exec. comm.; other members include Baldwin Tom, Masayuki Watanabe, Yoneo Yamamoto and Larry Yoshikawa. Advisory committee members include Monterey Park City Council member Lily Chen, attorney Frank Chuman, KNBC-TV News anchor Trista Toyota, Russell Tungresher, Ed Lee and Judy Mitchell. APLDEF, a non-profit corporation, will provide consultation, legal assistance and education to members of the Asian Pacific American community regarding discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin.

Persons interested in membership ($20; for students and seniors, $10) should call John Saito (213) 626-4471.

Health care forum slated in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nurse and Retirement will hold an open forum on health services entitled “Who Will Care for Us When We Become Sick or Infirm?” on Oct. 9, 11 a.m. at the JACI, HQ Building, 720 Sutter St. Presentations will be made on support services available for in-home care for the sick and on services available for out-of-home care. Guest speakers include Registered Nurses Carole Okahara, Ida Kagauchi, and Sylvia Tamura; a slide presentation is also scheduled.

Widow group to meet in Marina Del Rey

LOS ANGELES—The Megamillion Widow and Widowers group will meet Sunday, Oct. 24, 12-1 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Marina Del Rey. For more information call (213) 626-3299 or 626-4327.

Palo Alto Buddhists revise recipes book

PALO ALTO—The revised edition of the popular Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Women’s Association cookbook, “Our Favorite Recipes,” is currently available. Many new recipes (including microwave recipes) have been added. Books can be purchased for $5.95 per book, plus $1.00 postage and handling. A total of six additional recipes books can be shipped to the same address, add $3.00. Through the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2515 Louis Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Make checks payable to the Palo Alto Buddhist Women’s Association.

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struction of the Fifth Amendment was overruled in Bolling vs. Sharpe, 347 U.S. 497 (1954).

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Chief Justice (Earl) Warren writing for a unanimous Court that the Fifth Amendment, although not containing an equal protection clause, was analogous to such a clause under the general ambit of due process. Bolling vs. Sharpe, therefore, overruled Korematsu on the equal protection issue.

Goldberg concluded in his letter: "In sum, it is my considered opinion that it is not necessary and indeed not procedurally possible to mount a legal attack over Korematsu or any other case, especially in light that Korematsu is one of the most ill-conceived decisions handed down by the Supreme Court, perhaps second only to Dred Scott vs. Sanford.

10, 1967 (380)), Korematsu has now been overruled in the court of history.

The correct constitutional doctrine applicable to the evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II was stated by the Supreme Court in Ex Parte Milligan, 4 Wall 2, 120-121 (1866): "The Constitution of the United States has a rule for the rule and the people, equally in war and in peace, and covers with the shield of its protection all classes of men, at all times, and under all circumstances.

Attorneys Were Seeking Writ

Several attorneys and legal experts had been working on a legal challenge to the ban, including Dale Graham, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

VA not serving women, says Inouye

WASHINGTON—The Veterans Administration has failed to adequately provide gynecological services to its female veterans, the nation's leading automaker, Ford, has been informed by the General Motors Corporation.

Inouye said, "In a word, the VA long-range planning is needed."

A requested by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the VA administrator, Charles Bolling, said the VA would provide gynecological services to its female veterans.

GM made the decision to end its relationship with the Japanese auto industry, in the traditional sense, to about any auto expert and he will tell you that in 10 years there will be probably less than five or perhaps six international car companies who are very interested in being part of the United States market, said Inouye. It is much less than the cost of making such vehicles domestically. So GM has decided to end its relationship with the Japanese auto industry, in the traditional sense.

GM said the decision is temporary, and the company is looking closely at the situation. The company is considering the possibility of bringing back a Japanese car company to the United States market. And that brings up another problem.

"There is a little bit of a stigma attached to a U.S. car made in Japan," he said. "If joint venture cars end up with higher sticker prices than the Japanese originals, it could hurt the sales of the American cars."

Dale Graham, lead counsel for the Ford Motor Company, said that the company took the decision "with a heavy heart." "But it is the best decision for the future of our company," Graham said.

