Senate hearing on redress bill set

WASHINGTON—Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative, reported on April 6 that hearings on S 2116 and HR 4110 have been scheduled by House and Senate subcommittees.

Ikejiri, who has been working with the staffs of both subcommittees to whom the bills have been referred, said the Senate subcommittee hearing has been confirmed for June 1. It will be held at the Veterans Administration in West Los Angeles from 6 a.m. to 12 noon.

The hearing will be conducted by the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office, and General Services, chaired by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska). It is expected that Stevens will chair the hearing.

Mark Barnes, chief counsel to Stevens, informed the Washington JACL office that a hearing will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, in May on the Aulet portion of S 2116.

It was also reported that a House hearing on HR 4110 is being contemplated in Washington for the third week in June. HR 4110 has been referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Law, chaired by Rep. Sam B. Hall (D-Texas).

Although a House subcommittee hearing appeared to be somewhat remote over the past month because of scheduling problems, the last week of March a "markup" session on regulatory reform legislation was cancelled, opening the subcommittee calendar.

Significant Step

"I am pleased to report the confirmation of a hearing date on S 2116 and a possible date on HR 4110," Ikejiri reported to John Tateishi, National JACL redress director, "because hearings on both bills are important in keeping the issue moving forward. The fact that hearings are even being held on the redress bills, with less than 30 legislative days remaining in the 98th Congress, is a strong indicator that both chairman feel that the gravity of the wrong-doing to those affected by the bill demands a full and complete review by the Congress."

Ikejiri reminded Tateishi that "legislators pass bills, not organizations," and that the JACL "owes, with warm words of appreciation, to Sens. Spark Matsunaga, Daniel Inouye and Stevens, as well as to Reps. James Wright, Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, Mike Lowry, and all the other supporters of redress legislation in the Senate and House for their efforts in advancing the issue."

Tateishi agreed that the hearings are significant and said that, "in anticipation of the hearings, the JACL has been preparing testimony on the merits of the redress bills."

Reaction from Sponsors

The announcement that the House will soon call hearings on HR 4110 is a major step in our continuing effort to obtain redress," said Matsui (D-Calif.), who, along with Reps. Lowry (D-Wash.), and Mineta (D-Calif.), had requested the hearings in a March 16 letter to subcommittee chair Hall.

Matsui anticipates "an educational breakthrough" from the hearings. "The key to this nation's accepting redress rests on a greater understanding of what happened," he said, "and for that reason I am encouraged by this new development."

Mineta said he was "truly thrilled," by the prospect of hearings. "Every step forward for redress legislation is a victory of civil liberties and a vindication of our cause," he said. "Scheduling these hearings constitutes one large step in the long and difficult process of passing redress legislation and reflects the attention and support of people throughout our nation. These hearings should add to the positive momentum provided by the 38 members of the House of Representatives who are now sponsoring our legislation."

Our bill, HR 4110, deserves these hearings and I am optimistic," he concluded.

Both S 2116 and HR 4110 incorporate the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Their major provision concerning Japanese Americans is the payment of $20,000 to each individual who resided in a prohibited military zone as of Dec. 7, 1941, or who was confined during World War II by order of the U.S. government.

Asian American Democrats: getting involved in political process means clear goals, hard work

By KAREN SERIGUCHI

LOS ANGELES—High state officials gave lessons last Saturday to approximately 50 Asian Pacific Democrats in how to get political power, how to use it, and how to keep it.

Among the speakers at the biennial convention of the California Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus were Rep. Norman Mineta, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, state assembly speaker Willie Brown Jr., state senate president pro tem David Roberti, secretary of state March Fong Eu, state attorney general John Van de Kamp, state senator Art Torres, L.A. county supervisor Kenneth Hahn and assemblywoman Gwen Moore (49th dist.). The event was held at Anaheim Hotel.

A number of themes echoed throughout the day. The call was loudest for the defeat of President Reagan, the butt of jokes and caustic remarks from speaker after speaker. On other issues, participants were told were that Asians must conduct intensive voter registration drives, work with other minority groups, make clear demands to elected officials, and perhaps most importantly, hold those officials accountable.

Roberti predicted that California will see few affirmative action appointments, because "the base of support on which [the governor] has relied is so check full of racism."

