Japans new leader is ambitious, outspoken

TOKYO—Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's new prime minister, has introduced a controversial measure to protect computer software and may set an important precedent for protecting intellectual property.

Showa officials were not immediately available for comment.

In short, the proposals are designed to protect the software industry from piracy and to ensure that companies are able to develop new products.

The proposals are also intended to promote the use of software by Japanese businesses and to encourage the development of new technologies.

The proposals are modeled on similar measures taken in other countries, and they are expected to have a significant impact on the software industry in Japan.

The proposals are also expected to encourage the use of open-source software, which is becoming increasingly popular in Japan.

Despite these potential benefits, the proposals have been met with some criticism, with some arguing that they are too restrictive and could stifle innovation.

In conclusion, the proposals to protect computer software are a significant step forward for Japan, and they are expected to have a major impact on the country's software industry.
Former So. Cal. grower fetes 100th
PRESNO, Ca.—Approximately 180 persons attended a birthday party for Yaichi Omachi, who celebrated his 100th birthday at Phoenix West Resort on Nov. 6. He is only the third vegetarian grower formerly of Caroga Park.

Prior to World War II, Omachi and his family raised 80 acres of vegetables in the San Fernando Valley. During the evacuation, Omachi was interned in the Fresno Assembly Center and later at the WRA's camp where he was allowed to rent land and grow vegetables and watermelons.

Through Omachi's years has been a great supporter of the Fresno Buddhist Temple. The Zen Buddhist temple was founded by Rev. Takuji Konishi, who founded the Assembly Center and interned at the WRA's camp.

3. Mrs. Green River' of Wyoming seeks
GREEN RIVER, Wyo.—Mrs. M.A. Toya Suzuki, 68, who is affectionately called "Mrs. Green River" by her friends, died at her home here Oct. 2. Mrs. Suzuki was born Dec. 22, 1918, in Hirai Susanli Ehime Ken, Japan, and arrived in Seattle in 1955 with her husband, George Hatsuo Omachi.

Since then the Omachis have lived in Green River, where they raised their family. The couple made their first made their home in Green River, Wyo., after being evacuated from their home in Green River, with their three children. The couple's son, George Hatsuo Omachi, who married his late wife, Mrs. Green River, in 1947.

Mrs. Suzuki was widowed in 1987. She was survived by her son, George Hatsuo Omachi, who married his late wife, Mrs. Green River, in 1947.

Mrs. Suzuki was predeceased, in addition to her husband, three of her children: daughters, Masako and Moe (1941) and son Ray (1941).

Mrs. Suzuki was survived by sons George, Kenji, Tom, and Steve Omachi; grandchildren, William, Moriya Suzuki, and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Suzuki was an avid sports fan, and attended most of the events at Green River High School and the University of Wyoming. Her interest in sports was so great that when she received her citizenship papers in 1955, she asked her husband to ask her to sign her name to the American history and passed her on to the Union Congregational Church, a congregation that belonged to the VFW Auxiliary in Green River, Wyo., and Mrs. Janet O'Gara of Albany, Or., 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

- Awards

Dr. Hideo Nakamura, Hanuash, of Rockefeller University, was awarded the 15,000,000 gold bullion award for his work in the field of virtual research. Hanuash, along with Dr. Michael Ruben and Dr. Harold E. Varmus, also received the award. Dr. Raymond E. Lindsay of Harvard University and Dr. Robert S. Good, director of the National Cancer Institute, both made key contributions to the understanding of cancer. Hanuash's work is a specific mechanism by which such viruses can infect and thus acquire the ability to cause cancer.

- Sports

In Guadalcanal, Mar., Daniel Ihsal, a 27-year-old native of Kauai, who plays out of Pearl City Club as an assistant professional, won the 13th annual Aloha Classic, held in June at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, a 72-hole, 14-day tournament. Hanuash won $15,000 of the $10,000 purse, his biggest pay day since turning pro in 1973. A former All-America golfer at the University of Washington, Ihsal was chosen as Golf of the Year the past two years. In 1975, after the 20th Annual Pearl City Club Open, he won the Daily Rainbow Open and the Makaha Golf Course.

