School board may compensate clerks for forced resignations

SEATTLE—Twenty-seven Nisei women who were forced to resign en masse from their jobs with the Seattle School District in February 1942 will receive $5,000 each if the school board approves the redress proposal at its April 25 meeting.

Board vice chair T.J. Vassar, in introducing the motion, said the measure "does not attempt to affix blame for the events caused by the war hysteria," but is an attempt to rectify a wrong.

Testifying at the April 11 board meeting were three former employees, May Daty Namba, Alice Kawanishi, and Toyo Okuda Cary, who said she was called into the office of then-acting superintendent Samuel Fleming and told she should resign.

Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, Ron Sims, aide to state Sen. George Fleming, and Tim O'Kane, JACL Pacific Northwest regional director, also testified on behalf of the former clerks.

Supporting statements were received from the ACLU; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Black, Chinese and Filipino educators associations; several principals; Seattle Teachers Assn.; PTA groups; and state Sen. Kenji Fujimura.

American Friends Service Committee wrote that, "A move to redress past wrongs by the Seattle School Board would have a powerful educational impact...serving to communicate to our children that racism and fear can lead public bodies to make profound errors and that such bodies can acknowledge and strive to correct such errors."

About ten of the women forced to resign still live in the Seattle area, and most are expected to testify on April 25.

Sabotage Feared

A few days after the issuance of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, the Seattle PTA organized a group of mothers in the Gatewood School area of West Seattle threatened to pull their children out of school if the PTA did not make immediate changes to the agenda.

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Minority leaders say Asians should make more demands

By KAREN SERIGUCHI

LOS ANGELES—About 50 persons learned the nuts and bolts of coalition-building from the heads of the California Democratic Party's Black and Hispanic caucuses and the Chinese American mayor of Monterey Park during a workshop held April 7 at the biennial convention of the party's Asian Pacific caucus. (See April 13 PC.)

Irene Tovar, Hispanic chair, told the gathering that groups forming a coalition "must feel that their very survival depends on success—the greater the intensity of feeling, the greater the success."

Tovar emphasized that the coalition must have definite goals and that it must be clear what each group wants from the others. Members must ask, "What is the working relationship? What is each group going to do? How are resources, skills, fund-raising responsibilities shared?"

It is important to keep monitoring the group's progress and to correct misstatements immediately, Tovar said. If successful, a group should also check to see if it has outgrown its usefulness.

Tovar urged that groups share information with one another. In her experience in trying to gain passage of bilingual-education bills, she found that legislators would say different things to different groups. Working together, the Asian and Hispanic groups were able to set more effective strategies because their information was more complete. "Don't be impressed with numbers," she said, for numbers are impotent without organization.

Hold Representatives Accountable

Pearl Adams, Black, often focused on the importance of setting goals, then applying pressure to legislators.

"Nothing in this society is free," she said. "Things that have been achieved have been fought for, sacrificed for, earned. Asians have to fight for their agenda."

"Hold your representatives accountable," she continued. "If you don't, you're not getting what you should be getting."

Tovar interjected her agreement. "Asians have to make demands," she said. "Hold back your money and see how fast politicians do what you want!"

Mayor Lily Lee Chen, one of 25 permanent members of the Democratic National Committee concurred. "We have to pay our dues...we need to make our own agenda. The bottom line is, to know what is negotiable. We need to negotiate through strength."

Chen said this may mean starting with relatively small goals, like obtaining equal representation in construction projects or in small business.

Asians Seen as 'Too Polite'

In a question-and-answer period, Adams and Tovar were asked how Blacks and Hispanics view Asians in co-alition work. Adams replied that Asians are seen as wealthy, educated, quiet to the point of rudeness, and too polite. Blacks often feel that Asians are intimidated by them, and "they don't know what to do about it," she said.

Tovar agreed. In her experience, she found, Asians may make no objections, few have reservations about them. The group's direction then becomes fuzzy. Communication is essential, she emphasized.

Other workshops at the convention focused on voter registration and campaign contributions.

Strength Through Unity—Coalition-builders Irene Tovar (left), Lily Lee Chen, and Pearl Adams relate their experiences at the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus.
Democratic candidates accept Asian Pacific caucus platform

LOS ANGELES—Representatives of all three Democratic presidential contenders stated on April 7 that their candidates endorsed the seat of the Asian Pacific Caucus.

