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Crucial Asian Pacific American issues cited

LOS ANGELES — The increased incidence of violence against Asian Pacific Americans and the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill on immigration reform and control were targeted as crucial issues by the State Board of Governors of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC), meeting here, June 25-26.

Dominating the nearly 30 actions passed by the board were cases of increased animosity and aggression against Asian Pacific American citizens, immigrants and refugees. The board reaffirmed support for "Justice for Vincent Chin" efforts and demanded further investigation by the U.S. Dept. of Justice or congressional subcommittee into the murder, the subsequent light sentencing of the convicted killers, and the violation of Chin's civil rights.

APAAC will continue to monitor and act in the cases of Thong Hy Huynh, the murdered Davis (Ca.) High School student; Trac Thi Vu, the Vietnamese widow murdered in Los Angeles; the gunshot wounding of 10-year-old Cambodian Chansophean Nhim in Houston, Tex.; van-



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dalism at China Camp in Marin County; cross-burnings on the lawn of a Filipino family in San Leandro; and the "White Power Telephone Messages" and racist flyers circulated in San Francisco.

Using its computer, APAAC now has the capacity to document, analyze, and monitor violent incidents or acts against Asian Pacific Americans. Persons should report such acts to: APAAC, P.O. Box 23280, San Jose, CA 95153.

The board continued its

long-standing support of Chol Soo Lee, recently found innocent of a 1973 San Francisco murder for which he spent 10 years in prison, and commended the Sacramento Region of APAAC for effectively defusing potentially explosive anti-Vietnamese/Laoian sentiments in the Rancho Cordova-North Highlands areas.

Immigration Bill

APAAC dissected and acted on each provision of the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill (HR1510). It strongly advocated the reten-

tion of the fifth preference provision and the Mineta (D-13th Ca.) amendment increasing the yearly quota of Hong Kong immigrants from 600 to 3,000.

The board rejected the proposal for national identification employment cards and feared that proposed punitive sanctions imposed on employers hiring illegal aliens would discourage the hiring of legal immigrants and/or American citizens with Asian physical features. Providing only 14

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Davis student pleads not guilty to murder charge

DAVIS, Ca.—James "Jay" Pierman, 17, pleaded not guilty July 19 to a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Vietnamese student Thong Hy Huynh at Davis High School (See PC May 20).

Pierman faces a preliminary hearing Aug. 18, ordered by Municipal Court Judge Charles McGahan, in the Davis branch of the Yolo County Municipal Court.

Because of the nature of the crime, Pierman will be tried as an adult.

In an earlier hearing, Public Defender James Wright made no attempt to deny that Pierman killed Huynh, instead asking for leniency for his client.

A psychologist testified at the hearing in June that Pierman was of "subnormal" intelligence, that he reads at a second-grade level and has the arithmetic abilities of a fifth grader.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office charges that Pierman killed Huynh, also 17, in a quarrel over a game of football catch on the school's campus. Vietnamese residents of the Davis area say the killing climaxed a pattern of harassment of Vietnamese students at the school.

Huynh was stabbed to death with a long-bladed, military-style knife on May 4 in a fight that reportedly followed weeks of racist taunting by a handful of white students.

Pierman is being held at Yolo County Juvenile Hall in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Governors reject reparations to internees; only 'apology'

PORTLAND, Me.—The National Governors Assn., concluding its weeklong annual meeting July 3, refused to endorse government reparations for Japanese Americans who were forced to live in concentration camps during World War II.

The governors, however, did approve a resolution calling for an "apology and national recognition of the injustice." But it rejected a call for "just compensation" to former internees.

Gov. John Spellman (R-Wash.), sponsor of the original resolution tried to withdraw it after the compensation provision was deleted. But when others objected, Spellman reluctantly urged fellow governors to vote for the measure.

"I'd hate to have this group vote against apologizing to Japanese Americans," Spellman said. Gov. Richard D. Lamm (D-Colo.) had moved to drop the compensation provision, saying many groups of Americans, including black and Latino, had suffered injustice.

Spellman argued that the evacuation case was unique. "There is no precedent for American citizens en masse being deprived of their civil rights. I don't think it is enough to say, 'Hey, we're sorry.'"

A redress resolution introduced June 29 by Spellman at the Western Governors Conference in Kalispell, Mont., was unanimously approved by the 11 governors (see July 8 PC).

VFW nat'l chief meets with Nisei posts

SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Commander-in-chief James Currie of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States met here Aug. 1 with Nisei VFW leaders to assure no racial overtone was intended in his statement and resolution that reparations should never be paid to Japanese Americans nor an apology offered for removal and internment during World War II.

"He meant no disrespect for Japanese Americans (by the statement) and he wished to be regarded as still pro-Nisei," according to Mote Nakasako, VFW spokesperson for the group.

Currie, who met Nisei VFW members at their last reunion in San Diego, expressed his personal regrets over the controversy which had generated protests from the 14 Nisei VFW posts in California and from many others including Sen. Daniel Inouye

and Mike Masaoka, both of the 442nd RCT.

It was explained to the Nisei group that VFW posts in the Midwest and East had pressed for the resolution through letters and phone calls to National VFW Headquarters in Washington in reaction to the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

While the national resolution is being withdrawn, state-sponsored resolutions of a similar nature are expected to be offered from Michigan and Virginia at the national convention Aug. 15-20 at New Orleans.

But California is countering with the one drafted by the Nisei VFW posts at its first mass meeting (see Aug. 5 PC) that the organization remain as a body to affirm justice and liberty for

OVER THE FIRST HURDLE ...

U.S. grand jury to investigate murder of Vincent Chin

DETROIT, Mich.—Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds of the U.S. Dept. of Justice announced Aug. 4 that a federal grand jury will be convened here to receive evidence in the fatal beating of Vincent Chin (see July 22 PC).

The decision came in wake of nationwide protests by the Asian communities through demonstrations and letters of support and an FBI investigation.

"Based on the evidence developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I have concluded that this matter will be presented to a federal grand jury," said Reynolds, head of the civil rights division in the Justice Department.

He said the grand jury will begin consideration of the matter on Sept. 7 and will determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated.

18 U.S. Code Sections 241 and 245 Cited

American Citizens for Justice, a Detroit-based coalition seeking justice for Vincent Chin, and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California believe the evidence in the case strongly supports a prosecution for criminal violations of the federal civil rights statutes. They pointed out:

That 18 U.S.C. Section 241, which proscribes racially motivated conspiracies to deprive a person of his federal rights, and 18 U.S.C. Section 245, which protects an individual's rights to enjoyment of the services of places of public accommodation regardless of race or national origin, were violated.

For prosecution under Section 241, it must be shown that the killers Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz conspired to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Chin in his right to equality in using places of public accommodation, such as the Fancy Pants Tavern and the McDonalds restaurant. In this case, the fact that Ebens and Nitz acted in concert with each other, including employing a third person and stating their intention to get Chin, clearly supports the existence of a conspiracy, ACJ/APALC noted.

In addition, racial motivation or prejudice was shown by ample eyewitness testimony demonstrating that both assailants were acutely aware and resentful of Chin's Asian ethnicity.

For prosecution under Section 245, it must be shown that Chin was wilfully injured (1) because of his race, and (2) because he was enjoying the use of a public facility, including public streets. Both elements are met in the Chin case, ACJ/APALC noted. There was strong eyewitness evidence to show racial motivation in the attack. Evidence revealed the contempt on part of the assailants for Chin's use of the bar, resulting in verbal and physical attacks. Furthermore, the natural and probable consequences of Eben's and Nitz's acts were to deprive Chin of his right to use the bar, a public accommodation.

'This is the first step ... but not the last'

Further support for prosecution under Sections 241 and 245 lies in the reasoning behind enactment of these civil rights statutes, enacted to compensate for the "lack of effective protection and prosecution on the local level," the ACJ said. "This represents the first real hope to us that justice will be done, especially since this case has been so filled with miscarriages of justice," a spokesperson for ACJ declared. "This is the first step ... but not the last."

Vincent Chin was a Chinese American who was beaten to death by a baseball bat on June 19, 1982, by Ebens and Nitz after a 25-minute pursuit by car and on foot. The two were charged with second-degree murder by the Wayne County prosecuting attorney, despite indications of premeditation. Judge Kaufman accepted their plea of guilty to manslaughter and sentenced them to a three-year probation and a \$3,000 fine plus court costs.

In Los Angeles, Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Director John Saito told a press conference held Aug. 5: "JACL is pleased to hear that the hard work and sustaining efforts to seek justice for Vincent Chin are finally coming to fruition. We cannot see anything other than an indictment against those involved in the brutal and heartless killing of an innocent victim. Fair-minded people have made their will known and it is now up to the federal grand jury to start the wheels of justice moving."

In Washington, Congressman Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) said, "I greet the long awaited news with relief and satisfaction. You can bet we will closely watch it as it proceeds through the indictment and trial process. Because of our anger over the light sentence, many of us have protested through letters sent to the Attorney General's Office."

Letters of support and donations may be sent to: American Citizens of Justice, P.O. Box 37343, Oak Park, MI 48237.

all Americans. A Nisei group is scheduled to present the resolution.

Another mass meeting of Nisei VFW members was called here over the July 30-31 weekend to confer with state VFW commander Earl Gunnels Jr. to have the Currie resolution before the National VFW Convention withdrawn.

Also working to have the Nisei veterans meet with Currie, Gunnels succeeded in making it possible on Monday this past week after the second Nisei VFW mass meeting.

Among those meeting with Currie were Hisao Masuyama, a past Calif. VFW state commander, Hiroshi Tadakuma, Harry Tanabe, Frank Oshita, Paul Bannai and Nakasako. #

People in the News



HONORS FROM JAPAN—Ambassador Yoshio Okawara of Japan congratulating Mike Masaoka (right) on being awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure recently at a special reception at the Japanese Embassy Residence.

Masaoka conferred Japanese decoration at D.C. reception

WASHINGTON—Because his health would not permit him to travel to Tokyo to receive his high honor, Mike Masaoka recently was decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class, by Ambassador Yoshio Okawara at the Embassy Residence. Attending were more than a hundred friends, his wife Etsu (Mineta) and family.

After reading the citation in both Japanese and English, Ambassador Okawara pinned the decoration on Masaoka's chest. He paid personal tribute to Masaoka's years of leadership in not only promoting United States-Japan relations but also in securing corrective and remedial legislation and litigation for those of Japanese ancestry, adding many comments regarding their long personal friendship and association.