- Deaths

Betty Jane Hirokawa, 58, of San Diego died Nov. 21 after a prolonged illness. The Portland, Ore., native was survived by her son, Daniel Ihsal, who played golf for the U.S. Open team.

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Course is slated for Monday, February 12, 1983, and the project's completion at the end of January, 1983. The architect is Dean Tatsuto of VINC Corporation, and the general contractor is Mayu-Jensen.

For every $2.00 donated, Oyama proposes to match it with $1.00. Money raised will go towards construction costs. Cash donations made between November 12, 1982 through December 25, 1982 will be matched. From December 26, 1982, through March 31, 1983, cash donations and pledges will be accepted. These pledges will be paid by December 31, 1982. The maximum amount of Oyama's match is $100,000.

On November 12, 1982, the First Annual Kimochi Golf Tournament was held at Peacock Gap Country Club in San Rafael. Under the leadership of Toshi Hara, chairman, and committee members: Sam Sato, Hana Abaza, Bette Matsumoto, Arlene Sugimura, Shig Pukada, Bob Nakao, Tak Yuonokra, George Ushijima, Yoshi Sugiyama, and Walford Hara, a check of $5,000 was presented to the building fund. This donation was counted towards the Oyama Challenge.

Families, businesses, and organizations making a contribution of $2,000 or more will be engraved on the "Founder's Plaque." A donation of $1,000 or more will have a separate plaque in a designated room. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: Kimochi Home Project, 1301 Webster St., No. 10, San Francisco, CA 94115.

All donations solicited for construction are used only for construction costs. Separate private grants are secured for planning and development purposes, i.e., Hancock Community San Francisco Foundation, Haas Fund, Vanguard Foundation.

On February 12, 1983, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel's Garden Court, a Celebration Dinner will be held to highlight the completion of construction. For further information about Kimochi Home, contact Sandy Ouye Mort, Project Coordinator of Kimochi Home, or Mr. Nakao, Executive Director, Kimochi, Inc. at (415) 933-2594.

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State Dept seeks Jpn. interpreters

WASHINGTON—The United States Department of State has occasional need for qualified Japanese language interpreters to serve as escorts for Japanese-speaking dignitaries visiting the United States under the various cultural exchange and technical assistance programs. Persons, selected as recent interpreters are not employees of the Department of State but enter into a contractual relationship with the Department to perform occasional assignments of three to four weeks in duration, traveling within the United States accompanying Japanese leaders and technicians.

Examiners from the Department of State will be in San Francisco and Los Angeles to test applicants in late January 1983. Applicants should have a strong command of English and Japanese and have a broad educational background (a college education is almost indispensable for this work).

For further information and an application, write to: Interpreting Branch, Language Services Division, Rm. 2222 N, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. Completed application forms must be returned by January 15, 1983.

ACLU fetes Bill of Rights’ 191st yr.

LOS ANGELES—The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California will celebrate the 91st anniversary of the Bill of Rights and honor film producer Martin Ritt and author Studs Terkel at a dinner on Saturday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Ambassador Hotel, 360 Wilshire. For ticket info call (213) 477-1724.

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Asian family project receives new office

Los Angeles — The Assistance League Family Service Agency has occupied office space in the Western Region United Way building in the eastern area of Los Angeles. Previously located in Beverly Hills, the Family Service Agency has recently received funds from Los Angeles to initiate the Western Regional United Way Family Service Project (WAFA). The project now provides bilingual counseling and information and referral services for individuals, families, and groups, as well as community education. In addition, WAFA is sponsoring a weekly series of presentations to the community called “WAFAM Today — Decisions and Change.” WAFA was formed in 1961 to implement recommendations made in a United Way-funded study of the needs of the Asian American community, conducted by Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of UCLA.

