ATTACKS DRIVE SOUTHEAST ASIANS FROM CITY

PHILADELPHIA—Large numbers of Laos-born Hmong people being driven out of Philadelphia by a wave of violence that has started investigations by the Justice Department, and police are trying to determine whether the civil rights of the Hmong have been violated.

The Hmong, pronounced Mung, fought as allies of American troops in the Vietnam War.

In the Powelton Village area of West Philadelphia, Hmong homes have been broken into, apartments have been hit by rifle bullets, and homes and cars have been burned over the last two months.

Last month, Seng Vang, visiting from Quebec, was beaten with a steel rod and rocks on a street corner and was left with a brain injury and both legs broken.

Attacks are said to be directed at Black youth and few in number.

The population of Hmong in Philadelphia has dwindled from 5,000 to 600 over the past five years. After a federal grant of $100,000 was given to those remaining in the community to operate an employment assistance office, and stabilize the population, the tensions between the Hmong and the local youth were reportedly further exacerbated.

Fr. Edward V. Avery, a Roman Catholic priest who has helped the Hmong, believes that the Black youth, who suffer high rates of unemployment, have asked why the immigrants received the aid that was denied to those born here.

Community leaders like Avery, who have come out in support of the Hmong, have been threatened, including Ruth Adams, a leader in the Black community.

Adams said, "It's shameful that my people could feel so much hatred that they could do the same things to the Asians that have been done to us.

Adams has helped organize a petition drive on behalf of the Hmong and a march on a local police station, seeking increased police protection for the community.

State education council listens to Asian Pacifics

LOS ANGELES—About 50 persons gave a hearing to the California State Superintendent of Education's Council on Asian Pacific Affairs on charges ranging from violence in the schools to bilingual education—at a Sept. 25 hearing for Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Council chair Irene Hirano presided at the session. First on the agenda were four superintendents: Harry Handler of Los Angeles Unified, Dr. Bruce Pepin of Alhambra, Dr. Dave Brown of San Marino, and Dr. Andy Visscher of Galway, who spoke of the educational climate of their respective school districts.

Dr. Robert Suzuki, dean of the graduate school, California State University Los Angeles, cautioned the council to maintain its integrity, "a difficult task in the face of a polarization of ethnicity," he said. He urged the council to seek a broader, longer-range view; to consider global influences, the environment, and the possibilities of a clear coalition; and to seek a new approach to the issue.

The petitioners cite a recent Calif. Supreme Court ruling that bilingual initiatives are a means to enact legislation and are not to be used as opinion polls.

Panel to study violence

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights voted this summer to begin a study of bigotry and violence against Asian and Pacific Island Americans and recent Asian immigrants. The study was scaled back from one approved by the commission in March to look at racially motivated acts against all minority groups.

The study is scheduled for release in September 1985.

Installation drive in gear

LOS ANGELES—Voters have registered 2,500 new Asian Pacific voters in Southern California and have hopes to sign up at least another 500, according to Stewart Kwoh, chair of the Asian Pacific American Voter Registration Project. The project

News in Brief

Long Island: Yevoli was urged to sponsor the resolution by attorney Irwin Lands and Bob Machida of Glen Cove.

No similar resolution was acted on by the state senate.

Japanese grants residence request of protester

KOBE—The Rev. Ronald Fujiiyoshi, an American who is charged with violating Japan's fingerprinting laws, has been granted another three years' residence in that country.

Fujiiyoshi, who immigrated in 1981 as a missionary, refused to have his fingerprints taken upon reentry to Japan after a 1981 trip. He was indicted in 1982 for violating the Alien Registration Law. All foreigners who wish to live in Japan for more than a year or who leave Japan and seek reentry are required to be fingerprinted.

Suit filed against initiative

SAN FRANCISCO—Chinese for Affirmative Action, joining the Asian American Educators and other petitioners, filed a lawsuit Sept. 18 to stop the Calif. secretary of state from counting the signatures required to pass Prop. 38. That initiative calls on the state legislature to urge the Congress to repeal the Bilingual Voting Assistance Act of the Voting Rights Act, which require multilingual materials in areas where relatively large numbers of non-English speakers live.

The petitioners cite a recent Calif. Supreme Court ruling that ballot initiatives are a means of enacting legislation and are not to be used as opinion polls.
Student witnesses recount high school slaying of refugee

MARTINEZ, Calif.—The jury went into deliberation last week in the murder trial of James "Jay" Pierman, who allegedly intentionally stabbed Thong Huynh last spring in a fight with four Vietnamese students at the time of the killing, testified that the knife that killed Huynh was the one that Pierman had borrowed two weeks before the incident, the Sacramento Bee reported.

"He [Pierman] asked me if I could borrow the knife in April," said Clark, who added that he saw the knife in Pierman’s green Ford Pinto two days later. Pierman liked to keep the knife next to the seat with the handle pointing up, Clark testified.

Clark said he warned Pierman to hide the knife in a less conspicuous place and repeatedly pushed to put it below the seat.

But he [Pierman] said to leave it in an upright position so he could get it if he needed it." Clark gave the following account of the events of May 4, 1983:

After his history class, he walked to the school parking lot to get a textbook out of Pierman’s car. He met Pierman on the way and the two bought the four Vietnamese students—Huynh, Bon Chau, Duc Nguyen and Lam Long. Clark hurled a derogatory comment toward them, as he admitted he had done frequently in the past, and one of them said something back to him. Clark followed them demanding to know which one had yelled at him.

According to Clark, Pierman walked away from the scene for about five minutes after the argument started, and a few minutes later someone shouted, "Put that away!" Clark said he turned around and saw Pierman with the case to the knife in his hand.

Clark said he punched two of the Vietnamese students and that one of them swung at him with a back-park. He said he later talked to Pierman and two of the Vietnamese students fighting and noticed Huynh lying on the ground. A teacher broke up the brawl, he added.

