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**Speaking for redress**—A JACL panel consisting of (from left) redress director John Tateishi, national president Floyd Shi-

momura and redress chair Min Yasui testified in favor of HR 4110 before a House subcommittee June 27.

## Aleuts recount treatment at hands of U.S. government

**WASHINGTON** — Alaskan Aleuts described the damage suffered by their community as a result of government actions during WW2 before the same House subcommittee that heard testimony about Japanese American redress June 20, 21 and 27.

Unlike Japanese Americans, witnesses said, the Aleuts were moved from their homes because of the real possibility of a Japanese attack. After the Japanese took Attu and Kiska Islands in June 1942, the Aleut villages of St. Paul and St. George on the Pribilof Islands and on the Aleutian island chain west of Unimak Island were evacuated.

However, the evacuation of 881 Aleuts was done on very short notice; in many cases, villagers had to prepare to leave in a matter of hours and could only take what they could carry. The Aleuts were relocated to camps established by the Dept. of the Interior at abandoned fish canneries, an abandoned gold mine and an abandoned CCC camp.

Because of inadequate shelter, medical care, and sanitation facilities, over ten percent of the uprooted Aleuts, particularly the old and the very young, died in the camps. In their villages, which were occupied by military forces under the Alaska Defense Command, property was stolen and homes and buildings were ransacked.

Speaking before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations June 21, John Kirtland, a lawyer whose firm is representing the Aleuts, gave the background of the relocation and introduced five Aleut testifiers.

Philemon Tutiakoff, chair of the Aleutian/Pribiloff Islands Assn., was a teenager living in Unalaska when he was evacuated from his village. In his testimony, he said that the relocation was based upon legitimate military needs, but went on to say that "the government had a duty to provide reasonable care for the Aleuts under its control."

### CWRIC Recommendations

Tutiakoff agreed with the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians regarding the Aleuts: (1) establishment of a trust fund; (2) per capita payments to each surviving evacuee; (3) restoration of village churches that were damaged or destroyed; (4) removal of WW2 debris from inhabited areas in

the region; and (5) the return of Attu Island to the Aleuts (the island has remained under government control since WW2).

Agafon Krukov, president of the Aleut Corp., spoke in detail about the Attu problem. The Aleut inhabitants of the island were captured by the Japanese in 1942 and taken to Hokkaido as prisoners. Those who survived, he said, "were not rehabilitated to their home island. Instead, they were involuntarily merged for the convenience of the Interior Department into the village of Atka."

Krukov recommended an agreement whereby the island would be returned to the Aleuts, the Coast Guard could "continue essential functions" that it performs there today, and wildlife areas would be preserved.

Father Paul Merculief, a Russian Orthodox priest and chair of the Aleutian Housing Authority, described the damage done to churches after the evacuation and the loss of religious icons, many of which had been brought from Russia in the 19th century. "They were taken for souvenirs or destroyed by fire or weather damage," he said. He urged restoration or replacement of lost items.

The continuing presence of WW2 debris can be very dangerous, he continued. As recently as 1979, he said, "a young boy suffered serious injuries to both hands when he found an anti-tank mine detonator from WW2." Lastly, he cited the loss of culture due to the deaths of elders who were unable to pass along their knowledge of skills and customs.

### Loss of Possessions, Health

Representing Unalaska village, Vincent Tutiakoff recalled that the evacuation orders were "extended to all persons who were so much as one-eighth Native blood." He also detailed the loss of property due to looting of the deserted villages by servicemen, who took furniture, guns, boats, fishing gear, radios, phonographs, ivory articles, and many other personal belongings.

William Ermaloff, president of the Nikolski village corporation and a former evacuee, recounted his family's arrival at Ward Lake, the abandoned CCC camp. Though the villagers were in good health at the outset, he said,

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## Redress bill attacked; witness says Nisei spied for Japan

**WASHINGTON**—Three testifiers defended the government's wartime internment of Japanese Americans as the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations held a third day of hearings on redress legislation June 27.

David Lowman, a former intelligence officer with the National Security Agency, flatly stated that the 1983 report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which concluded that there was no military necessity for the evacuation, is "incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading" and "must be substantially revised."

The basis for Lowman's claim was the "Magic" cables—intercepted radio messages between Japan and its diplomats in America. Unknown to the Japanese, their code had been broken in 1940. The content of these messages, Lowman said, presented "the specter of massive espionage nets being established on the Pacific Coast utilizing U.S. residents of Japanese ancestry."

### Incriminating Evidence?

Lowman said that the messages included such information as:

—Instructions to "organize Japanese businessmen, bank officials, the Japanese Institute, the Tourist Bureau, and Japanese newspapermen for the purpose of gathering intelligence."

—Instructions to "wire home lists of first and second generation Japanese according to specified categories."

