American Bar Assn. recognizes wrongs but rejects reparations

CHICAGO—At its annual convention Aug. 7, the American Bar Assn. passed a resolution urging Congress to "provide appropriate legislative recognition to those denied equal justice under law pursuant to Executive Order 9066."

The ABA's House of Delegates stopped short, however, of backing the payment of reparations to victims of internment. Although the resolution called for "appropriate monetary compensation" when submitted by the ABA's Individual Rights Section, it received overwhelming approval only after this passage was deleted.

"This is something that was political pussy," said Richard Donahue, a Lowell, Mass., attorney who pushed for the resolution. "It will help educate the public so that nothing like this ever happens again."

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Mondale's 'Hong Kong' reference criticized

SAN FRANCISCO—For Norman Ishimoto, attending the Democratic national convention last year was a pleasureous moment—working as a volunteer for his wife, Harriet Kiyomura Ishimoto (who was the number two person in the National Assembly), hearing the speeches, and chatting with delegates. But he was shocked to hear what he called “a racist remark” from Walter Mondale.

In his acceptance speech for the party's presidential nomination, one of Mondale’s criticisms of the Reagan administration was that it “enforced a curfew and interned hundreds of innocent people, and then put those people in concentration camps—all of which was against the law.” Mondale’s番号 the words “intensely against our principles” in the context of the internment of Japanese Americans.

In a letter to Mondale, Ishimoto wrote, “I heard your acceptance speech with my wife and also with many, many other Japanese Americans, and we were deeply disturbed by your reference to the internment of Japanese Americans, and I am writing to express our strong objection to any implication that internment was against the law.”

“Your ‘King Kong—Hong Kong’ phrase touched that belief, your words sparked a renewed concern for the safety of our concepts, and you violated our principles,” Ishimoto wrote. “We were shocked at your reference to Hong Kong wages.”

New film tells story of coram nobis cases

GARDENA, Calif.—“Unfinished Business,” the latest film by director Steve Okazaki, deals with the wartime Supreme Court cases of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi and Henry Sugiyama against the federal government’s internment of Japanese Americans.

The film, which incorporates scenes from the films “Fury” and “A Streetcar Named Desire,” also features interviews with former internment camp residents and the story of the tireless lawyers who fought the internment and had the Nikkei community as a whole and the individual battles fought by Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Sugiyama as they asserted their rights as U.S. citizens.

The film also incorporates scenes from the film “The Judge,” which stars Bryan Brown and Lawrence Pressman.

“The film is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by those who stood up for their rights,” Okazaki said.

“We want very strongly to educate the public about the internment of Japanese Americans, and to make sure that this story is not forgotten,” Okazaki said.

California State VFW passes redress-related motion

REDDING, Calif.—During the Veterans of Foreign Wars state convention held here June 18-21, a “Protection of Civil Rights” resolution submitted by California’s 11th VFW posts and District No. 17 was unanimously passed by the VFW’s Americanism Committee and Dept. of California.

Drafted in response to remarks made last year by VFW national commander James Currie, who said there should be no apology or compensation for the WWI internment of Japanese Americans, the resolution states that the government’s actions were a result of racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership rather than military necessity and notes that more than 30,000 Nikkei fought with distinction with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

“The government’s actions were a result of racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership rather than military necessity,” the resolution states.

Asian/Pacific Republicans to speak at party convention

DALLAS—High-ranking Republicans will speak at the annual Republican convention in Dallas this year.

Scheduled speakers are Ed Rollins, director-for-the-reagan-campaign, Rep Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.); Anna Chensuan, vice-chair of the president’s Executive Council; and Wendy Davis, chair of the Democratic National Committee.

The convention was held Aug. 18 at the Convention Center Hotel, where they will hold a reception for national VFW officers and dignitaries.

The convention opened to the public and will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

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By J.K. Yamamoto

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Asian Americans to Schedule “C” federal positions. One was justifiedly displeased at the low-level position she received. Two were a credit neither to our community nor to the administration. Late in that administration, the last was appointed. Thus, both your unfortunate comment and prior experience are cause for concern.

"We want very strongly to be an integral part of the Democratic coalition that will form for your success in November. Your response to these concerns will be instrumental in motivating our community’s resources for your campaign."
Schmoe attends Hiroshima ceremony

HIROSHIMA—At the invitation of Mayor Takeaki Araki, Floyd Schmoe and Jean Walkenhorst, who helped to house victims of the 1945 atomic bombing, attended the annual memorial service at Peace Park Aug. 6.