After the fight, Clark said, he asked Pierman why? and Pierman replied, "I don’t know—he [Huynh] just stepped into it.

Accidental or Deliberate

Two other classmates of Pierman’s, Randy Bailey and Domeque Walker, testified that Pierman did not hostilely stab Huynh, but their stories differed.

Bailey told the court that several Vietnamese students jumped on Pierman a moment before he stabbed Huynh. He also said Pierman pulled the weapon out of his pants pocket.

Walker said the Vietnamese youths barely touched Pierman and that Pierman ran to the school parking lot with the knife. "After Clark hit one [of the Vietnamese students], Jay was back with the knife," she said.

Pierman then pulled the knife out and waved it in front of Huynh’s friends, according to Walker. He [Pierman] said, "Nobody better jump in and fight." And as he pulled the knife he said, "Or else, I’ll kill you!"

Pierman swung the knife at the student he was threatening but missed because Huynh moved his friend to the right. Walker testified, "Jay missed the first time and stabbed Thong the second time.

Closing arguments were heard Sept. 24. Prosecutor and Yolo County District Attorney Dave Henderson attempted to show that Pierman killed Huynh intentionally during the fight, while defense attorney William Maas claimed that the stabbing was an accident.

Anonymous Postcard

In a related incident, an anti-Asian postcard was received by George Kagiwada, chair of UC Davis’ Asian American studies department and a member of the Coalition of Asians for Equal Rights, the group which has been monitoring the Pierman trial.

Signed by "I.D. White" of "7 Pearl Harbor Drive," the card read, "Pierman knows how to handle those Asians who come over here legally to immigrate. They do not have laws and get instant preferential status as minority gnomes. The gnomes should immigrate to an Asian country where they belong."

From a report by East/West

Our new advertising and subscription rates went into effect Oct. 1—in order to stay in business. (Incidentally, the size of type has also gone up with this issue. This, in wake of the JACL convention action clarifying the Pacific Citizen Board’s business and editorial responsibilities, was implicit in our budget for the coming month.)

To help set the tone, Editor Karen Seriguichi suggested the paper be printed with the front page "front" when it hits your mailbox. But it also meant application of the address label in the upper left corner (near the fold for trouble-free operation), hence the restaping of the nameplate.

Those who are moving can fill out the Address Change form on page 2, purposely placed there so that the front address label accompanies the change form.

Asian film festival touring country

NEW YORK—The Asian American International Film Festival, which has already been screened in Vancouver, B.C. and Chicago, continues its tour through six more cities this fall and winter.

Noguchi sculpture built 50 years after design

PHILADELPHIA—More than half a century after it was conceived, a giant 102-foot stainless steel sculpture by Isamu Noguchi—finally built last year—was designed by 79-year-old Noguchi, a giant 102-foot stainless steel sculpture dedicated on Sept. 18 in ceremony.

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Asian Vietnam vets form organization

SAN FRANCISCO—A new organization is seeking to establish a memorial to honor Asian/Pacific American veterans of the Vietnam war who fought, were wounded, died or are missing in action.

Asian Pacific American Veterans (APA) has taken "Mistaken Identity — Mistaken War" as its slogan.

"The bottom line is to make sure that those who paid the supreme sacrifice in that unpopular war did not go so in vain," said Don Lau.

Lau went to Vietnam in 1969 as an Army war correspondent and said he was continually being mistaken for a Vietnamese.

In an interview with Asian Week, he recalled that, "I was always getting shot at by my own men, both blacks and whites. The Hispanics usually didn't give me any trouble.

"I remember once I was driving along in a Jeep with my captain, and suddenly shooting broke out. I could hear bullets whistling past my ears. Then I heard my captain yell out, 'Stop. He's one of us.'"

Lau said that the contributions of Asian American soldiers during the war have never been documented. One story he especially wants Americans to know about is that of a secret espionage unit called "Hunter," made up of Asian American double agents who infiltrated Viet Cong territory.

For more information about APA, write Don Lau, 1800 Fillon, San Francisco, CA 94117. Envelope a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Concrete step for new community center

SAN FRANCISCO—Ground will be broken for the new Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) on Friday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m., at the construction site on Sutter St. between Buchanan and Webster.

The ceremony is chaired by Nobusuke Fukuda, Principal speaker.

PBS to air "Nisei Soldier"

NEW YORK—Loni Ding's "Nisei Soldier: Standard Bearer for an Unresolved Conflict," broadcast on PBS with WNET, New York, will be repeated on WNET, New York, Oct. 17, 10:30 p.m.
Letters

U.S. government, not Jackson, at fault

In the issue of Sept. 21, the Pacific Citizen printed a letter written by Ken Masugi attacking the PC's coverage of this summer's Democratic National Caucus. The author chose to slander Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition.

Masugi sees "hatred at the heart of rainbow racism," and claims that Jackson exposes us "beneath the mask of his charm." As one who has worked in the Rainbow Coalition since January of this year and who attended the DNC as an observer and delegate for the Jackson Campaign, I find such vicious distortions and deliberate misinterpretations utterly disgusting.

Japanese Americans, like many minority groups, have indeed been separated "from the greater American public community," as Masugi puts it, but not because Jesse Jackson somehow tricked us into such a condition in 1984.

Our separation from the American mainstream has its roots much further back in history, starting perhaps with the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which set the tone for treatment of Asians in this country. The separation was solidified with the U.S.-Japan Security Agreement of 1951, the Alien Land Law of 1913, the Asian Exclusion Act of 1924, and, of course, Executive Order 9066 in 1942. The Japanese were relocated through the 1960s and 1970s as many cities "redeveloped" their Nihonmachi out of our control and ever out of existence.

History shows it is the U.S. government, that has treated us as second-rate citizens, not Jesse Jackson. Jackson was the first presidential candidate ever to make campaign appearances in New York Chinatown, San Francisco Chinatown, and Los Angeles Japantown.