The Japanese diplomat noted that the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class, was the highest award that the Japanese government could confer on a private citizen. The First Class Order is reserved for government officials such as heads of state and is more or less honorary in nature.

Significance of Award Explained

The Japanese Ambassador also explained that Masaoka's was the highest decoration to be conferred on an American citizen this year and that he may well be the only American under the age of 70 who has been decorated more than once by the Japanese government, a very rare honor indeed for any but a Japanese official over 70.

U.A. Johnson, former United States Ambassador to Japan and later the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, the highest career post in the State Department, spoke in behalf of the assembled guests, saying that America was honored by this decoration by the Japanese government and that Masaoka was richly deserving of such honors. He then offered a toast to Masaoka's health.

The honoree then responded briefly, thanking all those present and others who had been so helpful to him over the past five decades in carrying out his life's ambition of contributing to the betterment of life for Japanese Americans and for promoting understanding and cooperation between Japan and the United States.

In attendance at the ceremonies, among others, were his brothers Ike and Tad from Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively, his sister Shinko and her husband Taizo Nakano, also from Los Angeles, and daughter Midori and her husband Richard Amano of Chicago. Congressman Norman Mineta, his wife May and son David, were also present, as were Aya (Mineta) and Minoru Endo of New Jersey.

Masaoka was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun more than 15 years ago by then Prime Minister Eisaku Sato at the Prime Minister's Official Residence in Tokyo on behalf of the Emperor of Japan. #

Matsunaga's Peace Academy bill wins key legislative battle

WASHINGTON—In the last 50 years more than 140 bills have been introduced in Congress to set up an agency for the promotion of peace. Few have survived beyond initial hearings but on July 20, one such bill, introduced by senators Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Jennings Randolph (D-W.V.), Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) and others, appeared poised for Senate passage.

With 54 co-sponsors in a 100-member legislative body and the universal appeal of its objective, S. 564, the U.S. Academy of Peace Act, represents an idea as old as the republic itself whose time may be at hand.

Matsunaga, a twice-wounded World War II combat veteran who has pushed for a peace agency throughout his 20-year congressional career, says he is "very optimistic" it will become law this year.

To Train U.S. and Foreign Leaders

The Matsunaga bill would establish a U.S. Academy of Peace to train American and foreign leaders in the art of resolving conflicts without recourse to violence as an academic program as well as a continuing education service for both public officials and private citizens. The academy also would house a Center for International Peace for studies in the resolution of world conflicts.

Establishment of the Academy of Peace was recommended by the U.S. Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution, a nine-member study commission created by Congress in 1978 and chaired by Matsunaga.

The Commission's final report was presented to the President and Congress in 1981 at the end of its one-year study; an earlier Matsunaga bill to carry out the Commission's recommendations, introduced late in the 97th Congress, was also reported favorably, but reached the floor, too late in the session for full Senate action.

The Hawaii senator traced the origins of his measure to a "plan for a Peace Office" which appeared in a Revolutionary War-era almanac. Authorship of the "plan" is credited to either Benjamin Rush, a prominent physician who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or Benjamin Banneker, a black mathematician who published the almanac. George Washington also supported the concept of "a proper peace establishment in the Federal government."

● Awards

Sen. Spark M. Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) received the first annual public service award, presented by the Society for American Archeology for his leadership, skillful guidance and concern which resulted in the enactment of the Cultural Properties Protection Act. The measure was offered as an amendment to a miscellaneous tariff bill passed by both houses in the waning days of the 97th Congress. #

Kinji Nishi and Kenji Oka were honored Aug. 11 at a dinner held at the Kawafuku Restaurant by the Gardena Pioneer Project for their community service and their selection to receive "junsho" awards from the Japanese government.

Warren P. Kashiwagi, a certified public accountant was appointed to the Sutter Community Hospital Board of Trustees on July 1. He was appointed after long and dedicated service to the Sacramento community, Sutter officials said. "I lived in Sacramento all of my life and have a true affection for this community," Kashiwagi said. #

● Science

Chemist Henry Yokoyama of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Pasadena, Calif., and plant biochemist Chauncey Benedict of Texas A & M University, headed recent experiments stimulating biosynthesis of rubber in guayule with a bioregulator. Greenhouse tests showed chemically treated guayule boosted production of rubber twofold—which might open regions like southern Texas to commercial growth of guayule. #

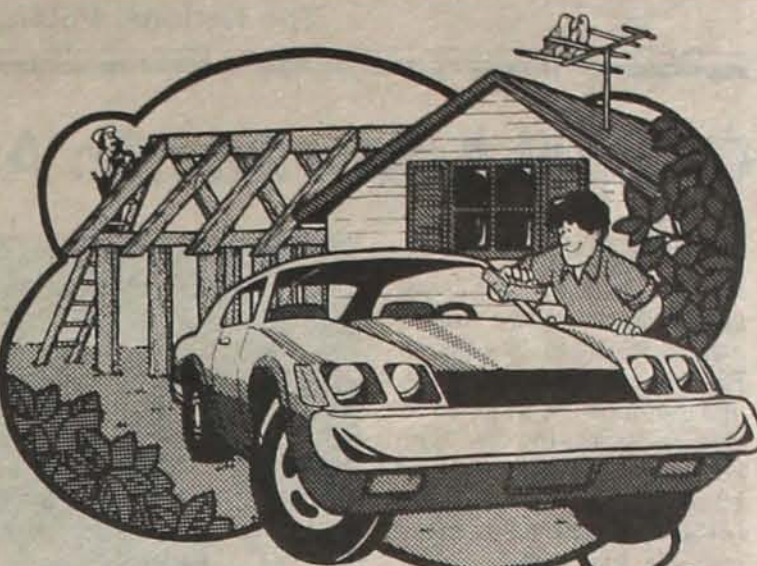
● Sports

Denise Ann Yamada, a June graduate from Dos Pueblos High School, will receive the 1983 Oliver's Sportsmanship Award, at the 23rd annual Award dinner Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsman, 1500 W. Washington Blvd., Montebello.

An outstanding student leader, she is the first girl to be selected. The award recognizes the outstanding Sansei prep athlete of the 1982-83 season. It is named after the late Nellie G. Oliver, a kindergarten teacher who was instrumental in helping Nisei youngsters in etiquette and sports during the years of 1917 to 1942. #

The U.S. Figure Skating Association board of directors is being headed by George T. Yonekura, 1983-84 president. He is also chairman of its executive committee. #

Matsunaga offered a similar bill in 1963 as a freshman Congressman in the House. In 1977 Matsunaga, Randolph and Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) introduced legislation which led to the creation of the Academy of Peace study commission in the following year.



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'PLAYING WITH MUD'—Ceramicist Mary Ichino of Pasadena holds a tray of her teacups she had created. She belongs to the California Japanese Arts Ceramics Guild, which is holding a Nisei Week exhibit Aug. 13-14 at Nishi Hongwanji.

Ceramicists open Little Tokyo shop

LOS ANGELES—For several years, Nisei have designed and created ceramics that have been on exhibit during Nisei Week. With encouragement of enthusiastic supporters to open up a permanent show place, Little Tokyo Clayworks was opened the first week of June (just in time for this year's Nisei Week Festival visitors) at 106 N. San Pedro St.

The people who transformed what was the last shoe repair shop in Little Tokyo into an immaculate white showcase for handmade ceramics created by local Nikkei artists were some of the artists themselves: JoAnne and Yukio Onaga, studio potter and Barnsdall Art Center instructor, respectively; Tom Akashi, also instructor at Barnsdall, and Jean Kojima, studio potter and glaze technician. Also assisting were Mabel Enkoji studio potter; Mary Ichino, instructor with the Pasadena School District; Eleanor Komai, instructor, Jocelyn Center in Torrance; Rose Nishio, instructor, Monrovia Adult Center; Evelyn Oi, studio potter; and Anita Kiyon Ota, instructor, Nogales High. (All are teaching ceramics, of course.)

The shop (213) 617-7193 is open daily, 10-5, except Monday-Tuesday. #

Casino Nite proceeds going to Keiro Home

LOS ANGELES—The Sixth Annual Nisei Week Casino Night will be held Friday, Aug. 12 in the Grand Ballroom of the New Otani Hotel from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Student organizations from UCLA, USC, Cal State L.A. and Cal State Long Beach, in addition to the Bella Vista Optimist Club, have coordinated their efforts to sponsor this event.

The proceeds from the event will go to the Keiro Nursing Home.

Casino games will be played and a drawing will be held at the end of the evening with a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas.

For information call Ricki Komachi at 263-0437, Shari Gong at 965-4130 or Craig Kotani at 463-5591. #

Osaka visitor donates \$10,000 to church fund

LOS ANGELES—With a fervent prayer for the successful completion of a new church and community center in Little Tokyo, Tadashi Kanematsu recently presented a \$10,000 check to the Centenary United Methodist Church Building Fund. He is the 70-year-old director of the Osaka Christian Center, who led a contingent of 44 adult leaders and students to participate in a home-stay program with families here.

Ed Tamura, Building Fund Committee chairman, and Tak Minei, lay leader of the Japanese Language Division, accepted the generous gift and assured the guests from Japan that it will certainly help to fulfill the project. #

Ishigo's art exhibit at Amerasia gallery

LOS ANGELES—Exhibit of sketches and paintings of artist Estelle Ishigo now at the Amerasia Bookstore and Gallery 321 Towne Ave., will continue through Aug. 21, noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. She will make personal appearances on Aug. 14—11 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 21—2-4 p.m.

Ishigo, author and illustrator of *Lone Heart Mountain*, and longtime member of the Hollywood JACL was married to the late Arthur Shigharu Ishigo at the Pomona Assembly Center. They met while students at art school.

Estelle's father was of Dutch and English descent and her mother was of French ancestry. Many of her sketches and water color paintings reveals life behind barbed wire and descriptive text to fit the drawings.

The charter member of the Japanese American Philharmonic Orchestra contributed to the California Historical Society with her paintings in the "Months of Waiting" exhibition which traveled to many cities.

The exhibit is presented by National Coalition on Redress/Reparations and Amerasia Bookstore. #

LTSC Nikkei hypertension program funded

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo Service Center received a \$13,000 grant from the American Heart Assn.-Greater Los Angeles Affiliate to initiate a Japanese American Community Hypertension Education Project, according to Bill Watanabe, LTSC executive director.

A bilingual health educator to discuss the problems of high blood pressure in the Nikkei community will be provided by the grant. Bob Oye, MD, who assisted in drafting the LTSC proposal, said the program will help people prevent bad living habits which contribute to high blood pressure.

