WASHINGTON—The first part of the long-awaited report by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was released last week (Feb. 24), and to no one's surprise, the findings were concluded by a summary statement which said that a "grave injustice" was done to the Japanese Americans who were removed from their homes on the West Coast and detained in relocation centers during World War II. The report also concluded that there was "no justification" for the harsh treatment that was imposed upon Alaskan Aleuts by the U.S. government during the war.

The 467-page report, entitled, "Personal Justice Denied," reviews the entire evacuation episode that some 120,000 Japanese Americans and resident aliens and several hundred Alaskan Aleuts underwent during the war. The findings were compiled from the testimony and documents that had been presented during the CWRIC's 1981 hearings, as well as from historical research done at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The CWRIC document focuses on such findings as the conditions on the U.S. West Coast before the attack on Pearl Harbor; the decisions which led to the issuance of EO 9066, the implementation of the evacuation and detention orders, a brief summary of economic losses suffered by the Nikkei, conditions in both the "assembly centers" and "relocation centers"; the loyalty questionnaire; military service of the Nisei; the Japanese Americans in Hawaii; and the post-camp experiences of the Nikkei.

The report also focuses on the Japanese in Latin America and of course, the Alaskan Aleuts' plight.

The CWRIC faulted government leaders from President Franklin D. Roosevelt on down and said a failure of political leadership also lay behind the episode, now widely considered a "Dark Chapter in American History." It-detention, ending detention and ending exclusion—were not driven by analysis of military conditions. The broad historical causes which shaped these decisions were race prejudice, hysteria and a failure of political leadership. Widespread ignorance of Japanese Americans contributed to a policy conceived in haste and executed in an atmosphere of fear and anger at Japan.

The summary also said, "A grave injustice was done to American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who, without individual review or any probative evidence against them, were excluded, removed and detained by the United States during World War II. The report also stated that the exclusion orders which prohibited Japanese Americans from living, working or traveling on the U.S. West Coast; it stated that the exclusion "was to be carried out by voluntary relocation." That policy inevitably failed, and these American citizens and their alien parents were removed by the Army, first to assembly centers—temporary quarters at racetracks and army bases—and then to bleak bar knocks mostly in desolate areas of the West." Thesummary also pointed out that the camps were "surroundedor barbed wire and guarded by military police...." The policy of exclusion, detention, and removal was executed against 120,000 people without individual review, and the exclusion order continued until demonstrations were no longer "demonstrated loyalty to the United States," added the report.

The CWRIC also noted that no act of espionage, sabotage or fifth column activity was committed by any Japanese American or resident alien on the West Coast and that Americans of German and Italian descent were exempt from any mass exclusion or detention order. "Sears Remain" in regards to what the Japanese Americans had experienced during the war, the report summarized: "The wounds of the exclusion and detention have healed in some respects, but the scars of that experience remain, painful reminders that the bonds of citizenship were broken by those who lived through the suffering and deprivation of the camps."

It also noted that the "personal injustice of excluding, removing and detaining loyal American citizens is manifest...." The report also acknowledged that the exclusion had stemmed from "a long and ugly history of West Coast anti-Japanese agitation and legislation."

After the U.S. government's decision to carry out the exclusion orders, the CWRIC took issue with the rationale used by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt to justify the evacuation. DeWitt had decided that the Japanese on the West Coast were a "fifth column" threat and that their loyalty was questionable, even the loyalty of second and third generation Japanese born on American soil, because "racial strains are undiluted."

The CWRIC's summary states: "The promulgation of Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity, and the decisions which followed from that point onward of ending detention and ending exclusion—were not driven by analysis of military conditions. The broad historical causes which shaped these decisions were race prejudice, hysteria and a failure of political leadership. Widespread ignorance of Japanese Americans contributed to a policy conceived in haste and executed in an atmosphere of fear and anger at Japan.

For JACL's statement on the CWRIC report, see Pg. 8

Nikkei legislators are pleased with commission's findings

WASHINGTON—The four Japanese American legislators here all expressed their satisfaction with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and the lawmakers were very optimistic towards the CWRIC's upcoming recommendations, which will be released sometime in late May or June.

Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) said in a telephone interview that the CWRIC report "was an excellent, objective report that has major historical significance, not only for the Nikkei community in this country, but for the nation at large." He added, "I think it acknowledges for the first time that the federal government's decisions were not based on the military necessity, but were driven by analysis of military conditions. The broad historical causes which shaped these decisions were race prejudice, hysteria and a failure of political leadership. Widespread ignorance of Japanese Americans contributed to a policy conceived in haste and executed in an atmosphere of fear and anger at Japan.