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United Way targets Asians, youth for increased funds

Los Angeles — Asian, children and youth have been targeted for increased funding in the Western Region United Way according to a new study which sets the priorities for how the United Way will allocate money to agencies in the Westside and South Bay next year.

Jerry Zinser, chairman of the Western Region United Way Priorities Committee which recently completed a comprehensive study of the needs for funding of human care services in the community, said, "This study is designed to be a tool for determining which agencies will get how much in these tight economic times and to assist us in considering new agencies applying for membership in United Way." The study, approved by the United Way regional and corporate boards, is the most recent update of a 1971 Priorities Report which was the culmination of three years of work by volunteers in each of the five United Way regions.

In preparing the updated study, the Priorities Committee examined a variety of materials including census and agency data, welfare department statistics, and a United Way summary report of government funding cuts. The study prepares Program Service Category Profiles, Target Group Profiles, and Community Profiles. The Program Service Category Profiles rank agency services according to their need for increased funding. Among those services recommended to receive preferential support are home health care, community mental health maintenance services, crime and delinquency prevention, employment procurement services, and residential care for children and youth. The Target Group Profiles examine information about several ethnic and age groups. On the basis of this examination, a Priorities Committee recommended that two of those groups—Asian and Children and Youth—receive increased service in the western region.

Finally, the Community Profiles provide demographic information on 21 geographic areas in the western area of Los Angeles. Eight of these areas are now ranked as potential for the admission of new agencies to United Way. These areas are Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawfisde, Leimert, Lennox, Rodeo, Venice, and West Adams.

The Western Region United Way stretches from Redondo Beach to the Santa Monica Mountains and from Leimert Park to Venice. 

POINT OF VIEW — "Shifted Dimensions" by Masayuki Oda, is among the sculptures on exhibit at the ARCO Center for Visual Art in Los Angeles. The center is currently showing works by four Japanese American artists—Mineko Grimmer, Kazuo Ota, Ann Page and Oda—in its exhibit entitled, "Point of View. Four Emerging Japanese American Artists." The works are on display until Dec. 24; for more info call (213) 488-0038.

Basketball league for Asian girls

Seattle — The recently formed Asian Interfaith Basketball League will introduce basketball to Asian girls.

The league was started and is coordinated by Audrey Nakahara, Jerry Shiigi, Rick and Gina Sugawara and Mike Yawata. They organized this League, Nakahara said, "to try and give more incentive to Asian girls that haven't played in an active sports team."

The Asian Interfaith Basketball League will be comprised of four separate teams, each sponsored by a local community church. The teams will consist of girls grades four through nine.

During summer clinics in the past two years, there has been abundant interest expressed in forming a church league. Nakahara said that the League seemed to be a good way of providing an environment for Asian children to build a positive self image, points out on team play and develop their level of competition. This is the first year of the League's existence. Its main objective is to encourage girls, especially older ones, to take part in the basketball teams. The games will begin the first part of January and continue through March. The teams will be guided by team sponsors and coaches. Games will be played on Wednesday nights, with the help of volunteer parent time-keepers and score-keepers.

Raine Makishita, St. Peter's, Japanese Baptist and the Buddhist churches will each sponsor teams. Not only will they finance the teams, but they will also help provide uniforms and facilities for the games to be played.

Teams will open to girls, especially those affiliated with an Asian church or those of Asian ancestry, with or without experiences. For more information, contact Audrey Nakahara at (323) 742-4511.

AADAP to hold its annual 'mochitsuki' Los Angeles — The Holiday season is approaching fast and right around the corner is a New Year's Day, one of the most enthusiastic and joyously celebrated holidays for Americans of Japanese ancestry. This is the time of the year when traditional Japanese food is prepared which symbolizes various wishes for the New Year. "Mochi" is a traditional food that signifies longevity. It is an indispensable New Year's food just as cranberry sauce and turkey is for Thanksgiving.

The Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. is holding their annual "Mochitsuki" fundraiser on December 27th and 31st at the Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Fresh "mochi" can be ordered at a donation of $2.00 a pound for the New Year. The public is encouraged to place their order in advance. Pledge orders will be taken between December 6th through 27th. Contact May Goya at (213) 424-9062 to place your order, arrange for pick up and for further information.

Forum on Japan tech slated at Stanford U.

Stanford, Ca. — The Northeast Asia-United States Forum on Information Technology begins at Stanford University on January 25th. The Forum will be held in series of evening "Lectures on International Policy" on Thursday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., in Kresge Auditorium (Law School). The first lecture will be given by Dr. Seiichi Sato, president of the Japan Red Cross Society. The third lecture will be given by Professor John Lawlir, director of the Center for Integrated Systems at Stanford, on "The Japanese Challenge to High Technology Indusries in the 1990's." For more information call (415) 324-4100 or Yori Moriwaki (415) 324-8681.

Crisis counselor sought for A/P center

Los Angeles — The Center for the Pacific-Asian Family, Inc. is seeking a crisis counselor for their Women's Shelter project, which provides numerous services for women and children who are victims of battering and rape. For more information on this paid staff position, contact the center at 540 N. Fairfax, Rm. 308, (213) 633-8342.

Widowed group plans Christmas party

San Francisco — The Nisei Widowed Group will hold an old-fashioned Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 5, 26 p.m. at the George Yoda, gynecologist specialist with the San Francisco School of Medicine, will lead a discussion on feelings for the old days. For more information call Elaine Chang (415) 590-0110 or Yuri Moriwaki (415) 381-1981.

Dogwood tree seeds sent to Japan

Washington — Over a million U.S. dogwood tree seeds were sent Oct. 21 to Japan from the National Arboretum here, at the request of numerous American service and youth groups as a goodwill exchange of the Japanese cherry tree seeds received earlier this year from Japanese schoolchildren.

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4—PACIFIC CITIZEN / Friday, December 3, 1982
Disney hasn't spent any money on its first venture abroad in the Unit- ed States, to oversee the Japanese business and its residence. A month later, he was arrested for failing to report to his Congressman, for allegedly ob­ taining $1,800 in kickback for failing to report to his residence.

THE RACE FOR TOMORROW BEGINS TODAY...

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Woodland, Ca.

Many JACLers have asked me and will ask me to comment on the JACL Redress Program. Here is a brief summary of where we are now:

1. Consolidated Structure. The National Redress program is no longer a semi-autonomous operation. It has been "folded back" into the normal JACL structure.

2. Expenditures. The receipt of additional funds from districts has permitted us to continue funding the redress program. We have in mind to employ a Washington, D.C. based consultant to assist us in directing the program. However, pursuant to resolution No. 26, a loan from the Endowment Fund will become a necessity by late December.

3. Redress Pledges. Accounting statements are being prepared for all districts to obtain the pledges in their areas. Such pledges are important under resolution No. 4.

4. Report of Endowment. The unified structure will provide greater creditability for the Endowment since the National Council in August. It appears that the fund will continue to grow during the 1983 fiscal year.

5. Committee Report—December 1982. The Committee on Redress and Interchange of Civilian Rights will likely issue its report in December 1982 or in early 1983. Therefore, the JACL must be prepared to move forward on this issue in order to introduce appropriate legislation. Let us pray that the commission has the courage to issue a strong recommendation for full, individual monetary payments so that we in JACL can support it. Recent newspaper articles quoting CRWC member Paul Shirikawa, who is now chairperson, indicate that the commission is moving in this direction. Let there be no doubt as to JACL's resolve—we are "going for it."