"If the Japanese electronics firm will not already arrive, "said the report, "we are not going to be able to institute the major institutional changes that are necessary."

Ford, GM, and other domestic car makers will have to produce their own competitive products. But "there is no question that the Japanese auto manufacturers will be able to make a car that is better than the American car," Graham said.

"Our objective is to gain a competitive position with GM products, and that brings up another problem."
Mitsubishi head fired for scandals

TOKYO—Shigeru Okada, president of Mitsubishi Ltd., Japan's oldest and most prestigious department store chain, was fired for what the company called "a serious mistake." The news sent shares of Mitsubishi soaring.

The firing comes as Mitsubishi is facing several scandals, including allegations of financial irregularities and improper accounting practices.

Okada, who joined the company in 1968, was appointed president in 1985. He was credited with turning Mitsubishi into one of the world's largest and most profitable department store chains.

Despite the firing, Mitsubishi's shares rose sharply, reflecting investor confidence in the company's future.

Japanese ads show country's fascination of western look

Takashi Naga­mochi, corporate communications director for Avon in Tokyo, says "Japanese are fascinated by the West. They love it." The company's sales have tripled in the past two years, he adds.

The fascination with the West is not new, but it has become more intense in recent years, as Japan's economy has continued to grow.

Avon, for example, has seen a surge in sales of its Western-style clothing and beauty products.

The company's success is due in part to its ability to market its products in a way that resonates with Japanese consumers.

Avon's ads often feature Western-style clothing and accessories, and its products are often packaged in Western-style bottles and boxes.

The company's success has sparked a wave of Westernization in Japan, with many Japanese embracing Western-style clothing, music, and even lifestyles.
Letters

Watch Those Slights
Editor: In the article on Dona Kei Benz (PC, Oct. 1), reference is made to the fact that her last name comes from her "Jewish" stepfather. I have been a supporter of the JACL for many years, but find it sensitive to slight Jews as well as others. I trust that yer stepfather being Catholic or Protestant, were that his religion, should be respected. I think that this is not a policy that you have been practicing and I hope that I will see it not occurring again.

MARVIN KRONER
Los Angeles

Biennial PC Board Report

San Francisco

The 1980-82 biennium ended with the completion of guidelines for the Pacific Citizen. It was a document designed to make PC function as a broad Japanese American entity. Well as a publication devoted to reporting JACL affairs. When presented to the National Board at the Convention, two controversial points developed.

The PC Board maintained that editorial freedom for PC was essential, and to accomplish this it held that no single elected or appointed officer of the organization should have direct financial and editorial control of the publication. The bylaws to the constitution state that "The Pacific Citizen Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of the publication." (Article XII, Sec. 3b of the bylaws to the constitution: "The Pacific Citizen Board's position was that supervision by someone other than the professional staff was a vital concern. The National Board, meeting at the Convention, ruled that the hiring, firing and the supervision of the PC personnel necessary to produce the publication " McKinley, whoi the expert in this field of production."

The National Board, at the Convention, ruled the bylaws to the constitution in the following manner: "The Pacific Citizen Board's position was that supervision by someone other than the professional staff was a vital concern. The National Board, meeting at the Convention, ruled that the hiring, firing and the supervision of the PC personnel necessary to produce the publication " McKinley, whoi the expert in this field of production."

The PC Board gave serious thoughts to going for a constitutional amendment at the Convention to clarify the ambiguity and the seeming conflict with respect to these two separate sections of the bylaws. The proposed change was the addition of the clarifying phrase: "The National Director shall supervise the National Headquarters and all staff members and regional offices within the National Board."

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The second controversial point was the proposal by the PC Board that PC subscription fees (at present $6 per subscriber) collected by the National HQ be remitted in full to the PC promptly upon receipt, and that such receipts be credited to the fund without an expressed approval of the National Board.

The PC must have a budget it can rely on to plan, maintain and improve its product for the purpose of serving the membership. At the end of each fiscal year, the PC Board stated, any excess beyond the authorized reserve fund would be forwarded to National HQ to become part of the general fund.