It was Brown who told the gathering the kinds of retaliatory measures minority leaders could expect from established powerholders. Brown, who has appointed a number of minorities and women in the assembly to committee chairs, cited Proposition 24 as the most blatant attack on his leadership. That initiative, Brown said, would allow a handful of Republicans to stop any legislative action, large or small, from passage.

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News in Brief

Matsunaga urges education programs for Native Islanders

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) urged members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources to adopt recommendations contained in the year-old Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment Project report. Matsunaga said the recommendations clearly document that Native Hawaiians, who rank at the bottom of most measures of educational achievement, have unique needs as a consequence of their culture. He also compared their situation to that of Native American Indians and said that, "There is a clear federal responsibility for Native Hawaiians [who were] profoundly affected by the arrival in this country of the Western European.

Immigration to hit House floor

WASHINGTON — After Rules Committee hearings, the controversial Simpson-Mazzoli bill is expected to go to the full House of Representatives by early May. Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr. told reporters that he will not allow opponents to block the bill's passage with amendments. Another bill, supported by members of the House Hispanic Caucus, will be considered, however.

The Simpson-Mazzoli bill would penalize employers who hire undocumented immigrants. All U.S. residents would have identification cards showing their citizenship or valid resident permits. Opponents of the bill fear that employers would discriminate further against "foreign-looking" job applicants.

U.W. to combine studies

SEATTLE — Univ. of Washington president William Gerberding announced on March 15 a plan to consolidate three ethnic studies programs into a single department. Under the plan, Afro-American, Asian American, and Chicano Studies will merge into a Dept. of American Ethnic Studies. U.W. students have responded to the proposal with sit-ins and rallies. Minority students fear that each program will have to fight the others for scarce resources and will lose its individual focus.

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LOS ANGELES—For Fair Housing Month, the Fair Housing Congress of S. California is presenting a dye-a-thon, open houses, lectures, and an attorney/realor seminar. For more information, or to file a complaint regarding discrimination in housing, call (818) 363-0010. The Congress is also seeking a resident manager for the House of Hope, a shelter serving Asian American women, on a part time basis.

BURLINGTON, VT—The Burlington International Film Festival announces its 13th annual festival, April 9-18. The festival is building an international reputation as one of the leading film festivals in the nation, providing programming that is interesting to a broad audience.

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LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Community College District presents "The Great Wall," a mini-musical about the Chinese "Great Wall and the Chinese" presented at the Amador V. Allen Auditorium, 1300 W. 40th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007. For more information, call (213) 986-2860.

LOS ANGELES—As a fundraiser for the Redress Coalition, the Asian American Film Festival presents a screening of "The Lasting Memory," a documentary about the experiences of Asian American survivors of the World War II internment camps. The film will be shown at the Sunset Theater, 7130 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046, on April 11 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (213) 667-7947.

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LOS ANGELES—For more information call, (213) 895-0750. The new director of the Los Angeles Public Library's Chinatown branch will be announced on April 5. The selection process was conducted by the Los Angeles Public Library's Executive Search Committee.

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MUSUBE by Ron Wakabayashi

More than a Committee

The action by the national board to approve an operational structure for the coordination of the redress campaign mandates that John Tateishi, as the national redress director, assume responsibility for the daily functioning of the program. In effect, the national board assumes direct policy responsibility over the redress program as the primary organizational focus of the JACL. Rather than a committee operation, the redress program is a campaign and was structured accordingly. The venerable Minoru Yasui is essentially the chair of a campaign to which this organization is dedicated.

The operational structure was designed to provide coverage for each member of Congress. The system of having chapter assignments, area coordinators and regional coordinators attempted to reconcile the distribution of JACL chapters with various political jurisdictions. Admittedly, we have gaps in the structure because of the nature of the population distribution of Japanese Americans in the United States. The tasks that need to be accomplished through this structure will include congressional contact and correspondence. They will include efforts to garner local support from civic, ethnic, religious and other special interest organizations. They will require efforts to formalize the support of local governmental units and political and community leaders.

On another level, special focus on national entities, paralleling the work at local levels, will have to be engaged. Key members of the Congress, who by their office, influence, committee assignment and other such factors are significant to our efforts, will have a special focus. Similarly, efforts to have the political party structures embrace a supportive position on redress must be generated.

The unstated part of the plan is personal to each of us. Each person carries a unique constellation of relationships with others in his or her environment. There are people within this environment that can be influenced and recruited. There is also the need for each of us to become involved in the political process, to develop relationships and seize opportunities. Rather than wait for occasions to arise, we ought to be mindful that an election year presents the kind of situation in which we may most likely be able to create relationships by our participation in and contribution to the political process.