—Discussions about "propaganda broadcasts and Japanese language newspapers . . . and about maintaining close relations with various organizations and societies all designed to keep ethnic Japanese in the U.S. informed of the Tokyo point of view and for the purpose of collecting intelligence information from them."

—Reports that "first and second generation Japanese had been successfully recruited and were now spying on shipments of airplanes and war material" and mention of connections with "our second generation who are at present in the Army to keep us informed of various developments" and "our second generations working in airplane plants for intelligence purposes."

—A statement that "In case the U.S. joins the war, we will endeavor to use our nationals there to our best possible advantage."

Lowman argued that the president, his advisers, and West Coast military leaders had ample reason to be suspicious of Nikkei and criticized the CWRIC for not mentioning "Magic" in its initial report. He was also critical of a CWRIC addendum on "Magic," which restated the Commission's position and minimized the significance of the cables.

### Yasui Responds

National JACL redress chair Minoru Yasui rebutted Lowman's charges before the subcommittee. He first acknowledged that "the Japanese Foreign Service had established espionage and information networks in other countries, including the U.S." and that "the militarists in Japan wanted strategic information."

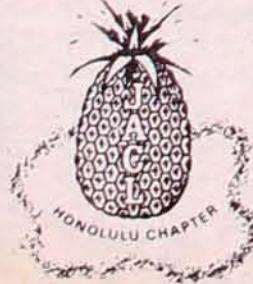
"Much information was, no question, transmitted," Yasui continued. "But it is also no question that much of this information was garnered . . . from non-Japanese agents and sources. As a matter of fact, it is quite clear that the Foreign Service of Japan did not fully trust Japanese nationals nor Japanese Americans in the U.S., and secondly realized that such agents would be extremely vulnerable to surveillance or apprehension."

Yasui quoted from a July 1941 memorandum between the FBI, the Army's Military Intelligence Division and the Office of Naval Intelligence, part of which stated that Japanese consulates "were specifically enjoined to avoid the use of second generation Japanese domiciled in the U.S." and "were urged to employ Americans of foreign extraction, disloyal native-born Americans . . . the Communist Party and underprivileged racial groups such as the Negroes."

Yasui further argued that even if there had been some spies

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## Senate schedules hearing in L.A.

**WASHINGTON**—Hearings on S 2116, the Senate redress bill, will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 16, at the V.A. Hospital auditorium in Los Angeles.

The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services, chaired by Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), has jurisdiction over the bill.

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## ALEUTS

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"Within one year 20 people out of 160 had died...a higher death rate existed at Ward Lake than at any other camp for the Aleuts." Emergency medical care did not come in time, he added, due to governmental neglect.

Ermaloff also noted that little effort was made to protect Aleut property during their absence.

"Today, Nikolski is struggling to survive," he said in conclusion. "The recommendations of the Commission, if they are approved by Congress, will help us in saving Nikolski from the continuing effects of the destruction of our homes and property, and from...the reduction in our numbers at the camps."

The CWRIC made its recommendations after holding hearings in Alaska in 1981. Two redress bills introduced in Congress last year by Reps. Mike Lowry (HR 3387) and Jim Wright (HR 4110) contain provisions for restitution to the Aleuts.

Rep. Don Young (R-Alas.) introduced HR 4322, which would provide remedies specifically for the Aleuts, in November 1983. Young testified before the subcommittee June 20. Written testimony from Alaska governor Bill Sheffield, who also supports payments, was also submitted.

### 'James Imahara: Son of Immigrants'



The personal recollection (as told to Anne Butler Poindexter) of a charter member of Florin JACL, Imahara and his young family of 10 were evacuated to Arkansas in 1942. They begrudgingly settled after the war in Louisiana (Chicago was too cold, and to-hell with California), where he successfully ran a nursery business and saw to it that nine of ten children finished college. One of the few first-person Nisei histories to be published, the fifth daughter encouraged her dad to write what had happened to him and the community, how he felt and survived... "This little book may encourage other Nisei to tell the flip-side of their Evacuation story, the memoirs, thoughts, emotions and philosophy of life."—Harry Honda, Hard-cover, illus., \$14 postpaid

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## To Our Readers and Contributors

Some of you may have noticed that last week's Pacific Citizen was slightly different from previous issues. Articles were printed in two typefaces, instead of one, and the listing of community programs and events calendar were missing.

This week's issue has been cut even further—temporarily—to eight pages from the usual twelve.

Because the paper is smaller, coverage of general news and of JACL events could not be as complete as the staff wished. And those of you who have submitted columns and articles may still be waiting to see them in print.

There is a reason for these cutbacks: For nearly two weeks the typesetting machine has been out of commission.