Rep. Jesse Jackson during a debate at the biennial convention of the California Democratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus, endorsed the general assembly's stated clerk for its chairman.

The support action represents the general assembly's stated clerk for Asian Americans, and Mike Murase, California coordinator. Rep. Norman Mineta of California and Fred Fujikoa of Asians for Mondale.

The positions of Gary Hart were delivered by John Emerson, California coordinator, and Debbie Shon of Asians for Hart.

Excepts of the candidates' platform follow.

1. Civil Liberties
   - To stem the rising tide of attacks against Asian Pacific Americans, all levels of government and institutions must:
     - Enforce vigorously our present laws to protect the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans.
     - Sensitize individuals to the historical contributions, culture, and heritage of Asian Pacific Americans in order to break stereotypes, using public education by labor, corporations, government and educational institutions.
   - Fund public, state and local government entities on the threat of physical violence and harassment.
   - The Democratic Party should:
     - Support legislation in Congress which, at minimum, would carry out recommendations (of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians).

2. Immigration
   - The Democratic Party must:
     - Support family reunification under immigration provisions, specifically the second and fifth preferences which reunite sons, daughters, brothers and sisters with their Asian Pacific American relatives.
     - Oppose any immigration legislation, such as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, which proposes to eliminate the fifth preference provision of the current immigration law which reunites brother and sister.
     - Oppose any legislation which would create a national employment identification card.
   - The Democratic Party recognizes the human and constitutional rights of all individuals within our borders. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in enforcing immigration laws, must recognize its obligation to respect these rights and must:
     - Cease practices aimed at Asian Pacific Americans communities such as "neighborhood sweeps" and stop and search procedures which are discriminatory or without probable cause.

3. Social and Human Services
   - Many Americans perceive Asian Pacific Americans as a "silent and model" ethnic minority that takes care of its problems; this perception is incorrect. The Asian Pacific American communities have valid needs which are currently unmet, and often even unnoticed. We charge authorities at each level of government to:
     - Provide adequate and reasonable accessibility to services, including appropriate bilingual service personnel.
     - Focus more research and programmatic aid on the unique physical, mental health and substance abuse needs of Asian Pacific Americans, including the needs of recent immigrants.
     - Develop crime prevention efforts which are sensitive to Asian Pacific American communities' needs.
     - Address the disproportionate numbers of Asian Pacific American senior citizens living in poverty, and attend to the adequate provision of housing and social services at all levels.
   - Our government must:

4. Bilingual Education
   - Public education must provide children with marginal or no English language skills with programs that will:
     - Enable students to achieve proficiency in English as soon as possible.
     - Provide support programs to students placed in regular classroom programs.
     - Each community with a significant population which lacks an English language skills should:
       - Guarantee speedy access to both day and evening programs designed to provide them with English language skills.
       - Provide bilingual information on other bilingual programs.

5. Representation & Voter Registration
   - It is urgent that our government:
     - Appoint Asian Pacific Americans to White House, cabinet, liaison and domestic council-level positions in our federal government.
     - The Democratic National Committee should work closely with the Asian Pacific Caucus and communities to:
       - Collect the appropriate state Democratic Parties to initiate voter registration drives in their Asian Pacific communities.
       - Provide appropriate bilingual information on voter registration and the Democratic Party.

Presbyterians to consider redress

ESPARTO, Calif.—The Presbytery of Sacramento, comprising 36 Presbyterian churches in the area, at its meeting on March 31, voted to ask the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., at its national meeting on May 29-June 5 in Phoenix, Ariz., to support the Japanese American and Aleut residents currently in Congress.

The resolution calls on all Presbyterian congregations to urge support of the bills by their respective congressional representatives, and requests the general assembly's stated clerk to send a copy of the resolution to each member of Congress.

Initiated at the Japanese Presbyterian Church at its annual meeting at Garden Grove, Calif. on February 9-12, the resolution was carried forward for presbytery action by the Parkview Presbyterian Church of Sacramento. Before presentation to the presbytery, Parkview initially obtained approval from Sacramento Presbyterian Mission Action Committee and the Area Council.

It is expected that positive action on the general assembly's bill, representing some 3,500 members throughout the nation, would lend meaningful ecclesiastical support by a major denomination to the redress effort.

Parkview Presbyterian Church was also represented at the presbytery meeting by members Osame Doy, Jane Omi, and Hach Yasumura and by elders Robert Kashlajw and George Matsuoka and pastor Tom Umholtz.