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WOMEN'S CONCERNS:

Behind Every Successful JACL Leader...

By MIKIHIMENO

JACL is often referred to as a male-dominated organization because men are presumed to be the ones who care about such ‘heady’ issues as civil rights, redress, ethnic concerns, employment and wage discrimination. The reality is that behind every successful male JACL leader have been scores of women, doggedly performing those tasks that have given endurance to the chapter activities over and beyond tea and cookies.

Take for example the East Los Angeles chapter. President Doug Masuda has often said that, “It’s the Ms. in the chapter who have made it the success that it is.”

There’s Mable Yoshizaki who probably knows more details of the many chapter activities than its president. Unobtrusively she assigns jobs to see that all posts are covered for the various chapter activities, and she has stood behind presidents and officers as their executive assistant. Mable is an exception among women in that she is not only a fantastic cook but she has herself served as ELA’s president four times!

Michi Oh is another valuable asset in that she has managed the large membership portfolio for her, as she says, “too long.” She has seen the philosophy of membership change from subsidizing the fee in depressed ELA to adding redress donation to membership dues. She keeps insurance subscribers current of their memberships and sells neckties and the redress program as well.

And there’s Maltie Furuta who’s been a member since 1958, organizing dances, selecting dance bands, selling tickets as endurable as her husband, Sam, who was named “Mr. ELA JACL.” She’s done all the jobs like membership and youth work right alongside Sam from the early days of its inception. There are other Ms. and others who are not Ms., but it takes all of us, not just leaders, to make JACL run.

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Ability to work with members of Congress, staff and other officials.

Assists the National Director in carrying out the programs of the JACL.

Prepares proposals, explores funding sources and secures funding for JACL programs.

Develops a work plan for the Washington Office, which shall be reviewed and approved annually by the National Director.

Writers reports on current legislation and activities in the Federal government affecting the JACL for the Pacific Citizen.

Provides technical assistance to the Eastern District Council.

Manages the daily office administration of the JACL, Washington, D.C. Office.

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Must be able to write in Japanese language; analyze legislation, speak before public groups.
Should be acquainted with international relations as it applies to U.S. Foreign Policy especially to Japan and the Far East.

Ability: Must have the ability to understand the Japanese language is desirable but not required.
Familiarity with the various aspects of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans is essential.

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Japanese at the Door!

By EDWIN O. KENNEDY

Madison, Wis.

“There are a lot of Japanese at the door!” Our church secretary rushed into my study, breathless and agitated, to sound the alarm. As a Mid-westerner far from the battlefront, she had enjoyed the comfortable feeling of isolation and relative security. But now, at her very doorstep, was “The Enemy”.

The “lot of Japanese” was the Nomura family. They were the first arrivals in Madison, Wisconsin, from the so-called relocation centers in which thousands of people of Japanese descent, many of them United States citizens, had been imprisoned for months, surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. After many months of extreme hardship, arrange- ments were made for some of them to be relocated.

Through sponsorship by a committee of concerned citizens, led by the head of the local American Legion Post, the Nomuras were released and welcomed to Madison and given an opportunity to start life anew 2,000 miles from the homes where they had lived most of their lives. Harry Nomura had been the proprietor of two large and prosperous supermarkets in Los Angeles. He was accompanied by his wife and five children. Forced to dispose of his stores on very short notice, he had sold them at distress prices, but managed to salvage enough to enable him to buy a home in a middle-class neighborhood.

Although the Committee on Relocation had carried on an extensive publicity campaign to inform the citizens of the resettlement program, people, especially in the Midwest, where Japanese were not common, were generally not pre- pared to welcome and accept the Nomuras. As a member of the Relocation Committee I heard the phone ring. A woman’s voice, in a loud and angry protest, exclaimed: ‘My husband gets up at 4 o’clock in the morning to work in the munitions plant to make arms to blow the Japanese off the earth, and a family has moved in right next door to us!’

Fortunately there were no acts of violence. Quelty the Nomuras settled into their home and garden. They had brought with them a few cans of crab meat, then a luxury, and distributed them to their neighbor along with some flowers and vegetables from their garden. Gradually the initial hostility subsided to acceptance.