Schmoe, a Quaker biologist, was well known both in Japan and among Japanese Americans for his humanitarian efforts. He opposed the U.S. intervention in the Korean War and the U.S. nuclear test ban talks and to start with an immediate nuclear test ban. The government was represented by Minister of Health and Welfare Koichi Watanabe, who placed a wreath on the cenotaph. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Hiroshima Peace Song and the release of a flock of doves.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone attended the Aug. 9 Hiroshima memorial service in that city's Peace Park. The names of 1,272 were added to the list of identified Nagasaki a-bomb victims, raising the total to 69,186. Bells tolled at 11:02 a.m. to mark the exact time of the 1945 explosion. Mayor Hidetaka Motomura vowed that Nagasaki would be the last city ever to suffer a nuclear attack.

Permanent memorial sought for 100th

HONOLULU—Members of the 100th Infantry Battalion who fought in Europe during World War II are seeking ways to establish a permanent memorial so future generations will be aware of their contributions.

In a speech recently at the 62nd anniversary of Club 100, its president, Ben H. Tamashiro, suggested one of three projects to commemorate the occasion: a monument, such as a public statue; a "living" scholarship memorial to assist dependents of Club 100 members or a professorship at the Univ. of Hawaii; or a medical assistance program for members and spouses whose health coverage may not be enough in their later years.

Five years ago, our membership was 79, last year 74—an indication that there is much life remaining," Tamashiro said. "But that should not lessen the need for action upon our visions for tomorrow.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki exhibit to open

SAN FRANCISCO—Drawings by survivors of the atomic bomb and 20 photographic panels will be on view at the First Unitarian Church, 1167 Franklin St., Aug. 17 through Aug. 28.

At noon on Aug. 19, two veterans from the National Assn. of Radiation Survivors spoke on their experiences in Nagasaki, one as a POW and the other in the Occupation Forces. Two survivors of the Hiroshima bombing will also speak, followed by a showing of "Survivors," a film by Steven Oszaki.

Prewar Alameda Nikkei held successful reunion

By Roland Kadonaga

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Alameda Nikkei Grand Reunion is now past, but for the participants, memories of it will linger for a long time.

Bento dinner was served to an overflow crowd of 275. Master of ceremonies Yas Yamashita amazed everyone by introducing everyone and recalling most of the married women's maiden names.

The wine country tour was held for the 37 wine connoisseurs. Highlight of the Eastbay tour was the BART ride to San Francisco and viewing the changes in Alameda and Oakland According to organiser Nelie Takeda, participants enjoyed the Chinese luncheon the most.

Key event of the reunion was the dinner dance at the Hyatt, Yas Kofman, master of ceremonies, masterfully set the tone for the dance and continued the party atmosphere to the end. Consul Nakamura, chairman of the event, hoped that they may again return to live in Alameda.

Alfred Gellman, publisher and owner of the Almeda Times Star, extended his greetings and hit on the most important point about the future of this reunion—the atmosphere of the "family." Greeting two of the two registrants summarize the feelings of this reunion: "When I first got the reunion notice, it was scary, and I was hesitant—but I'm sure glad I came. "I feel sorry for those who missed this reunion, because it was so great!"

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Judge Raymond Uno is running for 3rd District Court

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Reality from Right

THE PERCEPTION EMBRACED by many Nikkei as to their birthright status in this, their land, has troubled us for many years and continues to trouble us. It is the perception of second-class citizenship as the norm, of having to "explain" our ethnicity, of having to "earn" the right to be an American, of being a supplicant of those basic rights that belong to each and everyone of us belonging to all Americans.

It is particularly troubling when those who assume leadership positions within our midst, adopt, consciously or unconsciously, this second-class mentality.

BY ALL MEANS we're not suggesting that we ignore reality and blithely pretend that no (false) obstacles stand in our paths. We distinguish between what-is-reality from what-is-right. We are, at this point, referring to the latter. In our goals, in our attitudes, in our endeavors—we must speak, act and expect what-is-right, what our status is supposed to be under those noble principles of democracy which this nation espouses and upon which it was founded. For it is that status that is ours. Simply by reason of being an American. If in our attitudes, we recede from that fundamental level, our sights will have been lowered in our advocacy; it will be more difficult, if not impossible, to uplift what-is-reality to what-is-right. For at the very outset, we will then have surrendered rights that rightfully belong to all Americans.

And see are Americans.