Yonemura scholarship endowed at U.H.

HONOLULU—Establishment of the James K. Yonemura Scholarship Fund at the University of Hawaii Foundation was announced by university president Pujo Matsuda following a $50,000 contribution from the long-time lifeline and civic leader.

Yonemura, who is active in JACL, expressed his wishes that the income from the endowment be used to promote understanding between the U.S. and Japan through educational programs. Net income will be used for supplemental awards to persons selected to receive the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship.
Short stories about Nikkei life wanted

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) is currently developing a grade 3–5 level book on Japanese Americans for schools, libraries and the general public. The book will fill a need for the new president Florence Hongo, as there is no book in print which covers this important area. The book will contain sections on history, biographies, and contemporary short stories.

JACP is soliciting manuscripts for the short stories section. The following guidelines are suggested:

1. Must be at the appropriate reading level for students in grades 3–5.

2. It must portray the current lifestyle of Japanese American youth of the ages 9–12 or significant events of the past.

3. The preference is for stories which deal with current issues of prejudice, cultural pluralism, identity/self-image.

4. The manuscript should be typed, double-spaced and not more than ten pages in length.

5. A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany all manuscripts submitted.

Deadline for the receipt of all completed manuscripts is Aug. 31. The JACL board of directors will act as judges and award a cash payment of $100 to each of the three accepted manuscripts.

For further information, call Florence Hongo, (415) 343-9408.

JACP, Inc. has been a non-profit educational corporation since 1971. Its primary purpose has been to develop and disseminate educational materials. Over the years it has produced a number of educational materials sold through their store at 4143 Third Ave. JACP has become the largest distributor of Japanese American materials in the United States.

On the board of directors are:

Florence Hongo, pres & mgr, Sid Kinsaka, v. pres, Shizue Yoshida, treas, Bonie Shishibashi, sec, and Tony Burton, JACP, Inc., 4143 Third Ave. (at 45th St.)

Other assisting in this project is Takako Endo, Lillian Pang, and Visual Communications of Los Angeles.
Exaggerations

A writer who fills space for one of the Los Angeles Japanese vernaculars has been accusing JACL of censorship and even attributing the postponement of a Sansei meeting with U.S. Senator Moylan to the influence of the United States to the likes of Floyd Shimomura, myself, and a fellow named Mike Masako. Perhaps he’s auditioning for our press agent, because his representations certainly exaggerate our influence while managing to badly distort reality.

It’s not that I am not pleased that NHK has taken the position to evaluate an American showing of their taiga drama in a broader context. In fact, I am pleased that the Japanese television company has been sensitive to taking a look at their product from several points of view and to demonstrate some social responsibility for their production. While I won’t embrace the writer’s inference of biasing various concerns that have been expressed about the potential impact of their program.

Not at any time did Floyd Shimomura as JACL national president, or I, as the national director, express any intention to stop the showing of the program. The respect for First Amendment rights to show the program is clear, as is our express concern for the potentially adverse impact of such a program has been rigorously observed. The expression of concern is not censorship.

The writer is quite right in stating that JACL does not speak for all Japanese Americans. But it seems to me that we have reflected a position shared by a good number of Nikkei.

In large part I would like to indicate that I think that the JACL is far less influential, unfortunately, than the writer projects. We were, of course, visible and our concerns were expressed in black and white in our membership organ, the Pacific Citizen. At the same time, let me speculate that the concerns such as those expressed by Ivan Halt of the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission about the potential of an ugly Japanese sentiment resulting from “Sanga Moyu” had greater weight. I would speculate that some Japanese would not be terribly thrilled that the NHK portrayal of the ugly Japanese militarists to American audiences might develop some anti-Japanese feeling in the U.S.

In large part I would like to say that the center of all this fuss is more about audience than about dramatic license. I think that a Japanese American audience is able by life experience to sort out the fiction. I think that a majority of Nikkei Americans and Japanese Americans have a different or absent context, which could result in misperceptions. The misperceptions would probably be different on each side of the Pacific. For those of us involved with redress, the fact is that we wouldn’t want it any more complicated than it already is, so we express how we feel about it.

There are inaccuracies and lies that sometimes audiences and writers have a hard time separating.

WOMEN’S CONCERNS:

Role of Women Evolving

By ALYSA WATANABE

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —I don’t recall any particular instances of sex bias within the JACL, I think that I am more conscious of the influence my age has on people than my sex.