Helen and Her Brothers

Eventually over a hundred Japanese Americans were re- settled in Madison. Slowly and unobtrusively they wove themselves into the fabric of the community. Among them were three orphans: a teen-age girl and two younger brothers who arrived through sponsorship by our family. I met Helen at the train, expecting to see a beaten-down refugee. Instead there alighted a trim, attractive and fully poised young woman, wearing a fur coat and orchid. We learned later that they were shared with her by friends who wanted to build up her morale for her venture. I spoke some fluent English. Later she confided that she was always startled to look in the mirror and see Japanese features, so fully had she become identified with the West.

Helen lived with us and became a much-loved member of our family. We had welcomed Helen and a delightful companion for our small daughter. Helen could help others: she put herself and her two brothers through the University of Wisconsin and ultimately filled a highly responsible position at a leading fashion store in Chicago. She married another Nisei. After years of frustration due to race prejudice, they were able to buy a home in a nearby city. She is now a foremost teacher and a top-rank school and her husband, formerly the director of a social settlement, is now a school official. They have three children, including two boys who are highly trained and well-placed in their respective professions. A daughter who was recently married to a theological student. Helen’s two brothers both have graduate degrees and hold important posts.

Last October we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives and friends gathered at the home of a daughter in Boston. Among them was Helen, who came a thousand miles to help us celebrate our beloved member of our family for over 40 years.

Eventually the Nomuras returned to California after the death of their daughter, Violet, whose passing was almost cer- tainly hastened by the privations of the concentration camp. Their final letter (to which I sent a reply in fluent Wisconsin) and in language that reflected their long and agonized efforts to master English, but in clear and vivid words that even professional writers might envy:

‘We presume that everyone in your family is enjoying with New Jersey fall season. We remember and reminded Madison of fall season which surrounded with beautiful nature in rich colors that we ever enjoyed. Here in California we have no such delightfulness at all.

‘Their joy at being “home” was overshadowed by the discovery that race prejudice persisted and the children suffered from it in school. Gradually, however, it began to dissipate and they were able to establish a home and business and he could write:

“The public sentiment has been changed into comfortable and satisfactory. I am rather happy living along with two years ago, when I called here on account of my property and business affairs. I am glad to see this, and we all contented with such favorable condition as existing.”

Other letters arrived from time to time. I searched them in vain to find any trace of bitterness at the cruel injustice which had been imposed on them. They spoke only of their deep thankfulness at having been made welcome by the people who had violated their rights and subjected them to long months of heartbreak and hardship.

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JACL Singles Convention Form

St. Petersburg, Fla.

A sports section piece by

Dave Scheiber in a recent issue of the St. Petersburg Times is substantially more than a Grapefruit League baseball story. It says something about business enterprise, and that the Japanese are taking over the baseball equipment industry even though they can’t play the game as well as Americans and Latins.

Scheiber went down to a local baseball stadium where Big League teams play spring training games and found that four craftsmen from Japan’s Mizuno company and their American leader had set up shop at 8 a.m. outside their Winnebagos. The craftsmen had a big sewing machine and leather and other stuff and they were ready and able to stitch, repair and assemble custom-designed baseball gloves for the Big Leaguers right there in the ball park. That’s business enterprise.

The Mizuno people also had some of their innovative merchandising on display, too. Among them was an electronic gadget that emits warning beeps when a player chasing a long fly nears the webbing to be used as a sun shield in catching tall flies. Some of these ideas were developed after talking to the ballplayers and learning about the shortcomings of present equipment.

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Minoru Yasui, Multnomah County Jail

When we got to Topaz and saw the MP guards and the whole bit, we thought we were at the end of the world, a complete sense of loss. My stomach really just sank, and I thought, oh my God, I gotta get out of this place. I was going to try and get out one way or another.

Tom Kawaguchi, Topaz

We had our Fourth of July program. We decided to recite the Gettysburg Address as a verse choir. We had an artist draw a big picture of Abraham Lincoln with an American flag behind him. Some people had tears in their eyes, some people shook their heads and said it was ridiculous to have that kind of thing recited in camp. It didn't make sense, but it was our heart's cry. We wanted to believe that this was a government by the people and that there was freedom and justice.

Mary Tsukamoto, Jerome

Deep down inside, the way I feel is that I was an American citizen; they had no right to do it; I feel betrayed. That's why I feel that we can't let it happen to somebody else again, the same thing. I wouldn't want it to happen, not to anyone.

