Crucial Asian Pacific American issues cited

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

DOMINATING the nearly 30 actions passed by the board were cases of increased animosity and aggression against Asian 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.

APAC will continue to monitor and act in the cases of Thong Hu Hyun, the murdered Davis (Ca.) High School student, Ta Thi Chinh, the Vietnamese woman murdered in Los Angeles; the gunned-down community leader of the Cambodian American Association of Chatsworth, Nhim in Houston, Tex.; and Calsen Hsing 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, APAC now has the capacity to document, analyze, and monitor violent incidents or acts of aggression against Asian American citizens. Persons should report such acts to: APAC, PO Box 2280, San Jose, Ca 95153.

APAC BOARD — From left—Llama Tuan-Sosopo (San Francisco), President Allan Seid (San Francisco), Vice President Lum-Xui Tuan (Sacramento).

The board continued its long-standing support of Choo Soo Lee, recently found innocent of a 1973 San Francisco murder for which he spent 10 years in prison, and condemned the Sacramento Regional Area of APAC for effectively defusing potentially explosive anti-Vietnamese/Laotian sentiment in the Rancho Cordova-North Highlands areas.

Immigration Bill

APAC dissected and acted on a resolution of the San Jose-­Mazo­llio Bill (HR1510). It strongly advocated the retention of the fifth preference provision and the Mineta (D-Calif.) 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 in employ­ment of hiring illegal aliens would discourage the hiring of legal immigrants and/or American citizens with Asian physical features. Providing only 14 cards

Davis student pleads not guilty to murder charge

DAVIS, Cal. — James "Jay" Pieman, 17, pleaded not guilty July 19 to a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Vietnamese student Thong Hu Hyun at Davis High School (See PC May 28).

Pieman 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, Pieman will be tried as an adult.

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

A psychology professor at the hearing in June that Pieman 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 Pieman 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 racial taunting by a handful of white students.

Pieman is being held at Yolo County Juvenile Hall in lieu of $600,000 bail.

Governors reject repatriation to internees; only "apology"

PORTLAND, Me. — The National Governors Assn., concluding its weeklong annual meeting July 8, refused to endorse governor reparations resolutions for Japanese Americans who were forced to live in concentration camps during World War II.

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-Maine), 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 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 injustices.

Spellman argued that the evacuation case was unique. "There is no precedent for American citizens on mass 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).

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 to investigate evidence in the fatal beating of Vincent Chin (see July 22 PC).

The decision came in wake of nationwide protests by the Asian American community protesting 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 investigate the matter on Sept. 7 and will determine whether any federal civil rights laws were violated.

The U.S. Code Sections 241 and 26 Citied

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 her federal rights, and 18 U.S.C. Section 242, which protects an individual's right to enjoy the services of police for public accommodation regardless of race or national origin, were violated.

For prosecution under Section 241, it must be shown that the killers of Chin were not motivated by race, and Michael Nitz, convicted of injuring, terrorizing or intimidating Chin in his right to equality in using places of public accommodation, such as the Fancy Pants Tavern in Macomb County, was acquitted.

In this case, the fact is that Ebens and Nitz acted in concert with each other, including employing a third person and stating their intention to get Chin, Ebens and Nitz 'gave the essential thrust,' ACJ said.

In addition, racial motivation or prejudice was shown by simple eyewitness testimony demonstrating that "both assailants were acutely aware and rendering their Asian victim's identity.

For prosecution under Section 242, it must be shown that Chin was willfully injured (1) because of his race, and (2) because of his enjoyment of 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 violence.

Further, Acj called the actual and probable consequences of Ebens and Nitz's acts to deprive Chin of his right to use the bar, a public accommodation.

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Further support for prosecution under Sections 241 and 242 lies in the reasoning behind enactment of these civil rights statutes, enacted to "banish forever" the so-called "local" law.

The ACJ said: "This represents the first real hope to us to begin considering what is left of justice. We can begin to win the battle against the 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 after Nitz - a 15-minute pursuit. Ebens admitted to a second-degree murder by the Wayne County prosecuting attorney, despite objections of the Michigan Appeals Court.

Judge Kaufman accepted the plea of guilty to manslaughter and sentenced them to a three-year probation and a $1,000 fine plus court costs.