The PC's typesetting equipment is about six generations removed from that currently in use at most small outfits. Few mechanics in the country know how to repair it any more, and major parts must be shipped from New York.

Superhuman efforts on the part of the staff—and the willingness of our printers, Midway Press, to do emergency typesetting—allowed the paper to get out on time. But the situation cannot continue. The equipment is working again, but it is on its last legs.

Right now, PC cannot afford newer

machinery. We have never been able to build up a reserve fund because of previous budgetary constraints in the JACL.

In addition, the PC faces another major expense, when it must move to other quarters next year. The paper has long outgrown its one-room operation, but even at the present cramped location, rent will double in February of 1985. (The rent subsidy ends.)

So, unless the Pacific Citizen receives an infusion of funds, it will have to retrench where it should expand. The quality of the paper will begin to suffer noticeably. We are therefore asking you, our readers, to help us continue to improve the PC.

If every PC subscriber contributed only \$2, there would be adequate funds to buy new typesetting equipment and to move to a space large enough for our staff.

Won't you help? All contributions—no matter how small—will be gratefully accepted. They're tax deductible, too. Contributors will be acknowledged in PC.

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Thank you!

—Hank Sakai, Chair  
Pacific Citizen Board

### Buddhist scouts to gather for Nembutsu Camporee

SAN FRANCISCO—Young scouts will be able to attend a Nembutsu Camporee at Camp Herms in El Cerrito, Calif., this summer, announced the scouting committee of the Buddhist Churches of America.

The Nembutsu Camporee is being held Aug. 31-Sept. 2,

the weekend in which the Buddhist Churches will observe the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Shin Buddhist movement.

Participation is open to all Buddhist Cub, Boy Scout, Explorer, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members.

Each temple has received registration forms. Inquiries may also be sent directly to the BCA Office, 1710 Octavia St., San Francisco, 94109.

Registration fee is \$5 per scout and must be submitted by July 20. Parents and boosters are also invited to attend.

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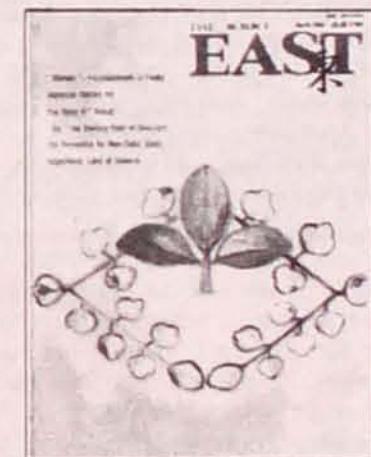
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## Shimomura first to speak to ethnic coalition in 'breakthrough' forums

CHICAGO — JACL president Floyd Shimomura gave his views on Japanese America June 18 at the first in a series of city forums spotlighting the nation's ethnic and women's groups.

Sponsors of the gathering at Como Inn were the American Jewish Committee, Illinois Con-

## Nurse dismissed during WW2 repaid by San Joaquin County

STOCKTON, Calif. — Edna Fujimoto Yabuno, who was forced to resign from her job as a graduate nurse at San Joaquin General Hospital in 1942, has been awarded \$5,000 in compensation by the county board of supervisors, the Stockton Record reports.

Yabuno was the only claimant under the ordinance passed by San Joaquin County in April 1983. When supervisors authorized payments for workers who lost their jobs because of their Japanese ancestry, no valid claims were expected even though an estimated 13 Nikkei were working for the county in 1942. It was thought that the loss of employment would be attributed to the federal internment rather than to county actions.

After learning of the county's offer from a Fresno newspaper, Yabuno, now 64 and a nurse at Fresno Community Hospital, wrote to find out if reparations were really being given and how she could apply for them. She was told that she would have to prove that she was forced to leave her job.

Yabuno worked at San Joaquin General from February to April of 1942. "I was informed that I was to be terminated due to the relocation of Japanese Americans," she said. "I was presented with an either-or situation and chose to resign in an effort to retain a good personnel file rather than face dismissal."

The hospital's intention to dismiss her or "allow" her to resign, she stated, constituted actions by the county as required under the redress ordinance. Supervisors unanimously approved the payment without debate. Among the supervisors supporting the move was Richard Yoshikawa, 64, who is himself a former internee.

Yabuno was interned with her family at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock and later at the Gila River, Ariz., internment camp. After her release, she earned a certificate in anesthesiology at the Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia, returned to the West Coast, and married optometrist Robert Yabuno.

Yabuno plans to use the money to help her son, who has just finished school and is getting started on a job as an attorney.

sultation on Ethnicity in Education (ICEE), and the office of Mayor Harold Washington.

Shimomura said the Japanese American community has a history of support for civil rights causes and a concern for education, employment and housing issues.

Calling redress "a sacred issue" for the community, Shimomura called on others to join in support for legislation currently before Congress.