Ron Kuramoto, AHA Metropolitan Division director, and Don Rhodes, board chair, presented the check to Watanabe. Persons interested in the position and organizations wishing to schedule a presentation should contact LTSC (213) 680-3729. #

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Comments and Letters

● The \$20,000 issue

I write to voice my opposition to one of the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. This Commission undertook to study the cause and aftermath of implementation of Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. As a result of this order, all Japanese Americans on the West Coast of the continental U.S. were forcibly relocated away from the "war zone." Economic loss to those who were relocated is estimated to be in the millions (or billions). The Commission recommends compensating each surviving internee \$20,000. I strenuously oppose this recommendation.

While the wartime incarceration was without question unjustified, and I agree with the Commission's recommendation that the U.S. government formally apologize for the act, I do not see that individual compensation makes sense.

First, there is no logic in compensating only the surviving internees, only because they were lucky enough to be alive and for no other reason. The distinction between being alive and being dead

has no inherent relationship to whether one is or is not entitled to compensation.

There is no logic that the deceased should not be compensated except for the sheer chance of having died before the time of compensation.

More importantly, in the Commission report itself, no amount of money can fully compensate the excluded people for their losses and sufferings; these injustices cannot neatly be translated into dollars and cents. If so, why does the commission turn around and recommend to give money to internees? This is a logically indefensible reasoning.

Thirdly, if compensation is to be truly compensation, and not monetary appeasement, compensation should be used indeed to compensate at least some of the economic loss by the internees. How is this to be done? Is the money going to be used to buy back the property (or parts thereof) lost at the time of internment? Is it to be used to provide education internees could not get in the camps? Forty years later, life situation has changed so much, it is not even reasonable to expect the compensation to be

used to "compensate." If not compensation, the meaning of the money is more likely to be used for purposes which have nothing to do with war-time economic losses or social and political injustices. Once in the hands of former internees, of course they are free to do whatever they want with it. But I personally believe it is wrong to use the money for any purpose other than directly or indirectly relevant to internment and incarceration. Otherwise, you are making a mockery of the meaning of compensation.

Since it is not likely that money given out in "compensation" would be used truly as "compensation," and since there is no way one can assure such a use, I oppose providing individual compensation. Instead, I recommend that the entire sum legislated for compensation be used collectively to prevent repetition of the Japanese American war-time experience and to further the cause of social justice not only in U.S. but in the world. I am aware that the Commission separately recommends

establishment of a foundation just for such a purpose. What I am recommending is to augment the funds for this foundation with the money to be used for individual compensation. Establishment of an endowment fund, for example, with the money to be given out as compensation would have a lasting effect upon social history of America and be a shining symbol of dedication of Japanese Americans to the cause of social justice for generations to come, whereas a billion dollars given out to individuals in \$20,000 units will dissipate and evaporate without a trace.

What if all those eligible for compensation pledged to donate the money for elimination of social and political injustice? Wouldn't it be an exemplary act, commendable by any standards? Our brothers in the 442nd RCT sacrificed their lives for freedom. Monetary contribution is a small sacrifice in comparison.

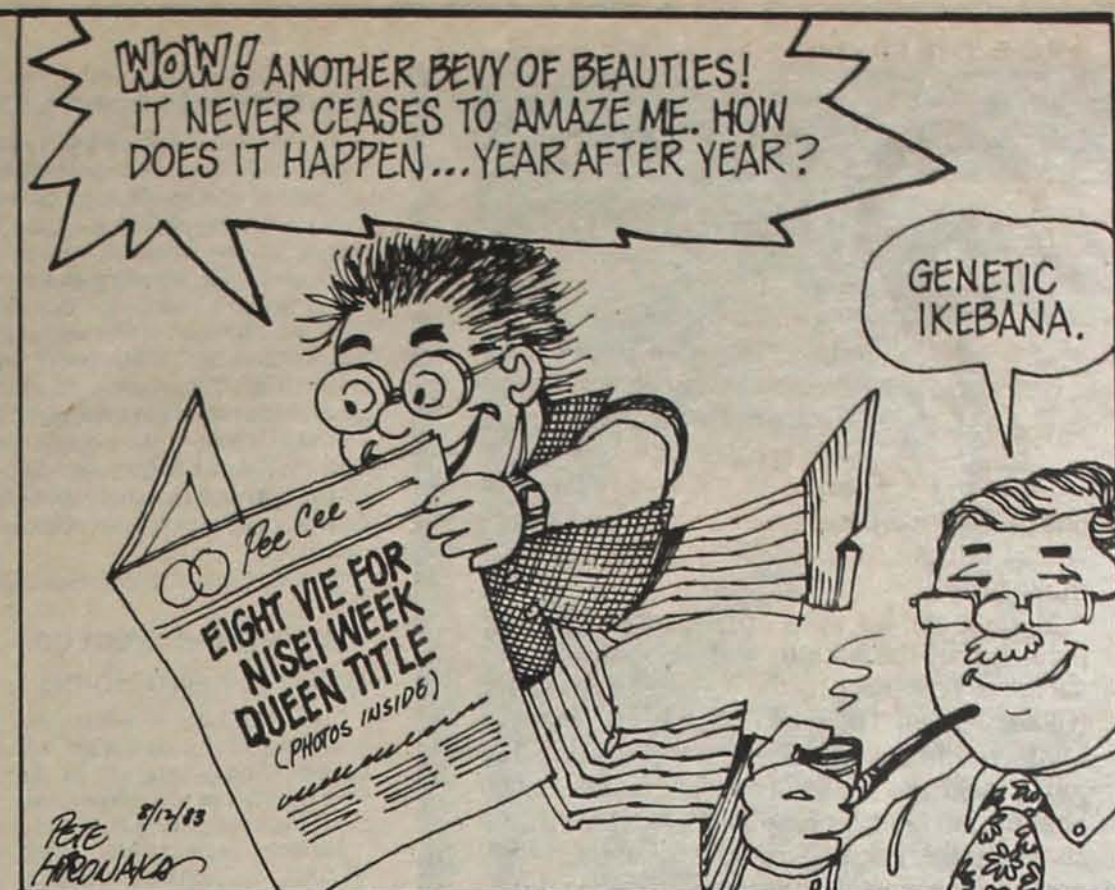
I do realize that some former internees are indeed still suffering economically and psychologically from the effects of the experience. These people of course need to be assisted. But that can be better done by establishing an institution for this purpose through the aforementioned foundation or endowment (or some such) than by giving a one-time-only cash payment.

Some well-meaning individuals have said that the \$20,000 compensation, since it cannot fully compensate losses and sufferings, is "symbolic." Symbolic of what? Supposedly it is a symbolic gesture of the government for acknowledging the past wrong doing. If so, such a symbolic gesture can be accomplished in many different ways. It need not be done by giving out money to individuals. Establishment of an organization to help insure social justice, to me, is a far more meaningful symbolic act.

Also, individual compensation is likely to invite envy and cause animosity. Those who do not receive compensation, be they Japanese American or others, may well look with envy, and envy often turns into jealousy and hostility. I would hate to see charges and counter charges—all very petty—being generated by individual, mass compensation. How low that would be, when one thinks of all the work so many have put in to make the CWRIC report a reality.

On the basis of the above consideration, I urge JACL to use its influence to have the Commission revise its recommendation regarding individual compensation. Or, if it is too late or impossible to do so, I recommend JACL to initiate a drive to ask all those eligible for compensation to pledge a donation of the compensation for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund for the furtherance of social justice in this world.

I should be up front about myself. I was not interned during WWII. Therefore I am not entitled to compensation if it is to be



awarded. Herein lies, some critic may well say to me, my subconscious motivation for this diatribe, namely that I can't have the money, therefore I am putting up a plausible argument. I am no psychoanalyst. I cannot argue about my subconscious. But I am prepared to enter into discussion with anyone who is willing to discuss this issue objectively and dispassionately.

HARUMI BEFU
Professor Anthropology
Stanford University

● Resident Fellow

The account (July 29 PC) of congressional action on the redress bill mistakenly identified me as a "Claremont College graduate student". I am a Resident Fellow at the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy, in Claremont, Ca., a private, non-profit research and educational foundation. I have taught political science for various colleges, including St. Martin's (Olympia, Washington); California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and University of California, Irvine. My duties at the Institute are primarily as Director of the Bicentennial of the Constitution Project and editor of the Claremont Review of Books, a quarterly journal of politics and culture.

I hope that this inaccuracy on the Pacific Citizen's part is not indicative of the quality of its future reporting. I have long believed that truth is on the side of the Japanese Americans in the issue of relocation and the camps; this is why I strenuously oppose a Commission whose Report and Recommendations are marked by intellectual dishonesty, moral posturing, and political opportunism. Truth and a color-blind Constitution are our friends, and the report, recommendations, and bills, they have all spawned dishonor.

It is vital for the well-being of the Nikkei community, and for the nation as a whole, that the debate over "redress" not be conducted by those who scream "concentration camps", on the one hand, and those who mutter "a Jap is a Jap", on the other. The question of government responsibility, 40 years after the fact, for unfair actions in time of war and in a time when laws and mores concerning race were far different is one of the extraordinary subtlety. Having now testified for the Senate and having seen how poorly my remarks were reported, I can only hope for more accurate coverage in the future. I should certainly hope that the Pacific Citizen, partisan though it is on the subject of redress, would still be a model of objectivity on its reporting of the debate over redress.

KEN MASUGI
Claremont, Ca.

● \$80 Million boondoggle

Don't blame the victims—American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents for "financial indemnity" caused by the illegal wartime detention. Hold the politicians, organizations accountable, they caused the illegal detention.

In the wartime cases, the government spent \$80,000,000 to build concentration camps because there was not time to make loyalty checks on the Americans of Japanese ancestry because of "military necessity". Possible "espionage and sabotage" was the reason given for the military necessity. Facts in the hands of the government agencies—FBI, Federal Communications Commission, Naval Intelligence, Military Intelligence indicated there was no such danger. Martial law was not imposed on the West Coast.

There was not a single case of espionage or sabotage filed against any American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The \$80,000,000 "boondoggle" will end up costing the government another possible \$4,000,000,000 plus for the illegal detention and other violations of the civil rights of U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents.

Who will pay this amount? The American taxpayer? Don't blame the victims—hold the government leaders accountable for their illegal action.

John J. McCloy and Col. Karl Bendetsen testified that they believed the evacuation decision (illegal detention) was right in the context of the times. (re: Commission hearings).

