Mondale wins Asian endorsements

SAN FRANCISCO—Campaigning hard during the last few days before the California primary, Walter Mondale spoke to a crowd of about 50, including five survivors of Hiroshima atomic bomb, in this city’s Japantown Peace Plaza on May 25. He was the first presidential candidate to campaign in Nihonmachi.

Mondale said that his first priority as president would be to stop the arms race.

Mondale was pleased to see Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo May 26, the guest of state Sen. Art Torrence, Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu, and Nisei supporters of her husband’s campaign.

To bolster his campaign appearances, Mondale has issued a position statement on Asian American issues that stresses equal opportunities in business, education, and social services.

Asian Americans have generally been ignored by the federal government, he stated.

Mondale pledged to:

- Create incentives for states to allocate resources for the development of employment and job training programs;
- To increase funding for Asian American education;
- To enact policies that promote construction of low- and moderate-income housing;
- To implement fair immigration policies aimed at the reunification of families;
- To promote self-help programs for Asian refugees and to adopt procedures to encourage their speedy settlement in the U.S.;
- To monitor all federal statistical collection to assure that accurate data on Asian Americans is compiled regularly.

—and to work for the full participation of Asian Americans in such federal agencies as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Small Business Administration, and the position of White House Liaison.

Endorsements

Mondale received the overwhelming endorsement of the U.S. Japanese Democratic Club of San Francisco. President Naomi Nishikawa announced that he gained 55.5% of the votes after Mondale’s endorsement on May 13. Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson split the remainder.

Speakers for Mondale were John Rose, campaign director in San Francisco, and Annie Chung, chair of Asians for Mondale.

Hart was represented by Joel Paul, Northern California coordinator; and Jackson by Cynthia Ong, a delegate candidate.

All speakers voiced their candidates’ support for redress and opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill.

In the debate, Rose stressed Mondale’s commitment to appointing minorities to high government posts, to replacing Reagan’s appointments to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and to championing the cause of bilingual education.

A number of Asian Pacific Americans are running as Mondale delegates in the June 5 primary. One candidate, Lorna Takehara, yard of the 6th congressional district, stated that, “Mondale’s willingness to support my Asian American community can be proven by the fact that he won’t forget us when he’s in the White House.”

The Chinese American Political Assn. has also endorsed Mondale for President.

On the stump—Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale meets three of his supporters: (from left) Gardena city councilman Mas Fukai, running as a Mondale delegate from the 31st congressional district; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, running as a delegate from the 28th district; and Los Angeles city controller James Hahn.

18 Asians to run as Jackson delegates in California primary

LOS ANGELES—California’s Democratic primary marks the first time 18 Asian/Pacific Americans will represent a single presidential candidate in that state. The candidate is the Rev. Jesse Jackson, whose recent campaign sweep through California included stops in San Francisco’s Chinatown and Los Angeles’ Little Tokyo.

With backing from Asian/Pacific Jackson supporters, the delegates are among the 278 Jackson supporters elected at caucuses held in California’s 46 congressional districts on March 11. Jackson was the only Democratic candidate for whom caucuses were held in every district.

The delegates’ names will appear on ballots in the San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Those who receive enough votes will attend the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco this July.

Backgrounds of the delegates and their congressional districts are as follows:

Northern California

Mabel Teng (5th District): English as a Second Language instructor, San Francisco Community College; vice chair, Chinese Progressive Asian American.

Cynthia Choy Ong (6th): attorney; Fullbright exchange professor in Seoul, Korea; board of directors, Asian American Theater Co.


Mary Lee Kelley (8th): Berkeley city councilperson, 1973-77; member, No. California executive committee, Bilateral Nuclear Freeze Campaign; Asian Law Caucus; Oakland Chinese Community Center.

Patty Hirota (9th): executive board, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3101; executive committee, Oakland Progressive Political Alliance.

Julie Yumi Hatta (10th): San Jose Nichinotchi Outreach Committee; National Coalition for Redress/Repatriation; administrative associate, Asian Law Alliance.