What PC Board members were saying was: give us just our subscription fees and PC will be responsible for all expenditures (salaries, rent, insurance, equipment, production costs, etc.). PC will be reporting additional funding of the National HQ. PC budget need not be part of the National HQ budget. The PC Board was hopeful and optimistic that PC could become a revenue producing arm of the JACL.

There seems to be a fear among some JACLers that if PC is given more autonomy PC will "go its own way," even possibly in complete disregard of the welfare of the organization. The PC Board feels that this view is both unfair and undeserved.

With the National President and the PC Board Chair directly involved in the appointments of the key PC personnel, with the PC Board Chair serving at the pleasure of the National President, it is only reasonable that PC Board members who wish to be appointed to the Board for the specific term shall be appointed only upon recommendation of the National President, and with all appointments subject to approval by the National Board, the assumption that PC members would become independent of the organization's work by a motion to proceed with a trial of the few Nikkei experts in the field of Japanese American history. The membership supported the action. The National Board was divided.

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run through the city's suburbs. Should the signs point in an omi­

cines and of course a million-dollar government cars will fan out along the city to pick up a half dozen more experts, each fitted out with an electronic signal­

ing device in a black box and driven to the location under the command of the National Meteorological Agency. There, they must quickly decide whether to formally ask the signs in War II era to publicize their location.

A study of a thousand years of historical documents led the professor Hiroshi Katsumori of the University of Tokyo to the theory that a major quake occurs in Tokyo roughly every 80 years. Schoo­

ers now point out that, according to that theory, the city has already entered a critical period.

According to Hiroshi: Yoshii, a senior researcher at the Japan In­

stitute for Future Technology, who has recently completed a study on the subject, a giant-size jolt could create havoc in the country's big business circles because of the large number of large corporate headquarters in Tokyo. "There would be a sudden shortage of power, communications failures, dramatic stock market failures, and a lot of business­

ness failures and corporate mergers," says he.

Many, including Yoshii, have already be­

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the country and to be in a position to handle any major disas­

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cinematic costs involved, Yoshii says.

Japan, as all schoolchildren here know, is a land of earthquakes and, historically, the destruction brought on by frequent giant ter­

mors has kept a powerful hold on the popular imagination. The Ho­

jiki, a 13th century Japanese clas­

sical poet, wrote the following in response to another, there is nothing to equal an earthquake.

Earthquake described by more than a thousand tremors a year,衣柜 millions of people, many of them in Tokyo.

That, and the fact that the city was destroyed by both the great Kama­

quakes and American firebomb­

ings, has led to the fact that Tokyo residents largely fatalistic to any other impending disasters. And government efforts to gear up for the worst, officials complain, have not produced the same state of readiness among the public.

Many people who spend scads of money and time on vacations and golf, say’s Hatano, who sponsors a private organiza­

ion to educate his fellow citizens on earthquake relief measures, "but I won't give a second thought to our own city."--Woodside, CA

BY THE BOARD: by Ron Shibata

'Divine' Winds

Every year my home, Chapter, New Mexico, puts on a one day festival—Omatsuri, which attracts people from across the state. This year's festival on Aug. 1, marked our second effort. For the last two years, the Akutagawa family, who run a local Japanese Restaurant, have generously allowed the Chapter to utilize their property for this gala event.

So we were excited. In a matter (5) the storm turned our festival grounds from a neat ready-to-go assortment of booths into a heap of splintered woods. We were thankful that we had put up the 60-mile-per-hour winds picked up over the tops of the booths and hurled them into some parked cars. Within 45 minutes after the " Divine" wind had struck the air was again calm. The storm had passed after destroying a full day's worth of work for all. Instead of going to their booths, we walked through the mess to see what was salvageable. The stage had withstood the tempest as had two of the booths which some Chapter members sacrificed their entire weekend for Omatsuri.

It's ironic that it took the Youth and Religion Committee to get this project off the ground. From our "Jewish" stepfather.

Although I am no mind reader, I am sure that those who witnessed the above felt the same as I did—frustrated and somewhat lost.