Last year I was enrolled in an Asian American Studies course here at the University of Michigan. The course was taught by Donna Tachibana, a non-JACL Japanese American. In class, there was often reference to the JACL, since it is considered the spokesperson of the Japanese American community. I did my term paper on Nisei, and during the term I also read JACL, In Quest of Justice. I feel that these two books gave me a better understanding of the JACL and the role it played in the Japanese American community during various points in its history. I enjoyed talking about the JACL, within my course environment, but not necessarily anti-JACL viewpoint. From some of the observations we made, we formed a hypothesis as to the reason for the male dominance within the JACL. Perhaps it is an over-analysis and might be criticized by many, but as Sanei, this is what I’ve observed.

During the days of camp, when JACL was young, women became much less “dominated” by men. What I mean by this is that, being thrust into the camp environment, men didn’t have the “master of the house” control over their families. The community environment freed women of many responsibilities. There was certainly less housework and cooking to do, and the children didn’t need to be as closely monitored.

family disputes, women could be more aggressive in expressing their feelings for they didn’t have to worry about being “thrown out in the cold”, they had community backing. It seems that women were very active in planning community events. It was a positive experience for women and helped to somewhat break them out of the obedient Japanese-wife image. On the other hand, although many women leaders were developing, there seemed to always be a male leadership structure above them, making the roles played by women like committee chairpersons. Perhaps this was a way for Japanese Americans to keep the Old World belief that men should be the dominant figure since this trait was somewhat diminished in their family situations.

In looking at the present JACL structure, this seems somewhat to hold true. On the chapter level, many of the “doers” and chair presidents, are women, but above, on the district level, while there are some women vice governors, most of the governors are men. At the national level, men again dominate.

As for the future, I believe that women will play a more active role in leadership positions. I think that the JACL is more willing to accept capable women. Whether the above hypothesis is right or wrong, women will continue to move up, becoming more accepting of women. If the hypothesis is true, then as the Sansei take over the leadership of the JACL, the stigma of the camp experience will not influence the leadership selection process.

Being a Sanei, I consider myself an outsider on this issue. I’d be interested to know if any Nisei see truth in my observations.

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DENVER-The Congress of the United States is taking an Easter holiday until April 23. Many members of the House and Senate will be out of the country on junkets—but others will be back home contacting constituents, especially in regard to the November elections.

With the two JACL-supported redress bills, HR 4110 and S 2116, before the Congress and assigned to sub-committees, JACLers and friends can effectively contact their respective representatives.

We know that in all probability neither of these redress bills will be presented on the floor of the House or Senate, but certainly there are indications that sub-committee hearings will be held.

In the Senate, for sub-committee hearings, we must reach Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland, Sen. William Armstrong of Colorado, Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, and Sen. James Sasser of Tennessee. We need to persuade at least three of these senators to support S 2116.


We must have a favorable vote of at least five members of this sub-committee, before HR 4110 can go to the full House Judiciary Committee, headed by Rep. Peter Rodino of New Jersey.

Inagaki/JACLer deadline extended

ROCKVILLE, Md. —Applications for JACLer of the Biennium and the Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award will be accepted until April 30, announced committee chair Seiko Wakahayashi. Completed applications must be received (not postmarked) by the deadline date at the following address:

Mrs. Seiko Wakahayashi, 7092 Shady Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852

For the Record: Contra Costa JACL was the 1978 recipient of the George Inagaki award (winners listed in the April 6 FC). The award was first given in that year.
The Mark of Mike Masaoka

It was an inspired choice. Although Masaoka had grown up outside the West Coast Japanese American community, he recognized Nisei frustrations, understood their yearning for recognition as Americans, shared their hunger for economic opportunity. He provided essential leadership in the NIKKEI to claim their birthright.

When war came he fought valiantly to avert the inevitable, the Evacuation. When it became apparent the young, inexperienced JACL could not stem the tide of wartime hysteria, he began to lay plans to make certain the circumstances that led to the Evacuation would be eliminated.

Masaoka is not only responsible for persuading the government to restore the right of military service to Japanese Americans, then first to volunteer when the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was formed. He reasoned, completely accurately, that the nation could not deny full citizenship rights to people who had bled in its defense.