Viet Hsi (11th): economic development consultant in San Francisco; coordinator of elderly health care facility project for Oakland Chinese Community Council.

Michael Pen (12th): research assistant, Stanford; Asian Pacific Student Union.

Lucy Murase (13th): Santa Cruz community activist.

Southern California

Mike Murase (25th): Director of field operations, Jesse Jackson for President Committee, California; president, Little Tokyo Service Center; chair, Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament.

Sue Kunio Emembry (25th): national governing board, Common Cause; Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women; Asian Pacific Caucus, Democratic National Committee; founding member, Manumtar Committee.

Bruce Iwasaki (27th): attorney; lecturer, UCLA; member, Little Tokyo People’s Rights Organization (LTRP).

Irene Hirano (28th): executive director, T.H. Clinic for Women, Inc.; executive committee and board of directors, Southern

News in Brief

Chinese group endorses Hart

SAN FRANCISCO—Presidential candidate Gary Hart was recently endorsed by the Chinese-American Democratic Club, reported East/West, for his support of bilingual education and small business development, his opposition to the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration reform, his pledge to appoint Asians to federal agencies and to the White House.

"Joel Paul, Hart’s campaign coordinator in San Francisco, East/West, was enthused about the Asian-American support that may also be supporting the senator because he opposes trade protectionism."

More racist acts cited

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Testimony before the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission revealed that in Sacramento and in other parts of the country—bigotry against Asians is on the rise.

Students protest violence

DAVIS, Calif.—About 100 students, faculty and other citizens held a candlelight march May 16 to remember the deaths of three persons who were killed in a confrontation about the national increase in anti-Asian violence.

Fourteen speakers, including JACL national president Russell Honda and UC Davis law profes­ sor Floyd Shimomura, the Rev. William Ma­ suda of UC Berkeley’s Institute for Buddhist Studies and the Asian Law Student Assn.’s Bob Marks, called for measures to combat such incidents.

Those who died were high school student Thong Huy Huy, stabbed in May 1983; visiting researcher Nayan Li, hit by a car in February; and Tsai-Tsai Liao, stabbed in April.
MINNEAPOLIS—Sam Honda, redress chair for the Twin Cities JACL, reported that Gov. Rudy Perpich signed on April 38 a joint resolution from the legislature that an "adequate forum of redress" be awarded to these individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942.

The Minnesota Senate passed the resolution during its 1983 session but the House did not take any action until April 17, 1984, when it passed the Senate resolution without amendment.

The Minnesota legislature's resolution noted that 120,313 persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly moved from their West Coast homes and were incarcerated in "concentration camps," in denial of their basic constitutional rights, and suffered enormous physical and monetary losses. The resolution further noted the exemplary gallantry and patriotic loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II, in the armed forces of the United States.

The resolution pointed out that "constructing the secretariat of Minnesota to send the resolution to the president and the secretariat of the U.S. Senate, the speaker and the chair clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to members of Minnesota's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., would be a fitting gesture."

National redress director John Tatsushi thanked Honda, supporters of the OCAJL, and others who worked tirelessly in obtaining such a resolution. "It is official significance," said Tatsushi. "That the legislature of Minnesota has expressed official recognition of redress. Certainly, members of the Minnesota congressional delegation will be reinforced by such official declaration of support," Sen. David Durenberger (R-Minn.) noted, ranking member of the Senate Governmental Affairs committee, which will be considering the redress bill, S2115.

"Official endorsement of redress by state legislatures is helpful," National Chairman Yashiro Yamada said, "for those leaders who might be required to understand how it is that the people back home are supportive of such efforts."

Voorhis praises Kagawa, founder of cooperative movement in Japan

BERKELEY, Calif.—Former Congressman Jerry Voorhis cited the exemplary social motivation of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa as he called for the purging of "Me First-sun," he declared, and they are needed to bring hope to people distressed by economic disorder and the menace of war.