Then somebody said, 'Let's get started.' That was just the elixir that was needed to get the wheels rolling again, in three hours, using nails, wire and laces ingeniously. All of the booths were rebuilt. Omatsuri came off without a hitch the next day with some 8,000 in attendance. The attendance might have been higher but the rain visited us again for a while on Sunday and no doubt kept some people away.

Chapter President Calvin Kobayashi said on the night after everything was rebuilt to all those who helped, "You are all beautiful people and I am proud to be associated with you." Disaster had been turned into triumph. The Kamikaze of July 31st had shown us all what the Japanese American experience has been like since we first came to this country.

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Fun in an Orderly Fashion

In the last few years a number of Japanese firms, attracted in large part by Denver’s booming energy economy, have set up offices here. At last count there were 17 or 18 of them. This is a small but significant contingent compared to the number in places in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle, but they add to the diversity of our business community and we like having them here.

The companies range from the giant, old line traders like Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Sumitomo, Marubeni and C. Itoh, to the American headquarters of the Pentax camera company, Honda’s high altitude research lab, the Asian and the semi-official Livestock Industry Promotion Corporation.

The Japanese employees of these firms and their families number perhaps 150. Most of the time they are busy with their individual activities, but they are drawn together inevitably by certain common interests and concerns.

One of their concerns is the education of their children, mostly of grade school or junior high age. These youngsters go to the public schools, of course, and quickly catch on to the mysteries of English. But what concerns their parents is that in a few years they will be rotated back to Japan and the children will find themselves far behind their Japanese peers when they enroll in Japanese schools. In an effort to make sure the youngsters will not lose all touch with Japanese readin’ and ‘riting, the parents have set up a Sunday language school with 50 pupils. Dr. Willie Nagai, who teaches the Japanese language at the University of Colorado, is principal. The teachers are other young people from Japan.

Many of a Japanese family have to have an undokai, a picnic and athletic field day, right? So the parents and other members of Denver’s Japanese community held their first annual undokai one recent Sunday on the grounds of Arapahoe Community College where the Sunday classes are held.

You should have been there. As was to be expected, the picnic was organized with care and precision. Everything went like clockwork, the contests showed initiative and imagination, and everybody had a great old time. In fact the day was so carefully planned and executed that it made the local Japanese American community picnic look by contrast like a disorganized mob scene.

You might think that such a well-organized event would lack something in the way of spontaneity and fun. But that wasn’t the case at all. The adults had even more fun than the kids. For it was an opportunity for them to relax with friends, forget for a while that they are temporarily in a strange if interesting land where even making oneself understood can be a problem, and play for a change instead of worrying about business responsibilities.

And when the day was done, everyone pitched in to pick up every last scrap of paper and restore the field to the condition in which they had found it. Then they packed up their picnic blankets and what remained of their lunches and drove off to their respective homes.

If nothing else, our temporary guests from Japan showed us that they can throw themselves into play enthusiastically as they work, that they pay a great deal of attention to detail, even while relaxing, they’re well-organized, cooperative, fun-loving and bubbling over with energy and good spirits.

There’s a lot we Japanese Americans can learn from knowing them and associating with them.

**Guest’s Column**

**NJCJR Leader Reviews JACL Story**

Ed. Note: The following review of Bill Hosokawa’s book, “JACL in Quest of Justice” has been reprinted from the National Council for Japanese Americans in Chicago (recently published in the New York Nichi Bei, and is reprinted here as part of the PC’s policy of presenting “a broad spectrum of opinion.”

By WILLIAM HOHL

Bill Hosokawa’s latest book begins candidly enough. He begins the story of the JACL to the tale of “Rashomon,” a tale of rape, in each of the characters tells a unique version, none agreeing with the other. Hosokawa, of course, pretends to give us the authentic, objective history. But he winds up as another cracker of characters. The book is a history of the Japanese American Citizens League. Like all histories, stories, drama, art, culture, it tends to define what we are. It goes considerably beyond the JACL and into the history of Japanese America. It closes us with our consciousness. So it must be evaluated for its effect upon us.

