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Hiroshima Peace Flame travels to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Less than a week after the Olympic torch was brought here to begin the '84 summer games, another flame arrived from Japan with a minimum of fanfare but a message of worldwide importance. Presented at a downtown press conference August 1 by Kenichi Yasui, a survivor of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the "Peace Flame" from Hiroshima's Peace Park was enclosed in an old-fashioned oil lamp.

Known in Japan as Heiwa no Tomoshibi, the flame was lit in 1964 in memory of the more than 100,000 people killed in the bombing and is supposed to burn until all nuclear weapons are eliminated. Until now, it has never left the country. As he showed the flame to reporters at the Variety Arts Center, Yasui was accompanied by two local hibakusha: Kaz Suyeishi, vice president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S., and Shigeko Sasamori, one of the "Hiroshima Maidens" brought to the U.S. in 1953 for reconstructive surgery.

Suyeishi's group represents hundreds of hibakusha living in the U.S. Some are Nikkei who lived in Hiroshima or Nagasaki during WW2; others are Japanese nationals who later emigrated to the U.S. None have been able to obtain medical assistance from the federal government, despite the repeated introduction to Congress of bills calling for such aid.

Coincides with Olympics

Judy Chu of the '84 Mobilization for Peace and Justice, which arranged for the flame to be brought here, said the fact that the 39th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing coincides with the Olympics presented an opportunity to draw worldwide attention to the peace movement. The flame, she said, would be used at a "Survival Day" rally August 5 at MacArthur Park in a lighting ceremony scheduled to take place at the same time as the annual memorial observance in Hiroshima.

Though the event is not sponsored by the Olympic committee, Chu said, it embodies the same spirit of international cooperation. The group is seeking a permanent home for the flame in Los Angeles.

A proclamation from the mayor and the city council was read, welcoming the flame to Los Angeles, "where it will serve as a symbol for peace and justice and a reminder that this tragedy must never happen again." Hiroshima mayor Takeshi Araki sent a message calling for world peace, as did Sen. Alan Cranston and Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui, Mervyn Dymally and Julian Dixon (all D-Calif.).

The flame was part of a ceremony held August 3 at Little Tokyo Towers, where representatives of several local community organizations lit candles with it and pledged to work for peace.

Speaking through an interpreter, Yasui briefly recounted the events of August 6, 1945 for the audience. He was then a 7-year-old attending elementary school at a Hiroshima temple located 1.5 kilometers from the center of the blast. It was a hot, sunny morning, he recalled, as he and his classmates left their classroom after an air raid warning was lifted.

"We heard the buzzing noise of a B-29, and suddenly we saw an extremely bright light. I lost consciousness at that moment. When I came to, I found myself in darkness and I had no idea what had happened. When it became lighter, I found all of my classmates dead."

Yasui had lagged behind the other students and happened to be protected by stone steps when the bomb exploded. From where he stood, he could see the whole city without any obstructions because all of the buildings in the vicinity had been knocked down.

His mother managed to find him and take him home, but the house had been destroyed in the blast. As they made their way to the river, "we found many people dying, asking for water." Many people were plunging into the river to escape the flames, but "as soon as they entered, they died... I found many bodies floating in the river."

Soon after, the survivors were soaked by black rain which contained high doses of radiation. Although Yasui shows no external scars, he said his white blood cell count is abnormally high.

His father had been working near the center of the blast. "We couldn't find any bones or belongings... afterwards, they gave us a piece of bone dug from that site."

"However hard I try, I cannot forget what I experienced. The experience was far worse, much more severe than I can express to you," Yasui said.

Hibakusha Oppose Arms Race

Yasui expressed his concern about the current proliferation of nuclear arms and added that he believed Japan was violating its pledge not to possess such weapons by allowing the U.S. to bring them into the country.

"We have to try using all of our strength... to remove nuclear weapons from the earth," he said in conclusion. "I promise that we will continue doing our best on the other side of the Pacific Ocean. Do your best on this side."

Suyeishi and Sasamori also related their experiences and their opposition to the arms race. "Thirty nine years ago, I was in hell," Sasamori said in an emotional speech. "I saw so many innocent people die... Every time I see young children, I wonder what kind of world is waiting for them. We have to do something."

Physicist Michio Kaku said that the world has come close to nuclear war several times, citing declassified documents showing that the U.S. government considered using nuclear weapons on China, Vietnam and the U.S.S.R. during the 1950s and 1960s. He urged the audience to make a commitment to work for peace in any way possible during this "period of unparalleled danger."

Sponsored by Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness, the program also featured James Shin and Kawehi Kanui-Gill, who spoke on the presence of nuclear weapons in Korea and Hawaii, respectively. Shin also mentioned that thousands of Koreans were killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and that many survivors suffer from radiation-related illnesses today.

Kanui-Gill's group is protesting the use of Kaho'olawe Ohana, a small Hawaiian island, as a bombing site. She said that the island is of great historical and cultural importance to native Hawaiians.

—By J.K. Yamamoto



Photo by Jon Takasugi

Peace flame—A-bomb survivors (from left) Shigeko Sasamori, Kenichi Yasui and Kaz Suyeishi contemplate flame Yasui brought from Hiroshima to Los Angeles.

Embassy officials to speak at JACL workshop

HONOLULU—The Hon. William Clark Jr., deputy chief of mission in the American Embassy in Tokyo, and Minister Michihiko Kunihiro, chief of the economic section in the Japan Embassy in Washington D.C., are featured speakers at the U.S.-Japan relations workshop to be held during the JACL national convention.

"This workshop is not only topical and relevant to Nikkei," states Hideki Hamamoto, vice chair of the U.S.-Japan relations committee, "but is a natural expansion of the JACL resolution passed at the last convention." The resolution in part states "that JACL become involved in matters of concern in the American-Japanese partnership."

In the aftermath of recent frictions, primarily associated with trade problems, the two high-ranking senior officials will not only present their views on recent U.S.-Japan relations, but will also emphasize the future outlook of those relations. This rare opportunity to hear Embassy representatives speak about relations with their host countries should provide thought-provoking insights into the issues associated with maintaining positive relationships.

Following their opening remarks, Clark and Kunihiro are expected to join a panel of four Nikkei with varied experiences in U.S.-Japan relations. The potential role of JACL and other Nikkei in U.S.-Japan relations will be discussed.

Among the Nikkei panel members will be Floyd Shimomura, national JACL president, who has been actively engaged in U.S.-Japan related issues. He will provide a background of JACL's involvement to date and address potential issues of concern for the future.

David Nikaido, chair of the U.S.-Japan relations committee in Washington D.C. for JACL, will provide a progress report on its activities. He will also provide a compendium of insights of his personal and business experiences in Japan over the past decade.

The workshop will be at 1 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Pacific Beach Hotel on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Bradley appoints, drops JAs

LOS ANGELES—In a sweeping reorganization Aug. 2, Mayor Tom Bradley replaced 120 members of the city's boards and commissions, increasing the number of his political supporters, young professionals, women, and minorities. A number of Nikkei were affected by the move.

Among those added were Mike Murase, Building and Safety Commission; Frank Kuwahara, Community Redevelopment Agency; Gerald Yoshitomi, Cultural Heritage Board; John Saito, Human Relations Commission; and Don Nakanishi, Transportation Commission. Jun Mori was kept on the Harbor Commission.

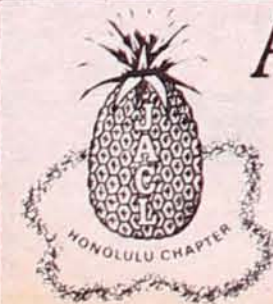
Those dropped from their positions included Toshikazu Terasawa, Building and Safety Commission; Lani Sakoda, Civil Service Commission; Sue Embrey, Commission on Status of Women; Howard Nishimura, Community Redevelopment Agency; Mitsu Sonoda, Cultural Affairs Commission; and Toshiko Yoshida, Human Relations Commission.

Bradley insisted that the changes were not a negative reflection on those replaced and that the appointees were "representative in terms of age, sex, ethnic balance and geography."

Senators to address convention

HONOLULU—U.S. senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) will keynote the two main events at JACL's national convention, to be held Aug. 12-17.

Matsunaga speaks at the Aloha Banquet on Monday, Aug. 13, and Inouye at the Sayonara Banquet on Friday, Aug. 17.



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Chin case still surrounded by controversy

DETROIT—Reporters from this city's two major newspapers who covered the trial of Vincent Chin's slayers have stated publicly that the defendants should have never been prosecuted. Ronald Ebens, convicted June 28 by a federal jury for violating Chin's civil rights in the 1982 beating death, has called the verdict unfair. Others have stated that the jury did not go far enough because it acquitted Ebens' stepson Michael Nitz, also implicated in the killing.