I agree with Masugi that the rhetoric both sides have used is extremely inflammatory. But it is strange to hear this criticism from Masugi, who has deliberately lumped JAs with Japanese nationals and Japanese Americans together in his arguments against redress.

He has done this in testimony before House Select Committees and in an opinion piece that appeared in the L.A. Times (5-14-86), in which he was trying to convince the wartime hatred and fear of ethnic Japanese cannot be ascribed to JAs alone; shared nationality is the reason we should have been considered for redress and understanding.

The Rainbow Coalition is not concerned with getting "even," but with justice for everyone, with achieving justice for everyone. This message of Justice at Home and Peace Abroad was presented to virtually all the delegations I met in San Francisco, no matter which candidate they favored. That Masugi misspoke poorly for both his judgement and his objectivity. His letter is best described in his own words: "Japanese American history shows it is the U.S. government that is responsible for "ignorance and demagoguery.""

STAN SHIKUMA Seattle

Laws of behavior

I am writing in reply to the article by Barry Saiki (Sept. 14 PC) titled "Japanese-Effects." While I can appreciate the point Mr. Saiki is trying to make, I disagree with his basic premise. In essence, Mr. Saiki argues that one can "only truly understand Japan in general or any specific aspect thereof of the Japanese, economic, cultural or social structures" only if he completely immerses himself in the Japanese culture. I would tend to understand Japan and the Japanese by "turning Japanese" and thus earned the right to be called "Japanese Expert." I understand this is the issue he should have been concerned with.

These individuals must have, according to Mr. Saiki, a "gut understanding" of Japan and the Japanese.

The common thread which binds these "experts" together is that they all grew up in Japan. Mr. Saiki points out that knowledge of Japan can be acquired via secondary sources (e.g., academic), but that knowledge needs to be verified by actual experience. At the same time, Mr. Saiki suggests that only a "foreigner" from outside Japan can "truly understand" Japan in the same manner as a leaf falling extremely fragmented, completely cut off from the tree from which it grew.

Generalizations Possible

The point I want to make is that knowledge need not solely rest in personal, temporal experience and cannot be "brought" from a foreign land. For example, in the world of science (physical, biological, engineering, or social), the basic assumption is there exists a certain set of laws or "truths" that is behavior can be generalized to many contexts. Thus, a leaf falling from a tree in New York can be explained in the same manner as a leaf falling from a different type of tree in Tokyo. While there are contextual differences the basic mechanics are the same. This basic assumption has helped build the very world we live in today.

In the social sciences, like the biological sciences, the context and the interaction of the components of a system complicate the uncovering of general laws. Yet, the amount of research that has taken place in the last 100 years has helped unravel many of the mysteries. While the biological sciences have uncovered "generalizations" faster than the social sciences, one must take into account the relative youth of sophisticated methodologies in social science.

The social sciences also desire to become "generalizations" as well. For example, human behavior along all its aspects (e.g., political). And, unknown to the general public (including Mr. Saiki), the social sciences have made a great deal of progress. While the social sciences do not yet have anything equivalent to the physical science's modeling of free-falling objects, they are not consulting chicken entrails or using tea leaves in the bottom of a cup when (for instance) predicting the outcome of elections.

Again, there is the belief that there should exist general laws of social behavior which span different cultures. We are learning about politics in one context; hopefully can be transported to another context. If the social sciences have truly uncovered the basic components of some limited aspect of political behavior, this transfer can be undertaken with the expectation of relative success.

There are many examples of this in the social sciences. Yet, there were also many failures (technically and conceptually) in the physical sciences. The difference is the physical sciences have a "total knowledge of the physical sciences have sent a man to the moon."

So, it is the uncovering of these general laws that is important in understanding basic behavior. It is the tendency to always explain and study the contextual differences. How far would our society have gotten if Galileo had tried to explain the behavior of a free-falling object for every possible situation (e.g., every variation in the wind and size of the object). Our knowledge would have been extremely fragmented, complicated, and, more importantly, extremely personal under these circumstances. Under this type of circumstance, one Mr. Saiki seems to favor, every scientist would have to reinvent the wheel when doing research. Knowledge of this sort is not cumulative, and being only "personal understanding," this knowledge is non-transferable. I do not believe in human experience, the school for knowledge and understanding has proceeded as Mr. Saiki thinks it should.

MARK S. ISHIMATSU Houston

U.S. Mayors' endorsement

Earlier this summer, the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution supporting the National League of Cities' recommendation of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. As the sponsor of the resolution, I know that the Conference of Mayors' endorsement will help in efforts to adopt redress legislation at the federal level.

I am also seeking the support of the National League of Cities. The league includes 15,000 municipalities throughout the nation, ranging from small townships to our largest cities.

Last week, the league's human development steering committee voted to support my resolution on redress. The steering committee will send its recommendation to the full human development policy committee for action at the Congress of Cities in Indianapolis, Indiana, in November. I will be working in Indianapolis to get the entire League of Cities membership to adopt the redress resolution.

Throughout my efforts with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities, I have looked to the Northwest regional office and the Seattle Chapter of the JACL for guidance and support. JACL and the Washington Conference on Redress will provide me with briefed papers and other information needed to present the case for redress.

I will be giving JACL a list of human development committee and JACL executive board members. I urge JACL members and Pacific Citizen readers to call their city council members or mayors on these committees and let them know of the importance of federal redress legislation. Personal calls or letters from constituents can do more than any speech I make or packet of material I present to my NLC colleagues. If we continue to work together, I know we can gain the support of the National League of Cities in November.

CHARLES ROYER Mayor, City of Seattle

A nice man

I'm not the most photogenic person in the world either, but—that photo of Jin Konomi, MOSHI-MOSHI columnist, is scary; it detracts from his otherwise excellent and well-researched columns. In reality, Mr. Konomi is a very nice, amiable man.

It may be none of my business, but could you possibly retouch or use a little less ink in the reproduction? It does injustice to the man.