INVARIABLY THERE ARE Nikkei who have attained "success"—however such may be measured, whether by material wealth, position, office, etc.—who will instruct us that notwithstanding the odds, "it can be done." And from such vantage point, it may be tempting to suggest that rather than 'complain' that one should get out and hustle. We have no quarrel with Nikkei who have, in their fields, risen to the latter. In our goals, in our attitudes, we recede from that fundamental level, our sights will have been lowered in our advocacy; it will be more difficult, if not impossible, to uplift what-is-reality to what-is-right. For at the very outset, we will then have surrendered rights that rightfully belong to all Americans. And see are Americans.

In Long Island, N.Y., the June 3 edition of Newsday carried a letter from John Cabel Gramp of Woodside, who wrote in part:

"One wonders why the Japanese American lobby waited so long in filing this suit. Was it reluctant to amuse the memories of those still living who still remember the death marches and brutal treatment by Japan of captured American soldiers?"

"I dismiss this (OWHC report) as an insult to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the American people."

"Not one of the sponsors of this [redress] bill has made mention of the American servicemen and women who also sacrificed three and four years of their lives away from families, jobs and business. Nor have they requested that Japan offer an apology, long overdue, and pay compensation for those killed and crippled as well as for the naval units destroyed in their unprompted attack on Pearl Harbor."

"Newsday printed a rebuttal from John Kumpel of Hempstead on June 13. Kumpel responded, in part:"

"Whether or not the nation of Japan owes the American people an apology for atrocities committed during WW2 has no bearing whatsoever on the unprecedented and unconstitutional treatment accorded thousands of American citizens by their government."

"Despite the fact that these hapless souls had done nothing of a criminal or treasonable nature...they were surrounded by gun towers and bayonet-wielding soldiers (paid for in part by their taxes)."

"When given the opportunity, the sons and brothers of internees...went on to compile some of the most glorious chapters in American military history."

"Had German Americans been treated in similar fashion, there might have been the equally ludicrous spectacle of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Carl Spaatz and Adm. Chester Nimitz being treated as criminals because their parents or grandparents chose to live in the U.S."

"Gramp asked why the Japanese Americans waited so long in filing the suit. The reason is the Freedom of Information Act did not allow the release of many important documents concerning the illegal internment until 40 years after the event."

"It's really incongruous that a protest against the injustices of yesterday should be considered by Gramp as an insult to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the American people."

"The insult—and injury—was committed against the American people when Roosevelt signed the infamous Executive Order 9066."

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by bill Hosokawa

A few weeks ago a certain well-known advertising agency sent me a colorful flyer advertising goblets to be etched with one's own family coat-of-arms. The idea was that if one applied, their family coat of arms was to be located on your coat-of-arms, etch it into a crystal goblet, and give it to you at no cost other than handling charges. The gimmick was that you would become so enthralled by the prospect of owning a coat-of-arms set of similarly engraved goblets that you would buy them, one a month, for what seemed to be a remarkably high price.

How I got on their mailing list, I do not know. How they expected me to locate one's family arms is anybody's guess. I called Hosokawa, I know not which. But a prank began to take shape. I filled out the application form, carefully printing the letters of my name into the blanks provided, and sent it off. Of course, nothing happened.

In time a letter, but no free goblet, arrived. I quoted.

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"We do not 'invent' a Coat-of-Arms where we cannot establish that one actually existed for a family name. Therefore, we are unable to fill your request for a Coat-of-Arms crystal. Naturally, there will be no charge for research..."

-- Keeping Track --

On June 28, after the House Subcommittee hearings on HR 4110, the Fresno Bee ran a letter from Angie Osborne of Sanger, who said she was "sick of reading about this [redress] pledge."" The first four groups mentioned are people who clearly are not members of the American Indian Community. To the House Subcommittee hearings on HR 4110, I am writing to report the following: the Department of Justice has a defense requisition.

"Certainly, there is a valuable lesson to be learned from this experience: that a government of men and women can make mistakes despite our checks and balances. The sine qua non of civilized behavior is to take responsibility for one's actions and acknowledge as a government and to take action to correct one's mistakes."

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Letters

Search

I am searching for William Makino whose parents were Roberta and Masabune (last name: Antman) of Idaho, during the WW2 fracs. When William's dad was shot down and captured, he couldn't contact a loving family, and here lies the small Japanese teaset as a gift. We lived a block from where he had his family, and he also lived, and had great esteem for my elderly mother and brother.

I have appreciated this loving family tea set (teapot, 3 saucer-size type cups and small lacequer tray. Obviously, this was treasured by the Makinos and they probably thought it would be ruined in moving or war.

I want to give this set to someone who can look after it. He supposedly went into the Army after completing his duty and after his discharge he had only three months to get his degree in sociology from the Univ. of Washington. Will you let me know if I can be of assistance in tracking William Makino, formerly of Seattle, Wash.? I am 82 plus years old and have no such sentimental attachments for it.