6. Redress This Biennial? I intend to press forward with the legislative campaign as quickly as possible. I do not feel that the time is right for extending the deadline over an extended period of time. With your support, let us all strive to bring this issue to a decisive conclusion in Congress this biennium. The Issei have waited too long already.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** by Floyd Shimomura

**Redress**

**San Francisco**

The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo (1848) ceded the Mexican territory to the United States and guaranteed sovereignty to the Indians. The surviving Nanwas were protected by Fort Sumter in 1868 when it was determined that there was no gold in the Navajo country after all. They rejoined their people the Joint Use Area between the two tribes. To make sure that everyone knew where the ill-fated boundary was, the government began building a five-stranded barbed wire fence 400 miles long. About 10,000 Navajo and 100 Hopis found themselves on the wrong side of the fence.

The Navajos on the wrong side of the fence have no place to go. Their neighboring Navajo lands are already overused. There is just no room for 10,000 more. The land also offers little for grazing stock herds and a housing ban to encourage "voluntary relocation." Many Navajos were not destroyed or sold but declared "illegal" and consequentially "denied." Congress had authorized the Navajos to seek additional land for "relocation" which is contiguous to their reservation.

Specifications became rampant that the 1882 reservation held great reservoirs of crude oil. What was necessary was to sign the papers for the Indians. A "Tribal Council" was formed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to replace the traditional Navajo Nation. The Council clearly represented the interests of the U.S. Government and the corporations. Most traditional Navajos refused to recognize or to participate in this imposed form of government. The tribe was no match for the white man's ability to gain access to their land through legal means.

The arbitrary partitioning of lands to specific tribes helped foster regional disputes and hostilities. This straitened situation made the U.S. government's activities more questionable.

This biennial Congress decision of the U.S. District Court established that the Hopi Tribe had exclusive right to 3,100 square miles of the 1882 lands, and that the remaining 3,000 square miles were owned jointly by the Navajos and the Hopis and designated as the Joint Use Area (JUA). Congress agreed.

In 1974, following a powerful lobbying efforts, Congress passed Public Law 93-531 calling for the equal partition of the Joint Use Area between the two tribes. To make sure that everyone knew where the ill-fated boundary was, the government began building a five-stranded barbed wire fence 400 miles long. About 10,000 Navajo and 100 Hopis found themselves on the wrong side of the fence. The Navajos on the wrong side of the fence have no place to go. Their neighboring Navajo lands are already overused. There is just no room for 10,000 more. The land also offers little for grazing stock herds and a housing ban to encourage "voluntary relocation." Many Navajos were not destroyed or sold but declared "illegal" and consequentially "denied." Congress had authorized the Navajos to seek additional land for "relocation" which is contiguous to their reservation.

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A Look at Japan's Political Process

Denver, Colo.

As this is written, the Liberal Demo­
crats are in the middle of an election campaign to choose a party president. Because JACL has
decided that it would be a good thing for
its leadership to be more involved, it has
taken a greater interest in matters Japanese, an explanatory column
about some facets of Japanese politics may be
appropriate.

First of all, let it be explained that the Liberal Demo­
crats are really a rather conservative party. Their
chief rivals are the Socialists who, by American stand­
ards, are more likely to be liberals than socialists.

Now, if you are thoroughly confused, it is time to go on.
Since the Liberal Democrats have the majority in the Diet, or
Parliament, the party president automatically becomes
prime minister. The party election was made necessary by
Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki's decision to resign.
Why he decided to quit was never made really clear.

As in the United States, a Japanese election campaign
is marked by much rhetoric, some mud-slinging, and
considerable demagoguery. But that really doesn't count, locally
identical policies. Why's that? Because all the candi­
dates are bound by the party’s basic principles and platform.

Where they differ is in the priorities and emphasis they
place on various issues. Minory Shimizu, a Japan Times
commentator, explains that the platform is written in
"extremely abstract language." He goes on to explain that
principles “have been framed in such a way as to allow a 'convenient' interpretation to suit the purposes of the leaders of the day.”

Take, for example the issue of constitutional revision
which has been bubbling for several decades. It’s gener­
ally agreed that the Land Bill and the creation of a trust fund for projects honoring Japanese-Ame­
cans, were sent to<br>Los Angeles Times Editorial

The Los Angeles Times followed with an editorial Nov. 22, entitled, “A Matter of Justice Against the Enemy.”