In Los Angeles, Pacific Southwest JACL, Regional Director John Satoo told a press conference held Aug. 5: "JACL is pleased to hear that the hard work and sustaining efforts to justice for Vincent Chin are finally coming to an end. We are sincerely pleased to see all the innocence of all those involved in the brutal and heartless killing of an innocent victim. Far-reachined people have made it their wish and hope is that the federal grand jury proceed with the full weight of justice.

In Washington, Congressman Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said: "I greet the long awaited news with relief and satisfaction. We can now get to catholically face a real legal case without feeling the weight of justice.... a spokesperson for ACJ declared. "This is the second step... but not the last.

Letters of support and donations may be sent to American Citizens for Justice, P.O. Box 3948, Oak Park, MI 48237.

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OVER THE FIRST HURDLE

VFW nat'l chief meets with Nisei posts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — 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 overtones were 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.

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Matsunaga’s Peace Academy
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 30, one such bill, introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.), 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 23-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 1980 at the end of a one-year study. After Matsunaga billed to carry out the commission’s recommendations, introduced late in the 97th Congress, it was also approved annually, 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 Thomas Jefferson, a prominent physician who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or Benjamin Franklin, a blacksmith who published the almanac. George Washington also supported the concept of a “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 Archaeology for his leadership, skillful guidance and concern which resulted in the enactment of the Cultural Property 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 Nakai and Kenji Oka were honored Aug. 1 at a dinner held at the Kawaihau Restaurant by the Gardena Japanese Community for their community service and their selection to receive “gunko” awards from the Japanese government.

Warren P. Kashihara, a certified public accountant was appointed to the San Francisco 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,” Kashihara said.

Science

Chemist Henry Yokoyama of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Fanerada, 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 produced more rubber for biowrapping—more open regions—than rubber produced in guayule.

Sports

Denise Ann Yamada, a June graduate from De Puebla High School, will receive the 1982 Givers’ Sportsmanship Award, at the 23rd annual award dinner Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m., at the Sportmans, 1600 Washington Blvd., Montebello.

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

The U.S. Figure Skating Association board of directors is headed by George T. Yonekura, 1938-43 president. He is also chairman of the executive committee.

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Ceramicists open Little Tokyo shop

LOS ANGELES—For several years, Nishi has 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 pottery transformed what was the last shoe repair shop in Little Tokyo into an immaculate white showcase for handmade ceramics created by local Nisei artists as well as the artists themselves: Joanne and Yukio Onaga, studio potter and Barnsdall Art Center instructor, respectively; Tom Akashi, also instructor at Barnsdall, and Jean Kotomi, studio potter and glaze technician. Also assisting were Mabel Kinjo, studio potter; Mary Ichino, instructor with the Pasadena School District; Eleanor Kanani, instructor, Jocelyn Center in Torrance; Ruse Nishi, instructor, Monrovia Adult Center; Evelyn Oi, studio potter; and Anita Ryan Ota, instructor, Nogales High. All are teaching ceramics, of course.

The shop (323) 617-7161 is open daily, 10-5, except Monday-Tuesday.

Casino Nite proceeds going to Keiro Home

LOS ANGELES—The Sixth Annual Nisei Week Casino Nite 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 Home. Casino games will be played and a drawing will be held at the end of the event with a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas.

For information call Ricki Kamauchi at 383-6931. Shari Gong at 960-1258 or Craig Ketani at 609-6991.

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 Mine, 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. 31, noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. 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 Love Rose Mountains, and longtime member of the Hollywood JACL, was married to the late Arthur Shige­huru Ishigo at the Pomona Assembly Center. They met while students at art school.

Ishigo’s father was of Dutch and English descent and her mother was of French ancestry. Many of her sketches and water color paintings reveal life behind barbed wire and were used to help the prisoners fill the drawings.

The charter member of the Japanese American Philharmonic Orchestra contributed to the California Historical Society with her painting in the “Moments of Waiting” exhibition which travelled to many cities.

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

LTSC Nisei hypertension program funded

LOS ANGELES—Little Tokyo Service Center received a $1,000 grant from the American Heart Association 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 Nisei 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 chairman, presented the check to Watanabe. Persons interested in the position and organizations wishing to schedule a presentation should contact LTSC (213) 680-3739.