After service in Europe he returned to Washington as JACL's representative. His tireless efforts led Congress to pass a series of laws to correct racially based injustices. Naturalization was extended to the JACL, effectively negated hundreds of laws directed against "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

The government first recognized the injustice of the Evacuation by approving the Evacuation Claims Act to reimburse Japanese Americans in part for their losses. Immigration laws were overhauled to eliminate racial inequalities. The so-called concentration camp provisions of internal security laws were eliminated.

Masaoka's skilled leadership led to one successful assault after another against bias.

During this time he worked to improve U.S. relations with Japan by eliminating discriminatory practices in exchange, and helped George Miller, dean of the California delegation at the time of his retirement in 1970, declared that "practically every law affecting Japan and the Japanese, as well as Japanese Americans, in the postwar era had the mark of Mike Masaoka on it."

Masaoka on two occasions was awarded White House Presidential Citizens for distinguished public service, and was twice decorated by the Japanese government for his contributions to Japanese-American understanding. He was also JACL's first Nisei of the Biennium in 1950. In 1970, as the end of Masaoka's 30-year staff relationship with JACL neared, a Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award was established. Every two years it provides a citation and $1,000 to an individual or organization that has contributed most to the promotion of U.S.-Japan relations, or to improving the quality of life for all Americans.

Masaoka is president of the international consulting firm of Mike M. Masaoka and Associates in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Etsu live in Chevy Chase, Md.

This article's purpose is to inform those who have heard about Mike Masaoka but who do not know his history. It is in his name that the Mike Masaoka Fellow was developed to raise funds for JACL.

—Gene Takamine, Ways and Means chair.
**Calendar**

**April 11**
San Francisco—Exhibition by painter Kazumi Yamada, 880 Bryant St. 1st & 3rd, 1-5pm.

**April 12**
San Francisco—Spring Cherry Blossoms Fest. Nihonmachi.

**April 13**
Los Angeles—Los Angeles Film Festival. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 40 W. Hamilton St., 7pm.

**April 14**
Lancaster—Koreisha Wshoku Kootrilion Arts program, Oakland College. Info: 549-6063.

**April 16**
San Francisco—Special event: egg hunt, Garden Grove Community Center, Stanford Ave. East of Foothill, 10am-3pm.

**April 17-18**
Los Angeles—NCPR Festival, Little Tokyo, 460 E. 2nd St. Info: 643-4357.

**April 18**
San Francisco—Japanese American Museum: Open House, 9am-5pm.

**April 19**

**April 20**
San Francisco—Sherry Blossoms Fest. East LA Coll. 2100 Brooklyn, 11am to 6pm Sat., to 3pm Sun.

**April 24-29**
North Bay—Tangible Culture: Festival. Variety St. Soc. 1330 Broadway, 7pm.

**April 28-29**
Monterey Park—Cherry Blossom Fest. East LA Coll. 2100 Brooklyn, 11am to 6pm Sat., to 3pm Sun.

**April 29**
San Francisco—Aichi Matsuri grand parade.

**May 4**
Takoma—Movie night, Van Nuys High School, 7350 Bryam, 7pm.

**May 6**
Portland—San Francisco Tailo Dyeing Show, 703 Market St., 5pm-7pm.

**May 10**

**May 14**

**May 16-17**
New York—Kalbu perf by Bandu Tamaashaw, Japan Soc. 52, 54 W 21st St. 7-10pm. Fri May 16, 7-11pm.

**May 18**
Takoma—Cultural awareness program, 610pm. Info: 322-4260.

**May 20**
Portland—Graduation celebration, Benson Hoc, 582 Riddle & Oak Sts. Info: 423-7871.

**May 21**

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Fleeting Impressions

(Dedicated to Tomo Ichikawa, Reunion Chairperson)

OAKLAND, Calif.—"On a clear day we stand there and look farther than the ordinary eye can see," wrote Sun Ra, the Indian poet. "Far above the roof of the world we can encompass visions of the world."

These words describe aptly the feeling one gets when one stands on the top of the Twin Brothers peak; which rises majestically above windswept Suisun Valley, Issei pioneers to the valley struggled valiantly with the soil, turned the valley into an area of rich orchards, then quietly passed on. As the crow flies, Susan-Fairfield lies halfway between Sacramento and San Francisco, a place where the soft marsh wind from the Suisun Bay blows over the land.