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Traffic tickets

This is in regard to the July 6 PC story on the Los Angeles Police department's practices of including a box labeled 'descent' on traffic citation forms. I feel that there is the need for the police to include such information on traffic citations because it bears no relationship to driving ability and does not accurately describe a person's appearance or physical attributes.

JACL's ethnic concerns committee might ask the LA police department to eliminate the box labeled 'descent' and thus assure that the demeaning incident reported in the article will never happen again.

TONY ROGERS
Honolulu, HI

Chapter aid

The Pacific Citizen has been a beacon of light, leading and inspiring JACLers. The size of your subscription, and our chapter fees your request a minimum one at most. Our board voted unanimously to anticipate our membership response and to contribute $1000.

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JAMES T. TAGUCHI
President, Dayton JACL

From Tight Eyes to Round Eyes

By J.K. Yamamoto, Assistant Editor

LOS ANGELES—Among the dozens of press releases PC receives daily, one item caught my eye: an information brochure on Ronald Reagan's new programs that includes a process called "Asian Westernization." According to the release, "Dr. Matsunaga is a specialist in surgical procedures which 'westernize' the Asian eyes and nose. Asian blepharoplasty creates creases in the flat, almond-shaped Oriental eye; Asian rhinoplasty builds up the nose to give it a longer, more 'European' look..."

Dr. Matsunaga also provides facelifts, help for facial sports injuries, and corrective surgery for congenital deformities. Under the latter heading, the release states: "Employing similar techniques as those used in the Westernization procedures, Dr. Matsunaga can correct the facial abnormalities of Down's Syndrome, as well as other facial defects."

The assumptions seem to be that an Asian face is a deformity that needs to be corrected. Presumably, the service would not be offered if there were not a market for it, but it's surprising that something like this would turn up in the Los Angeles area, where there is such a large Asian community.

It would be interesting to find out if the doctor also offers his services to patients blue or green contact lenses and red or yellow hair dye. Perhaps patients can get a legal name change as well, walking into the clinic as Ms. Hara or Mr. Mori and coming out as Mr. Field or Mr. Person.

I'm not a sociologist or psychologist, but would anyone undergo surgery to alter his/her appearance if that person did not feel intense self-hatred or shame about being Asian? Could pressures from society, one's peer group or the media be so great that one would feel compelled to change his/her race?

Read how many of Dr. Matsunaga's clients ask for this particular service, it is a sad comment on Asian American identity that the service is advertised in the first place.

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The Push and Pull of Small Business

By Steve Fugita, Cleveland JACL Bulletin

One of the problems that sociologists have shown to be a major impact on how an ethnic group adapts and develops in America is in the area of small business. People of many kinds of jobs most of their members find. After all, America is a young country which has been rapidly developing in the last century. Most of the American immigrants basically came to sell their labor.

The Irish ended up as laborers in the coal mines, construction, and railroads. The Italians found it relatively easy to provide the labor for the coal industry which grew rapidly with the invention of the cotton gin.

The Japanese initially also came to fill the labor vacuum in California’s rapidly expanding agri-business around the turn of the century. The state’s many fertile valleys were becoming extremely productive due to the availability of cheap labor. In fact, the sun was so strong that many Japanese children and sometimes their fellow countrymen.

Pushed Into Small Business

Other Issei started stores, restaurants, hotels, fishmarkets, and pool halls in the numerous Nihonmachi’s to provide all of the goods and services isolated Japanese needed. So historically, the Japanese have been very overrepresented, like the Jews and more recently the Cubans and Koreans, in small business (farming being a type of small business). In a sense, they were “pushed” into this way of earning a living.

The unions dissolved against them so that they didn’t get laboring jobs. Samuel Gompers explicitly stated that he wouldn’t allow Japanese to join the American Federation of Labor. Moreover, that form of government jobs the Issei, and to a degree the Nisei, faced not only discrimination, but in

of labor-intensive functions and the imperialism campaign to develop new membership.

Management, Expansion and diversification of the revenue base of the national organization shall be a priority of the national organization.

Increased acquisition and implementation of contemporary technology in the operation of the national organization shall be actively pursued.

Additionally, in order to enhance the understanding and perception of the activities of the national organization by the membership and the public, the program accomplished through increased communication and dissemination of organizational institutional activities.

Planning, the requirement for a disciplined approach to collect, analyze and order the task and maintenance aspects of effectively operating national organizations, have become an essential part of the American Japanese ancestry, in bringing attention to the increase in anti-Asian violence, and in the selection of organizational issues during the course of the organization. The section maintains its interest in the protection and promotion of civil liberties.