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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. Many are written on top-grade stationery. Recommendations are prompted by the question: Are we still involved in America and a beauty symbol of dedication of Japanese Americans to the cause of social justice for generations to come, whereas a billion dollars given in indi- vidual awards of $20,000 each will dissipate and evaporate without a trace.

What if those eligible for compensation pledge the money for eliminating racial and political injustice? Wouldn't it make sense to allow each individual to choose the use of the money, with the money to be given out in compensation would have a lasting meaning for 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 in individual awards of $20,000 each will dissipate and evaporate without a trace.

I do realize that some former internees are not thinking economically and psychologically from the effects of the experience. The people of course need to be protected. But can that be better done by establishing an institution for this purpose through the afore- going funds? Personally, I would say no. Many have said that the $20,000 compensating for physical losses, mental suffering, and racism is symbolic. Symbolic of what? I believe that this is one of the few examples of the government for acknowledging the past. It is in the past. The fact of such a symbolic gesture can be accomplished in many different ways. It need not be done by giving out money to individuals. Establish- ing the Fair Play Foundation of Japan would achieve the same end. Traditionally, Japanese are not fond of falling back on the government for assistance. This is the case of the Japanese Americans and of the American government. In the past, they have never asked for financial aid or material assistance from the government. Therefore, it is not proper for them to do so again.

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**$30 Million boondoggle**

Don’t blame the victims—American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents for financial “inadequacy.” Can and should be blamed for illegal wartime actions. Hold the government responsible for the illegal action and officially apologize for the illegal action. 

The $80,000,000 “boondoggle” will end up costing the government another possible $4,000,000,000 for illegal aggression and violations of the civil rights of U.S. citizens who were alien enemies and their parents.

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KEN MUSUGI
Claremont, Ca.

**The other cheek**

The actions of those who have stated that they do not believe monetary redress for their suffering is a perfect example of “turning the cheek.” These are notable 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 who do not accept such, if any, are revealing that they are being hurt and are holding everything against the government—thus, they are holding it against them- selves. The true meaning of “turning the other cheek” is “Show him that he cannot hurt you and don’t give him anything against him or you hold against him.”

**HASHIMOTO-SAITO**
Tucson, Az.

**VFW member**

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Carl Mydans: Photojournalist

John Tateishi testimony

Without remedies, injustice and wound remain

The harm to this nation by what transpired in 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 impaired 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 now we have given what we believe is more than our share to demonstrate that loyalty.

The distinguished records of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team 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 lived our own, and some of our sons. No one can truly understand our loyalty to this country or our sacrifices.

It is properly 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 remediates the injustice of the WWII internment, it will remain an injustice and an unawed wound upon the conscience of America.

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

Well within our power to provide remedies

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.

The commissioners, with the exception of Congressman Langston, recommend that Congress establish a fund which will provide personal redress to former evacuees 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 payment of $5.5 billion to each of the approximately 60,000 surviving persons evacuated from the camps of residents pursuant to Executive Order 9066.

The burden should be on the government to locate survivors, without requiring any application for payment, and payments shall be made to those persons who apply.

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 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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SACRAMENTO cops swingfest

DAVIS, Ca. — The ninth annual NC- WNDC swim meet, hosted by Sacramento JACL, was won by the Sacramento team by a 24 margin here July 17 at the Community Pool.

Sam Uria, 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, Sonoma, Stockton, Tri-Valley, Watsonville.

Assisting in the planning were the Tri-Swimmers and the Ken Takatas of Sacramento. Acknowledgement of support from JACL chapters, groups, community businesses and institutions was also made.

Team scores: Sacramento 130, Watsonville 95, Parlier 36, Tri-Valley 30, Diablo Valley 18, Marin 14, Eden 16 and Berkeley 0. The meet awards were won by...

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JACL Leadership Development

Impressions of the Leadership Program

By JOHN NAKAHATA
(Executive Secretary)

One index of the success of the Washington, D.C., Leadership Program was that by Friday, June 24, nobody really seemed eager to leave. This might seem daring, but it may 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 one which will be easily forgotten, but not easily forgotten is our political network. Such is the impact of the conference that it cannot be described singularly, but only as a combination of intellectual and emotional glue.