JOE OYAMA
Oakland, CA

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**ISIS Annual Plant Anaerobic Aerobic Activity**

VIGILANT—Aris Ikei (right), attorney with the Dept. of Agricultural Development, Los Angeles, Calif., recently was honored with an award from Secretary of Agriculture John Block for his role in the seizure of 25 tons of diseased meat and the conviction of individuals who tried to channel it into consumer markets.

**Aging and Retirement Committee**

1982-1984 Summary Report

By Mike Ego, committee chair

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The National JACL Aging and Retirement Committee has taken giant strides during the 1982-84 biennium. Provided a mandate by the general membership to address Nisei aging issues, the committee has aggressively taken a position which puts JACL in the forefront of gerontologing the Nisei community. The committee believes that the Nisei population is comprised of Nisei whose average age today is 64 years old and has responded with programs which reflect the current status of Nisei in their communities.

Three years ago, under the able leadership of Mits Kawamoto (vice president/planning) and Hank Sakai (chair, finance committee), a solicitation of funds was conducted for the aging and retirement committee. The membership provided the committee with a sum totaling almost $17,000, which indicated that Nisei aging was an issue the members were concerned with.

A committee meeting was subsequently convened, with representation from each district, at which it was decided that a vehicle was needed to educate the Nikkei community about the issues affecting the lives of retired Nisei and pre-retiree Nisei. The discussions culminated with a consensus that a video film should be developed. The video film would provide not only Nisei with a perspective of aging and retirement, but would encompass the effects of Nisei aging on the lives of Issei, Sansei, and Yonsei.

After informal talks with several filmmakers, Henry Ushijima was asked by the committee to create a video which would describe the Nisei experience in their later years. We were fortunate to gain Mr. Ushijima's services because our budget was not very large and the Oscar-winning film director believed in the project so strongly that he was going to donate his professional expertise to it free of charge. Mr. Ushijima was finishing the first draft of the script when he suddenly died of heart failure. We were all in shock for days and did not know what direction we should take. Then, the committee decided we must go on and try to finish the dream that Henry Ushijima had envisioned. With the assistance of Ron Wakabayashi and Lila Shigemura, the committee began a search for a second filmmaker. After deliberating several names, individuals for selected Emiko Omori to complete what Henry Ushijima had started. By this time, with expenses having cut drastically into the budget over the previous year, Ms. Omori had only $10,000 to complete the project and the energy and commitment of the JACL, staff volunteers and Ms. Omori rose above the restrictive circumstance to create a film which represents the realities of the current Nisei lifestyle.

The completed video, entitled "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," made its premiere at the national convention in Honolulu. Ms. Omori has captured the subtleties of the change which occur in the life of a Nisei man as well as graphically depicting the harsh realities of the aging process. Noted actor George Takei leads the cast of performers who gave of their time in contributing to the video. Widely Available

This videocassette (available in Beta and VHS formats) will be stored at each of the JACL district offices and is accompanied by a discussion kit. The discussion kit helps any interested person to facilitate discussion before and after the screening of the video, which can be presented formally (before community groups and chapters) or informally in someone's living room. We need the support of district councils and chapter offices, and we ask the National Board for their endorsement of this effort.

The committee wishes to acknowledge the financial efforts beyond the call of duty in helping to make the video a truly significant contribution to the betterment of Nisei lives. Emiko Omori has proven through past achievements her excellence in filmmaking, and the committee extends its heartfelt thanks to her as a cinematographer who evokes emotion and caring about an issue which is still "unspeakable" in many Nihon families.

She was outstanding in the planning, preparation, filming, editing and post-production phases of the project and we owe her a great deal of thanks. Lila Shigemura, program director at Headquarters, worked very closely with Ms. Omori to make sure the video project was also instrumental in the completion of the video. She gave of her personal time and expertise to the video project, and the video could not have been completed without her expertise in grantmanship. Post-production costs were not available in the budget but Ms. Shigemura was able to secure a small grant from the Zeiller Foundation to complete the video.

Don Kazama is a member of the committee who gave generously of his time to the project, especially with script development, and we are grateful to him for his contribution. Kazama secured funding from the Seattle-King County Division on Aging to print the promotional flyers which are distributed to local area agencies on aging and to Niikei community groups. Last, we would like to express our support and gratitude to Henry Ushijima, past vice president for planning, for continuous support throughout the project and the individual contributions of his time and effort. He closed the video project.

Volunteer Help Needed

Now that the video is completed, where do we go from here? First, we need the support of JACL members in disseminating the information contained in the video to the Nisei community. As we have acknowledged, the issue of aging and retirement is a touchy subject but an issue which must be discussed amongst Nisei. This phenomenon is analogous to suppressing discussion about the internal experiment and we must do our part to educate the American Nisei to associate with growing older. The video breaks down many myths and stereotypes and we need to expose the realities of Nisei aging. Without assistance from the JACL volunteer network, the video will not be able to make the impact that it can achieve. We must make people aware of the facts.

Additional Programs

The committee has discussed the possibility of publishing pre-retirement manuals or specialized videocassettes relative to housing, health care, time management, retirement, role adjustments, and many other topics. Also, offering workshops and seminars administered by gerontologists and specialists to JACL members in various locales has been tossed around in discussions. And there is even some thought raised about building a JACL Nisei retirement community in the near future, which would incorporate a continuum-of-care concept for members.

All these program ideas can achieve JACL members, but they cannot be actualized without funding support directly from JACL general funds. The reason is very real because we asked JACL members to reach into their pockets, beyond paying their annual dues. This issue, which will significantly affect many members in the next twenty years, cannot be treated perfunctorily by the National Board. It must provide appropriate general funds for the aging and retirement committee to address the changing needs of the Nisei population.

The aging and retirement committee and its adjunct technical advisory committee have worked diligently during the past biennium to make the issue of Nisei aging and retirement visible to the general membership. With the support of the National Board in the coming biennium, the committee will be able to further address the needs of the Nisei in their later years.