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Matsuda attends Presidential Classroom

SALT LAKE CITY—Michelle Matsuda, a senior journalist at the Salt Lake Tribune, has been selected by the 1984 Salt Lake Valley Soviet of the National Press Club to attend the Jan. 28-Feb. 4 session in Washington, D.C.

Matsuda stated that "I am very excited about the workings of our national government, it cleared up some of the myths that I had not had the opportunity to meet with as well as many misconceptions. She added that it was one of the best experiences of my life."
**Letters**

**EDC status clarified**

The March 30 letter from Keiji Kawada, New England chapter president, states Min Yasui’s article of March 3, misperceived and misused the efforts in the redress campaign. Some clarification is in order here, with the redress coordinator.

In Boston they ask, “What does he know?” In New York, “How much does he make?” In Philadelphia, “How old is his parents?” Nearly a century has passed since Mark Twain made that observation. The recently revived New England chapter has raised the Bostonian question.

**Honest Misunderstanding**

A little background should help clear the honest misunderstanding. The New England chapter and some of its members of dormancy were revived through the interest of Toby Kimm, a Harvard student, who wrote to me in January 1979, asking for help in starting a chapter in Boston. Information on the requirements for starting a chapter and a description of some of the Boston chapter and an audition of the chapter membership made it clear that students would not survive without an invitation to the students to restart the chapter.

Between July and December 1981 the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians held hearings in Boston as the final location. It seems the New England chapter is not as active since they were not represented at the 1982 national convention. The decision was made with EDC.

The headquarters were vacated before the August 1983 EDC/MDC biennial convention. The list of people in the New England area who had paid dues to JACL, X names was small.

The issue of New England coverage on redress was discussed with the Washington representative, who assured me he would be following up. The New England chapter existed prior to New England chapter written in December and January.

Min Yasui’s second “verifying” comment came after he had learned of the existence of the New England chapter. In a letter to me, he claimed Yasui became part of the redress movement in response to the possibility of getting them in the political process. He never had a chance to discuss the complicated political and economic knowledge and experience which we lacked. He also accepted the premise that the redress chapter could get support in Massachusetts.

Finally, Min Yasui could not be contacted before his death.

**REDDOS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui**

**“And Justice For All”**

John Tateishi, national JACL director for redress, has melded together a deeply moving and personal, 40-year-old personal reminiscence of 23 “Evacuees” who underwent forced removal from their homes by the U.S. government, incarceration in relocation and desert camps during World War II. The title of the book is And Justice For All, published by Random House of New York.

Tateishi told the remarkable story of 23 individuals who vividly, out in the bleak deserts of Mindoka, Idaho, amongst the barren lava out-cropping, seeing and hearing 12-year-old American-ized manner, faces, accents, who held the American flag, repeating the pledge of allegiance, and ending with the words “... and liberty and justice for all” — all the while facing redress. Donations of five or more can be made to the gun at ready and surrounded by barbed wire fences. The ironic nuances of that situation live with us yet.

“Evacuation” and “military necessity,” and even “redress” are rather abstract terms, hiding much behind legal obfuscation. But, the bitterness and frustrations, the shining bright moments and the funny things that happened in “camp,” the actual suffering and the numbing pain of losses, and the star-spangled patriotism of Nisei men who went off to war from behind those barbed wire fences, are real-life memories of those ordinary people who endured the hardships of those “camps,” and the redress chapter can get support in Massachusetts.

For the Record

Shotokan Karate enthusiasts at Mehrota Dojo know it, but PC readers should be able to chase a bunch of cattle out amongst the sagebrush for pasturage. Although he and his family were not directly affected by the evacuation, he is the outside observer that the boy had come to help people who happen to look like him.

The proceeds of And Justice For All will be devoted exclusively to support the redress movement in the National JACL, and a complimentary copy will be sent, or JACL chapters can be contacted for actual sales of the book. Watch for announcements of And Justice For All.

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NCNW district council to award achievements of high school seniors

ORINDA, Ca. — Applications for the N. Calif. Pacific scholastic achievement award are now available at all high schools throughout the greater Bay area. The award is given to high school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding scholastic achievement. Students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and on the playing field are eligible for the award.

JACLers host Lima visitor in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Memories of the last PANA convention in Peru were revived last week (Mar. 29) when local JACLers called by Miyoko Kamekura of Lima, who was visiting her sister Martha Tamashiro in mid-March. Mrs. Kamekura had hosted a surprise luncheon for a busload of touring JACLers.