The inference is in the light of the facts revealed by the Commission and documents uncovered in the archives under the Freedom of Information Act and included in briefs filed in the Coram Nobis cases reveal questionable actions on the part of the government leaders at the time.

Victims suffered whether justified or not—they were illegally detained they should be indemnified. The victims may choose not to accept the indemnity.

It is up to the American people to rectify the wrongs and prevent it from ever happening again to anyone at any place and under any condition. Justice must prevail—even if it might hurt the pocket book.

Hold the people who instigated this travesty of justice liable!

MARSHALL SUMIDA
San Francisco, CA.

● The other cheek

The actions of those who have stated they do not desire monetary redress is a perfect example of "turning the other cheek". These noble individuals are showing that the government could not hurt them and they hold nothing against them. Those who are clamoring

for monetary redress and those willing to accept such, if approved, are revealing that they have been hurt and are holding everything against the government—thus, they are holding it against themselves. The true meaning of "turning the other cheek" is: "Show him that he cannot hurt you and hold nothing against him or you hold it against yourself."

HASHIME SAITO Tucson, AZ.

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● VFW member

I would like to thank Sen. Inouye and Mike Masaoka for their effort in replying to the VFW Chief. I am a veteran of WWII, who served in the Pacific and life member of the VFW, too.

HARRY M. AKUNE
Gardena, CA.

The National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, James R. Currie, in his comments (July 8 PC) in which he states "no redress, no apology" blames the government of Japan for Executive Order 9066; but, I'm sure it was President Roosevelt who issued this order.

On the other hand I wonder if the Japanese government was the culprit who confiscated the worldly goods of the Japanese and Japanese Americans and so irritated the Japanese Americans that they set up such a clamor and thus were formed into the 442nd Regiment to fight to regain their stolen property.

About the only thing he had correct in this comments were that the 442nd achievements were considered "brilliant and heroic".

And, as for the VFW resolutely opposing any effort for reparations and/or apology did Commander-in-Chief James R. Currie ask the 14 Nisei VFW posts for their comments?

I should not be surprised if the 14 VFW posts shelved their VFW charters.

As a member of the VFW I also

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Missiles of Hate

Philadelphia

THE HATE MAIL continues to keep coming. Addressed to us as a member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, many are from military veterans who fail to comprehend that they are writing to a fellow veteran or that they are referring to families of veterans. Some are typed on printed letterheads on top-grade stationery. All are replete with blind ignorance—"It should be noted that not one internee was maltreated in any fashion—in fact there were three dozen babies born, I understand none of them died"—and all are prompted by the un-American proposition that Nisei were not, are not, and could not be Americans. Tragic.

TRAGIC THAT THERE are so many fellow "Americans" out there who fail to even begin to comprehend the beautiful principles upon which this mighty nation was founded, who fail to understand that any concepts of apartheid cannot have any place here if we are to remain viable as a proud nation, who do not understand that this land belongs to all Americans regardless of race.

WE MUST CONFESS that there are times, in utter frustration, when we would wish to suggest to these self-styled super-patriots that if they desire a society based upon race classification, they should leave this, my country, and go to some other lands on this earth where their poisonous palaver has currency.

IN A FEW instances, we have taken the time to write a response—in the remote belief that perhaps the writer of the misguided missile has some semblance of capacity to comprehend and might begin to understand. (In those few instances, we've never received a reply back.) But in most instances, the prose, such as it is, is so disjointed and mindless that we treat it for what it is: crackpot. And, unfortunately, there are a lot more out there than one would wish to concede.

THERE ARE SOME, however, who cannot be simply dismissed as "crackpots", notwithstanding the inescapable earmarks which would readily make them eligible for such categorization. There are those who are cloaked in seeming respectability, ensconced in positions of power, who have access to the media, but who are nonetheless totally oblivious to basic concepts of Americanism and American sense of fairness. These are the articulate ones who peddle un-American palaver and make it appear palatable. Even as they are eroding the pillars that hold up this nation.

THE GREAT REDEEMING factor, however, is that this nation is peopled with many citizens who, while not vocal as the few, are citizens of goodwill and decency. Thank goodness for them. At the same time, however, citizens of goodwill need to remain vigilant; otherwise, those few who would destroy the temple will succeed in their nefarious objective, unchecked. #

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Carl Mydans: Photojournalist

Denver, Colo.

Unless you're a photography enthusiast, the name Carl Mydans may mean nothing to you. But if you are aware of the dramatic impact of photography on news coverage, you will know that Carl Mydans was, and is, one of the great photographers who happened along just when Life magazine, cameras and film came together to make history.

Mydans and his work are the subject of the ninth book published by the Nikkor Club of Japan which, as you can surmise, has links to the famous Nikon cameras and Nikkor lenses. The book includes 93 photographs from Mydans' life's work—it must have been an impossible job to make the final selection—a short essay by his wife Shelley; another by Kay Tateishi who was Mydans' assistant in the Tokyo Time-Life bureau from 1945 to 1951; and an interview with Mydans conducted by Jun Miki, chairman of Nikkor Club, at Mydans home in Larchmont, N.Y., a year ago.

While Mydans' photographs speak a universal language, the book is in Japanese. Fortunately, an English summary translation is available. For both the book and the translation, I am indebted to Tateishi, a former Los Angeles Nisei newspaperman who, after his stint with Time-Life has been a mainstay of the Associated Press Tokyo bureau.

Mydans was of the generation that grew up snapping pictures with a box Brownie, advancing to 4x5 Graflex as he became a professional. In 1934 he joined the Farm Security Administration which had assembled a staff of remarkably sensitive photographers who were recording the effects of the Great Depression on America. Mydans left FSA to join Life magazine a few months before the first issue was published in 1936. Some of his FSA colleagues who remained with the agency went on to take some memorable pictures of the 1942 evacuation of Japanese Americans.

Meanwhile, Mydans and his wife had been sent to China where he photographed the Sino-Japanese War from the Chinese side. They were in the Philippines when Japan attacked, and were captured in Manila. Mrs. Mydans told Miki:

"We were terribly frightened before we saw the Japanese army. But when they came into Manila they came in their best behavior because of the reputation from Nanking was so bad that they had orders and there was a very orderly occupation of that city."

After 8½ months in the Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila the Mydans were transferred to another camp in Shanghai. There they were interviewed by two Japanese journalists, one of whom was Buddy Uno, one-time San Francisco Nisei newspaperman. Uno's story was distributed by Domei and picked up by American services and that was the first word about them received by the Mydans' parents.

After 22 months in Japanese prison camps the Mydans were repatriated. Carl Mydans went back to the Pacific Theater as a Life correspondent, photographed the rescue of half-starved Americans in the Philippines, landed in Japan at the same time as General MacArthur and recorded the years of the U.S. Occupation.

Up to then professional photographers were using the bulky Graflex, the German Rolleiflex but not many 35 mm. cameras. Mydans took the then-new 35 mm. Nikon to Korea when that war broke out. Under the most difficult of conditions it proved to be a first-rate professional camera. Mydans recalled for Miki how he used to confer with Nippon Kogaku's engineers on his periodic trips back from the front to Tokyo, giving them the benefit of his experience with their product. Before long other correspondents were using and extolling the virtues of Nikon.

The Mydans book re-captures an indelible segment of Asian history in a fascinating way and it's a pity that more of his pictures could not have been used. #

John Tateishi testimony ...

Without remedies, injustice and wound remain

Excerpts of the testimony presented by John Tateishi before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, chaired by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) on July 27 follow:

(Opening paragraphs are devoted to JACL's role in the redress movement, its endorsement of the CWRIC recommendations issued June 16, and commending the commission for its thorough and exhaustive research in examining the facts surrounding the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans.)

The issue at stake here is not so much whether this nation can afford to correct an injustice of 40 years past, but whether we can afford to allow the tragic experience visited upon Japanese Americans during WW2 to be repeated in the future.

This is not, Mr. Chairman, a special interest group issue as some would claim but an issue that has relevance for all Americans, for in 1942 the constitutional privileges and rights of Japanese Americans were arbitrarily denied...

Our concern is not for our own or our children's well being, despite those who insist that we were guilty of something, that the evacuation was rationally justified, or that it was for our own good, and despite those who fail to understand that this issue is not simply a Japanese American issue but one of deep concern for all Americans. Our concern, Mr. Chairman, is for the nation as a whole. We feel secure enough in this society to know that we will not experience again what we experienced in 1942.

But there was a dangerous precedent established by that experience, sanctioned as we all know when the United States Supreme Court rendered the decision that the government's policies of exclusion and detention based solely on race were constitutional. Recently discovered evidence raises serious questions about the validity of the Court's decisions, giving new credence to the criticism of 40 years by constitutional experts throughout this land that those decisions were some of the worst ever rendered by the Supreme Court.

The harm to this nation by what transpired in the evacuation is manifest in part by the Court's decision, for it set a dangerous precedent of law which establishes even today the right of the government to detain citizens without regard to due process...

The government's actions impugned our loyalty as United States citizens and deprived us of our sense of honor. We have carried the stigma of having been accused of disloyalty, but we have given what we believe is more than our share to demonstrate that loyalty.

The distinguished records of the 442nd Central Postal Directory and the 100th Battalion, in which two of your colleagues in the United States Senate served with extraordinary distinction, speak for themselves. Japanese Americans emerged from the humiliation of the detention camps and gave their lives for this country while their parents and families remained prisoners of the country they served to protect, and it's a tragic irony that those men fought and died to preserve the very principles which had been denied to them. Japanese Americans have served with honor and distinction in other battlefields. We have given our lives, and sometimes our souls. No one can rightfully question our loyalty to this country or our sacrifices.

It is precisely with the same sense of loyalty and sacrifice that we have committed ourselves to this effort, not for ourselves but for our nation. It has been some 40 years since we were carted off to America's concentration camps. Until the United States corrects and remedies the injustice of the WW2 internment, it will remain an injustice and an unhealed wound upon the conscience of America.

The JACL has pursued this issue from the day of our departure from the WW2 detention camps, and we will continue to do so because we believe it is in the best interest of all Americans. This nation failed us in 1942, but we are determined that we will not fail our nation in our attempt to insure the viability of those democratic principles which we hold so dear as Americans.

Joan Bernstein testimony ...

Well within our power to provide remedies

Excerpts of the testimony presented by Joan Z. Bernstein before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, chaired by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) on July 27 follow:

(Many significant observations are noted in Joan Bernstein's 19-page testimony, dealing with the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. But the heart of testimony expands on the recommendations—reported in the June 24 PC—which follows.)