The term “Japanese-American” has become, is the self-saving creation of the JACL. It was promoted, quite successfully, to denote American citizens of Japanese ancestry and to exclude Japanese nationals. The JACL, in its early years, struggled valiantly to achieve all-American identity. In the 1880s, Wadsetsus, the Breakthrough of Champions, was promoted by the radio character of Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. All young boys strove to fulfill this heroic image. So at least in that early period, he was thoroughly investigated by the Japanese Government.

He was considered the organizer of the National Council for Japanese Americans. The supervision of the PC is the task of the National Council for Japanese Americans. The JACL is the result of their patriotism and the forcedfinedness of the internees.

The hospitality, which had deadly manifestations, was evoked by activity, partly by my own father, it was deadly. He has been taken away—from within camp—without a particle of due process—without a hearing, without legal counsel, without judicial reckoning of any sort. The implied but undeclared criminality of this imprisonment made even harsher the life in the isolation centers. The taking away of Justice is justice.

And the act of informants did not remain covert. Takei Sluomen testified before a Senate committee about his experience with the Los Angeles Field District Office. The former existence of this situation was freely acknowledged by the Los Angeles Field District Office. It was, in part, a result of the unlawful detention of Japanese Americans. The PC Board Chair Cliff Uyeda’s reprinted from the National Archives.

The report continues with a discussion of the JACL’s soiled laundry, such as the case of Michi Yasui. He is a self-styled American citizen, our temporary guest from Japan.

It is clear that we have here is only the house version of the JACL history. An objective history will require far more harmony and integrity, far more research and documentation. (The Chapter Notes are woefully inadequate; the repeated citations from Hosokawa’s “Nisei.” Shameless. No shame, as we used to say.) Unfortunately, this book, like other JACL-sponsored books, will form the corpus of literature available on our history, with some outstanding exceptions, such as Michi Weglin’s “Years of Infamy.” We continue to squirm under the legacy of our bitter internment. We continue to be shaped by the same discredited slogan of those years. The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number. I feel like the rape. I want my hymen back.

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Nat’l Bd. decides on redress budget, aging & retirement

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL National Board met Oct. 8-10 at the National Headquarters in order to focus on matters such as the Redress Committee’s budget, a videotape project for the Aging and Redress Committee, and some revisions among JACL volunteer committees and staff.

The Board adopted the Redress Committee’s budget of $100,000 for 1982-83, which shows an projection of $61,000 for personnel, $32,500 for office and supplies, etc., $10,500 for traveling costs, and $2,500 for program development—which entails the development of such projects as photo exhibits, media outreach—materials, “chapter training” manuals, a convention handbook, and communiques to other civil rights organizations. The remaining $4,500 of the budget would be part of a contingency fund, which would be placed into the budget for the next fiscal year. This budget was based upon the resolution passed by the National Council last August at the National Convention. The resolution stated, in part, that the “National Council requests that the Endowment Fund Committee approve a loan in the form of a 30-year mortgage on the Headquarters Building.”

CELEBRATING MONTEREY’S 50TH—Monterey Peninsula JACL charter members Mrs. Aiko Ito (left) and Mrs. Chizuko Yamada are pictured during the chapter’s celebration of its 50th year on the Monterey Peninsula. JACL members.

MONTEREY, Ca.—One of the great agent gatherings of the Japanese community here in recent times occurred Sept. 18 for the Monterey Peninsula JACL 50th Anniversary at the Monterey Holiday Inn. Among the 356 guests attending the banquet were eight of the chapter’s charter members, which included: Mrs. Teruo “George” Esaki, Mr. Yozo “John” Goto, Mrs. Aiko Ito, Mr. Seizo Kodani, Mrs. Chizuko Mochida, Mr. James Tabei, Mr. Yosio “Yoji” Taba, and Mr. Jim Takigawa. Goto had served as emcee for the ceremonies of the evening.

Also attending were National JACL President Floyd Shimamura, NCWNPDC Regional Director George Kang, District Gov. Yoshio Nakashima, and National Director Ron Wakahayashi.