Membership, the foundation of the national organization, is the focal point of the base. The national organization should develop concrete means of expanding this base through improvements in procedures, reduction
Nellie G. Oliver

One of the staunch Little Tokyo Nisei organization which commanded (if not demanded) respect from their peers on the athletic field were the Olivers. After many years with many of its members in retirement or passing from the scene, and in this great Centennial year, the spotlight rightfully falls on one of Little Tokyo’s own. We are happy Henry Mori is spanning the story of Nellie G. Oliver here as the JACL Convention in Hawaii beckons westward.—H.H.

By Henry Mori

With the Little Tokyo centennial celebration now in its mid-year milestone, there is often a mention of a unique, prewar sports-oriented club known as The Olivers. It is remembered historically because its members were witnesses to the growth of the First and San Pedro Sts. area during the Roaring Twenties and the Thrilling Thirties. From its infancy to the present, the Olivers mirror and reflect, in part, the activities of the 100-year-old Japanese town. The organization is also believed to be the oldest all-Nikkei group in the United States. While the club’s founder, Nellie Grace Oliver, in 1917 never gave a thought to perpetuating her name, the then young Nisei—all of them still in their sub teens residing in Little Tokyo—soon called themselves The Olivers.

At first there were only a handful of them, between the ages of 12 and 16. Aside from attending school and doing some chores, their leisure hours were empty without much to do. There were little or no outside social programs.

During the decade span 1917-1927 which was riddled with hardship for the pioneering Issei, kindergarten teacher missionary Oliver single-handedly kept her youngsters off the streets, by providing them with well-disciplined recreational and cultural lessons.

She gave them moral and physical support to help The Olivers build themselves into useful citizens and adulthood. She gave them with nutritional snacks.

Closing the gap, Miss Oliver created seven inter-clubs: The Seniors, Juniors, Mogrels, Tigers, Cubs, Maidogs and the Broncos. Through the years, more than 300 Nikkei benefited from the volunteer program.

Eventually, the club became self-supporting, and sponsored its own events, but always under Miss Oliver’s guidance restricted only by World War II when the group voted to disband temporarily.

"Miss Oliver was all heart, a wonderful human being, and a selfless individual who rendered compassionate dedication to the welfare of the growing generation whom she believed deserved a more bright future," recalls Harry Yamamoto, a one-time Club. He, incidentally, was one of the 30 living Little Tokyo leaders who were honored during a community centennial dinner in July (see PC, Aug. 3).

Miss Oliver, who retired in the late 1930s, died in poverty in 1947 during a period when persons of Japanese ancestry were slowly returning from camps to the west coast to reestablish their roots.

Only 20 Olivers were able to attend her funeral service at her request of "Don’t let anyone trouble yourselves attending my funeral," held at the Little Tokyo Church.

In 1982, a nuclear family who lived through the world wars, received an accomplishment poem, turned into poetry (tanka for sustenance).

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GARDENA, Calif — Frank Endo runs only about a quarter of a mile a day before working out for just an hour or so, but the 61-year-old man made an Olympic team.

Endo, who owns a mail order gymnastics supply business, officiated the men's gymnastics events in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

Endo said that he volunteered for the job six months ago when the Olympic Organizing Committee asked to volunteer at the men's gymnastics events.

"I wanted to do something that I could contribute to," Endo said.

Endo designed the gymnastics courses and supervised them at the games.

"They asked me to sign a sideshow and I said all right," Endo said.

Endo was elected to the Olympic Committee of the U.S. in 1975.

"In 1975, I was invited to the Olympic Committee," Endo said.

Endo had been named as an honorary advisor to the Japanese team.

"Upon his return to the states, Endo was asked to speak to the Southern California Gymnastics Association. After hearing him speak, he was invited to join the committee."

It was the knowledge of the gymnastics team that allowed Endo to see the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

"ABC television needed information about the Japanese team," Endo explained.

"They contacted me and, in exchange for the information, they let me sit in with their crew during the competition."

The mail business that Endo runs from his home was also a product of his position with the Japanese team.

"Everyone wants to use what the champions use," said Endo. "When the Japanese team was the most powerful in the world, everyone went after their equipment."

"Instead of sending to Japan, it would come to me," said Endo.

"He said that most of his current business comes from private gymnastics schools, public schools and community organizations such as the YMCA."

Although he held the international certification required to judge world class gymnastics meets, Endo never made use of it.

Gymnastics coach pays off 'debt' to U.S.