SIZING UP WHAT HAPPENED

No recommendations which this Commission has made, no statute that Congress may enact, can undo this history. No redress to Japanese Americans can assure that we will not repeat the errors of 1942. What happened after Pearl Harbor is particularly sobering because men of the greatest stature with careers of the most distinguished public service—Democrat and Republican; conservative and liberal; judges, legislators and cabinet members; the President himself—were personally involved in a course of action which today we can only find gravely unjust and deeply injurious. The bulwark of our Constitution did not withstand it.

The Commission's Five Recommendations

1—The commission recommends that Congress pass a joint resolution, to be signed by the President, which recognizes that a grave injustice was done and offers the apologies of the nation for the acts of exclusion, removal and detention.

2—The commission recommends that the President pardon those who were convicted of violating the statutes imposing a curfew on American citizens on the basis of their ethnicity and requiring the ethnic Japanese to leave designated areas of the West Coast or to report to assembly centers.

The commission further recommends that the Dept. of Justice review other wartime convictions of the ethnic Japanese and recommend to the President that he pardon those whose offenses were grounded in a refusal to accept treatment that discriminated among citizens on the basis of race or ethnicity. Both recommendations are made without prejudice to cases currently before the courts.

3—The commission recommends that Congress direct the executive agencies to which Japanese Americans may apply for the restitution of positions, status or entitlements lost in whole or in part because of acts or events between December 1941 and 1945 to review such applications with liberality, giving full consideration to the historical findings of this commission.

For example, the responsible divisions of the Dept. of Defense should be instructed to review cases of less than honorable discharge of Japanese Americans from the armed services during World War II over which disputes remain, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services should be directed to instruct the Commissioner of Social Security to review any remaining complaints of inequity in entitlements due to the wartime detention.

4—The commission recommends that Congress demonstrate official recognition of the injustice done to American citizens of Japanese ancestry and Japanese resident aliens during the Second World War, and that it recognize the nation's need to make redress for these events, by appropriating monies to establish a special foundation.

The commissioners all believe a fund for educational and humanitarian purposes related to the wartime events is appropriate, and all agree that no fund would be sufficient to make whole again the lives damaged by the exclusion and detention.

The commissioners agree that such a fund appropriately addresses an injustice suffered by an entire ethnic group, as distinguished from individual deprivations.

Such a fund should sponsor research and public educational activities so that the events which were the subject of this inquiry will be remembered, and so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood. A nation which wishes to remain just to its citizens must not forget its lapses.

The recommended foundation might appropriately fund comparative studies of similar civil liberties abuses or of the effect upon particular groups of racial prejudice embodied by government action in times of national stress; for example, the fund's public educational activity might include preparing and distributing the commission's findings about these events to textbook publishers, educators and libraries.

5—The commissioners, with the exception of Congressman Lungren, recommend that Congress establish a fund which will provide personal redress to those who were excluded, as well as serve the purposes set out in Recommendation 4. Appropriations of \$1.5 billion should be made to the fund over a reasonable period to be determined by Congress. This fund should be used, first, to provide a one-time per capita compensatory payment of \$20,000 to each of the approximately 60,000 surviving persons excluded from their places of residence pursuant to Executive Order 9066.

The burden should be on the government to locate survivors, without requiring any application for payment, and payments should be made to the oldest survivors first. After per capita payments, the remainder of the fund should be used for the public educational purposes discussed in Recommendation 4 as well as for the general welfare of the Japanese American community.

This should be accomplished by grants for purposes such as aid to the elderly and scholarships for education, weighing, where appropriate, the effect on the exclusion and detention on the descendants of those who were detained.

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CLIFF'S CORNER: by Dr. Clifford Uyeda



Mrs. Lily Chin

San Francisco

How does a mother handle the sorrow of seeing her only son murdered a week before his wedding? And the outrage of seeing the prosecution plea bargain away the charges and free the murderers without any imprisonment?

It would be perfectly understandable if Mrs. Chin went into seclusion to nurse her anguish and depression. It is believable if, overcome by grief and anger, she sought direct retribution which the court refused to consider. It is not difficult to realize that under similar circumstance, many would have completely lost faith in American democracy to uphold justice for persons of a minority race. Mrs. Chin did none of these.

During mid-July Mrs. Chin came out to the West Coast. Her schedule was tighter than a candidate on an election campaign tour. I had the privilege of talking to her briefly after a reception. She is a woman of rare poise and perspective. She is deeply cognizant of the wider implication of her son's and her own tragedy. She had experienced the ultimate pain and disaster of racism and is determined that it shall not be repeated against other Asians in America. Putting aside her personal griefs, Mrs. Chin is on a crusade to awaken the consciousness of the Asian American community to the consequences of the politics of race and defamation being practiced by the American people.

Mrs. Chin's handshake is warm and sincere. Her words are from the heart, and direct. Her faith in American democracy to eventually correct the gross injustice of this case is still intact. Mrs. Chin is a gracious and a brave lady.

Ex-Salinas evacuees launch plaque plan

SALINAS, Ca.—Five JACL chapters in the Monterey Bay Area (Watsonville, Monterey Peninsula, San Benito County, Gilroy, and Salinas Valley) are pushing the Kinenhi Project (see May 13 PC) to completion, selecting the rocks and plants, planning the monument and garden, groundbreaking and dedication of the plaque next Feb. 19 at Rodeo Sherwood Regional Park, it was announced by Violet K. deCristoforo, project chair.

The Salinas city council has approved wording on the plaque and voted to provide \$1,000 to pay for the State Historical Landmark Plaque No. 934.

Plaque will note the internment of 3,608 Nikkei at the Salinas temporary detention center in the spring of 1942 and the subsequent removal to camps at Poston, Ariz., and Tule Lake.

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wish to state that Mr. Currie's views are diametrically opposite to mine and that Mr. Currie DOES NOT SPEAK FOR ME.

DENNIS A. ROLAND
New York JACL

American survivor "H" Force
and River Kwai Bridge

Renewal process

My subscription to Pacific Citizen was abruptly discontinued July 3, 1983. The PC expiration date on the label reads "0383" (Mar. '83). When chapters are encouraged each year to increase membership and when JACL's newspaper is discontinued mid-

stream, individual interest to continue membership is also hurt. Now, I for one am inclined to drop membership, too.

You can take this note for what it's worth (as to) whether I'll continue my membership when the time to renew comes.

M.H.
San Francisco

While this party received the PC three-months extra, it is regrettable a delay in the chapter renewal process has resulted in the stopping of the paper and possible non-renewal of membership in JACL. This is published only to point out the important key all chapter membership committees hold throughout the year.—Ed.

Sacramento cops swimfest

DAVIS, Ca.—The ninth annual NC-WNDC swim meet, hosted by Sacramento JACL, was won by the Sacramento team by a 3-1 margin here July 17 at the Community Pool.

Sam Uriu, meet director, reported "it was one of the better meets" with 75 youngsters participating from 11 chapters: Berkeley, Diablo Valley, Eden Township, Lodi, Marin County, Parlier, Sacramento, Sequoia, Stockton, Tri-Valley, Watsonville.

Assisting in the planning were the Ted Slocums and the Ken Takatas of Sacramento. Acknowledgement of support from JACL chapters, service groups, community businessmen and institutions was also made.

Team scores: Sacramento 150, Watsonville 51, Parlier 35, Tri-Valley 30, Diablo Valley 18, Marin 14, Eden 10 and Berkeley 6. The meet award winners were:

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9-18 yrs: G—Greer Gall (Sac), B—Jason Kawakami (Sac), Paul Kawai (DV), 8-Under: G—Joyce Kitayama (W), David Kunihiro (TV), Kenny Papini (Sac).

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JACL Leadership Development...

Impressions of the Leadership Program

By JOHN NAKAHATA
(NC-WNPDC Representative)

One index of the success of the Washington, D.C., Leadership Program was that by Friday, (June 24) nobody really seemed eager to leave. Of course, in other circumstances, this might have been due to excessive partying, but it was not the prospect of bar-hopping in Georgetown which had inspired any of the participants to apply for the Leadership Program. We had come for "business" and it was because of the substance and the excitement of the program that people viewed Saturday departures with reluctance.

The Leadership Program was one of the most intense weeks of my life. And its lessons, if they can be called lessons, have an enduring quality. The week in Washington is not one which will be easily forgotten, nor one which will cease to affect my thinking. Such is the impact of the conference that it cannot be described singularly, but only as a combination of intellectual and emotional factors.

The education provided by the conference was astounding, especially since much of it resulted from the accumulated experience of the speakers. The speakers made it very apparent from the first day that Washington is a different sort of town from any other municipality. The Heart and Soul, the *raison d'être* of Washington is politics. The town lives and breathes politics, and there is an excitement generated by this atmosphere which cannot be matched anywhere else.

The 'Deadly' Game

At the same time, you realize that the game in Washington is deadly serious. Action in Washington must be self-conscious; "What do I want?" becomes a question of paramount importance. Almost all of the speakers spoke of the importance of the process of setting a goal, making a plan, and executing that plan. "Enryo" and "don't rock the boat" will not help you in that town, unless it's a purposeful and an intentional part of a plan.

However, the nature of the plan which can be conceived is dependent upon the tool available to execute the plan. Plans which exceed the capacity to execute are not plans but panacea. The speakers emphasized that in order for Japanese Americans, and more generally Asian/Pacific Island Americans, to be able to execute their plans, more Asian/Pacific Island Americans must be situated in positions in government.

While high ranking government posts and Congressional seats are desirable, the presence of Asian/Pacific Island Americans at the staff level can sometimes sensitive key "higher-ups" to the concerns of Asian/Pacific Island Americans.

Personal connections are the name of the game in Washington, and unless we can be in a position to trade favors for political results, we will remain relatively powerless. Of course, a well funded lobby also helps. Thus, the strictly educational part of the Leadership Program can be summarized briefly as "What is necessary for Japanese Americans to influence public policy?"—or more loosely, "How to play hardball."

One natural corollary to this is the question of which direction the JACL should take in the future, especially in view of its past. While this is a question open to many personal judgments and opinions, Mr. (Floyd) Shimomura gave the participants a thumbnail sketch of the history of the JACL as well as his own view of the future.

One idea presented during the program was the idea of JACL becoming involved in U.S.-Japan relations. The specifics of this aside, however, most important is that the JACL must not become simply a reactive organization. It must continue to try to extend its influence and to strengthen its political network. This requires a vision by leaders as to which spheres the organization could most profitably enter.