Shimamura gave an introduction to the chapter, which was followed by a plaque presentation from Nakashima to chapter president Otis Kadayi, commemorating the chapter’s 50th year. Former Marine Major Bob Oyae presided over resolutions for Marine Mayor George Takahashi, Assistant National Director Mike Morishige of the state, Sen. Henry Melio, to commemorate the event as well.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. David Wada, who spoke of the future of the JACL chapter. To ensure survival of the chapter, Wada proposed that efforts could be made to attract more youth to the community, to seek new leadership, and to become more active in the community at large, while continuing to support and provide various programes, and the redress movement.

A comprehensive history of the Monterey Chapter, compiled by Yamada, was a significant part of the souvenier booklet given to each family in attendance.

Entertainment was provided by Eiji Hashimoto, who sang two Japanese poems. Michael Hattori, who performed classical dance, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center

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After much debate, the Board passed a motion approving $15,000 of restricted ARC funds for a committee (ARC), for the purpose of producing an educational videotape on the myths and realities of aging among the Nisei. The Board also determined that the committee should approve an amount up to $4,000 in unrestricted funds, pending the receipt of a budget showing the necessary distribution costs from ARC.

Having voted in favor of the proposal, the Board was asked to approve a budget showing the necessary distribution costs from ARC. The Board approved a budget of $17,000 to ARC for the purpose of producing an educational video on the myths and realities of aging among the Nisei. The video would be produced by independent filmmaker Henry Ushijima, a three-time Emmy award winner. Ushijima is attempting to complete the project at a minimal cost, and will offer his personal services without a fee.

The Board was concerned over the approval of the additional $4,000 for the project, because the committee was asking for the funds without presenting a budget that would show more specifically what those funds would be used for. The Board felt that the Committee (ARC) should not just allocate funds to any committee that asks for it without that committee at least specifying what the money will be used for.

While Nishimura was not against the concept of the videotape, Ishii questioned whether or not the videotape would be a culmination of ARC's efforts. Ishii wondered if the videotape was simply a "baseline" project, wherein more money would be needed in the future for additional work by the committee.

Ego responded by noting that in order for ARC to carry out workshops, etc., for the Nisei, the tape was necessary as an educational tool—to show Nisei that the normal aging process can be a "positive experience." Ego noted that the videotape would also clarify some of the problems and concerns many Nisei face when approaching retirement. Ego noted for the JACL to keep clarifying some of the problems and realities of Nisei aging must be done if the videotape was to be used.

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NISHIMURA: I don't think this is "irresponsible." He added, "The videotape on the myths and realities of aging among the Nisei is a budget showing the necessary distribution costs from ARC.

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Aging/Retirement: Dr. Michael Ego

Retirement Video Project

Los Angeles

The Aging and Retirement Committee has been working towards addressing the need for an education and awareness program for the aging Nisei. We have been discussing the methods by which we can attain this objective and the success of the Aging and Retirement Workshop at the National Convention enabled us to confirm the direction which the committee has taken to meet the objective.

At the October 9 meeting of the National Board, the chair introduced a proposal which requested the sanction and support for a video-cassette project which would be produced and directed by three-time Emmy award winner, Henry Ushijima. The Board voted to approve the proposal which provides for the Aging and Retirement program with a budget of $17,000 to complete the project. Mr. Ushijima has consented to undertake the project with the support of the Board to be included. The video-cassette project will highlight the life of the older Nisei. The average age of the Nisei is 62 years of age with 70% between the ages 55 and 65. Our committee feels that the myths and realities of Nisei aging must be presented accurately to all Nikkei generations so that the expectations of Nisei aging can be clearly understood by all.

We are planning to present the lives of Nisei throughout the United States with Mr. Ushijima travelling to the locations to do the filming. We are asking for your help in defining the true Nisei life experiences and the video-cassette will be representative of the typical Nisei in the United States. After this process has been completed, we will ask for your assistance in identifying those individuals who have the longest experience and lived through their later years. This project incorporates the participation of all JACL chapters and districts, and most importantly, the membership of that chapter.