Hoooser aids Asian refugees in adjusting

INDIANAPOLIS—Eilen Tami Stevens, a Hoosier JACLer who has moved to Los Angeles with her family in July, is remembered for her efforts to help refugees adjust to their new culture in the U.S. and feels that JACL can extend its influence in this area.

A UC Berkeley graduate with a masters in Black History from Indiana, she taught Survival English to Cambodians, Lao and Vietnamese refugees at a local church school, had worked with Asian refugees for Catholic Charities and also taught black history in southern Chicago.
Individual Dignity

Recently, a special hearing of the California Department of Education Superintendent’s Council on Asian/Pacific Affairs was held in the Los Angeles Unified School District board room. (see page 1).

An impressive list of people in the field of education attended the hearing. The panelists presented the initial testimony before the council.

The hearings started in the afternoon and were scheduled through the evening hours.

As I sat there listening to statements by many experienced and eloquent educators, I felt a sense of loyalty and pride towards the Issei and Nisei of my community. The teachers, who are our children’s role models and who have dedicated their lives to educating our youth, deserve our respect and admiration. It was clear that the purpose of the hearing was to assert the dignity of the Issei and Nisei, and to bring attention to the injustices they have suffered.

In a letter to the American Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Saito, a former employee of the County of Santa Clara, wrote:

"I have come to a point where we must recognize the reactivation and development of our ethnic concerns committee."

The meetings are scheduled to continue through the evening hours.

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Pride demands redress

We, the undersigned, take exception to the statement presented before the House Judiciary Standing Committee by the Nisei Farmers League President Harry Kuro, as reported in the July 20 issue of the Pacific Citizen.

Mr. Kuro is certainly entitled to his objection to individual redress payments. However, it is also our right to disagree strongly with his statement that “individual personal concern for the dignity of our people is not connected to the basic philosophy of the Issei. Such an act will not and could not be accepted by most of the Issei and the Nisei.”

We believe that the feeling of disgrace— that they are in some way being bought off— is connected to the basic philosophy of the Issei. The dignity of our ancestors is not something that we can ever forsake.

The fiscal amount of the redress payment is not the issue as far as we are concerned. It is our feeling, however long it takes, that without monetary compensation, a mere apology from the government is absolutely meaningless with respect to our country’s commitment to equality and justice. The JACL is fighting to rights the wrong inflicted upon the Issei and Nisei regarding whether they are living or not. In view of the government’s precedent-setting fiscal programs and services committed against Blacks, Native American Indians, and most recently against Vietnam perpetrators, shouldn’t we Japanese Americans receive the same?

M. Kuro places much emphasis on the background and ethnic pride of the Issei and Nisei, and he intimates that Nisei destiny is tied perpetually to the cultural mores of our ancestors. We, the undersigned, cannot accept this. We are not forsaking pride and other virtues instilled in us by our parents. Rather, we have a right to correct this grave injustice by fighting for monetary redress.

Concurrent with the community’s efforts for redress and reparations, I believe we need to recognize the reactivation and development of our ethnic concerns committee.

Pride demands redress.

By George Kitagawa, Nichi Bei Times

I attended the Tule Lake Pilgrimage over the Sept. 21-23 weekend with apprehension and curiosity, since I had never been incarcerated in a concentration camp.

At the outbreak of the war, I was a student at Stanford University and dismissed due to the curfew moratorium. About February 1942 there was an edict which stated that a university student in the West Coast could voluntarily transfer to another school located east of the Sierra Nevadas provided the student was accepted by a university, could show proof of financial independence and was cleared by the FBI.

The majority were students or recent graduates anxious to study the actual facilities where the incarceration took place. No longer was there a feeling of Japanese, Chinese or Pilipino Americans but a sense of togetherness as Asian Americans.

No one was questioned as to their ethnic backgrounds; it seemed so irrelevant.

The pilgrimage not only visualized the few remains of the Tule Lake concentration camp but alerted us to avoiding another concentration camp—as if in our democratic country. It showed the need for support of the redress and reparations movement now pending in Congress.

Being my first trip to Northern California, I thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip, scenery and especially the magnificent Mt. Shasta.

The event-filled program was well coordinated, the show excellent, accommodations comfortable, the discussion group inspirational, the evening program very entertaining and the weather was clear, invigorating and almost perfect.

Along with the many friends I was able to meet, I am looking forward to attending the next Tule Lake pilgrimage.

EDC to meet in NYC

NEW YORK—Eastern District Council meets Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Japanese American Assn. offices, 7 West 44th St. (between 5th and 6th Avs.), on the 21st floor. New York Chapter hosts.

Following the meeting, an informal dinner with newly elected national president Frank Sato will be held.

Each EDC chapter president is requested to call Tom Korotani, (211) 336-5484, with a count of persons attending the meeting and dinner.

For the Record

In David Nakayama’s column (Sept. 21, p.c), Robert Matsui was erroneously identified as “emcee” of Suisen Live! The honorary chairman of the fund-raiser for San Francisco’s Kinoshme Home is an “M.C.”, or member of Congress.

Letters

Mori Morita, New York

Letters to the Editor are invited on matters of public interest. They should be typed double spaced, be no longer than 1000 words, and should be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the issue of the magazine in which reply is desired.

Individual Dignity

By John Saito

Tule Lake Pilgrimage

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EDC to meet in NYC

NEW YORK—Eastern District Council meets Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Japanese American Assn. offices, 7 West 44th St. (between 5th and 6th Avs.), on the 21st floor. New York Chapter hosts.

Following the meeting, an informal dinner with newly elected national president Frank Sato will be held.

Each EDC chapter president is requested to call Tom Korotani, (211) 336-5484, with a count of persons attending the meeting and dinner.