LOS ANGELES — When the U.S. men's gymnastics team won their first gold medal in 80 years, their coach, 31-year-old Makoto Sakamoto, was as jubilant as if he were.

"This is the best day in my life," he said yesterday.

"I am so happy to have coached in the United States."

Sakamoto immigrated to the U.S. with his family as a boy of 8 and began gymnastics at the age of 15.

In 1963 and 1964, he was the U.S. individual gymnastics champion, and as a high school sophomore was chosen as a member of the U.S. Olympic team for the 1964 Games. There, Japan won the men's team competition.

Sakamoto returned to Japan to study gymnastics, came back to the U.S., and looked for a job.

"I feel that I have returned to the United States what I owed this country," said Sakamoto.

"I am now coaching a third-year gymnast in the United States."

Sakamoto is planning to move to Sydney, Australia, and to help his young gymnasts also win a gold Olympic medal.
Peruvian American Nikkei Reunion

At the request of President Shimomura, I was asked to be the speaker for the reunion of Japanese Peruvians (Peruvian Nikkei citizens) at the San Jose Red Lion Inn on July 13. The reunion brought together 64 persons from Japan, Hawaii, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Gilroy, Seattle, Sacramento, San Mateo— all with one common bond: THEY WERE ALL MOURNFULLY MOVED OUT OF PERU INTO THE UNITED STATES. They were transported to the U.S. via the Panama Canal, docked in New Orleans and railroaded to Crystal City, Texas.

The bittersweet reunion revealed many untold stories which were sad, interesting, and amusing because of the blunders brought about by the bureaucracy of our government. When they first entered the U.S. at New Orleans, the Immigration Department asked for everyone’s visa (not credit card). The uprooted Peruvian Nikkei were taken from these homes and workplaces with minimal time to gather personal belongings and without knowing where they were going. In some cases individuals did not have time to return home and were separated from their families. To have a visa was absurd. The officials at first told the Peruvian Nikkei that they couldn’t enter the U.S.—not that they had wanted to come to the U.S. by choice. After discussions between the U.S. officials, the Peruvian Nikkei were allowed to enter the U.S. as illegal aliens and sent to Crystal City, Texas, a camp housing European POW’s and U.S. Nikkei community leaders.

During the long sea voyage the ship’s crew ordered the hundreds of Peruvian Nikkei on board to spruce up and paint their faces. They were placed into the ship’s brig for the remainder of the voyage. One of the men put into the brig was known to be the most polished, gentleman, sincere, quiet we’ve behaved and helpful person of the Peruvian community. He was never known to use a derogatory word in his life, but when he was ordered to paint the ship, to the shock of those nearby, curs words and imitations of language came out of his mouth directed at the ship’s captain. His pent-up emotions from the uprooting, and the humiliation of being ordered to paint the ship dominated his energies. A series of such incidents having to do with the Peruvian Nikkei uprooting have been written into a Japanese bestseller by Ichi Higashide. The book is a series of such incidents having influence on the events.

My redress, JACL, and Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) presentation was secondary to the reunion. The warning of such injustice must end the mogre mix-ture unique in quality because all the good points and customs of the three backgrounds have been accumulated into one generation. This redress movement will endure the rigours of the hostile, bigoted, and racist activities of the world and help us to nurture a promising future. The realization of the dream came about through a casual discussion between Elsa Kudo and Susan Hikida (Gilroy Chapter), who solicited help from others, the Shabayamas and Kudos (Sacramento Chapter), Chiye Tomihiro (Chicago Chapter). The nucleus for the next reunion has been formed among the people that participated. These involved will undoubtedly grow. They will all work towards a resolution of their unfortunate past. Most of all, the activities brought together those that cared about past. Participants displayed memorabilia from camp, created action items for the future, and encouraged one to practice for the karaoke singing during the social hour before the reunion. All the successful event was well planned, up to the last detail of a dated wine glass commemorating the first reunion. My only regret was that I forgot my wine glass and couldn’t return to enjoy the second day of the reunion because of prior commitments.

Giving Support to Those Who Speak Out

By Judy Murase, Oregon Buddhist Church newsletter

PORTLAND, Ore.—Recently, a group of students at David Douglas High School, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, brought a suit against the school district protesting the use of prayers at their high school graduation ceremony. The court sided with the students in upholding the separation of church and state. The David Douglas school board held a meeting to decide whether it wanted to appeal the decision, a meeting which can only be described as unbelievable in the vicious nature of the attacks on the students involved.