Making his first appearance in two years, the 82-year-old Voorhis addressed the inaugural dinner of the American Committee for the Kagawa Centennial Project May 5. Kagawa had visited Voorhis' boys school in Whittier in 1936, and deeply impressed its students and teachers. Attending this dinner were 183 persons from the Nikkei community, Bay Area co-ops, and local churches, many of whom had met the famed Christian from the slums of Kobe.

Also honored were the late Kagawa's son and daughter. Sumimoto Kagawa, director of the Kagawa Archives and Resource Center in Tokyo, spoke of the "miracle" Kagawa, he said, but rather to carry on his work and to perpetuate the Christian spirit that motivated Kagawa to organize self-help programs for the needy in the worst of Japan's slums.

"My strongest impression is that the program is more complicated than I expected. It will take a long time to evaluate," Pike said. The former U.S. diplomat added that the center is still re-organizing and that any center construction is a fundamental question about how to study foreign nations.

That is, should the emphasis be on "problem issues" or the more traditional geographical "area studies? Since the early 1970s, the center has stressed the "problem" approach.

"I do not believe that social problems are transferable" across national boundaries. "There is no such thing as understanding. Asia." The real question we've got to answer is whether or not the area studies approach is really doable. I'm not sure it is, but the effort has to be made," Pike said.

Korean group active in Ban the Soviets

LOS ANGELES—In wake of the Soviet bloc of nations quitting the 1984 Olympics because of "anti-Soviet hysteria and extremist groups," the Ban the Soviets Coalition made local headlines during the early weeks of May.

The coalition, which was founded in memory of the Elderly Korean American. Asian of Orange County, in 1979, was just planning May 21 that some members have distanced themselves from the coalition, citing pressure from the Korean consul general, who was concerned about impact on the 1984 Games in Seoul.

The coalition gained prominence when the Soviet media gave it publicity. "Far more... than it could have ever achieved on its own," according to Peter Ueberroth, Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee president.

Nominations sought for arts panel

WASHINGTON — James Bowman, executive director of financial aid programs for the Educational Testing Service, has informed the JACL's Washington representative, Run Hiroi, of a proposal to appoint an affirmative action panel to oversee the ARTS program of ETS.

ARTS, "Arts Recognition and Talent Search," is an award-giving program mandated to "ensure widespread participation by all youth, regardless of race, creed, color, geographical location, socioeconomic disadvantage, physical disability, language, or sex."

In a joint statement, the panel should be composed of six persons: representatives from the Afro-American, Asian-American, disabled, Hispanic American, and Native American communities. It should have a representative from each of the Arts disciplines in dance, drama, theater, visual arts, and writing. The panel should be comprised of artists, arts educators at the secondary or collegiate level, or those who are otherwise involved with the arts communities.

Bowman indicated that the original responsibilities of members would be aligned to the best of universal access and would include considerable association with the arts communities.

For more information, contact the JACL Washington Office at 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. #304, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 232-1240.

**Hawaii center for international studies under program review**

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Honolulu—The East-West Center is "an impressive center and it is enormously useful," but it needs a better sense of direction, commented Prof. Douglas Pike from U.C. Berkeley in the Star-Bulletin and Advertiser.

An internationally recognized expert on Vietnam, Pike led a three-person team conducting a periodic review of the center's work for the State Dept., which provides funding.

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Fashion show kicks off Nisei Week

SANTA ANA, Calif.—In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Alliance (LANSCA) presents a benefit luncheon and fashion show Sunday, Aug. 5. The event, to be held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Los Angeles Hilton, begins with a cocktail hour at 11 a.m., luncheon at noon and a fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

LANSCA is a non-profit organization that promotes the cities of Los Angeles and Nagoya, Japan. Proceeds from the event will benefit such projects as the student exchange program, cultural arts exchanges and goodwill missions.

