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FAR FROM HOME—Issei residents of Alaska interned in New Mexico during World War II. (See story on page 7.)

California attorneys endorse monetary compensation

MONTEREY, Calif.—The State Bar of California Conference of Delegates, at its annual convention Sept. 22-24, overwhelmingly passed two resolutions supporting monetary compensation to Japanese Americans interned during WW2. The resolutions were sponsored by the Japanese American Bar Assn. of Los Angeles and the Asian American Bar Assn. of the Greater Bay Area.

The JABA resolution called for a formal apology from the president and Congress for the internment, the vacating of criminal convictions of those who failed to obey military orders and laws implementing the internment, the establishment of an educational foundation, and payment of \$20,000 to each person who suffered the internment.

The AABA resolution called for Congress to provide "adequate monetary compensation, consistent with the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, to those denied equal justice under law pursuant to Executive Order 9066, Public Law 503 and the military orders issued thereunder."

Fred Korematsu, a San Leandro resident whose challenge to the legality of the mass racial internment was rejected by the Supreme Court over 40 years ago, received a standing ovation for his address to the Conference of Delegates. After the vote, Korematsu remarked that the resolutions are important "so that what happened to Japanese Americans will never happen

to anyone else."

Korematsu's conviction for failing to obey wartime internment orders was recently vacated by federal judge Marilyn Hall Patel of San Francisco, who found that government lawyers suppressed and falsified critical evidence in the original proceedings before the Supreme Court.

Widespread Support

The Los Angeles County Bar Assn., the Bar Assn. of San Francisco and numerous other associations endorsed the resolutions.

Alan Terakawa, author of the JABA resolution, said, "In pass-

ing these resolutions, the State Bar of California has sent a message to the President and Congress that what happened to Japanese Americans is entirely inconsistent with the fundamental principles that this country stands for and that the victims of this injustice must be completely vindicated."

Karen Kai, Asian American Bar Assn. president, stated that, "The Bar's endorsement of redress and reparations is an acknowledgment of national responsibility for the grave injustice committed against Japanese Americans, and reaffirms our most basic freedoms."

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.

Registration drive in gear

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

is said to be the first and largest effort of its type in Southern California.

To register, a person must be an American citizen, age 18 or over. Deadline for registration is Oct. 9.

New York backs redress

ALBANY, NY—Calling the WW2 internment "an inappropriate act and a wrongful injury inflicted upon a racially defined group," the New York State assembly passed, by unanimous vote, a resolution to support the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, including the payment of \$20,000 to each survivor.

Prime sponsors of the resolution, voted on in midsummer, were Assemblypersons Lewis Yevoli of Plainview, Long Island, and Angelo Orazio of Searington,

Attacks drive Southeast Asians from city

PHILADELPHIA — Large numbers of Laotian Hmong people are being driven out of Philadelphia by a wave of violence that has started investigations by the Justice Dept. and possibly the FBI 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 have been beaten and robbed, apartment windows have been hit by rifle bullets, and homes and cars have been stoned 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.

The attackers are said to be Black youth and few in number.

The population of Hmong in Philadelphia has dwindled from 5,000 to 650 over the past five years. After a federal grant of \$100,000 was given to those remaining in the community to open 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 rather than 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 protection for the community.

—New York Nichibei

State education council listens to Asian Pacifics

LOS ANGELES—Some 60 persons gave advice to the California State Superintendent of Education's Council on Asian/Pacific Affairs—on issues 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: Dr. Harry Handler of Los Angeles Unified, Dr. Bruce Peppin of Alhambra, Dr. Dave Brown of San Marino, and Dr. Andy Viscovich of Garvey, 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, uninfluenced by other agencies or groups. Despite the merits of bicultural and multicultural education, there should be a polarization of ethnicity, he said. He urged the council to seek a broader, longer-range view; to consider global influences, the environment, the possibility of nuclear holocaust; and to seek to

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News in Brief

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

No similar resolution was acted on by the state senate.

Japan grants residence request of protester

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

Fujiyoshi, who immigrated in 1973 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 Assn. of Mexican American Educators and other petitioners, filed a lawsuit Sept. 18 to stop the Calif. secretary of state from counting the votes cast on Prop. 38. That initiative calls on the state legislature to urge the Congress to repeal the Bilingual Voting Assistance provisions 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 method 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 is accused of the racially motivated stabbing of Thong Hy Huynh at Davis High School in May 1983. If convicted, he will face a maximum of 25 years in prison.