Ebens and Nitz were originally found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to probation and fines by Wayne County circuit court judge Charles Kaufman. Angered by the light sentence, Asian Americans sought a federal trial for the killers—not for murder, but for killing Chin because of his race. Critics said that the two were being tried twice for the same crime.

'Injustice Follows Injustice'

In a July 9 editorial, Detroit News reporter Don Ball called the conviction "a second miscarriage of justice," and raised the following objections:

—The government's evidence that Ebens was racially motivated was "flimsy," consisting of the testimonies of a nude dancer at the night club where the fight began and two of Chin's friends, all of whom said that Ebens started the fight by directing racial epithets at Chin. A third friend said that Ebens used an obscenity, not a racial slur; a witness who was with Ebens after he left the bar said Ebens referred to Chin and his friend Jimmy Choi as "some Chinese guys," which also does not constitute a slur.

—Justice Dept. prosecutor Theodore Merritt "conducted the prosecution as if it were a murder case rather than a civil rights trial, even though the defense admitted from the outset that Ebens killed Chin." Ball considered accounts of how Ebens struck Chin with a baseball bat irrelevant to the charges.

—"It was evident that the jurors had already reached a decision" about Ebens, finding him guilty on one count in a matter of hours. Ball charged that Merritt had biased the jury against Ebens by making "blatant appeals to the jurors' sympathies."

"Certainly no one condones Ebens' savage attack on Chin or finds justice in Kaufman's decision to place Ebens on probation," Ball concluded. "But only a misguided person would agree that justice was served by a prosecution trumped up in Washington to correct the aberration that took place in Kaufman's court."

Both Ball and Detroit Free Press reporter Tim Kiska, who also covered the trial, appeared on the TV news program "This Week

in Detroit" to express their opinion that there were no civil rights violations in the Chin case.

'Exercising Our Rights'

In the July 30 Detroit News, American Citizens for Justice president Helen Zia responded that neither Ball nor other critics of the federal trial have "bothered to tell the rest of us how they think justice should have been served in this complex case, or what they think should be done to prevent future miscarriages of justice."

What Ebens' and Nitz's lawyers are really saying, she continued, is that "their clients ought to be in jail, but since they're not, tough luck on the rest of us who might have the misfortune of running into Ebens or Nitz when they are out partying again. Is this their idea of justice?"

Zia said the trial was necessitated by "an insensitive system that never thought to ask whether this crime had any racial component." She cited the plea-bargaining from second degree murder to manslaughter and the absence of a prosecutor when Ebens and Nitz were first sentenced.

Asian Americans "have sought a full hearing of the facts in a court of law—something that had never taken place," Zia said. "Some people call this 'politics,' but it is the only way we know how to exercise our rights in our democratic society."

Only Chin and Choi

In addition to the racial slurs, charged Zia, the defendants' actions alone demonstrated racial animosity. "In a roomful of people, only Vincent Chin was singled out. And though the 'barroom brawl' involved only Vincent Chin and the two defendants, they chased not just Chin, but also the only other Asian man in the club, Jimmy Choi. Not a single witness... could remember any interaction that Choi might have had with Ebens or Nitz. Yet Chin's attackers ignored his two white buddies [Robert Sirokey and Gary Koivu, who were also with Chin] and included Choi as their prey."

During the trial, an ambulance attendant quoted Ebens as saying, "If they [the police] hadn't stopped me, I'da got you too" to Choi. "Why get Jimmy Choi except for the fact that he, too, was Asian?" Zia asked in her rebuttal to Ball.

"As a result of our activism in the Vincent Chin case, Asian Americans have found a new spirit of social involvement at a time when many others have become discouraged or apathetic," Zia wrote in conclusion. "We hope this spirit will be viewed positively around the nation rather than arousing... backlash."

Stewart Kwoh of the So. Calif. Justice for

Vincent Chin Committee in Los Angeles expressed satisfaction with the trial's outcome. "We think that the son should have been convicted, too, but the main culprit was convicted," he said.

But in New York, the Justice for Vincent Chin Coalition was outraged that Nitz was acquitted and that Ebens was found innocent on one count. "Once again the full measure of justice has eluded Vincent Chin, his family, and the Asian American community," the group said in a press release.

Educators support redress

SALINAS—Redress chair Violet deChristoforo of Salinas JACL received confirmation this past week of pro-redress resolutions from the Calif. Teachers Assn. (CTA) and National Education Assn. (NEA).

The state council of the 230,000-member CTA and the representative assembly of the 1.7 million-member NEA urged Congress to pass redress bills HR 4110 in the House and S 2116 in the Senate.

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FRANK S. SATO



FOR NATIONAL JACL PRESIDENT

Our organization represents a wide range of interests, concerns and priorities. The challenge before JACL is to open up the channels of communication, broaden the base of participation and to implement effective programs of action. This will only happen with experienced leadership which recognizes the importance of teamwork and has the organizational know-how to put it into place.

I believe that my career in government, my civic and community activities and my leadership responsibilities in the JACL have prepared me for the job to be done in the next biennium.

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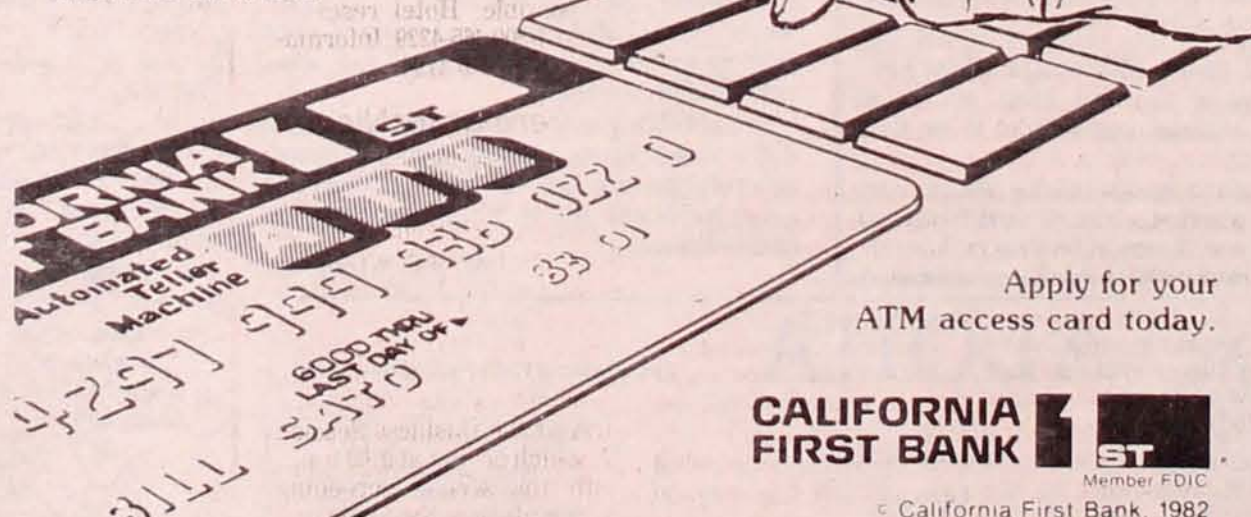
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Edgar Hamasu giving his all for convention

By Karleen Chinen

HONOLULU—If you happen to run across a man at the JACL national convention who looks like he has a million and one things on his mind, chances are pretty good that you've



Edgar Hamasu

met up with Edgar Hamasu, the hard-working chairman of "Aloha '84." For more than two years now, Hamasu has spent countless days and nights trying to organize a convention that would combine work and play for JACL members and their families.

It was Hamasu's commitment to JACL that prompted him to accept the chair of the convention. Anyone who has participated in any aspect of the convention planning will testify that the work is truly a labor of love. Like Hamasu, most of the people on the convention

board hold down full-time jobs while giving their free time to JACL.

Hamasu is deputy director of the State of Hawaii's department of land and natural resources. He hails from Honokaa, a small community in the northern section of the Big Island of Hawaii. Hamasu graduated from Michigan State Univ. with a degree in city and regional planning, and from 1962-64 served as the Big Island's planning director.

Hamasu joined the Army upon graduating from high school and received his basic training at California's Fort Ord, where he was befriended by many Nikkei whose parents had been interned during World War II. They often invited him to come home with them and he soon discovered that for the most part, the Issei's lives had not improved since their release from the camps, and that despite the sacrifices made by their Nisei sons during the war, racism still flourished.

Those observations helped formulate the views he holds today. "Racial harmony doesn't just come about naturally, but through constant reminding," he said. He looks forward to meeting delegates from all over the United States. "I think Hawaii is an ideal location for a minority-type convention. Hawaii is made up of all minorities and the experience for the mainland Japanese Americans will be really good," he said.