On Saturday, September 19, 1981, two hundred and fifty former residents of the valley converged upon the old white remodeled schoolhouse now permanently renamed the Nisei Chalet. This gathering was in memory of the Issei pioneers who first generation Japanese pioneers who made this valley fertile with peaches, plums, pears, apricots and grapes, but who at the prime of their life were incarcerated with their American-born children. Some returned to the valley later, broken in spirit and unable to recoup their losses.

Several miles from Fairfield, the Rockville cemetery has a separate section reserved for those Japanese and Chinese ancestry. The graves are neat and well kept, although some are forgotten and moss-covered or flooded with rain water.

There were familiar names: Asanuma, 1935-1966 deceased at age 80. Mr. Sokichi Ichikawa, 1878-1988, friends of the family. He died at 80. His wife, Tamiya, 1889-1969 (Mr. Ichikawa was related to the great Kabuki actor in Japan, Danjuro Ichikawa.)

There were many others like the Mitosuns, also friends of the family. Strange, but there were two Emery Mitosuns. The first was born in 1910. Died in 1913 at age three. The other Emery was born in 1926 and died in 1935. The family believes that the first Emery was reincarnated because they were both born on April 30.

The Rev. Matsumabuya intoned, "Only the human animal is capable of recording...only the human animal is capable of building graves."

The Issei, Nisei and Sansei seated in the front row before the ceremony table all looked healthy and affluent. One younger Issei woman, who must have migrated to the United States after the war, watched an elderly Nisei man taking notes in his notebook from the tombstones. He spent his summers here picking fruits, loading trucks and drying fruits in the sun to earn spending money and college tuition. The Issei woman was crying.

Back in the Nisei Club House men's toilet, my reverie is suddenly broken. Someone had posted the following sign: "Aim to keep this place clean. Your aim will help. Shave signs stand clean."

On the reunion bulletin board, letters were posted from former residents, written in both English and Japanese, regretfully stating why they could not attend the reunion. One was from a Mrs. Maeyama who was in a hospital.

Japanese are known for their resiliency. They had all come home. Their numbers had multiplied even into the fourth generation. During the evening, the Japanese restaurant in Rocklin Inn was nearly bursting at the seams with mothers, fathers, children, grandchildren. They had come out of the evacuation strong and alive.
Asian Drug Abuse

A recent article appearing in the Family Weekly (March 28) deals with Asian Americans and their problems. So what else is new? Some problem revealed in this article are new to me, perhaps because I do not circulate much and prefer to stay at home.

I never knew that the bottle (drinking) was a problem but then with all the influence and intimidation, it's understandable.

Also (and I find this most hard to believe) drugs have entered into the scene. It's inconceivable to me that any one of any race can get hooked on this dumb play, for this is the bottom of the pit where it stinks, and it's the end period.

Teresa Watanabe in her article 'No, We Are NOT All Alike!' interviewed Mike Marutama, director of Los Angeles' Asian American Drug Abuse Program.

"Every day," wrote Watanabe, "he and his staff counsel young Asian adults who have turned to everything from grass to hard drugs as an escape from unrealistic expectations of success. The expectations are imposed both by the families of clients and by society at large."

My main concern rests with the children. The next generation suffers more than the present and so what to do about it is the question.

Public humiliation as in old Japan will not work here. Neither will ordinary counseling. It's my opinion that the leaders of the Japanese American community should consider a meeting of the minds to get to the bottom of these problems. Let's not allow them to spread.

This will take some doing and any doing requires much. I don't have much, but get the ball rolling and I'll be on the first to kick in.

CHIYERU HEDANI
Costa Mesa, CA

Redress 'Girl'

William Marutani's column "For Just Three Pennies" (3-30) was like a peal of thunder in the hearts of Japanese Americans. It will eventually triumph (and that redress will, in time, come to pass), and that all we need to do meanwhile is to be patient and "make no waves."

It took Judge Marutani's perceptive insight to make us see the futility of efforts, how important, yet how simple it really is to accumulate sufficient legal force to succeed in our strivings to achieve redress.

As Judge Marutani points out, if every Nihoki in this country would contribute only "three pennies a day" for one year, the national committee for redress would have available $8 million to do its critical job.

I don't think the "doubting Thomasians" will say, "It's not possible. The post-war arrivals are not involved with redress. Some of the former internees don't believe in redress. It's hard to make them understand the importance of redress."

And on and on it nausaeus.