The education provided by the conference was astounding, especially since much of it resulted from the accumulated experience of the speakers. The speakers, a veritable array from the first day that Washington is a different sort of town from any other municipality. The Heart and Soul, the raison d'etre of Washington is politics. The town lives and breathes the implications and the importance.

Can Japanese Americans to the Nikkei congressmen was a treat since the commission reported in the history which the commission reported. 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 besides learning about their part in the Japanese American community. The program challenges, as it challenges others, to change the world. 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 besides learning about their part in the Japanese American community.

In the end, when you consider all this, the JACL Leadership Program issues a challenge to the participants. The Nikkei have brought the Japanese American community to a certain point. Can the Nikkei Congressmen continue this program, and that point is an awareness of the importance of the Nikkei community? The program challenges, as it challenges others, to change the world. 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 opportunities 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.

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 of the advantages of the program was the program's ability to become involved in U.S.-Japan relations. The specifics of this aspect, however, most important is that the JACL must not become simply a reactive organization. It must continue to try and extend its influence and to strengthen its political network. This requires a vision by leaders as to which purposes the organization could most profitably enter.

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Learning first-hand how U.S. govt's works enjoyable

SEABROOK, N.J.—Timothy Mukoda, the 1983 Seabrook JACL-sponsored student at the President's Student Program for Young Americans for a week in Washington, was the chapter's ninth candidate attending the week-long session of the chapter's JACL. 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 learn that the President and Congress and express my opinions to them personally."

"There are still a number of questions in Washington, and unless we can be in a position to trade favors for monetary payments, we will remain relatively powerless. Of course, we will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn. We will learn.

Chapter Representatives — Current Status

Seabrook JACL has, since 1956, sponsored a senior student either from Burlington County or Cumberland Regional High School for PCYA. Previously selected were:

1977—Kelli Hanzawa, attended Rutgers, history major; now an airline customer service representative.
1978—Leslie Hamasa, attended Trenton State, nursing major, now at a nursing home in New York Hospital.
1979—Ken Kitamura, attending Livingston College (Rutgers), physiology, and Tracy Hirata, Univ. of Delaware, physical therapy.
1980—Sueko Masuda, Duke University, preventive policy; summer intern for National Commission for Working Women/Teresa Mairino, Mullenberg (P), College, ,
1982—Christina Manatani, 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 Presidents' Program for Young Americans. This fall, Kim Vinnick (left) enters Univ. of Pennsylvania for pre-law courses and Timothy Mukoda (right) has entered the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, through Rep. Hughes' recommendation.
Santa Clara Valley Issei pioneers to be cited

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Ca.--Santa Clara Valley Japanese American pioneers and Nisei 75 years and over will be honored royally at a Pioneers Day luncheon at the Red Lion Inn Sunday, Aug. 14, according to the plans of the three co-organizing groups: the O'Connor Biers, Yu-Ai Kai (Japanese American Community Senior Service) and an ad hoc community committee.

The O'Connor Hospital Biers are locals in the Santa Clara Valley having a pioneer background, originally organized to observe the founding of O'Connor Hospital in 1881. The committee took its name from the anniversary year. Their first observation, in 1982, recognized the pioneers and their descendants who helped develop the valley as well as commemorate the founder of the O'Connor Hospital, Dr. Myron O'Connor, who turned it over to the Catholic Charities of Defense and operated it as such.

Since 1972, the Biers made the Founder's Day observation 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 call for a parade carrying Issei in vintage cars, from O'Connor Hospital to the Red Lion Inn for luncheon, presentations and entertainment.

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

Jimi Yamauchi, v.c.; Dr. Min Yamate, gen arr; Tom Nakada, sec; David Yamamoto, treas; Ken Iwagaki, dinner; Jule Imamura, program; Toyo Hirata, art & craft; Phil Matsumura, Mrs. Kyoshi Tokimoto; Shirley Abe, Rev. Hojo, pub.; Wayne Tanda, parade, Mum Arii, display; Fred Kurose, photos; Fred Nonomura, guests; Akira Kamaya, Harry Sato, Yu-Ai Kai; A.J. Killoff, Kane Geiger, O'Connor, Karen Shiraishi, 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 achievements.