Our committee would like to see the video-cassette completed by February, 1983, for distribution to the JACL chapters, districts and members. Please forward all comments/suggestions regarding the content that should be included in this video-cassette project to: Lia Shimamura, Program Director, Japanese American Citizens League, 765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Deadline for all correspondence to Lia is Oct. 31.

Thank you to the 75th Anniversary Committee of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Tribe Dinner for Father John Yamazaki's 40th Anniversary in the Ministry gratefully acknowledges the Support, Contributions and Participation of the Community shown at the Celebration held Oct. 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.
Volunteerism: the force that powers JACL

Following is the text of the 1982 JACL Convention keynote address on "Volunteerism", delivered Aug. 11, 1982, at Hyatt Airport Hotel.

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests, Fellow Members of JACL, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am grateful for the privilege of addressing this gathering in which we recognize those who have served JACL with extraordinary fidelity and dedication. For these persons it is so recognized by their own colleagues and peers—people who are most acutely aware of the time and effort expended and the sacrifice involved in that service—is the greatest honor that can befall members of a voluntary organization such as the Japanese American Citizens League, and I am proud to have a part in expressing JACL's homage.

During this 27th biennial convention of JACL, we have heard a great deal about our Japanese American heritage. We will exceed the time allotted for all of you to tell us how deeply honored you are to be a part of that heritage. The basic fact is that every public function has a certain pertinency for all except one. This particular bucket was owned by an individual who lived through it. That is the way it is with every bucket. It has a certain pertinency. A bucket is a symbol of an ideal and a legacy. "What does the Japanes-American Kamon mean to you?" I am grateful for the opportunity to answer that question. There are other stories of selfless service, too numerous to recount here. But I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the contribution of the wives and families of JACL's volunteer workers. It would not have been possible for these individuals to devote so much time to the organization without the approval and cooperation of their families, and to them we are as deeply indebted as to the volunteers themselves.

Voluntary service, and still is, the force that powers JACL. For the first eleven years of its history JACL did not have a single paid employee. Yet eventually the burdens became too heavy and complex to be carried by volunteers who had their heavy and complex to be carried by volunteers who had their

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own personal responsibilities. You will recall that Mike Matsu­oka was hired as the first salaried employee of JACL in the summer of 1946. The first year his salary was barely enough to live on, even though lucrative employment opportunities were numerous.

The organization had authorized salaries of $50 per month. When it became apparent JACL soon would be bankrupt, these employees voluntarily agreed to cut their pay in half and JACL gratefully accepted their offer. It was an overwhelming sense of duty that these men and women worked for an organi­zation that was dedicated to public service.

That sense of duty has not been diminished by our liberation from the internment and has led us to seek a semi­bondage for so long. Volunteerism lives and continues to thrive.

The remarkable thing about all this is that our volunteer leaders were not motivated primarily by the majority's insensitivity, the government's unfairness, or the dirty deal that life had dealt us. They were too busy to suck and pout and bitch. They also were very poor, and needed to be fed, and they went ahead and did them without fanfare of expectation of reward. And that is the secret of their achievement. It would have been easy to sit back and complain; our volunteers chose instead to work, perform, accomplish. They willingly shouldered responsibilities commensurate with the opportunities they perceived, and for that we must be grateful.

To be totally objective about our history, we must recognize of course that often we were badly treated. We were called on to make unnecessary sacrifices, to bear up under unfair burdens, to face unfair criticism. Our volunteer leaders demonstrated for us how to cope and ultimately to triumph without bitterness nor thought of revenge. The triumph was in succeeding at what we set out to do, and those objectives were worthy.

Two stories that appeared in Time Magazine last January articulated eloquently the message around the world who have been faced with violence and sorrow. 

For us how to cope and ultimately to triumph without bitterness.

“...I think that is what I mean by revenge. To me revenge means that I must make the most of my life.”

What these remarkable youngsters are telling us, ladies and gentlemen, is the same message that we hear from our own JACL volunteer leaders: Put the past behind. Work for today. Plan for tomorrow. They have demonstrated for us how lives that could have been ruined by bitterness have been turned into positive examples of achievement.

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