While the school district has decided to appeal, it is unknown at this time whether they will actually file an appeal. And because the injunction to halt prayers only applies to the 1984 graduation exercise, even if an appeal is eventually filed, it is unknown whether a higher court will rule on the case, since the high school graduation will have already taken place.

Among the high school students involved in the suit initially were two Christians, a Jew, an agnostic and a Buddhist. The Buddhist was Jili Takashima, ruor at DaId Douglas and a Buddhist was Jili Takashima. The suit involved the separation of church and state. If that should occur, the decision would be far-reaching in that it will apply to all public high school graduation ceremonies in the state of Oregon.

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Outstanding family — Honored June 19 for their service to the mentally retarded through sports was the Dale Fukamaki family of Los Angeles. Flanking them are Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics chair, left, and, on the right, Frank Giordi, master of ceremonies for the awards dinner. Maureen Kennedy, sister of Eunice Shriver, Special Olympics president. The Fukamakis are, from left, Dale, Dana Marie, Rick, Robin Kim, Darrel and Terri.

Fukamakis awarded for Special Olympics work with retarded

LOS ANGELES—The Dale Fukamaki family was one of two families in the country to receive a 1984 Award for Distinguished Service to the Mentally Retarded through Sports at the 12th annual Special Olympics awards luncheon on Tuesday, June 19.

More than 300 celebrities, U.S. Olympians, volunteers, families and friends of Special Olympics took part in the ceremonies, which was hosted by Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, president and chair, respectively of Special Olympics, Inc. ABC TV sports commentator Frank Giordi served as master of ceremonies.

Shriver said individuals like the Fukamaki family, which has given the “right stuff” of friendship and hope to thousands of mentally retarded athletes for whom the Olympic quest would not be possible except through Special Olympics.

The Fukamaki family, including Dale and Tom Fukamaki and their children, Rick, Darrel, Terri, Robin Kim and Dana Marie, have been active members in Special Olympics for a decade. At various times, members of the family have served as sports camp counselors, basketball and track and field coaches, food donors and servers, fundraisers, computer operators and hosts of a charity golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics distinguished service awards were established in 1973 to honor those athletes, sports writers, sportscasters, coaches, organizations, volunteers and families who have given the Special Olympics program the greatest support in the preceding year. The Fukamakis were chosen from more than 300 nominations in seven categories created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation in 1968. Special Olympics is the world’s largest program of sports training and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. The program is supported year-round in more than 20,000 communities in the U.S. and 56 foreign countries by a network of more than 500,000 volunteers who include such sports notables as Bruce Jenner, Chris Evert Lloyd and Dorothy Hamill.

Preliminary plans laid for next singles convention

By Merike Mori

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The second national JACL singles convention steering committee met during the weekend of July 14-15 at the California First Bank. Midori Watanabe served as temporary chairperson. San Jose Nikkei Singles were hosts.

As a fresh memory of the successful first national JACL singles convention held Memorial Day weekend, an evaluation report given by Tom Shimazaki showed that 95% of the participants rated the convention as having met their needs and expectations.

Some comments given were that it was an “eye opener to discover that there are many individuals who are single willing to share and discuss their concerns, that it was refreshing to find that “coming out” is not that difficult, and that it was wonderful to see Asian women in strong leadership roles.

Northern California Singles has agreed to host the second national JACL singles convention. It will be a joint undertaking by the San Jose Nikkei Singles, Sacramento Nikkei Singles, San Francisco Nisei Widows, and the Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL.

New officers for the steering committee are: Tom Shimazaki, chairperson; Jim Sasaki, vice-chair; and Jim Namba, treasurer.

Northern California Singles has accepted the challenge with enthusiastic spirit, and Tom Martani immediately started the ball rolling as host committee chairman Shigehiro Hish dignitary to look into a convention site.

Singles are a minority with special needs and concerns; the next convention will focus on workshops to help them cope with these concerns. Kaz Yoshimoto and Tom Shimazaki will function as liaison members from the Greater Los Angeles Singles. All single persons from JACL chapters nationwide and other Nikkei singles are encouraged to partake and be at the next “HAPPPENING”, the second national JACL singles convention in Northern California, Labor Day weekend 1985.

---People---

**Organization**

Kris Moriarty, sponsored by Nisei Gamma Epsilon Omiga, was honored June 14 at the Ms. Nisei Cali.-fornia Juy 14 at the Beverly Hills.-

**Medicine**

Dr. Rodger T. Kame, a contact lens specialist who has been associated with the JACL optical association.