The annual fashion affair introduces the beginning of the Little Tokyo Nisei Week Festival, which runs from Aug. 3-5. Los ANGELES tickets are $25 per person, tax deductible, and are available by calling (310) 666-6882, or by writing Paula Stone, 645 N. Wilcox Ave. #3A, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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Academic Yellow Peril?

In recent months, major newspapers and magazines—Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report, among others—have run feature stories focusing on the success of Asian Americans in the classroom. U.S. News calls us “academic marvels.”

The articles note that Asians comprise 23% of the undergraduate students at Berkeley, 10% of Harvard’s freshman class, 20% of the students at the Juilliard School, and—observes Newsweek—“their numbers at Cornell and Ohio State have more than doubled in the last five years.” Most of these articles have concluded that Asians have a tendency to stand out in science. U.S. News noted that, “Last year, when the Westinghouse Science Talent Search named its top achievers… Asians swept 5 of the top 10 awards.”

The Asian success, however, has caused resentment on campus. This was noted in a Newsweek supplement called “On Campus,” which was distributed on American colleges in April, in an article titled “The Drive to Excel”:

Call it dedication, as the Asian-Americans do. But to some of their peers, it’s almost as if they’re not playing fair. Greg Webb, a Stanford senior in mathematics, calls the Asian-Americans in his department “very nerdy—just very stereotypical.” Other students speak of dropping out of classes when a large number of Asians are enrolled, and of “bailing out” a classroom and seeing too many Oriental faces. Americans of Caucasian descent are sometimes unprepared for the competition.

There is also a feeling of being raised and with it many ugly implications. As Asians have a tendency to stand out in science. U.S. News noted that, ‘Last year when the top 10 awards were accorded, the number of Asians was higher than any year in recent history. The articles note that Asians comprise 23% of the top 500 students, which is triple the number of whites.”

Redress Phase Five: Minoru Yasui

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The revised 1984 redress budget is now $260,805. This includes the contingency fund of $30,000 authorized by the National JACL Board at its November 1983 meeting.

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EAST WIND: by Bill Muramatu

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A Nikkei Colony in Florida

DELREY BEACH, Fla.—The story of Morikami Museum has been told many times in this and other parts of Pacific Citizen, but it is not possible to appreciate the history and meaning of this small outpost of Japanese culture until one has visited it in person.

How Morikami came to be is a fascinating story which goes back to the turn of the century when Florida was a greatly desired center of business. As in other parts of the United States at an earlier time, entrepreneurs sought hard working immigrants to settle the land. To make a long story short, a Japanese named Jo Sakai, who had come to New York City, was approached in 1905 about establishing a Japanese farming colony near Delray.

In a story reminiscent of the Wakamatsu Colony that settled in California in the same year, a small group of Japanese from Miyazu on the Japan Sea side of Honshu came to Florida and established Yamato Colony. Their farming venture was less than successful. They had to clear the dense brush and drain the land before they could grow crops. Blight destroyed their pine-apples, the mosquitoes were ravenous and in time most of the colonists drifted away.

One of them, Riyo Naria, left for Seattle where apparently he became a baseball player of considerable note. The records show he was evacuated to Minidoka and died in Los Angeles in 1975.

One who stayed in Delray, Takaori Morikami, who invested in land which was worth a substantial fortune by the time he died in 1976, age 90. Morikami had never married. Among his friends was George Yamamoto, a prominent New York Nisei attorney who had a winter home in Florida. It is believed that Yamamoto suggested that Morikami leave some of his land to Palm Beach County for a park.

Today there is not only a park, but a handsome Japanese cultural center supported in part by Palm Beach County's department of parks and recreation, and in part by a private organization called Friends of the Morikami. Under the direction of the curator, Larry Rosenweig, and his assistant, Tom Gregersten, the Morikami Park Museum publishes a newsletter and schedules many cultural events including a spring festival and even mochi-pounding demonstrations. Ja-panese American students enrolled in USC and New York City are invited down for special events.