Hamasu is a veteran of the Korean War and is also an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Oahu County and Hawaii State Democratic Party. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of two sons.

Edgar Hamasu will be very busy during the convention week, but never too busy to welcome you with a warm and friendly "Aloha!"

Community affairs

SAN DIEGO—A program commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings will be held Aug. 12, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at **Martin Luther King Park** on Skyline Dr. Featured speakers are Bob Simmons, candidate for Congress; Kaz Suyeishi of Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors; and Butch Wing of the Third World Caucus of the National Freeze Campaign. There will also be entertainment and a candlelight vigil.

LOS ANGELES—**Koyasan Buddhist Temple**, 342 E. 1st St., holds a memorial service for Hiroshima/Nagasaki victims Sunday, Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—**Asian/Pacific Noon Network** presents an update on the redress issue with speakers Richard Tanaka, chair of San Jose Committee on the Internment of Local Japanese Americans; Susan Fitts, assistant to Santa Clara County supervisor Rod Diridon; and Tom Izu of NCRP. Program is held at County Gov't Center, East Wing, 11th floor, 70 W. Hedding St., Thursday, Aug. 9, 11:45 a.m. Contacts: 299-3541, 299-2566, 287-9710.

NEW YORK—**Concerned Japanese Americans** sponsors speakers, poetry and the film "Race to Oblivion" at J.A. United Church, 255 7th Ave., Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. \$2 donations. Contact: Mike Tsukahara, 475-6500/732-3467.

Cultural events

SAN FRANCISCO—**Asian Runners Club** holds its 3.4 mile Twin Peaks Fun Run Aug. 11, 9 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Twin Peaks Blvd. and Portola Dr. Contact: 824-7140/828-1505.

SAN FRANCISCO—**American Cancer Society** and **Nisei and Retirement** offer "I Can Cope," a course for Nikkei cancer patients, Mondays 5:30-7:30 p.m. from Aug. 20 to Oct. 15 at Kimochi Home, 1531 Sutter St. Info: 673-7979. Enrollment is limited.

ALAMEDA, Calif.—**Buddhist Temple of Alameda** holds its Obon festival and food bazaar Aug. 11-12. Obon dancing begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

WEST COVINA, Calif.—A two-story addition to an **East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center** building will be dedicated Aug. 12, 2 p.m. An open house will be held 1-4 p.m., 1203 W. Puente Ave. Contact: Marvel Miyata, (818) 960-2566.

LOS ANGELES—A "karaoke taikai" will be held Aug. 26, 2 p.m. at Japan America Theatre in Little Tokyo. Contestants may sing any Japanese popular music, but minyo and children's songs will not be accepted. Application deadline is Aug. 15. Mail \$10 fee to Radio Li'l Tokyo, 110 N. San Pedro St., L.A. 90012. Info: 628-4688.

LOS ANGELES—**Japanese Cooking Demonstrations** by Matao Uwate will be offered as part of Nisei Week festivities Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-19, 11 a.m. to noon, at Zenshuji Temple, 123 S. Hewitt St. near 1st St. \$5 admission. Contact: 628-4688.

KERMAN, Calif.—Thirty representatives from Kannami, Japan, participate in a "friendship celebration" of a future sister-city relationship with Kerman. Dinner will be served on the golf course at Green Acre Farms, 7545 W. Manning Ave., Friday, Aug. 10, 6-9 p.m. Contacts: Jan Wilt, (209) 846-7160; Mary Ann Souza, 846-8728.

CHICAGO—**Ginza Cultural Festival** will be held at **Midwest Buddhist Temple**, 435 W. Menomonee St., Aug. 17-19. Japanese programs and foods are featured.

CHICAGO—**Mina Sama-No** presents Urashima Taro, a Japanese folk tale, Monday, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. at the Organic Theater, 3319 N. Clark St. Reservations required: 225-9271.

Prewar Vacaville JAs plan reunion Sept. 2

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Plans for the reunion of prewar Nikkei residents of the Vacaville area are almost complete, announced general chair Tosh Komura. More than 200 persons are expected to attend the onetime affair on Sept. 2 at Plaza Holiday Inn.

Kicking off the day's festivities are memorial services at the Vacaville Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Gibun Kimura from Fresno, prewar minister of the Vacaville Church, is the officiant.

No host cocktails will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., with dinner following at the hotel.

During the evening, the surviving Issei will be honored for their many contributions.

Tak Tsujita, general arrangements chair, is asking the former residents to bring pictures or any articles that will bring back memories of the thriving Japanese community in Vacaville before the WW2 internment.

Reservations for the reunion should be made as soon as possible. Hotel reservations: 1-800-465-4329. Information: (916) 446-4794.

Screenings for Nisei retirement video set

HONOLULU — Japanese American Citizens League presents the first screening of the video, "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," at its national convention on Wednesday, Aug. 15. There will be two showings of the video—the first at the Business Session II, which begins at 9:00 a.m., with the second screening taking place at the aging and retirement workshop scheduled for 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the AHI Room at the hotel.

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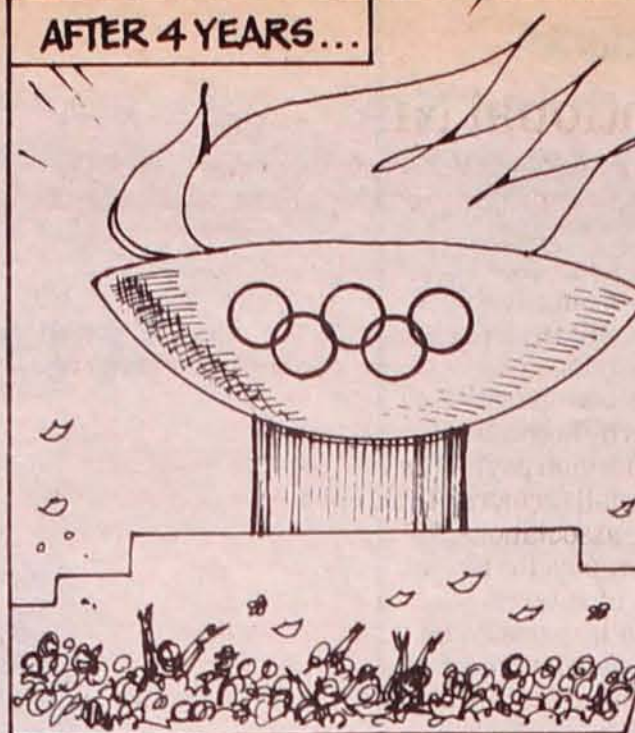
THE PERSON WHO controls the pursestrings can, and often does, control to an appreciable degree the other person who relies upon what comes from loosening (or tightening) of those pursestrings.

FOR A NUMBER of years now, this newspaper, the Pacific Citizen, to that appreciable degree, has been dependent upon what comes, or does not come, from the JACL national treasury, even for the allocation and distribution of the subscription share of the national dues. The result of this practice has been that from one year to the next, the board of the newspaper could not reliably budget and plan, for it knew not what amount of the subscription monies would, in fact, be released to it. And so it has been that in years past, that the Pacific Citizen has been financially "shortchanged" to a reportedly accumulated "shortfall" of some 50 grand.

WHAT THIS MEANS is that, for example, if the Pacific Citizen board and staff vigorously generates income, or tightens its own belt even further in order to make room for betterment of this newspaper, such efforts can be punctured simply by the national treasury declining to forward the full share of the subscription portion due to the newspaper. Indeed, theoretically at least—if not in reality—the national treasury itself can be lax and then take up slack by assuming retention of the newspaper's subscription monies.

Somehow, that strikes any fair-minded person as being inequitable. That the newspaper's plans and health are subject to shortcomings and shortfalls over which it

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had no control and for which it was in no way responsible, is unfair.

And unhealthy.

IT IS DEBILITATING to the JACL national organization to the extent that its fiscal shortcomings may be subsidized by withholding monies that are properly due to the Pacific Citizen's operating needs. Such monetary manipulation can give an erroneous reading of the true fiscal health of the national organization, thereby deterring essential remedial steps to correct the fiscal illness.

In a manner of speaking, it's akin to "robbing Peter to pay Paul." And it wouldn't quite matter so much, we

suppose, if Peter were rich, which in this case isn't the fact.

We keep this up much longer, and soon we'll have two Paul's instead of one.

AND THERE'S THAT important matter of freedom of the press of which we had occasion to write recently (July 27th issue). One can talk sympathetically about free speech, but if at the same time the lifeblood is diverted, we may have a cyanotic newspaper rather than a healthy red-blooded one.

Let's not let that happen. Let Paul begin to pay his own way, stand on his own feet.