Russell "Rusty" Clark, who along with Pierman was involved in a fight with four Vietnamese students at the time of the killing, testified that the knife that killed Huynh was his and that Pierman had borrowed it two weeks before the incident, the Sacramento Bee reported.

"He [Pierman] asked me if he 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 in the car and tried repeatedly to push it below the seat. "But he [Pierman] said to leave it in an upright position so that he

could get it if he needed it."

Clark gave the following account of the events of May 4, 1983: After his third period 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 spotted the four Vietnamese students—Huynh, Bon Chau, Duc Nguyen and Lan Long. He 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 backpack. He said he later saw 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 Dominique Walker, testified that Pierman deliberately stabbed 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 and returned 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 one 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 you'll get this.'"

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 Coalition of Asians for Equal Rights, the group which has been monitoring the Pierman trial.

Signed by "I.M. White" of "7 Pearl Harbor Drive," the card read, "Pierman knows how to handle those Asians who come over here contrary to immigration laws and get instant preferential status as minority scum. The gooks should immigrate to an Asian country. Where they belong."

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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.

Nine documentary and narrative films comprise the film package, coordinated by Asian Cine-Vision and sponsored by Cinematheque Pacific. They are: "The

Departure" by Emiko Omori; "Kind of Yellow" by David Chan; "Afterbirth" by Jason Hwang; "Nisei Soldier" by Loni Ding; "East to West" by Yaping Wang; "The Only Language She Knows" by Steven Okazaki; "Tonkpan" by Surachay Jantimathorn; "Community Plot" by J.T. Takagi; and "First Look" by Kavery Dutta.

The tour schedule with sponsor and contact person is as follows:

Philadelphia: Oct. 17-21, Neighborhood Film Project, Linda Blackaby, (215) 387-5125.

San Francisco: Nov. 7-10, National Asian American Telecommunications Assn., Janice Sakamoto, (415) 863-0814.

Boston: Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Asian American Resource Workshop, Peter Kiang, (617) 426-5313.

Houston: Dec. 10-16, Southwest Media Project, Marian Luntz, (713) 522-8592.

Seattle: Jan. 20, Kingstreet Media, Greg Tuai, (206) 624-3925.

Los Angeles: November (tent.), Visual Communications, Nancy Araki, (213) 680-4462.

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 dedicated on Sept. 18 in ceremonies held at the Benjamin Franklin Bridge plaza where the work was installed. The sculpture, entitled "A Bolt of Lightning—A Memorial to Benjamin Franklin," was designed by 79-year-old Noguchi when he was only 28.

PC Format Modernized

Our new advertising and subscription rates went into effect Oct. 1—in order to stay in business. (Incidentally, the size of type also goes 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 biennium for continued growth. We are shooting for an occasional 16-pager this coming year—making room for more news, features and pictures as well as increased advertising.

To help set the tone, Editor Karen Seriguchi 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 reshaping 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.

Advertising agencies were happy to learn we adopted the new SAU (standard advertising unit) measure for display ads. It also meant changing from a basic six-column to a five-column page in the news section, and starting a seven-column classified ad section embellished with brief news items and features.

In the meantime, the JACL-Pacific Citizen typesetter fund has topped the \$9,000 mark—about a third of our goal. By first of the year, we need to make room for the equipment. And we shall need more space as the staff continues to grow—an editorial assistant soon and an advertising/accounting assistant thereafter. And not forgotten is the index project, which can be computerized, and the library reduced to microforms.

It may take a while for both readers and our staff to get accustomed to the new format. But the cause is great: a bigger and better PC.

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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 Vietnam Veterans (APAVV) 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 do so in vain," said chair 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 APAVV, write Don Lau, 1880 Fulton, San Francisco, CA 94117. Enclose 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 (JCCNC) 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 speak-

ers are Supervisor John Molinari of the San Francisco board of supervisors and Renzo Izawa, deputy consul general of Japan.

Troop 12 of Boy Scouts of America will present the colors; Konkō Church ministers will perform purification rites; and past JCCNC presidents Takeo Okamoto, Michi Onuma, Jeff Mori and David Asano will perform a sake-taru-breaking ceremony.

Breaking ground on behalf of the community will be representatives of the city, community organizations, Nihonmachi Community Development Corp., San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, the Mayor's Office of Community Development, businesses and donors to the Vision '80s building fund campaign.

The public is invited to the ceremony and to the following reception at Christ United Presbyterian Church at Sutter and Laguna Sts.

JCCNC's construction schedule calls for the opening of the major portion of the center—with new offices, meeting and exhibition areas, and space for community groups—as early as November 1985.