From the Nikkei point of view, as interesting as Morikami are the Nisei who were born and grew up in Yamato colony. Among the photographs at the museum are pictures of these young Nisei at school, looking exactly like Nisei of the early 1920s on the West Coast. Some of these youngsters went to Japan when their parents decided to go home. Others moved on to various parts of Florida.

A 1981 issue of the Morikami newsletter carries a story about Suye Kobayashi, who came to Yamato Colony as a small child. She is the daughter born Sumiko. Sumiko and her mother were described as living in Philadelphia.

George Morikami's gift to the people of Palm Beach County assures that the story of Yamato colony will be preserved.

How many other similar stories of Japanese immigration, all but unknown to Japanese Americans on the West Coast, remain to be uncovered and told?

BY THE BOARD: Miki Himeno

Behind the Scholarship Scene

National JACL will be presenting $25,000 in scholarship awards to outstanding scholars this year. The new California Japanese Alumni Association awards augment previous totals by $10,000 annually. Add another estimated $25,000 to be awarded by local chapters and districts and the total is raised to about $75,000 in annual JACL awards. One might say that JACL is enormously supportive of scholars and creative artists.

On Saturday, April 28, J.D. Hokoyama, director of Asian Pacific American Student Services at USC, convened the Pacific Southwest Regional JACL Awards Committee meeting.

The committee met from 8 to 12 (with every mention of killing in the agenda) to review the candidacy of those applying for JACL scholarships. In San Francisco Lorrie Inagaki, professor of education, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA, and Lorrie Inagaki, presented her findings.

A great deal of work was done to arrive at these final selections. To facilitate procedures, chair J.D. Hokoyama traveled to San Francisco in March to meet with National Youth Director David Nakayama to set processes in motion and to arrive at the sending of congratulatory letters to each graduate student.

On Saturday, May 12, the freshman/undergraduate sub-committee met from 9 to 6 (with every intention of staying later if needed) to review the final 50 of 74 freshman scholarship applications.

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Methodical winnowing—Scholarship chair J.D. Hokoyama runs through numbering system for the awards committee.

More names from Gila River

By Frank Sakamoto, JACL Thousand Club chair

CHICAGO—Harry T. Tsushimi is looking for the following Gila Riverites. Harry said he lived in Block 61 and worked at the food service warehouse with Chabo Kanagaki, Frank Sakata and Ben Tsutsumi, all from the Walnut Grove-Guadalupe area, also, Mits Fukutani, formerly of Pasadena, and Harry Suzuki, now of Chicago.

He would also like to contact the Morikawas of Santa Maria and Tak Ogino, now of Monterey Park. He also worked on the camouflage project with Toru Watanabe, now of Torrance, Ayako Matsuzawa of Pasadena, and Aiko Hata, to name a few. He is looking forward to seeing all these people and we certainly hope they will be at the reunion.

As stated above the reunion is being held in conjunction with the JACL Whing-Ding at the Pacific Beach Hotel on August 12. In other words, we are getting a "free ride," since the Hawaii host contingent of the JACL promises to put on a great big Thousand Club Whing-Ding. Therefore, those of you who are planning to be at the reunion, please sign up for the JACL convention package which will give you a week of fun and such festivities as golfing, yasuoara ball and golf tournament.

I've asked Harry Tsushimi to be one of the official hosts for this reunion. Those of you who may have Gila River memorabilia, bring them along—for there will be name tags with block numbering identification, etc. Watch for further details in the next article.

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A Close Race

The membership contest that is nearing completion has six prizes of $250 for winning chapters. It is possible for one chapter to win two of the six prizes because they are competing in three categories according to size. Group 1 chapters over 50%—less than 100 members in 1983. Group 2 chapters had between 101 and 250 members in 1983. Group 3 chapters were those with membership totals over 250 in that same base year. Prizes are being awarded on the basis of largest increase in total number of members over the base year, and on the percentage of increase.

The contest will operate until the end of June, and the winners will be presented checks at the national convention in Honolulu.