MUSUBI: by Ron Wakabayashi



25th Anniversary for 50th State

While JACLers are celebrating the 28th biennial meeting of the National Council in the idyllic setting of Hawaii, the locals will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hawaii's statehood, which took place on Aug. 21, 1959.

A hundred years ago, Hawaii was a monarchy. Kamehameha III, in 1854, negotiated a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, which was not pursued until after his death late that year. Annexation finally did take place on Aug. 12, 1898. In April of 1900, Hawaii formally became a territory of the United States. In 1919, the first bill was introduced in the United States Congress for Hawaii statehood. It died in committee. In 1921 the Territorial Legislature adopted a "Hawaiian Bill of Rights," insisting that Hawaii be treated equally by the United States Congress.

In 1935, a congressional committee held hearings in Hawaii for 12 days, listening to more than a hundred witnesses on the subject of statehood. The committee recommended further study.

In 1937, a joint House and Senate committee held 17 days of hearings in Hawaii on the statehood matter. That committee recommended a vote of the Hawaiian people, which finally took place in 1940. By a 2-to-1 vote the Hawaiian voters expressed a desire for statehood.

In 1947 a bill on Hawaii statehood passed the House, but was not acted upon in the Senate. From 1951 through 1954, the Congress voted on Hawaii statehood several times with successes in the House, but the bill failed for various parliamentary obstacles imposed by persons opposed.

On March 12, 1959, the House passed a Hawaii statehood bill, 323 to 89, following a 75-to-15 affirmative vote in the Senate the day before. President Eisenhower signed the legislation, and on June 27, 1959, Hawaii voters affirmed statehood by 132,900 to 7,800. President Eisenhower held a ceremony on August 21, 1959, proclaiming Hawaii as the 50th state.

The rather abridged history of Hawaii statehood may not convey the degree of struggle or the nature of the obstacles. Certainly, the racial composition of the islands was a factor, as were the concomitant myths about Hawaii that pervaded the general public.

While the chronology and history of Hawaii statehood does not have parallel with our current redress movement, there are certainly linkages in the obstacles that each campaign confronts. Racism, political considerations and rampant misinformation weigh heavily on the success of each effort. The 22-year spread between the first introduction of statehood legislation and its ultimate passage is definitely a parallel that I hope will not be shared.



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West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, features drummers, singers, dancers, food, and arts and crafts, Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Saratoga Lanes parking lot, Saratoga Ave. and Graves.

Monterey Peninsula

MONTEREY, Calif.—A call is going out to all chapter members to bring used clothing, shoes, pots and pans, plants, books, toys, furniture, and other goods to the JACL Hall between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 17 for the annual rummage sale. The sale takes place Aug. 18. Volunteers are needed on all three days to assist in sorting, pricing and selling the goods. To volunteer, call David Yamada, 372-9145.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



An Unconventional Nisei

Not many will deny that the typical Nisei, with exceptions of course, is relatively conservative, disinclined to rock the boat, prefers to conform rather than revolt, would rather keep quiet than speak out, dislikes to draw attention to himself, and if given a choice would rather sit in the back pews than up front.

Karl G. Yoneda, one of the exceptions, is a Nisei who marches defiantly to the beat of a different drummer. As a youth he was so taken by radical ideas that he adopted Karl Marx's first name for his own. He became a card-carrying Communist in 1927 when he was not quite 21 years old. He has spent most of a lifetime taking part in demonstrations (which in the old days often resulted in being jailed and beaten by the cops), protests, organizing labor, leading strikes, circulating petitions, attending endless strategy meetings, writing for and editing what he calls "progressive" journals, attacking imperialism and fascism and extolling the virtues of socialism.

All this is told in Yoneda's autobiography, titled, *Ganbatte: Sixty-Year Struggle of a Kibei Worker*, recently published by the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA. While the book hardly qualifies as literature, it is a remarkable story of one man's dedication to radicalism, with previously little-known insights into the part Issei and Nisei played in the left wing of the American labor movement.

Yoneda was born in Los Angeles in 1906. His father, a heavy drinker suffering from tuberculosis, beat him frequently. "I never uttered a word or cried out when my father beat me with a long stick," Yoneda writes. "My stubbornness probably stems from those early beatings."

The family moved to Japan when Yoneda was 7 years old. Rebellion began early. In 1921, when he was 15, Yoneda took part in a student strike against a dictatorial dormitory supervisor. He quit school and a year later set out alone for Peking to meet a blind Russian anarchist he admired, working at odd jobs along the way to feed himself. When he returned to Japan six months later he plunged into the radical labor movement. Facing military conscription, Yoneda fled to the United States.

In Los Angeles Yoneda was befriended by Issei radicals and quickly took a leading role in organizing farm workers through the Japanese Workers' Association. His membership card was inscribed: "Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution. The Proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all countries, unite!"

By 1932 Yoneda was deeply involved in Trade Union Unity League, Japanese section. (Oddly enough, while the radical labor movement was advocating racial

equality, it and Yoneda accepted segregated units.)

"To cope with the problems of the Japanese unemployed," Yoneda writes, "our Section drew up six demands addressed to the 'establishment' within the Japanese community. These demands were 1) the elimination of the fees charged by the Japanese Consulate and Japanese Associations for draft deferment and other official papers; 2) end evictions of the unemployed by hotels and boarding houses; 3) a moratorium on bank loan payments due from unemployed workers and small farmers; 4) the opening of facilities of the Japanese associations, language schools, Buddhist and Shinto Temples for lodging of the homeless; 5) the distribution of interest earned by Japanese Association 'relief funds' earmarked for major disasters in Japan to unemployed workers and small farmers; and 6) the distribution of ten percent of the hundred million dollar 1931 profits earned by local Yokohama Specie and Sumitomo Banks to unemployed relief in Japanese communities."

Yoneda continued to tilt at similar windmills with scant success. World War II changed all that. Imperialist America had been attacked by the militarists of Fascist Japan, and the militarists were the more evil. It bothered him that the Communist Party advocated evacuation of Japanese Americans, but it did not destroy his faith. Yoneda was among those volunteering to go to Manzanar to help build the camp. He led a work crew to Idaho to harvest beets, then volunteered for U.S. Military Intelligence duty and served with distinction in the China-Burma-India theater.

After the war Yoneda plunged back into labor and Communist Party causes, but he also joined the Japanese American Citizens League. JACL was beginning to concern itself with such causes as repeal of Title II, the so-called concentration camp law; pardon for Iva Toguri who had been convicted of treason on the flimsiest of evidence, and ultimately the Redress movement. Somewhere along the line there was a converging of the goals of the conservative JACL and Marxist Yoneda, probably motivated by a common protest against injustice.

Unfortunately, like so many other unabashed admirers of the Soviet, Yoneda chooses to overlook its less admirable aspects—its gulags, the invasion of Afghanistan and before that Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the suppression of Lech Walesa and the Solidarity labor movement in Poland, the employment of Cuba as a surrogate in aggression in Africa and Central America, etc., etc., etc.

But one does not need to agree with Yoneda's goals and views to appreciate this frank, revealing recounting of his life. Yoneda's account of his response to the beat of his personal drummer is part of the Japanese American story and it is enriched by his having put it down for the record.



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1984-86 JACL Budget

By Frank S. Sato
National JACL Secretary/Treasurer

The National Council considers the 1984-86 budget at the first business session of the national convention, on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 14. The voting on the budget takes place on Friday morning, Aug. 17, in Business Session IV or V.

The overall budget is composed of three basic elements: National Operations, Pacific Citizen Operations and Redress Program Operations. The bottom line figures for the proposed 1984-85 fiscal year is \$1,281,450 for 1985-86 fiscal year, \$1,356,492.

The proposed budget was unanimously adopted by the JACL National Board at its May 1984 meeting as a recommendation to the National Council.

The National Board made its recommendation based upon a review and consideration of previous revenue and expense experience, as well as projected program and operational considerations.

In addition, the elected national officers, national board members, as well as district governors, were invited to submit their comments on the proposed budget so that the budget process would include as many individuals and representatives of JACL's organization structure as possible.

National Operations

Membership levels are anticipated to be maintained at current levels. Nominal \$1.25 and \$2 dues increases are assumed for the biennium to cover inflationary increases in costs. On the expense side, Washington office costs are allocated between national JACL and redress operations.

Pacific Citizen Operations

Revenues and basic financial support by the national JACL for the Pacific Citizen is limited to member subscriptions. Additional expenses outside budgeted expenses are funded by revenues raised by the Pacific Citizen non-member subscriptions and advertising.