One of the elements of the Washington program which makes it memorable is that some of the events had an inspirational character. To talk with the Nikkei congressmen was a treat beyond description. At the same time we were fortunate to be able to meet with Mr. Mike Masaoka. Whether or not you agree with his stand at the time of the evacuation, to meet the man who lobbied for, and helped to pass some of the landmark legislation in Asian American history, such as the Walter-McCarran Act which allowed the Issei to become citizens and resumed immigration, is an honor and a privilege. All the speakers, however, made you feel that not only is there a need for Asian/Pacific Island Americans in Government, but there is a place there for them as well.

In the end, when you consider all this, the JACL Leadership Program issues a challenge to the participants. The Nisei have brought the Japanese American community to a certain point. Can the Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei continue the battle against racism and continue to advance the causes and interests of the Nikkei community? The program challenges all its participants to take the torch which is being passed on by the Nisei, and to continue to carry it forward. For our sake, I hope that we can do it.

Together, the education, thoughts about the future, the inspiration and the challenge issued by the program combined to make the program memorable and superb. This alone would make the program worth support year after year. However, it has two other benefits. First, the program brings together JACL'ers from all over the U.S., providing an opportunity for forming friendships which can provide a basis for future co-operation. Second, the Leadership Program provides an opportunity for the JACL to reach out to its younger members who may not be able to be active in local chapters and to bring them into the JACL. The experiences of the Washington program will last with me for a long time. I hope that in the future more people will be able to take advantage of the tremendous opportunity and education afforded by this program. Correspondingly, I hope that both the National JACL and the Districts will continue this program as an investment in the future, both for the JACL and for the Nikkei community. #

Learning first-hand how U.S. gov't works enjoyable

SEABROOK, N.J.—Timothy Mukoda, the 1983 Seabrook JACL-sponsored student at the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans for a week in Washington, was the chapter's ninth candidate attending the week-long session on how federal government works first-hand.

Mukoda found it hard to pinpoint "just what I enjoyed the most about the experience ... it was extremely enriching and rewarding. It was also thrilling to meet with both the Senators and Representatives in Congress and express my opinions to them personally."

Timothy, son of Robert/Darlene Mukoda and a recent graduate from Cumberland Regional High, is entering the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., upon recommendation of Rep. William Hughes (D-2nd N.J.), whom he had met during the PCYA week in Washington.

Besides learning government first-hand, Mukoda said the best part of the week was being able to meet young people from all over the country. There were 443 students in his class "and there wasn't a single one that I didn't like. In one short week, I became close friends with total strangers. (That) helped me to realize that there are lots of nice people out there if you just look for them."

"My faith in the future of our country was reaffirmed by the knowledge that there exists responsible young people who are interested enough to face up to problems our country faces," Mukoda said in summarizing the program. He called PCYA a "great institution" and urged Seabrook JACL to continue sending representatives.

Chapter Representatives: Current Status

Seabrook JACL has, since 1976, sponsored a senior student either from Bridgeton High or Cumberland Regional High School for PCYA. Previously selected were:

1977—Kellie Hanzawa, attended Rutgers, history major; now an airline customer service manager, Newark.

1978—Leslie Hanzawa, attended Trenton State, nursing major; now a nurse at New York Hospital.

1979—Kris Kato, attending Livingston College (Rutgers), physiology; and Tracy Hirato, Univ. of Delaware, physical therapy.

1980—Susan Minato, Duke University, pre-law public policy; now summer intern for National Commission for Working Women; Teresa Marino, Muhlenberg (Pa.) College, physiology.

1981—Caroline Fukawa, Univ. of Delaware, math/science.

1982—Christina Masatani, Temple University, computer science. #



PCYA PARTICIPANTS—Rep. William Hughes (D-2nd NJ) meets with two students from Cumberland Regional High School, Seabrook, N.J. during a week-long session of the 1983 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. This fall, Kim Vinnick (left) enters Univ. of Pennsylvania for pre-legal courses and Timothy Mukoda (r) has entered the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, through Rep. Hughes's recommendation.

REDRESS

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Individual payments in compensation for loss or damage should not be made.

The fund should be administered by a board, the majority of whose members are Americans of Japanese descent appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The compensation of members of the Board should be limited to their expenses and per diem payments at accepted governmental rates.

JUSTIFICATION EXPLAINED IN 'PJD'

The fundamental justification for these recommendations can be found in the history which the commission reported in "Personal Justice Denied". A few basic points deserve emphasis in summation. Congress directed the commission to review the treatment of American citizens and residents by the American government.

The commissioners deplore the methods and the record of Japan's armed forces during World War II; but it must be kept clearly in mind that the American citizens who were sent to Manzanar or Poston were no more responsible for Pearl Harbor and the Bataan Death March than German Americans were for the invasion of France or the bombing of Britain.

The American principle that a man is judged as an individual and not by where his grandparents came from must not be allowed to become a casualty of war.

A free act of apology to those who were unjustly excluded and detained during the war is an important act of national healing.

If we are unwilling as a nation to apologize for these events, we will deliver a message to the thousands of loyal Americans who were held in the camps that will be bitter indeed.

We will be affirming after 40 years that the American values of due process and equality before the law without regard to ethnicity or race are only rhetorical values and that in times of stress small minorities should harbor no hope that those principles will protect them from the fear and anger of their neighbors or the heavy hand of their government. Such a result is a threat to the liberty of all Americans.

In addressing monetary payments, two points must be borne in mind. First, the commission was asked to recommend appropriate remedies; not simply ordinary and usual remedies. For events as unusual and extraordinary as these one can only expect an extraordinary response. Nevertheless, it must be clearly remembered that measures of this sort have been enacted in the past.

The Indian Claims Act of 1946 which allowed the Indian tribes to present their historical claims of illegal or inequitable treatment by government is the most obvious precedent; very substantial monetary payments have been made to the Indians under that statute.

Second, the justification for monetary payments need not rest solely on an argument as to whether the initial acts of 1942 were totally unjustified. One need only look at the last eighteen months of exclusion and detention. By the middle of 1943 there was no conceivable threat of attack on the West Coast from Japan.

Fifteen months of incarceration had provided ample time to identify spies and saboteurs if there were any of significance. Secretary Stimson and Mr. McCloy had concluded that there were no military reasons justifying the exclusion of the loyal from the West Coast. Nevertheless, the Japanese Americans were not allowed to go home until the end of 1944 and most of them spent that eighteen months behind barbed wire. It's hard to imagine circumstances more clearly justifying compensation from the government.

On behalf of all the commissioners I want to thank you for inviting me here this morning and I assure you that we will seek to help you in any way that we can with regard to future hearings and legislation that the committee may take up. #

Monterey Peninsula CL to cite medalist

MONTEREY, Ca.—Harold Tsuchiya, who was recently cited by the Japanese government with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Sixth Class, will be honored by members of Monterey Peninsula JACL Chapter.

The chapter also reported that the City of Carmel-By-The-Sea dedicated a newly planted Holiday Tree in honor of the late Kumahiko Miyamoto, a Carmel pioneer resident who came to the city in 1900 and planted the first Holiday Tree 80 years ago. #

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Santa Clara Valley Issei pioneers to be cited

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Santa Clara Valley Issei pioneers and Nisei 75 years and over will be honored royally at a Pioneers Day luncheon at the Red Lion Inn Sunday Oct. 2, according to the plans now being formulated by the three co-sponsoring organizations: the O'Connors 89ers, Yu-Ai Kai (Japanese American Community Senior Service) and an ad hoc community committee.

The O'Connor Hospital 89ers are local residents in the Santa Clara Valley having a pioneer background, originally organized to observe the founding of the O'Connor Hospital in 1889. The committee took its name from the anniversary year. Their first observance, in 1972, recognized the pioneers and their descendants who helped develop the valley as well as commemorate the founder of the O'Connor Hospital, Dr. Myles O'Connor, who turned it over to the Catholic Daughters of Charity for administration and operation.

Since 1972, the 89ers made the Founder's Day observance an annual luncheon to honor pioneers by ethnic groups to the Spanish, Mexican,

Portuguese, Italian, Irish, Yugoslavian and now the Japanese.

Several years ago, the hospital paid tribute to its doctors and nurses with, at least, 25 years of service. Among them was a Nisei registered nurse, Mary Tanaka, currently supervisor and nursing school instructor.

Tentative plans calls for a parade carrying Issei in vintage cars, from O'Connor Hospital to the Red Lion Inn for luncheon, presentations and entertainment.

Retired Judge Wayne Kanemoto is chairing the Nikkei committee, assisted by:

Jimi Yamaichi, v.c.; Dr. Min Yamate, gen arr; Tom Nishida, sec; David Yamamoto, treas; Ken Iwagaki, dinner; Julie Imahara, program; Toba Hirotsuka, arts & craft; Phil Matsumura, Mrs. Kiyoshi Tokutomi, Shirley Abe, Rev. Hojo, pub.; Wayne Tanda, parade; Mum Ariei, display; Ruby Kobashi, photos; Fred Yonemoto, guests; Akira Kamiya, Harry Sato, Yu-Ai Kai; A.J. Kilfoil, Karie Geiger, O'Connor; Karen Shiraki, dinner.

Peninsula JACL awards two scholars

MONTEREY, Ca.—Two summer graduates of Japanese ancestry were recently honored by the Monterey Peninsula JACL for their high scholastic achievement:

Betty Kinoshita, Monterey High School graduate with a 4.0 grade-point average and many senior awards, active in YBA, Community Hospital volunteer, a member of the YWCA and varsity tennis player.

Glen Tachibana, 3.96 GPA graduate, winner of Sachi Akamine Award; active in school sports, with El Estero Presbyterian Youth Group.

APAAC

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days for review of requests for political asylum was deemed too short a time to allow for due process in judicial reviews, and the so-called "Hayakawa" clause advocating English as the official language of the U.S., considered a thinly-veiled attack on bilingual ballots and bilingual education, was strongly opposed.

Concurring with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, APAAC continued to press for a formal apology and monetary reparations by the U.S. government for the unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans and Aleuts during World War II. Additionally, it urged city and county governments to follow the example of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento and pass redress resolutions to provide compensation for public employees affected by the internment.

APAAC also endorsed AB2169 (Phillip Isenberg, D-Sacramento), giving community-based organizations an equal opportunity to compete for federal block grant funds. It criticized President Reagan for politicizing the heretofore apolitical U.S. Civil Rights Commission by removing Reagan critics from the commission and replacing them with supporters.