"This is not just a Japanese American issue," he said, citing support from various religious, labor and ethnic organizations and pointing out that fundamental rights were violated in the internment.

Shimomura also said that Japanese Americans are playing a part in curbing the anti-Asian sentiment generated by economic conflicts between the U.S. and Japan. He described the recent JACL delegation to Japan, which met with Japanese leaders in an effort to sensitize them "to the backlash against Asian American citizens because of Japan's trade policy" and to work out an alternative that would "minimize the negative effect on the American economy."

### Joint Concerns

Italian American leader Anthony Fornelli, the forum's other keynote speaker, outlined his community's agenda for quality education, care for the elderly, funding for small businesses and increased job opportunities.

The theme of commonality among ethnic groups was stressed at the first of seven "What's your agenda in 1984?" programs to be held in June and July. Organizers call the series a ground-breaking effort to forge a national agenda from shared concerns of ethnic, minority and women's groups.

Other participating groups include the

Organization for Chinese Americans, NAACP, National Puerto Rican Coalition, United Hellenic American Congress, Polish American Congress, and National Organization for Women.

Edwin Cudecki, past ICEE president, said that the program was organized "to counter charges that some of these groups promote special interests at the expense of the national good."

Because of this year's presidential election, he continued, it is important that "the interests of these groups come together to make up a representative and principled agenda."

Organizers are planning a September conference to draft a position paper that will "highlight what the groups have in common and acknowledge the issues each group identifies with," according to ICEE president Connie Seals. "These are the issues the (presidential) candidates are going to want to run on."

—From Heritage News Service

## Redress check given to Keiro

SEATTLE — Sumiko Haji Kuriyama, who was awarded \$5,000 from the city of Seattle for being fired during WW2, recently donated her redress money to Seattle Keiro Nursing Home.

Kuriyama, along with fellow Nisei Ruth Kazama and Tom Kobayashi, lost her job with Seattle City Light in 1942 because of her Japanese ancestry.

The measure authorizing payments to Nikkei city workers who lost their jobs was passed unanimously by the city council March 5.

Kuriyama said she was donating her payment as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ichimatsu Haji, and to her brother Tom Haji, who was killed in action in Europe during WW2.

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FRESNO, Calif.—Central California Young Buddhist Assn. holds its annual carnival and Obon Odori Saturday, July 14, 6 p.m. to midnight at Fresno Buddhist Church, 1340 Kern St.

SAN FRANCISCO—Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui are guests at a luncheon Tuesday, July 17, at Ferry Plaza Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Asian Pacific Caucus of the Calif. Democratic Party, the luncheon also honors the A/P dele-

gates to the national convention and A/P elected officials. Contacts: Carole Lee, 668-3473, or Wilson Chang, 885-6339.

SAN FRANCISCO—Performances by comedian Bob Matsueda, the Multi Unit 'E, and Crosswinds highlight the J-Town Music and Comedy Festival, Saturday, July 14, at Morningstar Auditorium, 1715 Octavia St., from 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit Nihonmachi Legal Outreach.

SAN FRANCISCO—Summer Festival runs Saturday and Sunday through July 29 at Japan Center, Post and Buchanan Sts.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Spartan Oriocci, an Asian student organization at San Jose State Univ., holds a post-Obon dance at the Student Union Ballroom, Saturday, July 14, from 9 p.m.

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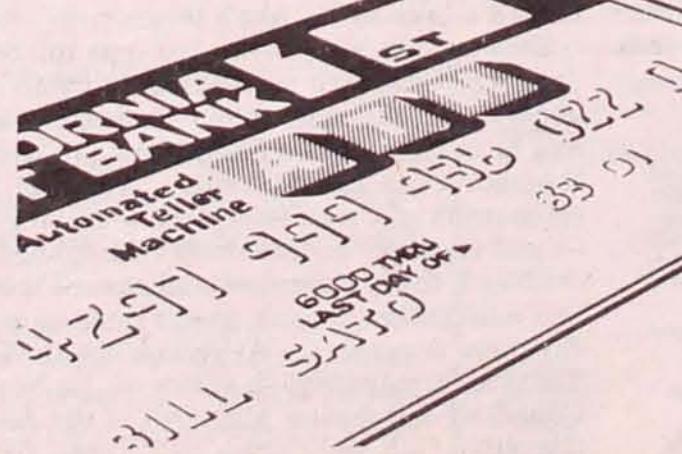
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## The Relocation of Canadian Nikkei

Like most Americans, Japanese Americans don't know a great deal about their northern neighbor, Canada. This is true about Canada in general, but more particularly about

Canadians of Japanese descent.

The knowledge doesn't go much beyond awareness that Japanese Canadians were evacuated from their West Coast homes during World War II and that like their cousins in the U.S., they've made an admirable comeback from that traumatic experience.