Redress

The redress budget is shown for the first time as a separate operation. This breakout has been prepared in anticipation of a potential National Council decision to operate redress activities under a separate 501(c)(4) organization. This issue has been covered by President Shimomura's letter of July 6, 1984, to chapter presidents. Since redress legislation has been introduced before the Congress, most of our redress activities may be considered "lobbying," and might approach the "significance" level more appropriate for a 501(c)(4) organization. If this decision is made, this section may be easily separated for operational purposes.

Redress revenues assume the \$5 per member pledge to be continued in 1986, in addition to \$5 per member pledge for 1985 adopted by the Council previously. Further, member check-offs for voluntary contributions of \$5 or more, and large donations, are anticipated. Expenses are constrained to current levels.

While we anticipate completing the biennium at the break-even level, future growth continually strains current budget levels. Membership revenues continue to be our primary funding base, and must be expanded if we are to fund our overall operations. In addition, as we approach the critical legislative phase for redress, we must be prepared to "go for it" with additional funding as appropriate.



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REVENUE

	FY'83	FY'84	FY'85	FY'86
NATIONAL OPERATIONS				
Membership	\$518,493	\$558,568	\$598,200	\$630,800
Other Revenue	79,173	102,000	83,000	100,000
Total Income	\$597,666	\$660,568	\$681,200	\$730,800
PACIFIC CITIZEN				
Member Subscrip.	\$187,920	\$190,260	\$197,000	\$200,000
Other Subscrip.	26,741	26,713	32,400	40,000
Advertising	93,804	112,532	133,250	147,692
Miscellaneous	13,479	12,435	12,000	12,000
Total Income	\$321,944	\$341,940	\$374,250	\$399,692
REDRESS				
Chapter Pledges	\$109,306	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Member checkoff	11,805	10,000	40,000	40,000
Fundraising/interest	1,240	25,000	45,000	45,000
Donor/contributions			41,000	41,000
Total Income	\$122,351	\$135,000	\$226,000	\$226,000

(1) 1983 figures are actual totals.

(2) 1984 figures are current year budget.

EXPENSE

	FY'83	FY'84	FY'85	FY'86
NATIONAL OPERATIONS				
General Operations	\$340,380	\$390,813	\$422,000	\$465,000
Washington Office	56,286	58,000	30,000	30,000
Districts	170,389	175,570	191,200	195,800
Programs	980	36,185	38,000	40,000
Total Expense	\$568,035	\$660,568	\$681,200	\$730,800
PACIFIC CITIZEN				
Production	\$159,732	\$182,710	\$191,000	\$200,400
Personnel	105,092	132,700	154,000	163,200
Admins/Misc	25,582	26,530	29,300	36,100
Total Expense	\$290,406	\$341,940	\$374,300	\$399,700
REDRESS				
Washington Office	\$	\$	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Headquarters	131,351	205,985	176,000	176,000
Total Expense	\$131,351	\$205,985	\$226,000	\$226,000

(3) 1985 and 1986 membership revenue figures assume a \$1.25 and \$2.00 dues increase over the respective two years of the biennium with a static membership.

REVENUE (Line-Item Breakdown)

	FY'83 Actual	FY'84 Budget	FY'85 (1) Proposed	FY'86 (2) Proposed
Membership				
Individual	\$ 220,000	241,266	265,734	283,122
Family	195,169	205,522	226,366	241,178
Thousand Club	80,650	87,780	83,600	84,000
Century Club	16,842	17,000	15,500	15,500
Corporate	3,300	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,448	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total	\$ 518,492	558,568	598,200	630,800
Other Revenue (3)				
	79,173	102,000	83,000	100,000
Total	\$ 597,666	660,568	681,200	730,800
Pacific Citizen				
Member Subs (4)	\$ 187,920	190,260	197,000	200,000
Other Subscriptions	26,741	26,713	32,400	40,000
Advertising	93,804	112,532	133,250	147,692
Miscellaneous	13,479	12,435	12,000	12,000
Total	\$ 321,944	341,940	374,250	399,692
Redress				
Chapter Pledge	\$ 109,306	100,000	100,000	100,000
Member Check off (5)	11,805	10,000	40,000	40,000
Fundraising & Interest	1,240	2,500	45,000	45,000
Large Donors Donation (6)			41,000	41,000
Total	\$ 122,351	135,000	226,000	226,000

1. FY'85 membership calculation based on \$1.25 increase.

2. FY'86 membership calculation based on \$2.00 increase.

3. Other revenue includes fundraising, interest, contributions and grants.

4. Subscription calculation based on \$10 per member/subscription.

5. Member check off revenue calculation based on voluntary contribution projection.

6. Large donor revenue calculation based on projection.

EXPENSE (Line-Item Breakdown)

	FY'83 (1) Actual	FY'84 (1) Budget	FY'85 (2) Proposed	FY'86 (2) Proposed
Washington, D.C.				
501 Salaries			17,500	17,500
502 Payroll Taxes			1,800	1,800
521 Health Insurance			400	400
530 Contract Services	49,153	52,500		
542 Dues/Subscriptions			200	200
543 Equipment rental				
544 Postage & delivery	130		300	300
545 Printing & copying	2,895		900	900
546 Office supplies	1,491		400	400
547 Telephone	827		1,100	1,100
548 Books	131			
549 Audio-visual				
560 Meetings & confs	1,456		1,200	1,200
581 Maintenance			100	100
582 Rent			6,000	6,000
593 Miscellaneous	302		100	100
E/P Equipment purchases				
5XX All other expenses		5,000		
Total	56,286	58,000	30,000	30,000

1. FY'83 and FY'84 budget adopted as an Independent Contract.

2. FY'85 and FY'86 budget allocated partially to Redress budget.

District Field Offices				
Salaries/personnel	\$ 115,774	121,638	126,300	130,000
Payroll taxes	9,113	9,453	10,400	11,000
Health insurance	5,702	4,679	5,300	5,800
Total personnel	130,589	135,770	142,000	146,800
Allocations				
Pacific Southwest	\$ 9,800	9,800	13,700	15,000
Midwest	7,800	7,800	9,000	9,000
Central California	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Pacific Northwest	3,200	3,200	7,500	6,000
Intermountain	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,400
Eastern	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
NCWNP	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Mountain Plains	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Allocations	39,800	39,800	49,200	49,800
Total Districts	170,389	175,570	191,200	195,800

EXPENSE (Line-Item Breakdown, cont.)

	FY'83 Actual	FY'84 Budget	FY'85 Proposed	FY'86 Proposed
General Operations				
501 Salaries	\$ 144,445	163,053	173,400	182,000
520 Payroll taxes	11,215	13,349	13,800	15,000
521 Health insurance	7,745	4,110	8,300	8,700
522 Retirement & fringe	27,002	30,110	28,500	29,000
530 Contract services	6,678	28,026	29,500	30,000
541 Awards	1,821	13,000	8,200	11,900
542 Dues & subscriptions	2,046	2,635	2,800	2,900
543 Equipment rental	1,899	330	2,000	2,100
544 Postage & delivery	6,604	5,514	6,200	6,500
545 Printing & copying	31,796	20,700	32,600	34,200
546 Office Supplies	10,701	5,864	11,200	11,800
547 Telephone	13,923	12,128	14,300	15,000
548 Books	1,893	330	1,500	1,600
549 Audio-visual materials	902	330	1,400	1,400
560 Meetings & confs	14,786	19,300	14,800	15,500
562 National Board mtgs	18,398	19,500	20,000	21,000
564 National Convention		18,000		20,000
581 Maintenance	10,365	7,407	13,000	13,650
583 Utilities	6,353	5,292	6,600	7,000
590 Contributions	505	220	600	600
591 Insurance	18,251	18,846	19,000	20,000
59X Miscellaneous	2,760	669	4,300	5,050
595 Public Relations				
600 Personnel recruitmt	292	600		
Computer/epi relid costs		1,500	10,000	10,000
Total	\$340,380	\$390,813	\$422,000	\$465,000
Programs				
Youth & scholarship	\$ 3,463	9,432	10,000	10,000
All other programs		26,753	28,000	30,000
Total Program		36,185	38,000	40,000

	FY'83 Actual	FY'84 Budget	FY'85 Proposed	FY'86 Proposed
Redress				
Personnel	\$ 69,604	70,920	32,000	97,000
Contract Serv.	11,755	42,640	10,000	
Program		22,425		
Postage/del	3,653	5,000	500	500
Printing	6,630	6,000	1,500	1,500
Office Supplies	1,787	2,000	700	700
Telephone	8,477	15,000	1,800	1,800
Books	510			
Audio-visual	623			
Meetings/conf.	24,817	26,000	2,000	2,000
Rent	3,481		10,800	10,800
Consultation		5,000		
Miscellaneous	14	5,000	700	700
Districts		6,000	6,000	6,000
Total	\$ 131,351	205,985	50,000	176,000
			\$226,000	\$226,000