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The money would establish a foundation geared to community needs, racial harmony and human rights, said George Imai, a spokesman for the reparations committee of the National Association of Japanese Canadians—the umbrella group for Canada's estimated 80,000 Japanese Canadians—links rights to community across Canada.

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The report comes out with a flat out declaration that the evacuation was not based on military necessity, noted Yasui. In my opinion, this would underpin the legal basis for the evacuation and it opens up the whole question of its necessity again.

"I think the commission did a good job in saying, 'Look, it was a failure of the democratic process under the stress of wartime.' And certainly, there's enough blame to go around starting with the Commander in Chief (during World War II) down to the smallest guy who had anything to do with it,' added Yasui.

He also noted that the report "names names" as far as pointing out government officials who were responsible for ordering and implementing the evacuation.

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SOLEMN MOMENT—A Nikkei father and daughter were among the 200 people who took part in the candlelight procession during the "Day of Remembrance" program held on the evening of Feb. 10 in Little Tokyo to commemorate the 7th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of EO 9066.
SACRAMENTO—The state legislature presented a resolution Feb. 18 to mark the 41st anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s signing of EO 9066, which occurred on Feb. 19, 1942. Under the order, 120,000 Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II.

The resolution was authored by Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr. (D-San Francisco) and Assemblywoman Mary Jo Miller (R-Encinitas). Brown, in a letter to Mr. Tsuchakawa, the second woman to offer the prayer, wrote: “I'm satisfied that at last they recognize that we were there. This year's resolution, SCR 10, with Sen. John Tashie, JACL National Redress Director; Ernest H. Weiner, Director, San Francisco Bay Area JACL; American National Youth Director; Assemblyman Philip Yennigen (D-Sacramento), and Assemblyman Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton).”

Former S.F.: Tea Garden owners may find justice at last

SACRAMENTO—A bill sponsored by Assemblyman John H. M. Matsui (D-San Francisco) that calls for the state to recognize the JACL's effort to compensate George Hagiwara, developer of Florin, Ca., for coming to the state to open as a Japanese American." He also noted that he "would be deluged with fan mail" should he be successful.

Califomia legislature issues Day of Remembrance resolution

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government, in fact, committed a major violation of civil rights on the pretext of national emergency, that they knew did not exist," he added.

Matsui felt it was wise for the CWRIC to release only its findings first. He noted, "I think that it is appropriate that the commission did not deal with the issue of redress at this time. The truth is, that the American public should be on what happened, and the individual tragedies that occurred during the war."

"The commission should come up with recommendations that are, in fact, just—and based on the evidence, because fifty years from now, when we look back to this report, we can judge whether or not the damage that occurred in the Japanese American community as a result of illegal action on the part of federal government," said Matsui.

"I will say this—one, the commission finishes its report, and renders it, hopefully, objective findings based upon justice, truth, and fairness in the judgment."

What we have to do is weigh competing demands on us and in some cases, conflicting demands on us. So we have to look at the internalization of the problem (staellite) and also from the state of the economy.

Critics Dynally

Matsui also felt that SCR 10, the redress bills that have been introduced, such as the one by Rep. Mervyn Dynally (D-Compton, Ca.), are “counterproductive” and “do not help at all” in the Cam.

"The Dynasty bill is not going to anywhere," said Matsui. "It was dead upon being brought into committee, and I don’t think they recognize the Japanese American community or anybody who has to have that bill actually introduced."
DINNER FOR ISSEI—The Minnesota Nikkei Project, a group of volunteers who regularly provide activities for the Minneapolis community’s Issei, held a dinner Feb. 6 at the Kikugawa restaurant, attended by 121 members and 20 Isssei guests (1 to r): Phyllis Takemura, Mrs. H. Noma and Helen Tanaka.

Legal defense and education fund names new board, seeks members

LOS ANGELES—The recently established Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund (APLDEF), formed to address the growing number of employment discrimination cases arising in the Asian American community, has announced its 1983 board of directors.

Irene Hirano, pro; Phillip Ow, vp; Dr. Carol Fujita, sec; John Sato, fin off; Gerald Sato, Wilma Oda, exec.

LTS Council to hold community meetings

LOS ANGELES—The Community Council of the Little Tokyo Service Center announces the convening of the council. The community council has been founded to help support and develop the programs of the service center by working with the board and staff of the center.

For all those interested, the LTS council will meet on the last Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 p.m. starting the next month, to be held at the LTS Center.

Nikkei dinner for Isssei

MINNEAPOLIS—The Minnesota Nikkei Project, a group of volunteers who regularly provide activities for the community’s Isssei, held their fourth annual dinner meeting at the Kikugawa restaurant Feb. 6, attended by 121 members and 20 Isssei guests.