In 1942, less than three months after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government took an extraordinary action. It interned thousands of Japanese-Americans and legal Japanese aliens. In all, about 120,000 Japanese, principally from the West Coast, were sent to relocation centers during World War II.

Their internment was an injustice of magnitude, and Congress, 40 years later, has the opportunity to rectify it. A commission set by Congress to study the wartime treatment of Japanese-Americans recommended monetary compensation for the 60,000 survivors of the camps.

U.S. military officials said the internment was necessary to prevent possible sabotage, and to protect Japanese-Americans from attack by other Americans.

At the time, a few Justice Department officials and private civil­
liberties attorneys challenged both the legality of internment and its necessity, but it was the then Congress and the executive branch that allowed the internment to continue. Constitution­
tal or not, the internment has nagged the conscience of the nation ever since. Thousands of loyal Americans were imprisoned simply because of their ancestry.

Although the commission established by Congress will not submit its report until next month, it has already made three recommendations: monetary compensation to the families of the 60,000 survivors of the relocation centers, the creation of a trust fund for projects honoring Japanese-American soldiers, and monetary compensation to the families of the 250,000 Nisei who were interned.

"Father Robert F. Drinan, a member of the commission and a former congress­man, said that compensation up to $25,000 for each internee may be suggested, but that any amount paid to American prisoners of war in Vietnam. It is possible that the commission will recommend payment on a ‘per-diem’ basis—that is, compensation for the period during which each internee was confined in a relocation center.

"We believe that some compensation, generous enough to make it meaningful, is due. The government, gripped by wartime fervor and acting against a perceived danger, nevertheless committed a wrong against thousands of its loyal citizens. That wrong must be rectified."

Shintaro Abe, minister of International Trade and In­
dustry: "The constitution cannot be revised without a national consensus and the right opportunity. Things have not developed to this stage yet. We shall have to make a future decision on the basis of whether a national consensus emerges and whether the right opportunity presents itself."

You’d hardly call any of these the statements of strong political leaders with firm convictions about what they want to do. No wonder the Japanese press spends so much of its time covering the maneuvering and conviv­
ing of various factions within the LDP instead of focusing on national issues that need addressing. For example, rearmament, ideas for improving relations with the U.S., social security, tax policy, public works programs, improved housing, reviving the economy and other mat­
ters that affect the nation and the life of its people. No, Japan’s potential leaders are only politicians looking for a consensus.

But to those perverted minds who persist in associat­ing race with race, and condemning them, it matters not. Their minds remain unchanged. perverted.

IT MAY BE that some of these minds that persist in conden­ming-by-race-association are... well, sick. If so, then I can only have pity for them. I deplore illness, but I cannot hate it. Hating cannot cure an illness. But at the same time, neither am I obliged to continually having the outcroppings of any such diseases thrown at me. Enough is enough, and it must stop.

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U.S. doctor recalls Nagasaki after bombing: 'ghost town'

HANOVER, N.H.—The first U.S. doctor to enter Nagasaki after an atomic bomb was dropped on that Japanese city said colleagues persuaded him to write about what he saw. Speaking to about 300 people at Dartmouth Medical School on Oct. 31, Dr. Charles Stevenson of Center Sandwich, N.H., related the experience he says he has reported for 37 years.

"I was physically shaken, and I tried to talk to my colleagues, but it was so bad I said it was an experience I didn't want to share. When I got back to Boston, no one asked me anything, and I guess I was just so tired of war, I was almost glad they didn't." Stevenson worked at a Boston hospital after the war.

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JACL redress comm. issues video

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL Headquarters has completed a video tape which focuses on the JACL guidelines passed by the National Council last convention. The tape, with appearances by National President Floyd Shimomura, Youth Director Nakaya, Redress Director John Taetschel, and the Redress Chair Min Yasui, is intended for use of JACL chapters and will be available for Betamax systems.