For the Record

In David Nakayama’s column (Sept. 21, p.c), Robert Matsui was erroneously identified as “emcee” of Suisen Live! The honorary chairman of the fund-raiser for San Francisco’s Kinoshme Home is an “M.C.”, or member of Congress.

Letters

Mori Morita, New York

Letters to the Editor are invited on matters of public interest. They should be typed double spaced, be no longer than 1000 words, and should be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the issue of the magazine in which reply is desired.

Individual Dignity

By John Saito

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Little-known story of Alaska Issei

ANCHORAGE—Among the little-known stories of the Nikkei experience during WWII is the story of 220 Japanese Americans from the territory of Alaska to internment camps in the Lower 48.

According to researcher Donald Inouye, a Colorado-born Sen. Daniel Inouye now residing in Fairbanks, the Alaska Nikkei fell into two categories: those who settled into towns where other Japanese resided, such as Juneau, Ketchikan, and Petersburg, and those who settled into more isolated villages such as Bethel, Kotzebue, Tanana, Valdez, and Nome. Tenakee, married Alaskan Native women, and lived in the native style than the Japanese style.

"The general evacuation pattern for the first group was as family units, except for the resident alien men who were initially interned," said Inouye at the Aug. 29 Senate subcommittee redress hearing held in Fairbanks. The second group experienced separation. Few of the Native wives and children went to the camps outside. Rather, they stayed in the Territory. In many cases, the families had difficulty, particularly lacking a male provider in a subsistence economy and largely shunned by the predominantly Native community.

Separated from Father

Harriet Beale, born to a Japanese father and a Tlingit mother, personally experienced the kind of separation feared by many. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, her father, George Miyasato, was picked up by his friend, Wrangel police chief Jimmy Nolan.

"Jimmy was just doing his job," Beale said in an interview with the Anchorage Daily News. "My dad didn't resent him for what he did. He's never been mad about any of it."

Miyasato, who came to the U.S. in 1912, was sent to Idaho, then to Washington, and finally to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he and other interned Japanese built railroad tracks. His 16-year-old son accompanied him; male children 16 or over were interned even if they were of mixed blood.

Beale, who was six at the time, remained in Wrangel with her mother, who could have accompanied her husband but chose not to. "She was born and raised in Wrangel, she had kids, and she didn't want to leave home," Beale explained.

Staying in Alaska meant hardships as well, with Beale despised as enemy Japanese. "There was so much prejudice during those years," Beale recalled. "We felt more prejudice from other Indians than from anyone else."

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Chapter Pulse

San Benito County

SAN JUAN BASTITA, Calif.—Next year marks the golden anniversary of the San Benito County JACL. To commemorate the event, the board has voted to invite the county the former Japanese residents who lived in the area before WWII. The reunion is planned for Summer 1985.

Organizers of the event request that those who would be interested in attending, or who know of persons who might be interested, contact them (with name, address, and telephone number) by writing to the San Benito JACL, P.O. Box 1153, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045, or by calling Frank Nakata, 623-7474 during business hours.

Mt. Plains to hear Sen. Bingaman, Yasui

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), ranking minority member of the Senate Subcommittee on Civil Service, which recently held hearings on S. 216, is keynote speaker for the district banquet Oct. 13. The Mountain Plains District Council meets Oct. 12-13 at the Classic Hotel, 615 Menaul Blvd NE.

The main business of the meeting, stated Governor Ron Shibata, is the election of new district officers to serve the next biennium. In addition, Min Yasui, national redress chair, is expected to report on the status of the redress campaign.

The meeting begins with a social hosted by Calvin Kobayashi, New Mexico Chapter president, Friday, Oct. 12. The business meeting starts 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, to allow delegates time to enjoy the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Gov. Shibata, (505) 294-1300.

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October

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Los Angeles—Song for a Nisei Father by Philip Gotanda, with Robert Haas, East West Players, 441 Santa Monica; UTS 660-0880.

OCT 3 (Friday) San Francisco—JOCNC gndbrkg. 6pm, 180 Sutter St.

OCT 6 (Saturday) Terrace—Film: Okakura's "Unfinished Business," Gardena HS. 1301 W Broadway St. 7pm, So Cal-JACL.

West Valley—Golf tour., Riverside Golf Course, $18 fee to Ray Uchijama, 9595 Via Encantada, Saugus. 213-791-7847.

Long Beach—Ann suikyo, Grace Precy Ch. 4:30-7:30pm.

Seattle—Oriental Food Bar, Blaine Mem Ch. 11am-7pm.

Los Angeles—Church Fair. Union Ch. 12pm-7pm.

San Pedro—Sakura Kai art exhibit, auct... 3-7pm. El Cerro Sec Ctr, 6000 Stockton Blvd.


OCT 7 (Sunday) Monterey Peninsula—JACL-Issei Kai luncheon.
A Nisei in Hollywood

by Harry Honda

Now retired from the Japan Times sports desk but writing on non-athletic themes is this week's contributor to this series—Mas Manbo, who grew up in Riverside, Calif., and was born in 1928 and '30s. He reflects on a slice of life in midst of the Depression Years—H.H.

By Mas Manbo

It was around 1930 on a sunny California day, I remember clearly, riding the upper deck of the Sunset Boulevard trolley car to the Sunset Strip. At the late Sue Carroll, passing by in her open car—was the fashion for movie stars then. The actresses chauffeured while the actors like Clark Gable (I saw him once, too) did their own driving to and from the studios.

I didn't think that I was crazy about Hollywood stars. The only autographs that I ever possessed came from Ralph Bellamy. The only star I ever wanted to meet was Jackie O'Connell—about today. I never did know how many millionaires were clustered in the neighborhoods. The Japanese in California, still are, on the other side of the Hollywood Boulevard.

The small-town yokel in me never waned after moving from Riverside to Hollywood. I would often join the stars arriving in their limousines at Grauman's Chinese Theater premieres—when I should have been doing something more useful—like doing my schoolwork.