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Panetta co-sponsors HR 4110

MARINA, Ca. — Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Calif.), in a letter to Robert Ouy, president of Monterey Peninsula JACL, announced that he will co-sponsor the Civil Liberties Act of 1980, HR 4110. I have given this issue a great deal of consideration,” he wrote. “While I believe it may be necessary to amend HR 4110 in order to get this action through... I fully endorse the principle that the U.S. government has an obligation to offer compensation for the losses suffered by Americans of Japanese ancestry.”

Ouy said that Panetta was once opposed to individual payments, but that letters from the Nikkei community and meetings with Nikki leader had apparently changed his mind.

Tri-Valley serves community

Dublin, Ca. — Tri-Valley chapter JACL announced the completion of its community service projects for 1983. There were a total of three activities: scholarships, gifts to the local school district, and assistance to the library.

In June 1983 two scholarships for $20 each were awarded to Darin Takemoto and Stephanie Kamegai of Livermore. Multimedia kits were given in July to each of the local school districts: Livermore, Pleasanton, Murray, and San Ramon elementary. The kits comprised “Seeing the World in a Grain of Sand: A Haiku Moment,” a slide and cassette tape of haiku poetry and Japanese music.

The following books were donated in February 1984 to Dublin Public Library (available to all Alameda and Contra Costa patrons with inter-library loan)

A Jar of Dreams by Yosuko Uchida (children’s book); The Big Bad Thing by Yosuko Uchida (children’s book); Romon with American Trees by Manakuni Kawanami; Desert Eziele by Yosuko Uchida; Go For Broke by Chester Tanaka; Introducing Japan by Donald Richie; JACL in Quest of Justice by Bill Hosokawa in donated in March 1984; Japanese Cooking: A Simple Art by Shuzo Tsuiji; Japanese for Beginners by Yasuo Yoshida; Matsumi Japanese American Celebrations and Activities by Nancy Kariy and Akane M. Hori; The Ninja and Their Secret Fighting Art by Stephen K. Hayes; and Secrets of the Sumpur: A Survey of the Martial Arts of Japan by Oscar Ratti and Adele Westbrook.

Community service co-chairpersons were Donna Yokozono and Alice Morikita. Chapter president for 1983 was Dr. Henry Kunituma.
Orange County
GARDEN CRO, Ca. — The annual Orange County JACL Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Center on a 10% off its premises. For information, call L. Nishioka, 522-3693; Kazuko Platt, 709-3780.

Seattle
SEATTLE — "Nikko Awareness: The Unique Experience of Growing Up at a Japanese American Camp," is the focus of a day-long workshop at Elaine Methodist Church, 301 24th South, Seattle, Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Psychologist Jim Morishita delivers the keynote address; followed by a discussion on Nikkei personality and its relationship to racism and culture. To register, send $5 (includes obsolete, Japanese lunch to Seattle JACL, 314 Mainyard, Seattle, WA 98104. Accompany check with registration form or a note mentioning the Los Angeles Newspaper. Email Nishioka, 522-3693; Kazuko Platt, 709-3780.

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Monterey Peninsula installs Ouye
CARMEL VALLEY, Ca. — More than 120 members and friends attended the Monterey Peninsula installation dinner Jan. 21 at Bancho Canada Golf Club. Robert Ouye, civic leader and former mayor of Marina, was installed as president.

Pacific Grove proclaimed Jan. 21 "Bob Ouye Day," and its mayor, Pilar Williams, spoke at the installation. Also present were Clyde Anderson, mayor of Monterey; Robert Prieto, mayor of Del Rey Oaks; Lance McClain, mayor of Seaside; George Takahashi, mayor of Marina; state Sen. Henry Wello, who served as master of ceremonies; Sam Farr; and Monterey County administrative officer Ernest Morishita.

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People

Religion

The Rev. Mines Katagiri will resign as the head of the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ, effective upon retirement. Katagiri has led the regional church for nineteen years. The Northern California Church, based in Oakland, was formed in 1954 from Tulare in Fresno to Reno, Nev., with 20 congregations. Katagiri, who received his divinity degree in 1954 from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, is credited with an infusion of new energy into the ethnic churches, which now number 20% of the conference.