	FY'83 Actual	FY'84 Budget	FY'85 Proposed	FY'86 Proposed
Pacific Citizen				
Editorial	\$ 2,939	3,300	2,000	2,000
Advertising	1,383	420	1,000	1,100
Composition/Presswork	50,828	63,290	63,000	68,000
Mailing	104,582	115,700	125,000	129,300
Total Production costs	\$ 159,732	182,710	191,000	200,400
Salaries				
Salaries	\$ 91,312	111,000	129,400	137,100
Payroll taxes	7,389	11,000	12,000	12,400
Health & Retirement	6,391	10,700	12,600	13,700
Equipment & furniture	247	3,900	4,200	5,500
Equipment rental	1,323	720	800	800
Postage & delivery	3,395	4,300	4,500	4,700
Printing & copying	343			
Office supplies	1,146	900	1,000	1,000
Telephone	1,898	1,920	2,000	2,100
Meetings & conferences	2,888	5,650	1,300	6,300
Advertising				
Commissions	2,176			
Rent	6,007	6,400	12,800	12,800
Insurance		1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	6,159	1,740	1,700	1,900
Total	130,674	159,230	183,300	199,300
Total Pacific Citizen	\$ 290,406	341,940	374,300	399,700

BY THE BOARD: by Henry Sakai



Sato Endorsement

I've been asked by a number of people why I endorse Frank Sato for president of JACL.

Frank brings much-needed management experience to JACL. As the Inspector General for the Veterans Administration, he is the highest-ranking Nikkei in the Reagan Administration. His stature, experience and contacts in Washington will be a big asset in both the redress and U.S.-Japan relations programs. As the current national treasurer and a CPA he understands finances and the need for close monitoring of the budget. In addition, he recognizes that JACL is not a one-program organization and that the president must be concerned with all facets of the organization.

Before I endorsed Frank for president we had several meetings because I wanted to be sure that he would give JACL the kind of direction and time necessary for success.

I don't think anyone questions Min Yasui's dedication, hard work, and sacrifice for the

redress movement. He has been the prime mover and should continue to play a major role. As chairman of the Legislative Education Committee (LEC), he will be the key person. This is because the major funding will be under the LEC for the redress program—separate from the main body of JACL, in order to protect our non-profit status. Therefore, I think if Min should become president it would dilute his efforts in redress because of all the other areas that would require his attention.

With Frank Sato as president and helping to work the "inside" of the Washington scene, and Min as LEC chair working the outside, or grassroots area, the movement would be most effective.

Since I know both Min and Frank and have the highest respect for both candidates, I've had to take an objective view and go with what I feel is best for the organization. JACL needs Min's dedication and expertise to head up redress as CHAIRMAN of LEC and Frank's management expertise and stature to be PRESIDENT of JACL.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: by Floyd Shimomura



Activating the L.E.C.

In order to preserve the national JACL's tax deductible status, the National Council will be asked to transfer the responsibility for lobbying our redress legislation to the "JACL Legislative Education Committee"—a separate and distinct corporate entity with its own governing board.

The L.E.C. This transfer has been long anticipated. The JACL is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. One restriction is that we can't spend more than 15 to 20 percent of our budget on lobbying activities. In anticipation that JACL would engage in significant lobbying activities after the introduction of our redress legislation, the National Council at the San Francisco convention approved a resolution which authorized the JACL National Board to create a separate, independent 501(c)(4) corporation (so-called political arm) from which we could do our lobbying. Thus, the JACL Legislative Education Committee (L.E.C.) was incorporated in the State of California on May 20, 1982. Although the first organizational meeting of the L.E.C. was held at the Gardena convention, the L.E.C. was merely created on paper and was considered to be primarily a dormant entity until such time that JACL reached the 15 to 20 percent lobbying expenditure level. Now that we have introduced legislation in Congress, much of our redress activity can be considered "lobbying." We are now approaching the "trigger" point on spending.

Funding the L.E.C. The delegates to the Hawaii convention will be asked to shift the funding base of the redress program from the JACL to the L.E.C. What does this mean? It means that all redress fundraising—at both

the local and national levels—should be done in the name of the JACL L.E.C. Redress funds must be kept distinct from normal JACL funds. Moreover, the National Council will be asked to approve a voluntary, \$5 amount which a member may "check-off" and include in addition to his normal dues. This \$5 amount will be critical to providing the necessary funding base for the L.E.C.

Structure of L.E.C. As a separate and distinct entity, the L.E.C. is governed by its own board. The founding directors were: Min Yasui, Mike Masaoka (who has subsequently resigned for personal reasons), Shig Wakamatsu, Jim Tsujimura, and myself. These directors met at the Gardena convention and adopted bylaws which created a 15-member board: seven members to be appointed by the JACL National Board and eight by the L.E.C. board itself in order to preserve its independent status. Min Yasui was elected the chair. Members serve staggered, three-year terms. As of Nov. 5, 1983, the L.E.C. board consisted of the following persons appointed by the JACL National Board: Yosh Nakashima, Cary Nishimoto, Charles Kubokawa, Frank Sato, Cherry Kinoshita, Rose Ochi, and myself. The "board appointees" were: Min Yasui, David Nikaido, Joseph Rauh, Shig Wakamatsu, Tats Kushida, Jim Tsujimura, George Aratani, and Grant Ujifusa.

Conclusion. Obviously, creating the L.E.C. creates administrative difficulties. However, the JACL's charitable 501(c)(3) status is important in that it makes contributions to the JACL tax deductible to the donor. (Contributions to the L.E.C. will not be tax deductible.) We in the JACL do not want to jeopardize our tax status as the Sierra Club did a few years back due to its extensive lobbying activities in Washington, D.C. This is an important question for the National Council to consider.

Calendar

●To Aug. 26

Los Angeles—Bugaku: Treasures from the Kasuga Shrine on exhibit at JACCC, 244 S San Pedro, 11am-5pm

●To Sept. 5

San Francisco—Asian Masterpieces in Wood, Asian Art Mus., Golden Gate Park, daily 10am-5pm

●AUG 10-11

San Francisco—Reunion of prewar Japanese orphanage run by Salvation Army; info (415) 638-0344

●AUG 11-12

No. San Diego—Obon, Vista Buddhist Temple

●AUG 11 (Saturday)

San Francisco—Jpn Am Day at SF Giants vs LA Dodgers; bnft for Kimochi; info Steve Nakajo, 563-5626

●AUG 12-18

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●AUG 15 (Wednesday)

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●AUG 16 (Thursday)

Los Angeles—Hearings on S 2116, Veterans Admin Med Cntr, Wilshire & Sawtelle Blvds; 8:30am-noon, 1:30-5:30pm

●AUG 18 (Saturday)

West Valley—7th ann'l Daruma Folk Festival, Seratoga Lanes parking lot, San Jose, 10am-5pm

Beverly Hills—Nisei Wk coronation ball, Hilton, 9876 Wilshire Blvd, 6pm

●AUG 18-19

San Francisco—Nihonmachi St Fair

●AUG 19 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk grand parade, Little Tokyo, 4:30pm

●AUG 20 (Monday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk awards dinner, Bonaventure Htl, 404 S Figueroa, 6pm

●AUG 22 (Wednesday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk pioneer lunch, New Otani Htl, 120 S Los Angeles

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●AUG 23 (Thursday)

Los Angeles—Jpn Am Th, 244 S San Pedro, 7:30pm

●AUG 25 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk carnival, S San Pedro St, 11am-11pm; arts festival, 11am-6pm

●AUG 26 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—Nisei Wk carnival, Little Tokyo, 11am-11pm; ondo, 6pm; arts festival, 11am-6pm

●SEPT 1 (Saturday)

Los Angeles—Manzanar reunion dinner, Bonaventure Hotel, 6pm; info Bruce Kaji, (213) 624-7456

San Diego—Internat'l Peace Garden clean up, 8am; lunch provided

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Meet Your Convention Hosts

By Christine Froeichtenig

HONOLULU—The host chapter of the "Aloha '84" convention has created an exciting series of events to enhance your visit.

The 1000 Club reception on Sunday, Aug. 12, ushers in the kaleidoscope of social events. Scheduled for 6 p.m. in the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Pacific Beach Hotel, the reception features no-host cocktails, light pupus (appetizers), and relaxing music by a talented trio. This informal gathering affords conventioners opportunities to make new friends and reminisce with old acquaintances. We of the Honolulu Chapter look forward to welcoming all our visitors that night!