It is precisely what many of us have been arguing for years. It is precisely what Minoru Yasui, chair of the national committee for redress, made to the post-war arrivals from Japan at the Buddhist Temple in Salinas, in a conversation of the Kin棋 dedication at the former "Salinas Assembly Center."

In speech Min explained to the new arrivals the vital role JACL played in urging our leaders to see the futility of efforts to benefit all Japanese Americans in this country, such as the repeal of discriminatory laws, passage of the McCarran Act, and others.

As Min said in his speech,"After the war the Japanese American leaders of the JACL go ahead with its efforts to ameliorate the condition of Japanese Americans, and not to worry about money because they would have redress."

In short, some of the leaders of American community should not work here. Th post-war arrivals are new to me, and I find them strange at the best. "Asians and Americans," I must say, "are not the same thing."
The ‘Other’ Nihonmachi

The grayash picture alongside is the State Normal School (c. 1914) standing where the L.A. Public Library downtown is today. A block away about the same time down the knoll from this view (westward from 5th and Grand) was the “other” Nihonmachi stretched from 6th to 8th St. (My dad, still a single man, had opened his first shoe shop at 825 S. Grand Ave. around 1910. It’s been a parking lot in recent decades. By 1920, he had taken over an Issai-owned shop at 826 W. Temple—today, a county parking structure stands in the shadows of Harbor Freeway as it approaches the four-level interchange downtown.)

While the E. 1st st. business area east main of Main in the 1900s (the heart of Little Tokyo today) was called “Jewtown”, the “other” Nihonmachi—according to old-timers—was generally referred to as “Japtown”. This reference may have stemmed from the fact that it was inhabited by Japanese workers who arrived to work in the hillside boarding houses, pool halls and early motels along the eastern edge of the valley area of Hollywood, Edgewater, and Grand area—where, in 1914, the Nihonmachi was moved in to where Los Angeles City College exists today on N. Vermont Ave. and is today UCLA at Westwood.

1904 at 834 Savannah by Rev. Junzo Inumada .... Later, we intend to delve a little more into these neighborhoods. We learned of a Nisei who grew up in the “other” Nihonmachi, too, whom we hope to meet soon for recollections.

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Downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Thirty-two Little Tokyo Tower residents traveled to ABC’s Family Feud Show on April 4. JACLers hosting the bus trip and outing were Christine Ochi (chair), David K. Furutani, Toshi Kusanagi, and Frank Hirata. The group left Little Tokyo Tower at 4:30 p.m. and participated as audience members in the taping of the show at East Hollywood studio and returned at 8:30 p.m. A snack donated by the church was served on the return trip.

Last year the chapter invited the residents to the Asian Art Museum in Pasadena. In July a Dodger Stadium outing is planned. The upcoming chapter community project is the 22nd Annual Mothers’ Day Luncheon on May 12 at New Otani Hotel.

East Los Angeles


Judges Dean Ashara, Yuko Hayakawa, Mako Komori, Kiyoshi Iwaga, George Nakano and Harry Yamamoto with moderator Min Yoshizaki selected Lisa Torigoe as 1984 queen.

She will represent the chapter at the 46th annual Nisei Week festival and reign at the 8th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival April 28-29 in Monterey Park.

Master of ceremonies was Michael Muto. Co-chairs were Mable Yoshizaki, Mattie Furutani, George Nakano, Tamasu Isakaki and Mas Dobashi.

Tulare County

VISALIA, Calif.—A one-day Japanese cultural awareness program for Boys’ Day will be held Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program is open to preschool children (aged 3 to 4 years old) through sixth graders. One parent of participating preschool children must assist the teacher.

Deadline for registration is April 15, with a fee of $3 per child. Maps and activities will be sent to registered children by May 1. Parents, sign their children up for a chance to win a baseball bat, a baseball, a baseball glove, a baseball cap or a summer camp package. Contact Nancy Carry, 722-2156.

Seabrook

SEABROOK, N.J.—Commentator Mariko Ono presents Japanese songs, topics and recipes each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. on WSNJ in Bridgeton (1240 AM and 107.7 FM), in the 11th year of Seabrook JACL’s “Fuji Hour.” According to the chapter’s newsletter, the project has received funding since 1973 from National JACL, through its allocation for the Eastern District Council general public relations work.

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PALO ALTO, Calif.—Three scholarships, ranging from $100 to $500, are available from Sequoia Chapter JACL members and children. Winners will be determined by grade point average and SAT scores, school, community and work activities, and an essay written as a letter to the student’s congressperson on why Americans should or should not support reentry for Japanese Americans (500 words or less).