Betty Kinoshita, Monterey High School graduate with a 4.6 grade point average and many senior awards, active in YBA, Community Hospital of Monterey County and the YMCA and tennis player.

Glen Tachihama, 3.8 GPA graduate, winner of Sachi Akamine Scholarship, active in the JACL, Rotary Club, El Estero Presbyterian Youth Group.

APAAC Continued from Page 1
days for review of requests for political asylum was deemed too short a time to allow for due process in judicial reviews, and to avoid what was called "Hayakawa" clause advocating English as the official language of the United States, considered a thinly-veiled attack on bilingual ballots and educational assimilation, wrongly proposed.

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, especially 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 AB 1169 (Phillip Isenberg, D-Sacramento), giving community-based organizations an equal opportunity to compete for federal block grant funds. It criticized President Reagan's recent position that he will not support the heretofore apolitical U.S. Civil Rights Commission by removing his name from nominating the commission and replacing them with supporters.

Niseiweek Kamon Exhibit

Kamakura George first introduced the Kamon to the JACCC community 12 years ago. During that time, the Kamon has introduced JACCC to a new "identity", so all JACCC can evertually preserve their family histories and the memory of the legacy of the descendants of the 17th century. Now, the Niseiweek Kamon Exhibit, holds the Kamon for the results of the first Kamon workshop in an introduction to its original meaning: "How can JACCC use our family Kamon through their families, through our surname, and ancestors birthplaces."

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In the area of education, the board supported SB101 to increase funding for public education, opposed fee increases for public universities, opposed proposals to exclude Filipino-Americans from the University of California Student Affirmative Action Five-Year Plan, sent a letter of concern to the Oakland Unified School District with its growing non-English speaking enrollment, about the proposed cut-backs in its bilingual education program; communicated dissatisfaction to Harvard University for its decision to close a law school scholarship after John J. McCloy, instrumental in deploying World War II interment camps for Japanese Americans, and advocated the admission of Filipino-Americans into the MESSA (Math, Engineering, Science) high school enrichment programs.

The following bills in Sacramento also received endorsement:

AB 333 requiring hospitals to provide interpreters for non-English speaking patients; the Burton/Waxman/Arnold SB 140, making parking available at the hospital.

SB 112 making it a misdemeanor to distribute racially, ethnically, or religiously discriminatory materials in public schools.

SB 317 providing disciplinary action against civil service employees for discriminatory treatment of the public or public employees.

SB 164 providing service credit to employees for civil service employees for retirement benefit according to the group's holiday and vacation.

SB 108 creating a statewide system to collect data on racial, ethnic, and religious violence.

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

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Which brings us to our bilingual format. An English-Chinese newspaper is more representative of our multicultural background. Our readers agree: even though the majority read English, they also want a bilingual paper.

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KEEPTUP! -- 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 behind the camera are Shigenobu Kabashima (above) and Shigeuragi Higashi (earliest photo for Kasumi Mainichi and Hokusai Mainichi) and Byron Baba (right) succeeded as the did the chapter in raising funds for scholarships.

Photo by Miki Hennen, East West.

CL divorce support group offers services

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

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

The support group conducts informal sessions where the members help each other.

Led by a graduate clinical social worker and advised by a licensed social worker and a psychologist, the group meets every Tuesday, 8 p.m., at 416 E. Maple Ave. Details may be obtained by calling 360-9695, 360-2765, 361-6109, or 678-5960.
Hootaru Koooi!

The Hootaru is a pattern of transverse stripes on the Japanese map each of which plots the localities where first firesflies 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 season. By this pattern, the characteristic of bureaucratic behavior, the Japanese Weather Bureau honors the national penchant for viewing, and feeling, the seasons in terms of seasonal phenomena. Dressed in purple and white, they were numerous enough so that hootaru were used to hawk caged firesflies 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!*

Counterpoles, the 31 syllable tanka and 17 syllable haiku, have been composed to hootaru. Also countless popular songs. Usually the firesflies were metaphorical or allegorical for prop, unrequited, or unappable, love.