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More than a hundred Asian students—Chinese, Korean, Japanese and others—will participate at the week’s events, which are open to the public.

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For more information, call J.D. Hoshino, director of the Asian Pacific Student Outreach at (213) 743-6999.

Kimoto Home set to celebrate for the third year in a row

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Seid heads APAC for 2nd term

SACRAMENTO—Dr. Allan L. Seid, Palo Alto psychiatrist, was re-elected President of the Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAC) State Board of Governors, Seid, a Stanford Medical Center Clinical Faculty Professor, California State Board of Education commissioner, and founder of Asian Americans for Community Mobilization of Santa Clara County (AACM), was recently honored by the Santa Clara County Human Rights Commission for a decade of distinguished and outstanding services in protecting the civil rights of all.

APAC, in its second year, remains the only local and regional Pacific American coalition supported by over 40 local and regional community organizations and distinguished by offering an advocacy office on the state Capitol in Sacramento.

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The next APAC State Board meeting will be held in San Francisco in conjunction with its Second Annual Membership Meeting, starting March 17. Tentative program includes guest speakers from the mainstream and ethnic newspapers on the theme: "The Press: Its Relations with the Asian American Community and the State," and the Pacific American Commission on Economic Development and Community Relations.

Mayor Leite, a decade in office, Los Angeles physician and civic leader in the Los Angeles Catholic Mission for "a decade of distinguished and outstanding services to the community," was elected historian.

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Ariyoshi angry at Forbes article

HONOLULU—Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi responded angrily Jan. 26 to a recent article in Forbes Magazine describing the state as a "viable, predatory, for business."

Ariyoshi slammed the article as "false, mindless, and untruthful."

The article said Hawaii's political leaders, led by Ariyoshi, "could face another challenge. It's been debated over and over again whether the Nikkei community will come back."

During his campaign, Ariyoshi promised to "seek a peaceful end to the Japanese-American internment controversy."

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Noguchi continues its campaign

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A Book with Missing Chapters

Like Old Times

Philadelphia

WE HADN'T ATTENDED one for several years, when Mahn Sub Park, the editor of "The Korean Guardian," asked me if I wanted to "prejudge" the CWRIC prior to its releasing its recommendations. As for the Japanese Americans, there was one fleeting mention of Tokie Slocum, hero of World War I combat, and that was all.

There is, however, substantial material with a Japanese-American angle. We know from other sources that as early as 1936 American cryptographers had cracked the top-secret code Japan used in communicating with its diplomats abroad. The intercepts were called Magic. To keep Japan from learning that its code had been compromised, information produced by Magic was made available to highly restricted list of government and military leaders.

The Donovan book reveals that President Roosevelt directed that all information gathered by the various U.S. intelligence agencies should be made available to General Donovan. But there was so much jealousy and rivalry among the various intelligence services that Donovan was never put on the list to read Magic intercepts.

Meanwhile, the officials who saw Magic did neither the training to analyze all the information that passed over their desks. It would have been obvious to any trained analyst seeing the Japanese messages captured by Magic, the book says, that attack was imminent and Pearl Harbor the apparent target.

The nature of the attack on Pearl Harbor—a treacherous surprise raid while peace talks were still under way—was in substantial part responsible for the bitterness reflected on Japanese Americans. Thus it is not unreasonable to ask what the course of our own group history would have been if Donovan's office had been able to alert U.S. forces in time to blunt the Japanese attack.

The book also reveals, as others have done, that some serious surrender talks were under way in Switzerland between Japanese and American representatives in the waning days of the war. But such talks are delicate and move excruciatingly slowly because of the necessary caution.

Eventually time ran out. The nuclear bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki before any meaningful surrender decisions could be reached. Several hundred thousand Japanese died or were scarred for life, and the war ended.

Author Brown, aBriton, has done an astonishing job of research in providing this insight into the world of cloaks and daggers and spooks (although most of the action is left to the reader's imagination). But from this viewpoint it's a shame he didn't dig a bit deeper and tell what happened in the Asian theaters.

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

Denver

For what seems to be an interminable period I have been reading several pounds of book titled 'Wild Bill Donovan: The Last Hero,' an almost 800-page story of Gen. William J. Donovan, combat hero of World War I and in World War II the controversial chief of the Office of Strategic Services, predecessor of what is now the Central Intelligence Agency.