On another occasion, the opening night of "Hell's Angels," starring Jean Harlow, I was chasing silk parachutes released by a plane overhead Hollywood. The Japanese, living in flames one night, had a humor column, "Richiezaemon," in broken English. Who would have known that I never did know for sure.

There was public condemnation of cigarette smoking in the '30s. But we remember such hits as "Smoke Rings" and "Two Cigarettes in the Dark." Cigarettes and coffee were the rage for fellows at one time, to be followed by Spanish-style courts, then the bell-bottoms. The Harold Teen comic strip in the L.A. Times seems to spread the styles.

One of the wiser things the Nisei in Hollywood did was to join the Pioneer Club, sponsored by the Hollywood Methodist Church. We, with the hajikin kids, met near a Hollywood and Vine hall, went on hikes to Switzer's Camp on the Angeles Crest Highway to Mt. Wilson and swam at the Hollywood YMCA. We also attended matinees in year groups. Lat later, when the church moved into a larger complex, I view, the Hollywood Nisei Club was formed. The church gave us permission to meet there—though as far as I knew, none was a member of that church. With such generosity, Hollywood truly was a great place in which to live.

To Mas Manbo: Our 1921 directory contains some 200 Japanese families in the Hollywood area. (Gerror, Gladstone, Granita, H.Empstead, Hollywood, N.O'Mary, Olympia, Oldef, and others were the phone prefixes. Yours was HE.) We'll follow through with a description of the Japanese community next week.

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Mineta: ‘Keep Up the Fight’

Addressing the Japanese American Democratic Club of San Francisco Sept. 21, 1984, the California senator stressed the importance of perseverance in the campaign for redress.

I remember, not too many years ago, when a group such as this could have met in a telephone booth, and a small one at that. In fact, I remember when I was a member of the increasingly powerful Nisei Democrats of San Jose, which was in reality four or five of us sitting around someone’s kitchen table kicking in the $25 or $50 it would take to get just one Nisei into a regular Democratic party function.

Now, we need only to look around to see how far we have come. We have made great strides since those days...

...But now what? What happens next? Where do we go from here?

Frankly, I am not sure. The only answers that matter to such questions are the ones that emerge from a broad base of consensus and support. So I raise these issues and pose these questions, but as a base for a community-wide reflection and discussion.

And as a first step, I believe it is important to recognize a truth, something many of us have had to reluctantly accept: the struggle does not end.

Let me quickly add that I say this not because of any particular national prejudice against any of us of Japanese ancestry, but because of the imperfect workings of our political system.

To be sure, prejudice against Americans of Japanese ancestry remains, and the stupidity of it may be with us for some time to come. In its most basic and familiar form, it surfaces as the failure of a few Americans to distinguish us, their fellow citizens, from Japanese nationalists. I get absurd letters, for example, when well-meaning but thoughtless people come up to me after a speech and tell me how much they respect what I am and that they cannot hear a trace of a Japanese accent in my voice.

But such prejudice is for many of us a familiar enemy, and our resolve to fight such ignorance is strengthened by our common commitment against it. But I would like to set aside that issue for the moment, and return to my basic point about the political process.

A Never-Ending Struggle

Without realizing it, I suspect many of you outside the flow of public life have to fight for many years to be included in its mainstream, but that once on the inside, everything is smooth and easy.

It is a lovely and enticing idea. But I am afraid it is a myth. There will be some privilege few who have access at their fingertips and pretty much get what they want. But that ain’t us. And for us, just as for most Americans, that probably never will be us.

Our American Constitution is explicit: Congress can make no law abridging the right of the people to peaceable assembly and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

These are glorious words. And they protect a right that few people on this earth have. But these strong words guarantee the right to petition the government for redress, not to receive the redress sought by those who are petitioning.

Let me stress that I am NOT defending the principle of unresponsive government. All of us know the devastating price of a government that closes its doors to those seeking help. Nothing is more fundamental to my political beliefs than a fierce devotion to open, accessible and accountable government.

But a practical reality remains. To express it in one brief maxim: Public life and political activity are constant, never-ending struggles.

Furthermore—and I say this with our efforts for redress in mind—success often depends not only on being right, but being persistent, not only on being articulate, but continually advocating and educating.

It is the supreme frustration of those of us in public life, that constantly see the protections of time, instilled in the political process by the Founding Fathers for the purpose of study and reflection, be used by the unscrupulous and uncaring to stall and divert the progress of justice. It should not be this way.

But it is, and we must recognize this fact of life, and plan our efforts accordingly.

This is not a unique burden on Americans of Japanese ancestry. It is a battle Black Americans have fought for years to win the civil rights battles of the 1960s, and now we see so many of those gains being undermined by the Reagan administration and an increasingly radicalized Supreme Court.

Americans of Hispanic ancestry are far more numerous than we are, yet they seem unable to win the immigration reform battles now being so fiercely fought. And the battle to win constitutional protection of the equal rights of women still continues after nearly a century of strenuous effort.

There is a sort of evolutionary principle at work in government. The strongest and most resilient groups survive the determination determined fall to the side of the road. It is a harsh reality, one that I know many of you active in politics are well aware of.

Determination Will Win

I do not know how each of you deals with this frustrating reality. For myself, faced with this on a daily basis, I prescribe a mixture of humor and anger, patience and impatience, determination and resolve. It is a prescription of contradictions in everything but the willingness to keep trying.

In our specific drive for passage of redress legislation, just as in our efforts to be full partners in the political, economic, and social life of this nation, we must not be trapped in our own rising expectations. Each success brings another test. Each victory brings another battle in this long campaign. It is only the new recruits, the veterans, not the veteran, who can win it quickly and all go home.

All these challenges can be pretty wearing. Some days you just do not feel like fighting, and the instinct to let someone else take over and bear the brunt of the battle is natural. That’s why we must work together as a group so we may support and cover each other.

But while individual energy may lag, we must not allow our group efforts to lag.