Whatever happens to firesflies, they will live forever in Japa
dian history as long as the Hootaru continues to sing to the tune of Auid 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 out of season is that the story promises a happy ending. After perpetrating the ou"r

terrible fires and destines have been set at the same time that they are on the brink of extermination, the Japanese have decided finally to make amends. The national government has designated several burning grounds as sanctuaries. Municipal authorities and civic organizations throughout the country are promoting vigorous programs of hootaru habitation, and they are succeeding, though slowly. While the motive of some of them is suspect—tourism, I beli

many goods have come out of baser motives, so we should not be too harsh. And in Tamagawa Ward of Tokyo, a
to named Minora Abe raises firesflies on a modest $15,000 budget annually. Its release site and dates are kept secret except to the school children of the ward.

Mountain Plains District CL

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 Hotel.

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 Hoafan chan

ter president, Daniel Wata

be. The summary disclosed the many activities undertaken by the younger JACL members.

Handy Shiba from New Mexico said, a youth group to be formed in the Albuquerque area.

6th annual Daruma Festival Aug. 20

SAN JOSE, Ca.—West Valley’s sixth annual Daruma Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Saratoga Lanes parking lot. Proceeds go toward support of chapter and sen

ior club programs.

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By HARRY K. HONDA

Lima to the edge. Previous of McKinley which wonders. You may be a bit of tourist and the old 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 Miniam) 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 Shinkanzen by any stretch. Yet, they should be kept that way—if this attraction is not to be over-touristed, you can pardon a made-up word. But Peru needs the dollars and one hears about plans to accommodate more tourists by improving the entire line. As one who remembers Yose­ miite National Park before it became the most popular, and now one who has to deal with being along the way for three inspiring hours at Machu Picchu (the luckier ones stayed overnight at the small hotel there, such as Taka/Ayako Mayeda, Mary Kasuma and son David, Akira/Toshiko Yoshida, Frank Sakata, Tatsi/Florenci Flori, and few others I’ve forgotten), we can cherish an indelible impression born from nature pristine and unspoiled.

As the train was seeing its way up the mountainside (switching back and forth about 14 times at a mile per switch—first time we ever had such kind of railroading), our proceed­ ing guide pointed out the tiny crosses perched on the rooftops of abode 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, and who, on their way back home, are seen in the water flowing down the side of the mountain the train was scaling).

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 5.500 to US1. Much of the popula­ tion lives on less than that, local folks explained. To show the creeping rate of inflation, the exchange rate was SI1.61 per US1 at the beginning of the week to SI3.62 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 incred­ ible 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 Incas 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 called it.

100,000 Nikkei reside in Peru today

LIMA—Peru’s Population figures of Nikkei in Peru vary from a con­ servative 2% in 1980’s U.S. reports to 100,000 in the PANA Convention booklet, which notes 8% in Peru. Till the PANA account, the figure ranged between 50,000 and 60,000 in the mid 1970s in the Nikkei paper.

The recent history of La Colo­ nia Japonesa, as the Peruvian Japanese community is called, is marked by its assimilation and contributing to the mainstream, especially in the major profes­sions: medicine, engineering, so­ cial sciences, humanities, and commerce. As a result, the Nikkei population today is said to consist of 56% who proceeded from Okinawa, and trailing behind are the 4% from Kumamoto, 3% from Fukuoka, 4% each from Osaka and Kobe, 3% from Yamaguchi, 2% from Yamanashi and 1% from Kagoshima.

The total population of Peru at 17 million, the Nikkei comprise but 0.6%. For comparison, the ratio of Japanese in the U.S. (750,000 of 128 million) is about the same.

In Brazil, there are about 100,000 Nikkei in 119 million or 0.1%

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URAYA, Japan—Mickey Mouse ears are so popular in Japan that Tokyo Disneyland sells them at a rate of 9,000 pairs a day. When in stock. But the only Disneyland outside the United States runs out regularly.

"It's the most popular item," says 30-year-old Yoko Itô, who sells the little hats at the brand new amusement park. "We haven't had any for days. The machine doesn't even keep up with the demand."

Built on 35 acres of land reclaimed from Tokyo Bay, the 860 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 30th, said Jack Myers, marketing director for Walt Disney Productions Japan.

That outpaced the original Disneyland theme park, 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 signs pointing 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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