But that is only the bare outline of an appalling story that makes the evacuation experience of Japanese Americans seem in comparison like a Sunday school outing. The outline of that story is filled out by a recent book called "Nikkei Legacy," by Toyo Takata and published by New Canada Publications of Toronto.

In photographs and text, it recounts the story of Canadians of Japanese ancestry from the time a stowaway named Manzo Nagano arrived in British Columbia in 1877 until the present. In many respects the early experience is similar to that of the Issei in the States. Japanese immigrants found work in frontier Canada as farmers, railroad workers and sawmill hands. In addition, large numbers fished for salmon or labored in the canneries.

The great majority of the Japanese immigrants remained on the West Coast, concentrated in the seedy Powell Street area of Vancouver. Toyo Tanaka says there were some doughty characters among the pioneers including Yasukichi (Indian Yasu) Yoshizawa who with four other Japanese took off from Vancouver and rowed their little boat 400 nautical miles in 42 days to look for jobs as fishermen on the Skeena River.

Fishing licenses were limited to Canadian citizens. The Issei could become naturalized, but it was second-class citizenship without the right to vote. In World War I, more than 200 Issei volunteered for military service in hope of winning equal rights. Although Japan was an ally, British Columbia refused their services. The Japanese then went to the province of Alberta where they were enlisted. A total of 195 Issei and one Nisei went overseas. They made a terrible sacrifice: 54 of them were killed, 93 wounded. But the survivors did not win full citizenship rights until 1931.

Nisei in British Columbia were similarly discriminated against. In 1936 the newly organized Japanese Canadian Citizens League sent a delegation of four to Ottawa to seek the vote for Japanese Canadians. The mission was not successful. One of the delegates was Samuel I. Hayakawa, later to become U.S. senator from California. Another was a woman, Hide Hyodo.

With British Columbia's long history of discrimination against Japanese Canadians, it was not unexpected that the attack on Pearl Harbor should result in drastic action against them. Government ineptness, callousness and insensitivity compounded the outrage. Many men

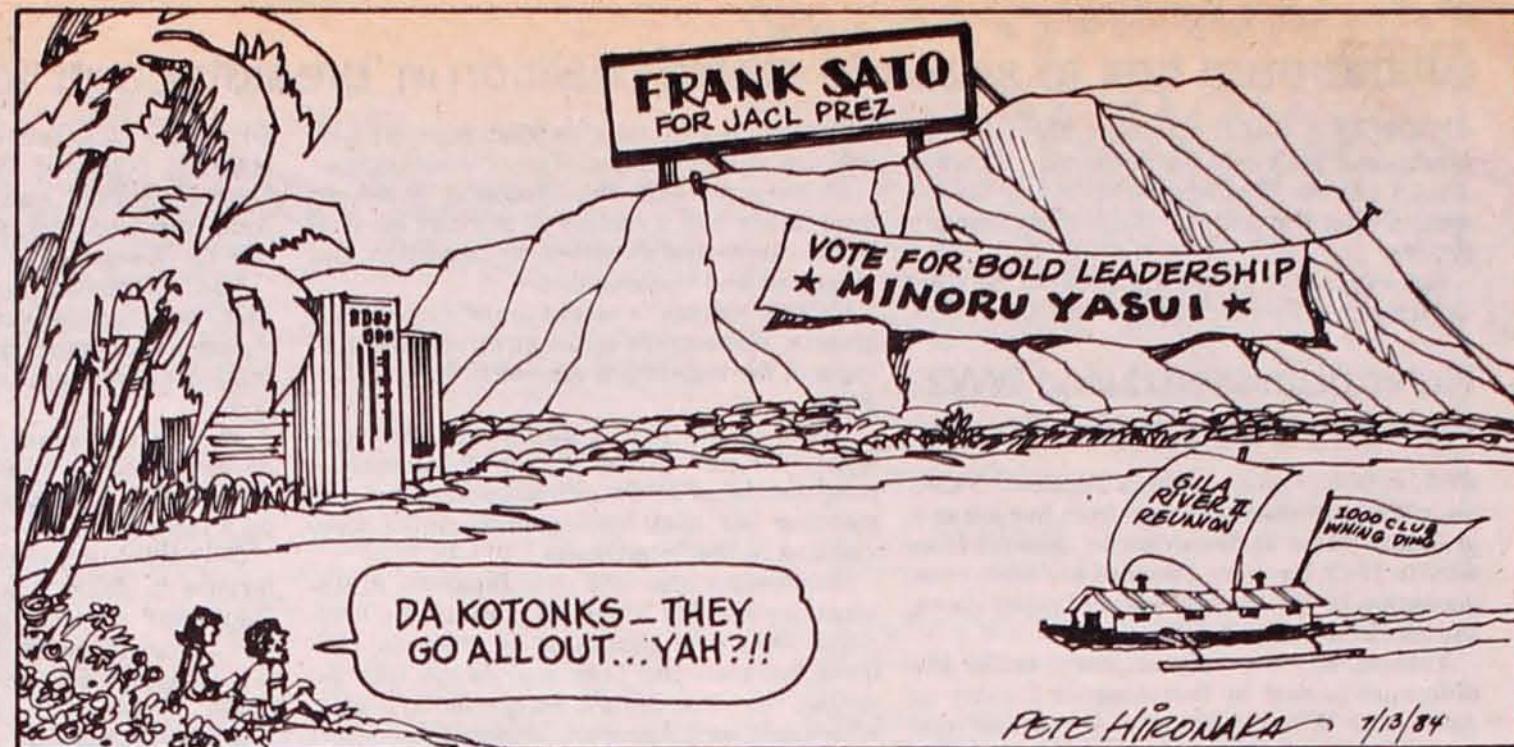
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were separated from their families and shipped to inland labor camps as though they were prisoners of war. They worked at road-building for 25 cents an hour, from which board was deducted. A thousand fishing boats owned by Japanese Canadians were seized, as were farms and motor vehicles, and later sold without notifying owners even though they had been told that a government custodian would look after their assets.