The convention host chapter of Honolulu, the New York Chapter and the Santa Maria Chapter are the main contenders in Group 1. This group of chapters has the ability to make significant percentage increases over a short period of time. These three chapters are over the 200% membership-increase level with the contest still running.

In Group 2, the race is much closer, with many more chapters grouped together at the end of April. The end of April figures show the Salt Lake Chapter leading in percentage increase and in total number of membership increase. There are nearly 20 chapters in close pursuit, including Gresham-Troutdale, Cortez, Florin, Gilroy, Sacramento, Clewes, Fowler, Parlier, Sanger, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Carson, Coachella Valley, Downtown L.A., Greater L.A. Singles, Ventura County and Whilshe.

Group 3 chapters, the large chapters, have Watsonville and West L.A. in the lead. San Jose, Gardenia Valley, San Bernando Valley and Salencoco are large chapters over the 100% mark that are in strong contention to win the contest, with the lead being so narrow.

There is also another aspect to the membership contest that can benefit districts. Districts going over the 100% mark will earn additional income from national JACL. FSW was at the 100% mark at the end of April. Central Cal over 80%. Most of the districts were over the 80% mark, giving an opportunity for districts to pass the 1983 benchmark.

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—By Harry Honda

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NCJAR to continue battle despite lawsuit dismissal

by William Hohri, Chair
National Council for Japanese American Redress

CHICAGO—I had a premonition. Around mid-day I wondered aloud to Yuriko whether there was anything special about May 17. Was I forgetting an anniversary? There wasn’t anything I could think of. But 12 hours later the date began to burn indelibly into our memories.

Three years ago, NCJAR signed a letter retaining the Washington law firm of Landis, Cohen, Singman and Radu for the purpose of filing a class action lawsuit against the U.S. States on behalf of 120,000 victims of the government’s World War II program of mass exclusion and detention. That began a year of intensive legal and historical research which resulted in a preliminary draft of a complaint. In the summer of 1982 we began to search for two dozen named plaintiffs to serve as representatives of the plaintiffs’ group. We cast a wide net. We found a wide range of plaintiffs of different national origins, educational levels, and age groups. By mid-January, we had 100 participants.

In the Memorandum

We were going to begin the lawsuit on February 3, 1983, hands Yasui the participants’ contributions.

soon after the war’s conclusion. In a closely reasoned section of his memorandum, the judge cites NCJAR’s argument:

Documents previously available did not disclose the government’s role or other events from that period. This was the period that had been presented to the courts in the 1940’s. To the contrary, this information was used merely to support the government’s position in the lawsuit. The government then rejected in the wartime cases— that the plaintiff class was legal to the United States and there was no statutory basis for the wartime actions. It was not until the (Commission’s) work and related findings uncovered and published evidence of intentional governmental cover-up and apparent concealment, that plaintiffs had evidence obviously different from any available to them before. It is not convincing that the government could have been so obtuse or motivated by such narrow self-interest that it is not now disclosing other important information.

Oberdorfer demurs: “However, it is the [Naval Intelligence, FCC, and FBI] documents, not the [recently uncovered] ones, that are the key to the issue of concealment. And I still believe that the government is trying to challenge the finding of military necessity.” He acknowledges the assertions of concealment in Judge Patel’s recent opinion in the Korematsu coram nobis demand, but rejects their application to this case. “That concealment, whether intentional or not, is not a basis for postponing the initiation of a statute of limitations beyond the time the information was available. It is only the beginning of the time for beginning the running of the statute of limitations as ‘the publication in the late 1940’s of the previously concealed documents.’” He ends his analysis by discussing the standard by which fraudulent concealment must be judged is not one of full disclosure but rather one of sufficient disclosure that would have notified the claimant of the claim.

The expiration of time and the protection of sovereign immunity are used to deny the remaining causes of action. With the complaint now stripped bare, he may ask the judge to dismiss NCJAR’s request for the court’s declaration that the alleged acts of defendant United States stand “in violation of plaintiffs’ constitutional, statutory, and common law rights.” But he cannot do so successfully now. It may be that Congress will focus more closely on these claims once plaintiffs have exhausted their possible judicial remedies.