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Golf Kim Saiki, 31, was selected winner of the Universal Club of America’s 24th Athlete of the Year trophy award. She has won several citations in her golfing, including it the 1983 Optimist Jr. World Championship, and UCA Jr. National title. She was named No. 1 Jr. Girl in the U.S. by Golf Digest and was presented with a gold medal for excellence by the California City Human Relations Commission, Palms YMI. West. Los Angeles United Methodist Church and JACL.

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Strike support group formed for Nikkei

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- Membership: 300 Club Roll, 5th Year

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**LOS ANGELES - Little Tokyo Service Center and the Western Regional Asian American Project announce the formation of a support group in the West Los Angeles area. The program will conduct an initial meeting for stroke victims and their family members at the Venice Japanese American Community Center, 12446 Bradbrook Dr., Monday, Aug. 20, 2 p.m. The group plans to meet every Monday for stroke victims, then break for 2 weeks. Meetings comprise light exercise, speakers, and discussions. Family members meet separately to discuss their experiences. Participation in the program is free. To volunteer for the program, or for more information, call 680-3729 or 679-5810.**

Kasai awarded by Sister Cities International

DENVER—For the second consecutive year a Nisei woman received the Silver Award from Sister Cities International for exceptional services on behalf of her city. The award was made July 20 at the Sister Cities International conference to Alice Kasai, a member of the Salt Lake City Sister Cities Commission, which is affiliated with the Sister Cities of the World Organization in Japan. The award included a check for $300 for the Salt Lake City Committee.

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Members of the Denver convention planning committee included Takashi Mayeda, Ayako Wada, Ruth Ya­gami, and Minoru Yasui. Denver, the host city, has a sister city relationship with Takayama, Japan; Brest, France; Carmiel, Israel; and Madras, India.

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Japan Olympians take 5 medals in 8-day judo competition

By Jon Takasugi, Olympic judo volunteer

LOS ANGELES—Olympic judo fans may have expected Japanese descent to fare exceptionally well in the Games, Japan being a sport originated in Japan, but four golds and two bronzes seemed a lot to expect Aug. 4, the opening day began.

It was that night at the Eagles’ Nest Arena at Cal State L.A. that Japan set gold as its standard, and the eight-day quest would not end until taking four gold medals and a bronze.

Although there were no Japanese American judokas on the U.S. team, a 24-year-old Japanese Brazilian proved that not only Japanese from Japan take the art seriously.

The 5-foot, 1-inch Luis Aito the night before brought home the bronze for Brazil after beating Glenn Beauchamp of Canada in the repechage. The repechage is used to determine the two bronze medalists, one from each half of the draw. If an athlete is beaten by one of the two finalists, he can compete again against others who lost, and the winner from each half finishes in the bronze place medal. The two finalists, of course, fight for gold and silver.

In Omura’s case, he lost to silver medalist Mike Gamba of Italy, giving the Brazilian the opportunity to beat Beauchamp.

As public and press alike anticipated, Yasuhito Yamashita, the pride of Japan, and the athlete is beaten by one of the two finalists, fight for a place medal. The two finalists of course, fight for gold and silver.

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This is what Yamashita did as he advanced to the repechage with several minutes of throw attempts and escapes, the obviously injury-weakened Yamashita brought his 308-pound opponent down to the mat for a 30-second hold.

Yamashita, before injury, did show his championship colors in his first round matchup against Lionel Cole of Senegal after fighting for 20 seconds. Only made the terrible error of trying to throw Yamashita, ending the fight in 20 seconds. This was one of the few matches in which the 5-foot, 8-inch Yamashita didn’t have to use his 288 pounds to pin.

The heaviest man on the entire judo team, Hitoshi Saito, weighing about 320 pounds, said he suscates. He said he would like to lose weight, but “I eat too much.” A smile appeared on his face.

Saito won the gold in the over 65 kilogram (143 pounds) category in what tied with Japan’s Shigio Hosokawa’s victory in the extra-lightweight division of 60 kilograms (132 pounds) for the closest competition to first place in the entire judo competition. Although the movements of each were obviously quite different, the styles were as similar as bodies weighing almost 290 pounds apart can be.

Hosokawa, at 132, ripped through the five rounds with fighting with absolute defiance.

It’s just that he’s so quick for a heavy weight.

Parisi was the only one the 330-pound heavyweight could not score a point on; but, spectators, judges, and referee alike agreed that the French spent the matchtime avoiding Saito. Parisi received penalty points for this, thus leaving him to his loss.

In the second night of competition, Japan again struck gold in the half lightweight division.

The only American to win a medal was Peter Seisenbacher of the United States. Seisenbacher, a financial analyst, is the first American to win a gold medal in a non-derby event. The only American to win a medal was Peter Seisenbacher of the United States.

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