Women and children were herded into livestock barns at Hastings Park in Vancouver.

Some families left on their own to work in the harsh sugarbeet fields of Alberta. About half the evacuees were sent to mining ghost towns in isolated Slocan Valley. If there were no barbed wire fences as in U.S. camps, there also was no place for the evacuees to go. Facilities were primitive. Jerry-built, un-insulated shacks housed families who were expected to do their own cooking. There was a privy at the rear for each three cabins.

Meanwhile, British Columbia politicians were calling for total and permanent banishment of Japanese Canadians. Little wonder, then, that when the people in the camps were given a choice of being forced to leave and resettle elsewhere in Canada or accept deportation to Japan, more than 10,000 of the 21,000 uprooted opted for Japan.

War's end caused many to change their minds, but 4,000 (including many dependent children) ultimately left. Many have since returned to Canada. But for the others, the road back was long and difficult. Japanese Canadians were not permitted to go back to the West Coast of their own country until 1949, three and a half years after the end of hostilities, even though they could cross the border freely and visit Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles. They were not given the right to vote until 1948.

Early in World War II Nisei registered for military service but were never drafted in British Columbia, although a few slipped through bureaucratic cracks and went into service. At the urging of Great Britain, Canada reluctantly enlisted Nisei as linguists and about 200 were in uniform when the war ended. Only one Canadian Nisei died in combat. He was Morgan Tanaka of Saskatchewan, a nephew of Tokie Slocum, World War I hero of U.S. military service. Saskatchewan named a lake in Tanaka's memory.

Toronto, not Vancouver, today is the center of Japanese Canadian population and activity. Like Japanese Americans, they have become integrated and have claimed their rightful place in the life of the nation. As Takata writes, "No other community of Canadians faced a greater challenge—and endured. Indeed, they triumphed."

Indeed, they triumphed and earned the respect and admiration of their countrymen as well as Japanese Americans. We're indebted to Toyo Tanaka, former English editor of the New Canadian and former president of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto, for telling the story of his people in a stirring and, in view of the facts, remarkably restrained manner.

## Greetings from Hawaii

By Edgar Hamatsu, 1984 Convention Chair

Our dear JACL friends in the Mainland:

We extend to you our gentle and warm aloha. During the upcoming convention, we feel very proud and honored to be able to share our love and friendship with you, and to join you in delving into some of our common problems.

*Ko in ya no go to shi* — indeed, the days fly by like the speed of an arrow. It is already one month until Convention time. As our *okyaku sama*, we, in the Hawaii Hotel and Hawaiian Adventure, would like to lay out our "red carpet" for all of you. You are our precious guests.

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And so we must work together. This convention will give us a good opportunity to learn from each other. We look forward to learning from such established and legendary figures as Mike Masaoka, Bill Marutani, Bill Hosokawa and others. And we are indeed proud to offer you our time-tested and solid figures such as George Ariyoshi, Sparky Matsunaga, Dan Inouye and others.

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## Operating within the Budget

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While I am personally pleased with being able to have the audit confirm efforts to address our financial situation, I would be remiss not to point out some of the significant factors from several years back that allowed this.