I remember becoming entranced as a small child by the multitude of people and events in a public park and then, to my dismay, realizing I was lost. So it is with this legal writing which has been put to us—by the court, sometimes in Latin, which seem ripe with meaning but beyond one’s understanding. It took me a little while to assess the judge’s decision, but then I realized that it would be impossible for the judge to get a new suit of clothes, however we were parelled, literally or figuratively. We were extensively censured by the War Relocation Authority to be on our best behavior. Nisei girls returned to the United States after the war, having sustained grave injury under combat—once again. World war I veterans Kenzo Wakayama and Joe Kurhnara expatriated to Japan with the certain knowledge that their lives were interminable without some form of indemnity. The Heart Mountain draft resisters, who attempted to assert their constitutional rights through non-violent protest, languished in prison. James Omura, editor of the Rocky Shimpô, was charged with conspiracy by the government for his publishing an editorial opinion in support of the judge’s decision. I am presently engaged in writing, which means that I am very grateful to be a member of a society which provided me with the opportunity to write and which provided me with the opportunity to write. I am very grateful to be a member of a society which provided me with the opportunity to write. I am very grateful to be a member of a society which provided me with the opportunity to write. I am very grateful to be a member of a society which provided me with the opportunity to write. I am very grateful to be a member of a society which provided me with the opportunity to write.
Hawai'i legislature honors Honolulu Chapter JACL

HONOLULU — Hawai'i's House of Representatives recently honored the Honolulu Chapter JACL, with a resolution recognizing the group's goals and its numerous accomplishments. The resolution was introduced jointly by Reps. David Hageno, Barbara Marumoto and Tom Okamura on April 10.

Honolulu Chapter president, Lawrence Kusuma, and several JACL executive board members were present to accept the resolution.

Besides working to protect the civil rights of Japanese Americans and other ethnic groups, the Honolulu Chapter seeks also to preserve the rich cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i, to maintain and perpetuate the Aloha spirit among all of Hawai'i's peoples, and to promote goodwill between the peoples of the United States, Japan and other Pacific and Asian countries.

Since the Honolulu Chapter was formed in 1980, the organization has marked several milestones. In 1981 it sent an eight-member delegation to Seattle to share the story of Hawai'i's Japanese Americans with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The chapter also hosted former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg as a distinguished member of the CWRC. And, more than 200 people joined in a "Day of Remembrance" observance on the 40th anniversary of the signing of the executive order which led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans on the mainland.

Most recently, the chapter organized a discussion on Japanese American and Native Hawaiian reparations with such notable leaders as Lt. Gov. John Waihee, former labor leader David Trask, and Joseph Kosekala, chair of the board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

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In addition, two young women are presently attending college on scholarships awarded by the chapter.

This summer, the Honolulu Chapter hosts the 1984 JACL biennial convention at the Pacific Beach Hotel, marking the first time the national convention has ever been held in Hawaii. Edgar Hansen is the convention chairman.

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Chapter Pulse

San Fernando Valley

PACOMA, Calif.—A scholarship awards luncheon for all Nisei Single Districts of the Japanese American Community Center will be held Saturday, June 2, from 7 p.m., at the community center, 12563 Brand St.

The event honors outstanding Nisei students who are attending or who have attended a JCALC, GAPC, or JACL club. The scholarship winners will be presented with a Dairy Queen ice cream cone certificate.


Leadership award—Vicki Nakaji, Canoga Park.

JACL boutique scholarship winner—Bryan Moe, Kennedy.

SAM award—Scott Nishizuka, Kennedy.

Eugene David Ooka Memorial scholarships—Kaita Chu, Chatsworth, John Nishida, Nakawake, Granada Hills, and Angela Arzuv, Sylmar, and Carmen Haro, Sylmar.