The purpose of the tape is to give a brief explanation of the redress guidelines. Since this is the document from which JACL will draft redress legislation, the Redress Committee felt it would be important for the membership to understand the essential points of the guidelines and to have clear in their minds the main workings of the document. Yasui's portion on the tape will give a sense of the direction JACL will take legislatively and what will be involved once the committee begins the process of lobbying a bill in Congress. In total, the tape runs approximately 15 minutes.

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Seattle JACL makes pledge for redress

SEATTLE — The Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League pledges $750 per quarter for each of the next three years, to fulfill the action taken by the National Council at the 57th Biennial National Convention through the adoption of Resolution No. 26 on Aug. 12, 1982.

This pledge is contingent, first, on receiving a full financial accounting of redress funds for the 1980-82 biennium and, second, on receiving a detailed quarterly statement of the redress funds thereafter.

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By Harry Bonda

Los Angeles—While most of the 32 JACL chapters comprising the Pacific Southwest District Council are planning how to raise funds to finance the JACL national redress campaign this coming fiscal year, the district council at its Nov. 21 quarterly session here voted to release $40,000 from its treasury in quarterly installments starting Dec. 1.

Thus, what the chapters will raise can equal the district's share.

Such was the substance of the motion introduced by Ted Shimizu, Eula Nakagawa, and seconded by Ted Yada, Whittier. The motion was passed with this reporter hearing two nays. The decision came in the wake of almost three hours of discussion by the council, co-sponsored by PSWDC Gov. Cary Nakamoto and D. Redress chairman Frank Sakamoto, sent to Ventura County JACL.

Helping to galvanize the action was Floyd Shimomura, national president, who recalled the pledge made at the National Council (to raise $100,000 annually for three years) and assured the chapters a tight rein on redress expenditures. This was the role as urged by Frank Sakamoto, national treasurer—that is, spending hard cash on hand rather than on what's to come.

The role of the Washington JACL representative is being emphasized under budget tightening as the travel item in the redress budget is down to $10,000, according to Ron Wakabayashi, national director, who was present in town for his father's memorial service.

Shimomura said he was particularly reluctant to ask the JACL Endowment Fund for more than what is raised through pledges. The National Council had authorized the leadership to borrow from the fund, if necessary, to sustain a national effort toward passage of redress legislation. Interests in such an effort was heightened in the community this past week after the Los Angeles Times front-page story Nov. 1. It reported how one member, Fr. Robert Drinan, S.J., of the Commission on War, a conference and importance of Civilian, felt on individual reparations. Shimomura commented he was confident the CRWC would be recommending the individual and community awards.

Shimizu, during the evening reception for Shimomura co-sponsored by the D. L. A. and the JACL and the American Cultural and Community Center (where the full-day PSWDC meeting was held), said he hoped the council's action sets an example for other districts. His chapter now faces more at home than ever in replenishing its treasury, he explained, though Solano has raised funds for redress from the outset.

District Appointments Ratified

Several district appointments were ratified by the District: Warren Nakamoto, Downtown L.A. JACL, indicated he will resign his position as chair of the Pacific Citizen.

PSWDC pledges $40,000 to JACL redress campaign

PSWDC Gov. Cary Nakamoto and D. Redress chairman Frank Sakamoto, sent to Ventura County JACL, to host the next DC session, Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Oxnard Girls Club, 564 S. G. St., starting at 9 a.m. Registration, which includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch, will be $7.50, payable to Ventura County JACL c/o H. Kajihara, 100 W. Devonshire, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Frank Hirata, interim D. L. A. president, extended greetings at the morning session. Pat Ogawa, JACC administration director, emceed the informal community reception for Shimomura, who spoke on the complex role of JACL in U.S. foreign affairs, especially Japan and the Pacific Rim (rather than U.S.-Japan affairs), and the growing role of Solano in JACL.