I've been reading the book primarily because a few Nisei, and perhaps a larger number of Japanese expatriates were mentioned in it. It seemed to me there was any mention of their part in the war against Japan. The O.S.S. was more than an espionage agency. Psychological warfare was one of its functions as well as evaluation of intelligence and infiltration of indigenous movements hostile to the Axis powers.

Alas, aside from Donovan's personal story, the book focuses almost totally on O.S.S. activities in North Africa, Europe, and the Pacific. You'd hardly be aware from this book that a war was being fought in the Far East and the O.S.S. was involved. For the Japanese Americans, there was one fleeting mention of Tokie Slocum, hero of World War I combat, and that was all.

MATSUI

"It was counterproductive because it perhaps raised the expectations in the Japanese American community, that the author of the bill has no intention of fulfilling," commented Matsui.

However, the congressman doesn't think the bill will cause any problems for future legislation that will eventually be drafted after the CWRIC releases its report.

"Whatever we do, we'll have to do on the basis of the consensus with the majority of the Japanese American community, in addition to the report to Congress. We'll need the leadership of the House and Senate, with the idea of getting our legislation passed," said Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) nor Rep. Nor-...
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**JACL Statement**

San Francisco
The Japanese American Citizens League is pleased that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has issued some 450 pages of documented findings which conclusively demonstrate that the arbitrary World War II forced military evacuation, exclusion and detention of United States citizens and of Japanese and Aleut ancestry whose loyalty to this nation, was totally unjustified and unnecessary.

It is unfortunate that the basic injustices is an important first step toward rectifying one of the gravest and darkest blemishes in the constitutional history of our nation and preventing a repetition against other citizens in times of national emergency.

The Japanese American Citizens League commends the Commission for revealing the little known facts surrounding the internment and for vindicating Americans of Japanese and Aleut ancestry whose loyalty to this country was impruged by their government's unjustified actions.

We regret, however, that the report does not reveal to the fullest extent possible the many tremendous economic and other grievances suffered by the evacuees and we are hopeful that this vital omission will be corrected, since this nation is entitled to know the total dollar cost of that tragic experience not only to the individuals affected but also to the government and people of the United States.

We trust that the distinguished members of this Commission, in good faith and in keeping with the spirit of their findings, will now translate their recommendations to the President and the Congress in terms that are commensurate with the unconscionable deprivation of individual freedom and the enormous economic losses suffered by the innocent victims of the American style concentration camps.

Only by such recommendations can justice be served and the Congress and the President enabled to act meaningfully and not repeat a tragedy that never again, may United States citizens be subjected to such humiliations and losses of liberty and property as were their fellow Americans of Japanese and Aleut origins in World War II.

The Commission's recommendations will be a test of courage and integrity.

*Pat Okura to lead China study tour*

**WASHINGTON—Pat Okura, clinical psychologist and past NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) and Dr. Frank M. Ochberg, M.S., president of Victimization Research and Training Institute, Ann Arbor, Mich., are educational leaders of a U.S. tour group planning to travel the Sino-American symposium on Life Changes April 28-May 4 in the People's Republic of China. WASHINGTON—Pat Okura, clinical psychologist and past NIMH (National Institute of Mental Health) and Dr. Frank M. Ochberg, M.S., president of Victimization Research and Training Institute, Ann Arbor, Mich., are educational leaders of a U.S. tour group planning to travel the Sino-American symposium on Life Changes April 28-May 4 in the People's Republic of China.

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**BY THE BOARD: by Cary Nishimoto**

**Noguchi Demotion**

Los Angeles—The recent action of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission in reversing the considered judgment of its own hearing officer acutely demonstrates that due process has been replaced by political expediency.

The Civil Service Commissioners were not present during the hearings and did not hear the evidence. They are not in a position to fairly evaluate the multitude of documents in light of evidence presented in their absence nor can they judge the credibility of numerous witnesses whose testimony they did not hear and whose demeanor they did not see. Instead, the Civil Service Commission elected to assign this important task to an experienced hearing officer who did consider and weigh the evidence presented.

No good purpose is served by putting both sides through a long and costly hearing if the Civil Service Commission lacks faith in its own choice of hearing officers.

The Japanese American Citizens League salutes the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission on a significant step backwards in the fight for credibility and fairness in County government.

**Marutani phelias Phila. dinner**

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia JACL Chapter will hold its annual Installation Dinner Dance and Graduate Recognition on Saturday, March 31, at 6 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, 101 S. Broad, the event of the year, since the end of the war purpose of the fund has been achieved.

Individuals who still desire to make contributions may do so by making direct donations to either David Nakashima, 1345 Florence Street, Seaside, CA, 93955, or to Marsha Nakashima, 2296 Espada Drive, Salinas, CA 93908.