Sacramento

DAVIS, Calif.—In conjunction with the National Convention Districts, Sacramento sponsors the U.S. Pacific swan wiggle dance, Sunday, July 15, at Community Park pool, 14th and B Sts. Winners begin at 8 a.m. The final meet starts at 9 a.m. A picnic lunch follows.

The meet is open to swimmers affiliated with the meet, and invited guests must list an official time or be placed in the slowest heat in the B division.

For further information, call meet director, Sam Uru, 567-6367, or Ken Takata, 428-889.

Seattle

SEATTLE—JACC has exclusive use of ten tennis courts at Seattle Tennis Center, Martin Luther King Way and Walker St., in its Fun Nite Tennis Play, Saturday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Free professional lessons are available. Players will be assigned doubles partners according to skill level (from rank beginners to competitive players). A potluck dinner is planned.

To register, call $8 ($6 for students), checks made payable to Seattle Chapter JACC, Fun Nite Tennis, to Rod Kasagae, 2306 AVE. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98004. Deadline is June 16.

Central California to host 85 Tri-District convention

FRESNO, Calif.—By agreement of the three district councils, the 1985 Tri-District conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel on the weekend of April 19, 20 and 21.

A preliminary meeting will be held on the site of the conference on Nov. 19, 1984, at which time representatives from the North- ern, Southwestern, and Pacific Southwest District Council and Central California District Council will be in attendance.

For more information, write Tom Shimaki, 2902 W. Main St., Visalia, CA 93291.

200 singles pack first national convab

By Harry Honda

GARDENA, Calif.—Attendance and support beyond expectations were the outcropping from the 23rd National Convab in Gardena, hosted by the Hari H. Kitano, professor of sociology and social welfare, UCLA, was designated the “Out-
Since being elected, Ronald Yee has sought appointment to the bench. His genotype and support for the community were among three who had brought this issue to the forefront.

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sailors—in the opening months of the war and that the United States had no offsetting reserve of hostages except the 110,000 internees. Are not reprisals to be offset by counter-reprisals? Against whom? Our lawsuit is a long way from full disclosure.

Finally, the notion of due diligence seems to be stretching human capacity. After all the histories and essays have been written by directors of philosophy from distinguished universities, it took a non-degreed, theatrical costume designer named Michi Weglyn to enunciate the hostage-repeat theory. And it was Michi Weglyn who first grasped then explained the meaning of the Munson report, 30 years—not 6—after it became public. If academicians, under the pressure of "publish or perish," could not assess the significance of the FCC, FBI, Naval Intelligence, and Munson reports, what could "due diligence" of a thoroughly intimidated and struggling group of victims hope to uncover?

Nevertheless, the Oberdorfer memorandum does move the court away from its earlier deficiencies. I must grudgingly applaud the improvement. The memorandum also sharpens the requirements of achieving our legal objectives. The judge's ruling does not end NCJAR's legal efforts. He has applauded the improvement. The memorandum also

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**SINGLES**

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(4) Logical & pragmatic—Where the gauge is never full for the unwary, but go for the "best possible ideal"; not serious until having a degree and bank account and then negotiates for the best deal. Many Nisei have been diverted by this notion, Kitano found.

(5) Game play—Where love is a puzzle and the game is to win; where finding someone to play with is a game. Kitano called this "not serious, not sophisticated, not emotional" form.

Participants

The dinner-dance, chaired by Kaz Yosumoto, was concluded with the Melodaires playing tunes from the Big Band era. Actor George Takei, about the make-up appearances around the nation for Paramount's "Star Trek III" Student president Tom Shimazaki extended greetings.

At the head table were Midori Watanabe, PWS regional director John Saito, and this reporter, who was reminiscing with old JACLers that the convention had the decorum and warmth of JACL gatherings of 40s and 50s when most of the delegates were single. Some met friends for the first time since the camp days. One widow said she was elated by the mood and cheer of the JACL convention for singles because it was once one white-Asian singles affair that she dismissed as "a most market."