The student’s name, address, telephone number and parent’s mother’s name should be sent with the requested material to Mrs. Eimi Okano, 1306 Harker, Palo Alto, CA 94304; (415) 256-6252.

Deadline is May 1. For further information, call Bud Nakano, 866-1974.

Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Yuki Oshima and Tom Okubo are co-advisors for the Sacramento JACL’s newly organized chapter youth group. The first meeting will be held Monday, May 8, at 6:15 p.m. in Room 313, 13th Street from 7:30 p.m. One of the projects under consideration is the formation of a taiko (drum) group.

Placer County

GOLD HILL, Calif.—Ken Tokumori, president of Placer County JACL, announced that the annual clean-up of the Wakamatsu Tea Planted in Placer County. The work is planned to take place on April 17 from 9 a.m. and extend to 3 p.m.

Members and friends of Sacramento, Placer County, and Florin JACL participate in the event. Volunteers are requested to bring garden tools, ideally a gas-powered weed-eater, and a light lunch for the Placereal Chapter.

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Placerville

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Peace prize awarded Unitarian minister

CHICAGO—A Japanese peace prize, which includes a certificate, a medal and $20,000 (approx. $85,000), to the Rev. Dr. Homer A. Jack, 87, retired secretary-general of the World Council of Churches, in recognition of his Peace and Witness work. The award was presented on Feb. 13 by Niwano Peace Foundation in Tokyo.

Dr. Jack, who champions the Japanese American rights during W.W.2, is minister of Winnetka’s Lake Shore Unitarian Universalist Society. He was honored by JACL in 1967 for assisting Japanese American citizens.

The five-year-old foundation promotes interreligious cooperation in the cause of world peace. It is named for Nikkyo Niwano, 73-year-old lifetime head of a 4.5 million-member group of Buddhist Romans, Roshi Koho Nippon Zendo.

Jack is the first U.S. citizen and the second person to be recognized. The initial award went to Archbishop Heider Pessina Camara of Brazil of Brumath Cathedral whose “courageous action on behalf of human rights and interreligious cooperation” was cited in 1983.

As secretary-general of the World Council, a post he held from 1970 to December 1980, Jack directed several multi-religious projects aiding the “boat people” from Vietnam the 21st, to Kamzue and Toshi 31st 1981.

The operation April 3 at a Caldwell hospital.

Kato Takashii, 71-year-old was admitted to the hospital in mid-January, and serves in an administrative capacity. Yorizane’s JACL, L.L. member, was named an office at Eastern World News, serv.

Rusel S. Nagata, 32, has been appointed Honolulu bureau chief of the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Nagata was in an acting capacity since mid-January, after the term capacity until the Senate confirmation.

He replaces Kaye Watanabe, a former executive director of the Hawaii State Chamber of Commerce, who was named a deputy attorney general and corporation and securities administrator.

Karen Tanaka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, has opened an office for physical therapy at the Tupperwood Towers, in Big Bear Lake.

City View Hospital, Los Angeles, announced the appointment of a new medical staff member, Roy Takeda, 35, for 1984. They are: Mitsuwa Yamaguchi, MD, peripheral vascular disease; Kato, MD, vp Robert Obi, MD sec; and Kyoshi Ojawa, MD, tachy, E.A. and allergy, and the medical director at City View.

Dr. Shaw Vitercic, Fresno, Calif. JACL A.L.L. member, was named California Optometric Associate Young Optometrist of the year at the annual meeting in San Francisco and also won the group’s speakers contest for the third year in suc. Svetawn’s twin brother was unconfirmed in the award.

Dr. Shingo Kajinami, of Wal- res, Kansas, and one of the principal figures of the major Japanese support groups. The group’s annual meeting in Kansas City and also won the group’s speakers contest for the third year in suc.

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take care of the financial end. "You, Nisei, thought about all those things you could do best, and that we could not do," they said. And the Nisei raised $1 million for the campaign to repeal anti-discrimination laws. Currently, they do more for the Sansei, Yonsei, and other American minorities.

Today, the Nikkei and the new arrivals have all the rights of citizenship. Achieve this the Nisei had to go through the purgatory of the internment, and every last Nisei soldier had to pay with their lives. So the Japanese American identity, as we know it today, would not likely be just like her.

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