At the golf tournament on Monday, Aug. 13, golfers will be able to continue conversations struck up the night before. Set to begin at 8 a.m., the tournament will be held at the peaceful and exclusive Makaha Valley Country Club far from the bustle of Waikiki. The entry fee includes round-trip transportation, cart, greens fees, and tournament prizes. This leisurely morning of golf has been planned for you by Les Ihara and Heine Peters, cochairmen of the golf committee.

Les hails from Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii and is retired as an Army colonel. His career included service in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Les is an avid tennis player and golfer and is involved in the Lions Club.

Heine Peters does double duty cochairing both the golf committee and the Furusato Matsuri (Japan Night) committee with Island entertainer Teddy Tanaka. Heine's expertise lies in coordinating events around the world and in travel, talents he employs in a firm doing maintenance for large aircraft corporations.

Aloha Banquet

For everyone who's hungry after golf or a day of touring, the Aloha Banquet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, offers sustenance for the body and mind. This first sit-down event of the convention features greetings from Honolulu Mayor Eileen Anderson and Cec Heftel, member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Sen. Spark Matsunaga delivers the keynote address. In addition, such awards as JACLER of the Biennium will be presented with State Sen. Bertrand Kobayashi the emcee.

Ed Hasegawa, chairman of the Aloha Banquet, is a past state president of the Jaycees and currently is a business specialist for the Dept. of Education. He helps supervise capital improvements, maintenance, safety and transportation for the Honolulu district.

Working Off Dinner

Tennis buffs have a chance to meet on the courts for the tennis round robin on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Hotel, the event will be pre-

ceded by registration from 7:30 to 8 a.m. Committee chair Fuku Tsukiyama describes the matches as "not really a tournament, just friendly get-together matches. Calling them a tournament itself may scare some people away!" For this reason she terms the event "a sort of round robin" in which competition will be by pairs and not by individuals.

Fuku, formerly Fuku Yokoyama of Salinas, California ("Steinbeck country," she says proudly), was interned in Poston and later studied in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., where she became active in the JACL. Married to Ted Tsukiyama, an attorney, Fuku is a lecturer in American Studies at the Univ. of Hawaii and chairs the JACL scholarship committee. Her dedication to community service led her to direct past volunteer efforts at Kuakini Medical Center.

Those eager to sample authentic Hawaiian cuisine and the festive spirit of aloha won't want to miss the Sunset Luau set for Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m. Hawaiian Adventure Travel hosts the luau, rated the best on Oahu by local writer Jocelyn Fujii in her book *The Book of Bests of Honolulu*. Presented at Paradise Cove, part of a private beach estate 40 minutes from the city (round-trip transportation is included), Hawaii's most popular luau offers myriad opportunities for sunset picture-taking. The hour-long entertainment includes the thrilling knife dance as well as hulas and songs of Hawaii. Hawaiian Adventure Travel promises an all-you-can-eat-and-drink evening of succulent kalua pig, lomi lomi salmon, barbecued pulehu beef, teriyaki chicken, sweet potato and more.

Afternoon on Campus

A Treeplanting Ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 1:30 p.m. gives conventioners participating in the free activity a chance to view the rolling grounds of the University of Hawaii campus, long voted the country's most beautiful. The treeplanting takes place at the East-West Center and is a fitting commemoration of the first JACL convention held outside the continental U.S.A. Invitations have been extended to Gov. George Ariyoshi, U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield, and Japan's Ambassador to the U.S., Yoshio Okawara, among others. Earl Nishimura, Honolulu JACL counselor, emcees.

Raymond Inafuku, chairman of the treeplanting committee, hopes that everyone unfamiliar with the Shinto ceremony of blessing will attend as Bishop Miyao officiates before the tree. He has also coordinated an entertainment program. Mr. Feltz of the East-West Center will play the koto; Kikue Masuda offers an interpretative dance to the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer; Osamu Murata sings the national anthem and "Hawaii Ponoi."

The Sayonara Banquet on Friday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. marks the convention's main event and finale. Installation of JACL's 1984-86 national officers will be emceed by Lt. Gov. John Waihee. Keynote speaker is Hawaii's Daniel Inouye, U.S. senator since 1963 and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross while with the 442nd Infantry Regiment.

State Rep. Tom Okamura, Sayonara Banquet chairman, is outdoing himself in preparations for your enjoyment. Born in Hilo, Tom is a full-time legislator who is chairman of the energy, ecology and environmental protection committee. Tom has just announced his candidacy for a third term.

Aloha

The Registration committee, headed by Alvin Onaka, has a large task ahead. Registration packets stuffed with the "Aloha '84" souvenir booklet, other useful information and activity tickets will be distributed on Sunday, Aug. 12, and Monday, Aug. 13. There's no one better than Alvin to oversee this operation. A Ph.D. from the Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst, he has worked abroad for AID and from 1978 to 1980 he conducted ecostatistical research on atomic bomb victims in Hiroshima. While with the State Dept., Alvin was a member of the Washington D.C. JACL. Presently he is the program manager of the population analysis staff at the dept. of Planning and Economic Development.

Alvin joins with all of us in Honolulu in hoping to see you at these convention happenings.

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Nikkei beauty contests

For the past 30 years or so, I have been troubled by the spectacle of beauty contests in the Nikkei community. Not only do we have a Cherry Blossom queen, a Nisei Week queen, and a Miss Bussei, we now have a Miss Sansei. There appears to be no possibility of ever eliminating these contests because the vested business/commercial interests are too strong.

While the contests themselves may continue to exist, we should seriously examine the appropriateness of JACL chapter involvement. Most of

the queen candidates are sponsored by business and trade associations (as expected), but there usually are a few JACL chapters sponsoring candidates.

At best, sponsoring a queen candidate is unrelated to any of the stated purposes of the JACL. I don't think anyone really believes the nonsense about a Nikkei queen being an emissary of Japanese American culture. Hell, knowledge of Japanese American culture is not even a factor in the judging.

More likely, though, this

activity is in direct conflict with the goals of the organization. Beauty contests demean Nikkei women by exploiting their physical attributes to promote business and commerce; and they reinforce the "geisha girl" stereotype by boosting the exotic/docile look in kimono. Furthermore, these contests have become blatantly racist in recent years due to the imposition of ancestral "purity" requirements.

I realize that this problem is not a basic "survival" issue, nor one of "power," but

it is one of images and stereotypes, which sometimes can be equally important. As long as Nikkei women are identified with beauty contests, fashion shows, and the like, they probably will not be considered for leadership positions in the JACL, or the community at large.

Nikkei beauty contests are a throwback to the olden days of rigid racial segregation and outright oppression of women. At least for JACL, participation in this antiquated ritual should cease.

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, CA

Letters

REDRESS PHASE FIVE: Minoru Yasui

Travels with Zensuke Kanegaye

Thirty three years ago, during the hot summer of 1951, when National JACL was on a final drive to achieve naturalization for Issei, we took off on a grueling 6-week, 10,000-mile drive into the Deep South.

The Issei had told us, "Don't worry about financing; we'll take care of funding. You Nisei go out and get support for naturalization." True to such pledge, Zensuke Kanegaye of Denver, then an older Issei of 67 years, not only financed our swing into the South, but went along with us. "Us" included my wife and our two baby daughters, ages 3 years old and 6 months old. We asked Fumi Katagiri, an RN, to go along with us to help take care of the babies, while the menfolk went out to make speeches.

With so many bodies jammed into one car, we had to pull a flat trailer loaded with all our luggage. We took off from Denver late in May 1951. Our first stop was 500 miles down the road, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we met with the Yonemotos, the Matsubaras, the Hashimotos, and others that evening. We had to speak in Japanese for the Issei, and in English for the Nisei. That was the pattern established for the rest of the trip: drive all day, hunt up a motel, unpack, and go to a meeting until late at night—then get up early next morning, and start all over again.

The second day, we drove on out to Gallup, New Mexico, for a meeting with Issei and Nisei. Upon arrival, we learned that Hershey Miyamura had just been reported as "missing in action" in Korea. He was reported as having been last seen in a rearward outpost, and after having emptied his gun, was swinging his empty BAR (Browning automatic rifle) trying to hold off the on-coming, charging Chinese infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism after his release as a prisoner-of-war. But, the meeting that night, needless to say, was cancelled, and Zensuke and I drove the long road back to Albuquerque from Gallup, New Mexico.

The third day, we took off for Mesilla, N.M., where the Tashiros and other Issei families were growing long staple cotton and truck crops... then to El Paso, and would you believe, thereafter to Muleshoe, Texas—on into Dallas, San Antonio, and the lower reaches of the Rio Grande Valley, where we met with the Kawahatas, the Tanamachis, Shimotsus, and others. Coming from the high country of Colorado, that part of Texas was blindingly hot for us.