Deaths

Hisao L. Masunaga, 41, of Gardena, died April 3. He was an MlS/Roo­man War and career Army officer. He was an expert in the field of military arts and was a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in business administration. Masunaga was the first to be re­elected in 1982 to the Fifth District. His death was sudden and unexpected.

Takamasa Aoki, 72, of Los Angeles, died April 4. He was a well­known restaurateur and interpreter for TV and movies. He was a pioneer in the restaurant trade with his late brothers Fred and Harry before the war. He was a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese American Citizens League. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Takamasa Aoki, and two sons.

Tokunaga appointed FBI section chief

WASHINGTON—Don S. Tokunaga, a 33-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been named FBI section chief of the special projects section, laboratory division, in FBI headquarters.

Tokunaga began his career as a special agent in 1953, working in Texas and gaining further experience in Los Angeles. He later assumed duties as an instructor in the training division, inspection duties in the planning and inspection division, and administrative duties in the FBI's equal employment opportunity office. His most recent assignment was in Albuquerque, N.M.

He is a 1960 graduate of Colorado State University and, in 1973 he received his master's in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Hito Okada Was JACL Personified

By HARRY HONDA

When the call came Friday morning, saying Akio Okada from Salt Lake City was on the line, an anticipatory feeling of grief surfaced within as it could be about Hito Okada, whom JACLers have long known to be afflicted (since 1970) of the dreaded Parkinson's disease. Her voice was bright, but not the news: "Hito has passed away last night (April 5). He had been in a nursing home this past half year since he had been ill also... He died peacefully. He wanted a Masonic funeral and it will be held here (Salt Lake City) on Monday noon." After the brief conversation, before ending, he told me he would call his friends on the West Coast, the sense of loss struck! Another living tie with JACL's struggles and achievements had joined in the feast of petty personalities whom he had the privilege of knowing and working with—Dr. Thomas Yatabe, Jimmie Sakamoto, Walter Tsuchimoto, Saburo Kido, Randy Sakuda, George Inagaki—all national JACL officials.

In 1947 at Portland (where he worked prewar with a logging exporting firm), National JACL had honored Hito at its convention. As was pointed out that time, he didn't get around as much as some of the other national presidents and not as well known, perhaps, but his record on behalf of Japanese Americans remains effective. He founded National JACL's credit union in 1943, serving as its mainstay treasurer-managing for over three decades. At the time of his retirement, he was well known to all. "No other JACLer has matched his years in point of continuous service in the organization—33 years," As JACL national treasurer (1938-46), he was an indefatigable fund raiser as well as a positive genius in watching how National was spending it. As Mike Masaoka observed in 74, "The magnitude of Hito's accomplishments can be measured against the funds now available to JACL today as against what little was available then."

It was an Intermountain District meeting in Idaho Falls in 1947 that Hito and George Inagaki launched the 1000 Club—convincing 1,000 JACLers to contribute $2 a year (over and above their regular dues) to support Headquarters operations. It took almost a decade to enroll 1,000 members in the club but by that time the contribution included national dues—and today, the 1000 Club 'dues' keep changing upward just to maintain the gap above regular dues.

During the four years, Hito was national president (1956-60), JACL embarked on its legislative campaign for evacuation claims and-JACL nationalization by opening its Washington office. Groundwork for lifting the Japanese exclusion law, pushing for Hawaiian statehood, revealing alien land laws and enacting other remedial legislation ensued. Happy Valley columnist Sachiko Seko was to recall in 1978, "The postwar years of 1946-56 compose a unique section of JACL history... Lake Kido, Okada, Sakuda and friends—the tempo for volunteers. They never lost their grassroots feel.

A graduate of Tacoma's Stadium High, Hito graduated from University of Washington and Ohio State. He entered business life for a while in the 1950s and 60s and later returned to college. He worked for an investment firm across the street from the Japanese American Courier and heard from Sakamoto and George Inagaki about ideals of JACL. He was Portland JACL's charter president in 1934, and four years later elected national treasurer at the L.A. convention. In '42, he offered to assist JACL, move to Salt Lake City to set up Headquarters doing 'that with nothing'. The thing about decisions being made in "smoke-filled" rooms was true when Hito hit his present pipe. A sportsman throughout his life—bicycle, fish­ing and hunting—he once told Ken Uchida of Ogden; how proud he was of the 1952 second-place tournament in a city-wide bowling tournament; the first year the ABC admitted non-Mexican teams.