PSWDC's $40,000 pledge will go toward the JACL redress campaign. It is the third such annual pledge from the district, following a $50,000 pledge in 1981 and a $25,000 pledge in 1980. The combination of the three pledges is $115,000, which is the district's total for the JACL redress campaign.

Shiwanaka tribute nets $2,700 as committee collects $9,400

The envelopes were opened for the Shiwanaka tribute. Shig Nakamatsu of the committee composed the committee, consisting of (Arizona) and Miki Himeno (East L.A.), respectively.

Shimomura announced the appointment of D. B. Yokoyama, PSW vice-president, as chairman of the redress committee.

The district approved JACL Trust Fund contributions to: (a) Venice Culver JACL ($600) to pay for the purchase of a no-redress vehicle; (b) Hollywood JACL ($600) for the annual Christmas party staged by the chapter; (c) Kawasakia nutrition program sponsored by Japanese Community Pioneer Center; (d) Los Angeles JACL ($600) to help defray expenses of a benefit concert co-sponsored by the chapter as a chapter development project and Nevada School of the Arts; and (e) Hollywood JACL ($500) to sustain efforts of the Friends of the Pacific Citizen to Tokyo Public Library.

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NEW YORK—For many of the nearly 50 Japanese and Japanese American women who attended the event, the “Women’s Exchange” sponsored by the New York JACL, Nov. 14, offered the first opportunity to conduct a face-to-face discussion of their differences—cultural, emotional and other—from each other.

Seeking to make a measurable degree in this first effort to bring together Nikkei women and their counterparts from Japan for an airing of the social and other factors which keep them apart, the sponsors were joined by participants in portraying the meeting a “good beginning” toward the establishment of a rapport which all present felt was very much needed.

The introductory session (four such meetings are contemplated) took place at the headquarters of the Japanese American Association of New York at 7 West 44th Street, and lasted from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., after which many lingered for refreshments and conversation. It was called to order by Ruby Yasho Schaar and chairperson for the Nikkei Alliance of Women in America, a “veteran” of three years in this country, who set the tone of the day’s workshops by recounting her own experience as a newcomer to the United States.

Now a student at the American university, Mrs. Raiti initially worked in a reotype, she said, until she learned that many of her fellow workers were experiencing similarly joyless weekends that she could begin to come to terms with her less-than-unique feelings.

After Mrs. Raiti’s introductory remarks, participants were divided into three workshop groups, each provided with an interpreter. Following introductions to each other, they proceeded to try to discover the reasons for the gap which they acknowledged existed between the Nikkei and the Japan-born women. If that did not succeed in uncovering the causes, they nevertheless succeeded in learning some of the differences—and similarities—in their attitudes, perceptions and conduct of their lives.

Mrs. Raiti, echoing on her previous remarks, told her group that whereas she was considered outspoken by Japanese standards, she soon found herself categorized by her fellow workers here as the shy, submissive, all-Japanese—as opposed to all-American—woman. Confronted with this stereotype, she found herself unaccountably behaving in the manner expected of her, a not-uncommon occurrence among children and minorities in general. It is thought to be simply a matter of years.

 Carson JACL to hold Christmas potluck
carson, Ca.—The Carson JACL held a Christmas Pot Luck dinner on Dec. 4 at Dolphal Park. For more info call Mrs. Takanaka Wataha (213) 855-6724.

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The annual 1000 Club Honor Roll for 1982 is scheduled for the Holiday Issue, Dec. 24-31. The list will be released from the National Council of Jewish Women, 1606 N. Addison Ave.

NY JACL pledges $3,000 to redress

NEW YORK—The board of directors of the New York chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League recently pledged to contribute $1 for every $10 sent for the next three years to the National JACL Redress Committee Fund.

The figures arrived at in accordance with the National JACL mandate that each chapter allocate 1% of the sum of $5 per member per year. The New York chapter’s total contribution of $3,000 represents 1% of the $300,000 which the Redress Committee has said that it will seek to conduct its campaign for redress legislation.

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