At the height of our financial distress, the organization was fortunate to have a combination of individuals serving as national president and national treasurer which helped us to improve our position. Treasurers George Kodama and Hank Sakai provided restraints on spending that were required for that time. The job of national treasurer is unpopular in that the role requires a great deal of negative response. The program side of the organization, reasonably

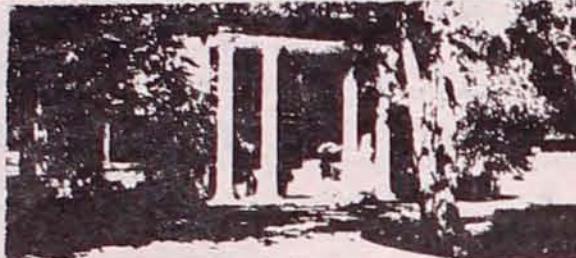
and understandably, wants funds to operate. The wide variety of programs, constituencies and interests represented in the organization places a consistent stress on our resources. Someone has to be the bad guy and point out that there are limits to our resources.

The resources are really very limited. The national budget contains a number of shortcuts and underfunds most aspects of the organization. It leaves little available for programs and other more interesting functions. For a national organization with 114 chapters, field offices, and a weekly publication, at the core the budget is very small in comparison to similar operations.

In this context, I want to point out the role that Jim Tsujimura played in his administration as national president. One aspect is simply the amount of out-of-pocket expense that he absorbed, but this is something that all volunteers and staff incur in varying degrees. Jim made sacrifices. As national president, he rightly had the opportunity to utilize the office and represent the JACL in many settings. From my staff view of things, some of these things appear unpleasant, while others seem like a good deal of fun. Jim gave up a lot of the fun things to allow the budget to get healthy. He said no to himself for the sake of the organization. Going into this national convention, we don't have adequate funds to cover needed expenses for important programs like redress. But because Jim sacrificed, and George and Hank said "no" a lot, we're not carrying any deficits, at least we're even, not several hundred thousand dollars in the hole.

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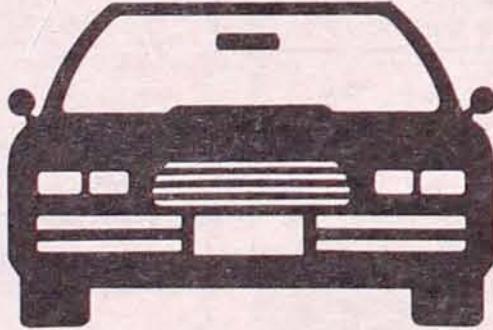
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## Himeno seeks 2d term as v.p. for planning

LOS ANGELES—Miki Himeno, national JACL vice president for planning and development since 1982, faces no challengers in her reelection bid. During this biennium, she has overseen the aging and retirement, youth, scholarships, student aid, veterans affairs and women's concerns committees.

She has served as board member and scholarship committee chairperson for the East Los Angeles Chapter and as a board member of Pacific Southwest District. She is also familiar to many PC readers from her column.

Himeno's platform calls for continued support of JACL's efforts in the areas of redress and U.S./Japan relations.

Her long-range goal is to promote the purposes of the JACL as set forth in the constitution. She describes those goals as: "(1) to protect the rights of Japanese Americans in the quest for justice for all peoples; (2) to seek a balance of the American in us as well as our Japanese heritage; (3) to encourage programs on all levels relevant to today's issues; and (4) to uphold the U.S. Constitution and to encourage active participation in citizenship and leadership in the communities around us."

Himeno has been involved in the Monterey Park/Alhambra area community in such capacities as trustee and president of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Memorial Library, member and observer of the League of Women Voters of Pasadena area, volunteer coordinator at Alhambra High School, and Alhambra school board member.



Miki Himeno

Her record of involvement with the Asian American community includes not only her JACL work but also her activities as president of the Japanese American Medical Assn. Women's Auxiliary and as a board member of Asian American Drug Abuse Program.

A former teacher, Himeno is currently a community liaison for Japanese Village Plaza in Little Tokyo.

## Chapter Pulse

### French Camp

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—The annual JACL Bazaar will be held Saturday, July 14, at the Community Hall, from 4 p.m. through the night. Featured are food booths and outdoor games and prizes.

General chairs are Katie Komure, Hide Morinaka, Hiro Shimamoto, and Florence Shiromizu. Committee chairs are Dorothy Ota, correspondence; Tom Natsuhara, finance; Matsu Murata and John Fujiki, donations; Bob Tominaga, Pete Takahashi, Fumio Kanemoto, Tosh Hotta, Shig Hisatomi, and Hats Nonaka, raffle; Lydia Ota, publicity.

### Marina

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The chapter's first annual picnic begins 10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 22, at Marine Park. Some of the events are a potato sack race, water balloon toss, and a tug of war. Tennis courts and softball fields are available. For more information, call Shirley Chami, 558-4255.

### Fresno

FRESNO, Calif.—Winners of the A.L.L./JACL scholarships will be honored at a dinner Sunday, July 15, at Inakasushi, 5096 N. West Ave. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and costs \$10. For reservations call Debbie Shikami, 224-3700.