Redress Campaign Still Young

Take as example redress. We have been at this effort for what seems like a long time, for the burning injustice of internment has existed decades now. But legislatively, it has only been fifteen months since the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Intermment of Civilians formally presented its package of redress recommendations. Fifteen months.

In that short time, we have drafted a superb piece of legislation, gained the formal support of a quarter of the members of the House, and have had several days of congressional hearings that have illustrated our cause to legislators, the press, and the public.

There has been progress. And frankly, we are moving faster than I thought likely. But it is a long, slow climb. Like every other cause, we wish the nation and its leaders were capable of promptly recognizing the profound injustice of the internment without any need for education, explanation, or argument. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

Therefore, let me remind all of us of our first and foremost task. We must educate those who know little or nothing about the internment. It is hard for us, for whom the internment is such a crucial test, to realize that even today, the vast bulk of the people of this nation have heard little, if anything, about those days of shame. It is impossible to convince someone about the rightness of a cure such as our redress proposal without first teaching a person about the outrages of Executive Order 9066, and all that followed in its wake.

And this message applies not only to the fight for redress, but to our broader concerns as well, whether they be the fight for a nuclear freeze, or our efforts to clean up and protect the environment.

So let us pledge a recommittment to our energy and our strength. We have the potential to continually expand our growing role in the public life of this nation.

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This group, in preparation for the 1985 Los Angeles chapter, has established a group that is a living proof of the progress that has been accomplished.

The National JACL has seen the capable chair, Irene Hirano, for the National JACLPornRecruitment and Leadership Development Committee, the chapter board meetings, on which the board concerns and problems. The board members have been informed about chapter activities, problems in the Japanese American community, and the PSWD held its events. The PSWD board members have been informed about chapter activities, problems in the Japanese American community, and the PSWD held its events.

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the war. Her husband, who had lived in the U.S. since 1871, became a naturalized citizen in 1933. Their son Harry, the one born in camp, was killed in Vietnam in 1967.

Needless Deaths
William Kimura’s immigrant parents were Aikinoburo and Tsuruno from 1916. After Pearl Harbor, his father Yuseke was arrested by the FBI and held at Ft. Richardson. Ironically, Kimura’s older brother George was serving in the Army and was stationed at Ft. Richard- son as a guard. Later, Yuseke and Aikinoburo, who had been living in New Mexico.

At the time of the evacuation, Kimura said, “We left our property as soon as possible...to an Anchorage attorney and a sup- posed friend...”

“We were taken to Seward, where we boarded a naval ship at gunpoint. The men and women were segregated into separate quarters, and the men were given menial tasks of scrubbing floors and toilis under guard. My broth- ers, Yuki and Kazu, were both pregnant at this time. They were treated in medical centers. Kazu gave birth to two stillborn daughters in Puyallup. The men and women were housed underground. There, we boarded a naval ship at gunpoint. The men and women were segregated into separate quarters, and the men were given menial tasks of scrubbing floors and toilis.

Another victim of the evacuation, Kimura testified, was “Mr. Minamino of Hype, Alaska, age 72, who was forced out of his deathbed, carried into camp on a stretcher, and died there. All his sons, at this same time, were serving in the U.S. armed forces.”

When the family was released, the government “gave no mon- ey to travel home. Our family came back to Anchorage finan- cially. The money from the local communities in care of the attorney, disappeared. And the taxes had not been paid. My par- ents, ages 65 and 66, had to start all over again.”

A Neglected History
Because of the relatively small number of people involved, it appears that the Alaska Natives no experience could be overlooked in the study of the internment of West Coast Japanese Americans. It therefore recommends that Alaska internees be represented on the board of the bill’s proposed public education fund and that there be a permanent exhibit on the Alaska evacuation in the Smithsonian and the Alaska State Museum.

Inouye was disappointed that the Commission on Wartime Rete- lation and Internment of Civilians did not mention Alaska Natives in its report, “Personal Justice De- nied,” even though hearings were held in Alaska in 1981. The major focus of the Alaska hearings was the WW2 internment of the Aleuts, which was duly covered in the report.

Through the efforts of Sen. Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska), the commission—not knowing better—asked the Commission its recommendation—and already on page 2.

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develop critical thinking skills in students as well as cross-cultural sensitivities.

American education also must deal with the shift of the U.S. econ- omic base from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Asian American educators sometimes play a subordinated role in the future, Sasaki said.

John Saito, JACL regional director, made his impact at the hear- ing through the many resources he represented. He stated that al- though JACL’s priority at the present is redress, the organization is vitally concerned with the dignity of the individual. “Saito is a member of California State At- torney General Van de Kamp’s U.S.-Japanese journalists meet for seminar

HONOLULU—Japanese journal- ists visiting the U.S. are amazed by the amount of food Americans eat, confused by sales taxes and pressed with “strong powerful” language, a member of California State At- torney General Van de Kamp’s U.S.-Japanese journalists meet for seminar.

The 11 media members joined 18 American writers, editors and broadcast managers who recently observed Japanese lifestyle, and their 12-country media tour in Japan Center seminar held on Sept. 22.

The Americans said they were surprised by the discrimination against women workers, appreciative of general courtesy and kindness of the people.

Racial, Ethnic, Religious, Minority Violence Commission, which will be making recommendations within two years. He is also a member of the Los Angeles City Commission on Human Relations.

Media people to speak were Kazuo Arata, Sumi Haru, and Ernest Harada. Who can write better than Asians for Asians, asked actress Kim Miyori, who felt the development of writers and oral skills among Asians was lacking, and that as a consequenc few believable roles are available for performing Asian artists. Sumi Haru declared that TV is “guilty of committing genocide of human beings” with the average per- viewing TV for 6 hours per day, exposed to violence, inacceracies and insecurities.

Dr. Jack Fujimoto, president of the Commission issued its recom- mendations—albeit in a footnote on page 2.

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