Hito Okada—a personification of JACL at its best—lived by his mother's philosophy: "To serve your fellow man is the biggest and most honorable thing a person can do in his lifetime." This concept has been stated in diverse ways—but as Hito put it, it is easy to remember and needs to be repeated continually.
Canadian commission recommends monetary redress

OTTAWA, Ontario—After a year’s study, the House of Commons Canadian—Visible Minorities presented its report to the Canadian parliamentary body, on March 28. Among the report’s 80 recommendations was one that proposed monetary redress for Canadians of Japanese ancestry who were expelled from their West Coast homes and interned during World War II.

The commission also called for a public acknowledgment of the government’s wrong-doing and an amendment to the War Measures Act, which gave the government the power to carry out the rights abuses.

When an opposition member asked Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to comment on that recommendation, Trudeau replied he was “not inclined to envisage questions of compensation about which may have discolored our history in the past if other means of redress are possible.”

“I’m not quite sure where we would stop in compensating. I know we’d have to go back a great length of time in our history and look at all the injustices, perhaps beginning with the deportation of the Acadians, who were expelled in the 18th century for failing to swear allegiance to the king of England, and going on to the treatment of Chinese Canadians in the late 19th century.”

“[I] don’t see much to gain by trying to apologize for the acts of our great-grandfathers and their great-grandchildren,” he stated.

Trudeau said he would prefer to give jobs to needy people now than to people whose ancestors had been deprived.

As Trudeau has announced his plans to step down as prime minister, however, he may have little effect on the redress issue in Canada. At its convention in June, the ruling Liberal Party will choose a new leader, who will head the country as prime minister for 2 to 8 months. A general election is required by March 1965.

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U.S. support for dictatorships in the Philippines and S. Korea. In a straw poll conducted last weekend, 46% of the voting participants favored Mondale, 36% backed Jesse Jackson, 16% voted for Hart, and 4% marked “other.” Results are non-binding.

An initial exit poll of 25 voters revealed that Jackson supporters voted for him because, as one said, “he had the most comprehensive and most progressive stand on the issues, and he will shake up the old-boy network in the Democratic Party.”

Hart’s backers thought he was the only candidate of the three who could defeat Ronald Reagan in November, and Mondale cited his experience.

Also featured at the convention were three workshops, held simultaneously, on coalition-building with Blacks and Hispanics, voter registration, and political influence through campaign contributions.

The close of the day saw a tribute to Asian Pacific “pioneers,” six individuals who have given distinguished service to the party. Honored were Paula Higashi, Mary Miyashita, Kazuo Umemoto, Harold Yee, Thomas Hase, and Yori Wada.

Community rallies around Laotian — brother killed in attack

ST. LOUIS—Japanese Americans here have begun a community drive to raise funds for Si Khay Phaphavanh, 18, whose older brother died March 7, nine days after he was beaten unconscious with a baseball bat.

According to a March 13 report by Bill Smith of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Khamseng Phaphavanh, 24, his brother and several Laotian friends were trying to push his snowed-in car along a street when a group of young men, apparently unable to maneuver around the car, stopped. One of the two men who confronted the group struck a Laotian man in the face. When Phaphavanh tried to help his friend, he was struck several times in the head with a baseball bat.

Johnnie Troupe, 25, has been arrested and charged with second-degree assault.

Surviving Brother Needs Help

The two Phaphavanshs brothers fled Laos in 1981, swam across the Mekong River and landed in a Thai refugee camp until their resettlement in the U.S.

Anna Peterson, executive director of the International Institute, sponsoring agency of the brothers’ stay in this country, says that the younger brother now needs help. A high school junior, Si Khay Phaphavanh may need to quit school to support himself. Peterson wrote in the St. Louis JACL newsletter that, “Although he shares an apartment with two other Laotian brothers, he earns half of the rent and utilities must be met, and he must eat in order to survive.

Si Khay needs his high school diploma. Otherwise, he’ll always be the last of his family to go to college.” Peterson continued, “His brother, Khamseng, had been concerned about Si Khay’s opportunities and had supported both of them. He, however, received a rent payment although he held mainly temporary jobs where the lay-off risks were great.

Donations to help Si Khay meet living expenses until high school graduation can be sent to Anna Peterson, International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis, 3800 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. Checks should be made payable to the International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis, with a note that the donation is for Si Khay Phaphavanh.

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