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Caucus chair Thomas Hsieh of San Francisco said that this year's convention will mark an important step for Asian/Pacific Democrats. "For the first time in history, Asian/Pacific Americans are being recognized by a major political party as equal members...we will emerge as full-fledged participants."

Since its formation in July 1983, the caucus has established 20 affiliates in such key electoral states as California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Illinois and Texas.

In addition to outreach, voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns aimed at Asian/Pacific communities, the caucus has been monitoring the delegate selection process to ensure adequate representation of Asian/Pacific Americans. Hsieh reported that over 80 Asian/Pacific delegates have been selected nationwide.

The tentative calendar of events includes the following:

**July 15 (Sun.)**: Breakfast hosted by Sen. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii; A/P caucus executive committee business meeting at Sheraton Palace Hotel. Evening reception honoring A/P delegates, elected officials, and caucus members hosted by local A/P Democratic clubs and civic groups at Dimasalong Hall.

**July 16 (Mon.)**: Morning reception and press conference hosted by California secretary of state March Fong Eu; A/P caucus meeting at Hilton Hotel. Dinner honoring delegates, elected officials, and caucus members hosted by Asian Week newspaper at Grand Palace restaurant.

**July 17 (Tue.)**: Morning reception and press conference hosted by California congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui at Hilton Hotel. Caucus meeting at Hilton Hotel. Lunch honoring delegates, elected officials and caucus members hosted by California A/P caucus at Empress of China restaurant.

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among the Nikkei, that would not have justified incarcerating the entire population. The 19 people tried and convicted of espionage for Japan, he added, were all Caucasians. "That surely would not be sufficient grounds to lock up all persons of German or English background," he said.

### Another Special Interest Group'

Ken Masugi, a resident fellow at the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy, accused the CWRIC of "extraordinary arrogance to use the standards . . . of the 1980s to evaluate what happened . . . in the 1940s."

Masugi, who gave similar testimony before a Senate subcommittee last year, said that the CWRIC did not place itself in the position of policymakers on December 7, 1941, "both in terms of their wartime responsibilities and the prevailing attitudes concerning race and ethnicity."

Attacking the provisions of HR 4110, one of the redress bills under consideration, Masugi said that payments "would justifiably be seen as the result of political cunning and not as a restitution for an injustice."

The fact that the board of directors of the bill's proposed fund would be mostly Nikkei, he said, constitutes "discrimination on the basis of ethnicity" and is "clearly unconstitutional." He called the fund "a means of opening the public trough to another special interest group." The bill's proposed educational foundation, he added, "would churn out ideologically inspired denunciations of American politics, past and present."

Masugi suggested a monument to soldiers of all ethnic groups "who assumed duties before enjoying rights."

### A Reasonable Precaution'

Rep. Samuel Stratton (D-N.Y.) prefaced his statement by calling himself "probably the most supportive Caucasian in Congress as far as Japan is concerned" but then expressed his strong opposition to the bill, which he said "manifests no real understanding of what transpired before or after Pearl Harbor."

Stratton, who was an administrative assistant in Congress at the time, recalled the shock of the Japanese attack and said the

relocation was "a reasonable precaution in the light of the unbelievable treachery with which Tojo's and Yamamoto's Japan had just devastated us."

It was reasonable to believe that ethnic Japanese might commit sabotage on the West Coast as Germans had done on the East Coast, Stratton maintained. "After all, this was war! And in war one must do everything possible to provide an iron-clad defense for himself and his nation."

Like earlier speakers, Stratton said that redress would "demean all those who contributed to the war effort," including President Roosevelt, and that there was "no malevolence involved" in the government's actions.

While recognizing that those interned "did suffer an injustice," the congressman emphasized that "it was in a higher cause: the effort—and, thank God, a successful one—to keep America free and alive."

(The testimonies of John Tateishi, Floyd Shimomura, Minoru Yasui and Harry Kubo will be covered in next week's PC.)

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July 13 (Fri.)—Guests, Toronto Blue Jays v. Oakland A's.

July 14 (Sat.)—Sao Paulo v. Tri-City Assn. Youths, 10 a.m., Dayland Park, Palo Alto. Community picnic follows at Rinconada Park, Palo Alto.

July 15 (Sun.)—Sao Paulo v. Lodi/Florin Youths, noon, Lodi Ballpark. Local contact: Mas Okahara.

July 16 (Mon.)—Day at Marriott Great American Park, Santa Clara.

July 17 (Tues.)—Depart SFO for LAX, arriving around noon. Local contact: Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda (473-4080).

July 21 (Sat.)—Sao Paulo v. Gardena Asahi, 3 p.m., Recreation Park Field, 160th & Normandie, Gardena.

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