Media Monitored

Constantly monitoring the media, the board sent letters of protest to Time magazine for its inaccurate and negative portrayals of Asian Pacific Americans and immigrants in its cover story on Los Angeles (June 13, 1983) and for its feature essay against bilingual education; other protests were sent to the Daily Review newspaper for publishing a racist cartoon and to the manufacturers of "Cherry Chan", a candy mar-

Nikkei graduates recognized by JACL

DETROIT—Wayne Kamidori, son of Tad/Mari Kamidori and graduate of Capac High School, was the 1983 Detroit JACL scholarship.

Other high school graduates were: Bill Gears, Livonia Churchill; Frances Mueller, Mercy; Gary Ushiro, Livonia Stevenson; and Kari Watanabe, Livonia Bentley.

Finishing colleges were: Steven Matsui, General Motors Institute; Steven Shimoura, Univ. of Michigan Medical School; Susan Shimoura, Michigan State University College of Nursing; and Nancy Sugimoto, General Motors Institute.

JACL and center honors 48 volunteers

SAN MATEO, Ca.—Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 48 persons who have regularly volunteered services to community centers, reported Hy Tsukamoto and David Hayashi, chair of San Mateo JACL Community Center and JACL chapter, respectively.

On the award luncheon commit-

tee were Jeanette Nakahara, Yo Mizono, Yasuko Ito, Warren Okazaki, Jean Fujita and Roz Enomoto.

The volunteers assisted Ikoi no Torno, Kiraku Kai, staffing/out-reach at the JACL community center, and Martin Luther King Jr. nutrition program.

The following bills in Sacramento also received endorsement:

AB855—requiring hospitals to provide interpreters for non-English speaking patients; the Burton/Waxman acupuncture bills;

AB 98—making it a misdemeanor to distribute racially, ethnically, or religiously discriminatory materials in public schools;

AB 357—providing disciplinary action against civil service employees for discriminatory treatment of the public or public employees;

SB164—providing service credit to the State Public Employees Retirement system for Japanese Americans interned during World War II and subsequently rehired;

SB188—creating a statewide information center to collect data on racial, ethnic, and religious violence.

The APAAC board also supported motions to investigate and initiate efforts where needed to remove barriers to the licensure of qualified foreign medical graduates. #

CL divorce support group offer services

LOS ANGELES—The Greater L.A. Singles JACL chapter offers an on-going divorce support group for those currently suffering from divorce trauma or gone through a separation period and wish to gain insight about relationship and about themselves.

"The Nisei finds psychotherapy intimidating; and the cost is prohibitive," said Grace Nagamoto, in charge of public relations.

The support group conducts informal sessions where the members help each other. There is no fee.

Led by a graduate clinical social worker and advised by a licensed social worker and a psychology professor, the group meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at 415 E. Maple Ave., El Segundo. Details may be obtained by calling: 640-9905, 264-2769, 541-6698, or 478-9596.



Photo by Miki Himeno

KEEP IT UP!—Michi Obi offers her shoe to hammer down the East Los Angeles "JACL Steak Bake" sign, which kept flopping off the ramada in Barnes Park in Monterey Park, Ca. The two men with their backs to the camera are Shigenobu Kabashima (above) and Shigeharu Higashi (erstwhile reporter for Kashu Mainichi and Hokubei Mainichi) and Byron Baba (right) succeeded as the did the chapter in raising funds for scholarships.

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Hootaru Koooi!

The *Hotaru Front* is a pattern of transverse stripes on the Japanese map each of which plots the localities where first fireflies of the season have appeared on the same date. It is one of a system of season fronts, named after eleven plants and twelve animals selected as best representing the seasons. By this charming device, so uncharacteristic of bureaucratic behaviors, the Japanese Weather Bureau honors the national penchant for viewing, and feeling, the seasons in terms of seasonal *fubutsu* while at the same time reporting the daily progress of the seasons.

Starting somewhere in the southern islands in May, the *Hotaru Front* takes two months moving up the length of Japan, ending somewhere in Hokkaido about the middle of July.

In recent decades there has been an alarming decline in the firefly populations. Their performances have been hardly of a class to account for the still unflagging affection in which the Japanese seem to hold them. What is the explanation?

To venture a personal guess it is nostalgia. To the Japanese, fireflies are not so much the forlorn creatures vainly flashing their feeble pale lights against the artificial light of civilization that has robbed the night of darkness, as all the fireflies of legend and literature and folk tradition.

In those happy yesteryears there were numerous major breeding grounds throughout the country where spectators used to flock from miles around to thrill to the dazzling spectacles as the tiny dots of lights by the myriads swarmed all over themselves in wild melees as they were engaged in aerial com-

bats. *Hotarugassen*, battle between armies of fireflies, and *hotarugari* or catching them to take home as souvenir, were among the most popular *fubutsu* of the summer. But elsewhere, all the streams and ponds were *hotaru* habitats. They were numerous enough so that *hotaruuri* used to hawk caged fireflies through city streets, and cage making was a viable, seasonal trade. Even in the small country-city where I grew up, the children used to have a few nights of fun each summer—myself included—calling and chasing after the stragglers, “Hootaru Koooi!... Hootaru Koooi!”

Countless poems, both the 31-syllable *tanka* and 17-syllable *haiku*, have been composed to *hotaru*. Also countless popular songs. Usually the fireflies were metaphorical or allegorical prop for unrequited, or undeclared, love.

Whatever happens to fireflies, they will live forever in Japanese hearts so long as *Hotaru no Hikari* continues to be sung (to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne*) at every elementary school graduation. By this tradition, now a century old, the tune has become as much Japanese as Scottish. By the way, it was not an original composition exclusively for the Burns poem.

My justification for writing this article so out of season is that the story promises a happy ending. After perpetrating the outrageous folly of loving the fireflies and destroying them at the same time so that they are on the brink of extermination, the Japanese have decided finally to make amends. The national government has designated several breeding grounds as *hotaru* sanctuaries. Municipal authorities and civic organizations throughout the country are promoting vigorous programs of *hotaru* habitation, and they are succeeding, though slowly. While the motive of some of them is suspect—tourism, I bet—still many goods have come out of baser motives, so we should not be too critical. And in Tamagawa Ward of Tokyo, man named Minoru Abe raises fireflies on a modest \$15,000 budget annually. His release site and dates are kept secret except to the school children of the ward.

Mountain Plains District CL delegates hold 3-day meet

DENVER, Colo.—Delegates from all six chapters of the Mountain Plains JACL District Council were present at the June 3-5 weekend meeting at the Regency.

Paul Shinkawa, district legal counsel, distributed copies of the final draft of the new District Constitution which was ratified at the Fall 1981 meeting in Rocky Ford.

Marc Narasaki, district youth representative, sent his report through Houston chapter president, Daniel Watanabe. The summary disclosed the many activities held by the younger JACL members.

Randy Shibata from New Mexico said, a youth group will be formed in the Albu-

querque-New Mexico area.

Watanabe brought the district up to date on the Betty Waki employment discrimination case in the Houston School District. “Even though our Asian American community has intervened on her behalf, Betty Waki was not rehired for the next school year,” Watanabe said.

A full report on the Waki case was sent to the National Board, he added.

Watanabe was confirmed by the district to serve on the JACL Atomic Bomb Survivors Committee. The district also agreed to support the efforts of a Denver-based group to establish a monument at Amache Relocation Center

site (Granada).

During one afternoon session, a redress workshop was conducted by Shinkawa, a district representative to the National Redress Committee. Participants included Min Yasui, National Redress chair; and Judge William Marutani, member of the CWRIC, who was the banquet keynote speaker.

Also in attendance was Pacific Citizen columnist Bill Hosokawa, recently-retired Denver Post editor. He autographed copies of “JACL in Quest of Justice.”

Delegates at the three-day gathering were:

Haruye Saiki (Arkansas Valley); Sam Koshio (Fort Lupton);

Monterey hosts dinner for JSDF group

MONTEREY, Ca.—As part of the Yama-Sakura IV exercises in the U.S., Maj. Gen. Atsumi Shima and a group of 72 officers of the Japan Self-Defense Force are traveling about the continental U.S. for training with U.S. Army officers. Their recent stay here at Fort Ord was marked by a local community reception hosted by Monterey Peninsula JACL with dinner May 21 at the Red Snapper.

Marina Mayor George Takahashi chaired the event, which was attended by civic dignitaries including Rep. Leon Panetta, State Sen. Henry Melio, and County Administrator Ernest Morishita, and many local residents. Brig. Gen. Zeb Bradford of Fort Ord was guest speaker. Entertainment was provided by the visitors. Lt. Col. James Fukuhara (ret.) emceed the dinner with Goro Yamamoto translating.

Gen. Shima is leading the first large group of JSDF officers training in the United States, the Monterey Peninsula JACL was informed.

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NCWNP-DC JACL
youth to hold dance

SAN FRANCISCO—The NCWNP-DC Youth will hold a Dance-A-Thon, Aug. 19, 9-1 a.m. at National JACL Headquarters to raise \$1,000 for youth's contribution to the JACL National Committee for Redress and youth-related activities.

JACLers, friends and youths will ask for pledges per minute and will dance for 3 hours non-stop. For additional information on the Dance-A-Thon, contact: National Youth Director David Nakayama (415) 921-5225.

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U.S. delegates (from left) Setsu and Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, and Lily Abiko of San Francisco

Land of the Incas, Inflation and Inemuri

By HARRY K. HONDA

Going to the 2nd Pan American Nikkei Assn. Convention in Lima, Peru (July 15-17) was a fascinating way to better understand geography, society, economy and politics about the host country. Attaining knowledge through travel is worth the expense, we have long concluded. Our previous report (July 29 PC) dealt with the PANA convention. Here we wish to be a bit touristy and relate the tid-bits every traveler wants to share upon returning home.

PERUSING PERU AT A GLANCE ...

Peru, we were surprised to learn, has a coastline (about 1,500 miles) longer than the western U.S. (some 1,400 miles from Canadian to the Mexican border). Its area of some 496,000 sq. miles exceeds the area of California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada. Flying over the Peruvian Andes from Lima to Cuzco (enroute to view at the storied wonders of Machu Picchu), there were snow-capped peaks and glistening glaciers. Fellow passenger John Enomoto, noting the ridges and deep gorges, couldn't help but notice the lack of vegetation, too. And checking the world atlas now, the highest peak (Huascarán: 22,334 ft.) in Peru is north of Lima. There are five more in the country higher than North America's highest peak, McKinley which is 20,320. Such are some of the topographic wonders. You see and believe.