The Monterey Peninsula JACL joins the families of David & Marsha in expressing heartfelt appreciation to the scores of donors who contributed generously to the fund.

**Mt. Olympus picks PCYA student**

SALT LAKE CITY—The Mt. Olympus Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League selected Kristen T. Kobayashi of Alta High School as the chapter's representative to attend Seminar VII of the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans.

Kristen T. Kobayashi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kobayashi of Salt Lake City. Kristen has maintained a high academic grade-point average and has been heavily involved in extracurricular activities in and out of her high school.

The Presidential Classroom students are selected on the basis of academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. The Mt. Olympus Chapter provides sponsorship of its Presidential Classroom student by underwriting the air fare and tuition.

**How one Nisei survived the Evacuation...**

James Imahara
Son of Immigrants

The personal recollection (as told to Anne Butler Pion, daughter of Haruo JACL, Imahara and his young family of 10 were evacuated to Anar­ bas in 1942. They begrudg­ ingly settled after the war in Los Angeles (Chicago was too cold, and to hell with Calif­ ornia), which CIVIJ Success­ fully ran a nursery business, and saw to it that nine of ten children finished college. One of the few first-person narratives to be pub­ lished, the fifth daughter encouraged her dad to write what had happened to him and the community, now he felt and survived...

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**SPECIAL TO JACL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS**
Sansei and the JACL

San Francisco

Some of the demographic material that has passed by my desk indicates that the baby boom population is now between 18 and 34 years of age. Most Sansei probably fit into this range, although there are a good many who are a little older. This is an age group that is just at the edge of their career paths, and represent a forecast of the Nikkei community to come.

General assumptions that might be carried are that this group is outstanding in significant numbers, and has significantly greater participation and career mobility than the Nisei. An extension of these assumptions might lead to the conclusion that there ought to be a decline in participation in ethnic community institutions such as the JACL, giving the existing trends. It is, after all, a trend that is experienced in other ethnic communities in the American experience.

Perhaps, there is a trend in this direction. The Issei organizations such as the Nihonjinkai have rapidly diminished in number and activity, with the aging and demise of that population. It might follow that the same would occur with institutions that were Nisei in nature. The pattern of membership decline in JACL might be further evidence of this phenomenon, since the average age of the Nisei would be 50 or so.

In looking at the JACL, it strikes me that the organization was initially a very social activity. The organizational oldtimers indicate that the early JACL conventions were a lot of "boy-meets-girl" events. The environment of World War II placed the organization of that period in a patriotic frame, basing a great deal of its position and focus to demonstrate loyalty. In the post-war period, the JACL appears to have taken on a greater intensity and took up much of the civil rights agenda that was laid before the nation. At present, with the aging of the membership and the status achieved of a lifetime of work, we seem to be at another crossroad. It is actually an identity crisis. What is the JACL today?

The question that follows is, what will the organization be tomorrow? Our historical population I have described has not been joining the organization as the result of drives, although there is a steady increase in the nation's Sansei population. Perhaps, the organization would merely contract over time, and modify its role as a generalist involved with every imaginable issue of importance, to a more specific focus. On the other hand, the emerging focus on Japan and the nature of American public opinion on this subject may propel the organization into a new emerging identity that addresses another perspective of interest that touches the lives of Japanese Americans during the next 20 or so years.

The Sansei that are reaching their full majority have the responsibility to contend with this changing world that will be more international and technical. Having grown up in that generation, I am confident in the competence of my cohorts in addressing this new historical period. At the same time, I am concerned that the kinds of experiences and relationships that the Nisei have cultivated over the last 50 years will not be transferred to the Sansei. This could be a step up for this generation.

The Washington Leadership Intern Program that David Nakayama has been diligently developing is a pilot effort to facilitate the development of Sansei leadership. It is structured to have a group of ten young adults spend a week in Washington, D.C. with a hands-on experience with government. By recruiting speakers and facilitators from the ranks of those familiar with both the Nikkei community and the Washington scene, the target is to provide a realistic presentation of what is required to get things done for the interest of the community. Each JACL District will be able to sponsor one young person. NCWNP, EDC, and CCDC have moved forward on this effort quickly, and I would anticipate that all of the districts will take advantage of this program which has a mid-June date.
Voting: Getting into the Act

Los Angeles

In the November General Election, California had on its ballot 15 propositions and the voters were asked to make decisions on the sale of state bonds, amending the constitution and enacting special purpose laws. I wonder if many voters do not find ballot propositions overwhelming and dismiss them without serious study. Perhaps some of California’s fiscal problems today might have been avoided had the public understood better the ballot propositions thus funded.

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