We came on out of southern Texas, through Houston, where the Fabulous Kiyooki Saibara family held sway, together with the Issei rice growers in the Webster area. We had just come through Austin, Texas, when we learned that one of the Saibara boys had been killed while flying a U.S. Air Force plane. But, such were the strengths of the Issei networks in those days that meetings were held and naturalization was supported.

Then, on to New Orleans—where we met with the Yenari brothers, and an older Issei, Izumi by name, who was in the shrimp-drying business. We enjoyed the Vieux Carre, and creole cooking, but hurried on to Mobile, Alabama, where Zensuke Kanegaye's older daughter, Dorothy Yoshiko, was married to Tom Sawada of the Overlook Nurseries, which specialized in camellias. We laid over for a couple of days before taking off for Tampa and Miami Beach, Florida, to meet with other Issei. We met with Kotaro Suto, who had planted the parkways of Miami Beach, and with other Issei to engender support for naturalization.

Thereafter, we drove the length of Florida, to Jacksonville Beach, where one of the Nisei sons of an Issei family was, even in those days, a page in Congress. We also visited Sadahiko Butsuyen, who was holding forth at Marysfield Plantation, in Georgia, on the banks of St. Mary's River.


Full Circle

Because of Kanegaye's connections, we were able to see the then-governor of Georgia, Herman Talmadge, in Atlanta, and to obtain from him an endorsement of the naturalization bill then pending in Congress. Thereafter, the trip was a blur, because I took sick, and Fumi Katagiri drove through the Old Smokies in North Carolina, across all of the State of Tennessee, into Memphis on the Mississippi River. We did visit with some Issei farmers who were left over after the Jerome and Rohwer

WRA camps closed in Arkansas. After stopping off in Oklahoma City, and in Wichita, Kansas, we finally got back into Denver during July 1951.

During all of this trip, which Zensuke Kanegaye financed, my memories are of him speaking plainly to other Issei for their support, his helping load and unload luggage every day, and his helping to manhandle the luggage trailer to hook it up to the car for a day's drive and then unhooking it so we could take off for nightly meetings.

I suppose I reminisce about that 1951 trip because recently, the grandchildren of Zensuke Kanegaye, Jack and Jennifer, hosted an 88th birthday party for Katsuyo Kanegaye, the widow of Zensuke, at the New Otani Hotel in Los Angeles... and it was a beautiful occasion, and a touching tribute to our Issei. It reminded that the Issei most certainly funded the naturalization drive of 1946-1952, and that certainly, today, the Nisei owe it to the Nikkei community in the United States to finance the redress drive in 1985-1986.



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● **Law**
 Officer David Tambara of the San Francisco police was awarded a silver medal of valor April 26 for helping to subdue a cleaver-wielding man in Chinatown last September.

● **Press Row**
 Veteran Wall Street Journal reporter (1970-79) Bill Wong of San Francisco was named the first ombudsman at the Oakland Tribune in July, penning a Wednesday editorial column, "Media Watch." He had been assistant managing editor for three years and business editor for three years at the "Trib."

● **For the Record**
 In the July 27 PC, the article on Yori Wada failed to note that he is currently active with Golden Gate Chapter JACL.

deaths

Ike Masaoka, 66, Utah-born veteran of 442nd RCT's F Company, died Aug. 1 at the VA Hospital in Los Angeles after a lengthy illness. He is survived by s Robert Wayne (Santa Maria, Calif.), George (Hawaii), and Ben (Seattle); br Mike (Washington, D.C.) and Tad Tadashi (San Mateo, Calif.); and sis Shinko Nakano and Kiyoko Ito (Chicago).

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LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 28)

by Harry Honda



An Olympic Original

First of all, we are indebted to two Riverside JACLers for this week's timely piece as the 23rd Olympic Games heads into history. We had long been puzzled by a plaque atop Mt. Rubidoux (famous for its Easter sunrise services) memorializing what was "a touching incident" in the major equestrian event of the 1932 Olympic Games ... and which had a Japanese angle. Sumi Harada dug up Tom Patterson's piece in the Riverside Press of July 8, 1969. This story is an Olympic "original"—those one-of-a-kind anecdotes you've been reading about in recent weeks in the local media but hopefully not this particular one yet. And Gen Ogata drove to the site to take pictures of the plaque. Mt. Rubidoux, on the banks of the Santa Ana River, is at the western approach to the city of Riverside.

I don't know where the two reporters from Japan got wind of this—but they have inquired about the story. I sent them out to Riverside to chase down the story, confirming that indeed a plaque existed at Mt. Rubidoux, which reads as follows: "During the equestrian games of the 10th Olympiad, Lt. Col. Shunzo Kido turned aside from the prize to save his horse. He heard the low voice of mercy, not the loud acclaim of glory. 1934—Erected by Riverside Humane Society, unveiled in the presence of H.I.H. Tsunemori Kaya." The reporters from Japan, of course, didn't know of Prince Kaya as I was curious.

By Tom Patterson (Riverside Press, Tuesday, July 8, 1969)

Lt. Col. Shunzo Kido and Kyugun (name of the horse) were training for the Tenth Olympiad, Los Angeles, 1932. He spared the horse and got his name on a Mt. Rubidoux plaque.

Lt. Col. Kido came to Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside yesterday and saw the bronze plaque that was dedicated to a touching incident in the major equestrian event of the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

According to the plaque, which was erected in 1934, Kido "turned aside from the prize to save his horse."

Frank Miller who built the Mission Inn and made Mt. Rubidoux famous, also was interested in the Riverside Humane Society. The Society placed the plaque on the stone bridge attached to the Peace Tower in the presence of a visiting notable, Prince Tsunemori Kaya.

The incident had at least two special champions—Mrs. Lois G. Castle of Pasadena and Mrs. Winifred Knowlton of Pacific Palisades.

They were young horsewomen about the Rivera Country Club of Santa Monica in 1932, when the Japanese equestrian team trained there for the Olympics.

Col Kido gave Mrs. Castle his saddle—and she in turn has given it to a museum in Tokyo—which displays it, following an elaborate ceremony.

The museum also displays a duplicate of the plaque, it developed that Miller had two plaques cast. The second was stored at the inn throughout the years until Mrs. Castle. Few saw the incident which occurred near the end of a 22½ mile 35 obstacle course.



Peace Tower at Mt. Rubidoux — Near the top of Mt. Rubidoux City Park stands a peace tower with the Riverside Humane Society plaque memorializing Lt. Col. Shunzo Kido of the Japanese equestrian team competing in the 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles. This is the lone sign in the Southland commemorating Japanese participation in the 10th Olympiad. Question: how did it survive the WW2 evacuation era?

Riders were to compete over three days. The first day was dressage—the riders demonstrate their complete and easy control over the horse in all gaits in various maneuvers. Second day of the three day event was the endurance contest. On the third was a jumping contest, to test the horse's stamina and recovering from the endurance event. There were prizes for each event and a prize for the over all best performance.

Incident Recalled by Olympian

Yesterday Col. Kido, who talks English with difficulty, explained why he gave up the contest when he was leading by a wide margin up to the last obstacle of the long second day. "My horse was jumping very well," he said, "but in the last obstacle, he stop, refused. Because maybe he tired."

But the story told at the time by spectators and witnesses of the event was that he could have finished the last 1.2 miles and won the second day prize.

But he said he had been riding the horse 14 years and was sure such pressure could seriously injure or kill it. He had entered at the last moment as a substitute for a team mate whose horse had been trained specifically for the endurance

contest. Mrs. Castle made Col. Kido's acquaintance on the morning after the incident. She was just learning jumping as Col. Kido watched her. He sent word that he wanted to see her and presented her with his saddle. "He couldn't speak English," she explained. "He just smiled shyly. I managed to exchange a few words with him in pidgin French. I learned that his horse was named Kyugun. And while he talked to me the horse had his nose buried in Col. Kido's shoulder. It was very touching."

The colonel is still active in his favorite sport. He became master of the Imperial Household Stables and with deference to French training is identified as "conseiller de la Federation Equestre Japonaise".

Enroute to a 1969 Reunion

His stop in Los Angeles and Riverside was part of a visit to Paris and New York for a reunion with old cavalry and other colleagues.

With Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Knowlton, he visited Frank Miller's Mission Inn and talked with George Parrish, manager.

Mrs. Castle used the saddle until 1940. The presentation to the Tokyo Museum took place in 1964.

Ellis Kundig, Riverside park superintendent conducted the visitors yesterday to the Peace Tower via the down road of Mt. Rubidoux since the up road is still closed by flood damage. A little sadly he and Kido inspected the one time Japanese garden on the terrace below the Peace tower arch.

The last suggestion of Japanese decor—a three legged mushroom like device in concrete, had recently been vandalized. Only the stub of one leg remained, near a piece of pipe from the one time irrigating system.



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