This being summer in California, Peru is on the other side of the earth (it certainly is that—requiring 9 hours flying time on a Boeing 747-jet) and it's winter. But El Niño 1982 has moderated the Peruvian winter as it did last winter in New England and Canada. In fact, the Canadian representative, George Imai, in his opening remarks at the PANA conference profusely thanked Peru for El Niño—and giving Canada one of its warmest winters in memory. On the other hand, Southern California had one of its rainiest years this century and saw its sandy shores ravaged. Anyway, our winter jacket packed specifically for the night air of Cuzco was not needed. The sports coat I normally save for San Francisco (which I took to Lima) sufficed. And when you consider Lima is 12° Latitude South and about 300 ft. above sea level, exposed to the fine mist from the Pacific between June and September, and El Niño—this Angeleno felt at home weatherwise and no smog! ...

PANA delegates squeezed Lima sightseeing inside a 1½-day, which provided an excellent overview of Peruvian Nikkei life. A half-day bus tour of colonial and modern Lima the day before the PANA session and then a full-day special to allow shopping in suburban Miraflores, seeing the Amano Museum, passing by the Peruvian Japanese Cultural Center (it was closed during the 1-3 siesta) and proceeding for lunch at the Oscar Kaneshige home, culminating with an opulent view of the majestic exhibit of gold and armor at Museo Oro. Harry and Sadako Hatasaka remembered seeing some of the items at the recent World's Fair at Knoxville, Tenn., where they felt Peru's Pavilion was the most impressive among the foreign exhibits. There was so much gold art on exhibit, it was COLOSSAL!

GLANCING AT PERU'S 'GAP' ...

Traveling to Peru, a "must-see" is Machu Picchu—though the high altitude of Cuzco (11,200 ft. elevation—over two miles high) en route may deter some for health reasons. It may help to know hotels have an oxygen breathing kit. You don't miss drinking the tea brewed from crushed coca leaves to help acclimatization upon arrival at the hotel, either, and resting till it's lunch. Reading about high altitude sickness, *soroche*, may seem unreal, but when it cuts you down—it's devastating. (And we hear skiers getting dizzy at half that height.) ... Yet, Cuzco—capital of the fabled Inca Empire—is Peru's leading tourist attraction. One lady in the JACL group, Keiko Masumura, was making her second trip to Machu Picchu. Latin American JACler Luis Yamakawa, who was born in Peru, on the other hand, was making his first trek to this "magic city"—though he remembers playing soccer in Cuzco and getting trounced. When the Cuzco team came down to Lima, the tables were turned.

On the train to the Machu Picchu station, besides meeting with the Brazilian Japanese baseball team in the same car, were tourists speaking Portuguese, German, Swedish, Japanese, English (with an Australian accent), and Polish (the Los Angeles couple Monty and Anna Montygierd-Loyba who won the trip—thanks to a Latin American JACL fund-raiser) ...

Have John Nishizu's two daughters Joyce and Gay explain the Brazilian card game they learned from the ball players. Some of the women noticed the sour stench of spoiling food as we sought our seats in the train—but that became unnoticeable as the spectacular mountain, pastoral valley and jungle scenery of the wild Urubamba River (and one of the head waters of the Amazon) beside the railroad flashed by at about 25 miles an hour.

The old train and tiny buses which the Peruvian tourist bureau operates to transport travelers to Machu Picchu from Cuzco are not Amtrak or Shinkansen by any stretch. Yet, they should be kept that way—if this attraction is not to be over-touristed, if you pardon a made-up word. But Peru needs the dollar and one hears about plans to accommodate more tourists by improving the entire line. As one who remembers Yosemite National Park before it became the most popular, and now one who will remember tramping through the long-hidden ruins for three inspiring hours at Machu Picchu (the luckier ones stayed overnight at the small hotel there, such as Tak/Ayako Mayeda, Mary Kasama and son David, Akira/Toshiko Yoshida, Frank Sakata, Tats/Florence Hori, and few others I've forgotten), we can cherish an indelible impression born from nature pristine and unspoiled.

As the train was see-sawing its way up the mountainside (switching back and forth about 14 times at a mile per switch—first time we've enjoyed this kind of railroading), our gracious guide pointed out the tiny crosses perched on the rooftops of adobe houses—indicating the family's Catholic faith. But we didn't understand the presence alongside the crosses of other figures and symbols. Her observations, nonetheless, provided a deeper insight.

Unsaid, but most evident, were stark signs of poverty as well. Youngsters playing in the dirt, primitive or no plumbing, kids hauling water up the hill when they could be going to school (those who do wear gray-white clothes, private or public, throughout Peru), doing laundry in water flowing down the side of the mountain the train was scaling.

In 1981, the Peru's gross domestic product (says a card at the bank in the lobby of the Lima Sheraton where we exchanged

U.S. dollars for Peruvian soles) was US\$1,087 per capita, when the exchange rate was about S/500 to US\$1. Much of the population lives on less than that, local folks explained. To show the creeping rate of inflation, the exchange rate was S/1611 per US\$1 at the beginning of the week to S/1652 when we were leaving. (It was better to exchange only what you would be spending for the day.)

We couldn't help but conclude that the imposing and incredible ruins of Machu Picchu, the abyss of the river canyon, and towering baroque heights of Cuzco's cathedral—in a way—mirrored Peru of today—the soul of Inca beginnings, an educated elite wielding power or commanding wealth and a majority beset by poverty. Over the years, Peruvian history has seen people in power struggling with those who want to take their places. (Such is politics, no?) It continues as the PANA Convention was nearly aborted because of the national emergency proclaimed in Peru. Assurances of personal safety of PANA delegates from the government were made just in time.

If any inconveniences were to be recorded, it was our not drinking water or milk (except at the hotel where we stayed), not being able to converse in "Spain-go" as the Peruvian Nikkei

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100,000 Nikkei reside in Peru today

LIMA, Peru—Population figures of Nikkei in Peru vary from a conservative 18,000 in 1980 U.S. reports to 100,000 in the PANA Convention booklet, which notes 89% is Nisei. Till the PANA account, the figure ranged between 50,000 and 60,000 in the mid-1970s in the Nikkei press.

The postwar history of *La Colonia Japonesa*, as the Peruvian Japanese community is called, is marked by their assimilation and contributing to the mainstream, especially in the major professions: medicine, engineering, social sciences, humanities and commerce.

Moreover, the Nikkei population today is said to consist of 58% who proceeded from Okinawa, and trailing behind are the 8% from Kumamoto, 5% from Fukushima,

4% each from Fukuoka and Hiroshima, 3% from Yamaguchi, 2% from Yamanashi and 1% from Kagoshima. The other 15% proceeded from the remaining 39 Japanese prefectures, according to Chihito Saito, author of "84 Years of (Japanese) Immigration" in the PANA souvenir booklet.

The Peruvian Okinawa Fraternal Association, founded in 1911, estimates 80% of the Nikkei population in Peru is of Okinawa background.

With the total population of Peru at 17 million, the Nikkei comprise but .6%. For comparison, the ratio of Japanese in the U.S. (791,250 out of 126 million) is about the same: .6%. In Brazil, there are about 1,000,000 Nikkei in 119 million or .8%.

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Japan Disneyland sells 10,000 Mickey Mouse ears daily



Tokyo Disneyland Photo

FANTASYLAND—A little girl takes a ride on Cinderella's Golden Carrousel in the just opened Disneyland just east of Tokyo. Notice—no Mickey Mouse ears!

Japan-U.S. student conference meets

TOKYO—The 35th Japan-America Student Conference ends Aug. 18 in Osaka, wrapping up a month-long study tour by 45 U.S. students who visited Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto.

Namiji Itabashi, virtual founder and president of International Education Center, was keynote speaker July 18.

The first conference was held 50 years ago (K. Patrick Okura was among the initial U.S. group in

1933) in Tokyo in face of deteriorating international relations after Japan sent troops to Manchuria.

Tenkuni closes

TOKYO—Tenkuni, the well-known tempura restaurant on the Ginza, closed July 21 after a history of 98 years. It closed out in grand style, offering its famed tendon (tempura donburi) for 98 yen, ordinarily costing 750 yen.

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call it, and *inmuri* during the PANA business sessions ... Only signs of the emergency, we could detect, were the presence of militia toting sub-machine guns guarding public buildings, the post offices, railway stations and some intersections; the air-force planes on the ready at the airports and naval ships in the harbor (and maybe that was normal for where else would they be kept?) ... Militia were also checking autos turning into the street where the Japanese Embassy reception was held for PANA delegates. Which brings up the pleasant reasons for travel—unusual food in different countries.

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URAYASU, Japan—Mickey Mouse ears are so popular in Japan that Tokyo Disneyland sells them at a rate of 10,000 pairs a day when in stock. But the only Disneyland outside the United States runs out regularly.

"They're the most popular item," says 20-year-old Yoko Ito, who sells the little hats at the brand new amusement park. "We haven't had any for days. The manufacturers can't keep up with the demand."

Built on 202 acres of land reclaimed from Tokyo Bay, the \$600 million park, based on the fantasy world created by cartoonist Walt Disney, opened April 15. Nearly 1.5 million visitors already have passed through the gates, with the millionth on the 39th day, said Jack Myers, marketing director for Walt Disney Productions Japan.

That outpaced the original Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., which hit the one million milestone in its seventh week after opening in 1955. The Tokyo Disneyland operators say they are optimistic of meeting

the target of 10 million visitors for the first year beating the six million the original Disneyland had in the first 12 months.

In many ways, Tokyo Disneyland seeks to encourage visitors to forget they are in Japan. English, for example, is used for everything from trashcans to signposts showing where to take scenic photos.

In keeping with this—and evidently concerned as well about a loss of concession food sales—the park does not allow Japanese "bento" or box lunches to be brought in from outside. As a compromise, two picnic areas were set aside outside the gates, where guests may store and eat bento, with hand stamps allowing re-entry into the park. #

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Koreans on Sakhalin seek UN help

TOKYO—A spokesman for a forum on Japan's postwar responsibilities toward Asian people said July 3 that ethnic Koreans on the Soviet island of Sakhalin are seeking repatriation.

About 50,000 ethnic Koreans had been sent there forcibly before the end of World War II in 1945, the forum said, with about 7,000 reportedly wanting to return to Japan or South Korea.

An appeal was also made to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Geneva, calling for an independent investigation, according to the Mainichi Daily News.

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