Community Affairs

RENO—National Institute for Women of Color holds its 3rd national strategies conference Oct. 19-20 at the Reno Hilton. Registration fee is \$60 and covers meeting sessions, awards luncheon, and conference materials. Contact: NIWC, 1712 N St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 466-2377.

EL CERRITO, Calif.—The 8th annual Asian American Art Exhibit and Auction, sponsored by Sakura Kai and East Bay Japanese for Action, takes place Saturday, Oct. 6, 1-7 p.m., at El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton (behind the library). The works of 58 Asian American artists are offered. Side events are an auction of donated goods and services and a food bazaar. The event benefits social services for the elderly. Admission \$2.50. Contact: 848-3560.

LOS ANGELES—"Community: The Roots of Asian American Studies" is the theme of the National Asian American Studies Conference, to be held Oct. 26-28 at UCLA. Topics of workshops range from "Relevance of Research to Community Needs" and "Racism/Sexism on Campuses" to "Affirmative Action." Registration deadline is Oct. 15 with fee of \$5. Contact: Asian American Studies Center, 3232 Campbell Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024; (213) 825-2974.

In conjunction with the Asian American Studies Conference, the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Assn. holds its conference Oct. 26-28 at UCLA. Registration deadline is Oct. 15 with \$5 fee. Contact: Asian/Pacific Law Students Assn., UCLA School of Law, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024; (213) 825-1304.

A major exhibit detailing the history of Chinese women in America is featured Oct. 10-28 at Chinatown Library, 536 W. College (at Yale). Entitled "Chinese Women of America, 1834-1982," the photo display may be viewed Wed-Sun, 1-5 p.m.; Sat from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibition has been on national tour since its August 1983 opening in San Francisco.

Richard Kato, staff member of the American Civil Liberties Union, is guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization medical counseling committee, Sunday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m., 244 S. San Pedro St., Room 401. Topic of discussion is Proposition 41 and its impact on the elderly, poor, and disabled.

Site of new Little Tokyo branch of Nikkei-controlled Pacific Heritage Bank, 248 E. First St., will be dedicated Tuesday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. The

bank is headed by South Bay attorney Vincent Okamoto, board chair. Thomas Okamura will manage branch operations.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Unfinished Business," Steve Okazaki's documentary about Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, is screened Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St. The benefit for Asian Law Caucus and The Committee to Reverse the War-time Internment Cases is highlighted by the appearance of the three Supreme Court petitioners. Tickets are \$15. Contact: 835-1474.

Nisei Widowed Group meets Sunday, Oct. 7, 2-4 p.m., at the home of Mas Ashizawa. Contacts: Elsie Chung, (415) 221-0268; Dorothy Hirose, (408) 292-1024.

Legal rights of retiring Nisei and the special financial planning needs of retirees are the focus of a workshop Saturday, Oct. 13, 1-4 p.m., at Sumitomo Bank in Buchanan Street Mall. The session is sponsored by Nisei and Retirement and features Dennis Hayashi, Madge Bellow, and Ed Moriguchi as speakers.

A 13-by-60-foot bas relief sculpture by Ruth Asawa was dedicated Thursday, Oct. 4 at the entrance to the Renaissance Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin St. The seven-panel sculpture chronicles San Francisco's history. Among Asawa's works are the bronze mermaid fountain in Ghirardelli Square and the

fountains in Nihonmachi's Buchanan Mall.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Asian Community Nursing Home Project has established a waiting list for patients. Persons who wish to be included may call the Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Inc., (916) 444-2678. Ground-breaking is planned in October or November, with the first patients admitted in the summer of 1985.

Cultural Activities

NEW YORK—Universal Jazz Coalition's Jazz Center hosts its first East Coast Asian/Asian American Jazz Festival from Friday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 21 with Akira Tana, Shunzo Ono, Fred Houn, Jason Hwang, Sumi Tonooka and others, followed by the first East Coast appearance of the Nohbuddies on Wednesday Oct. 24.

A one-man show of paintings, watercolors, woodcuts and drawings by Henry Sugimoto runs through Sunday, Oct. 21 at the Chinoh Art Gallery, 69 Fifth Ave., Tues-Sun, 1-6 p.m.

FRESNO, Calif.—An exhibit of photographs by Ansel Adams from his 1944 book *Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese-Americans* will be shown at the Fresno Metropolitan Art Museum through Nov. 25 in conjunction with the Go For Broke exhibit sponsored by the Fresno JACL/ALL.

PBS to air 'Nisei Soldier'

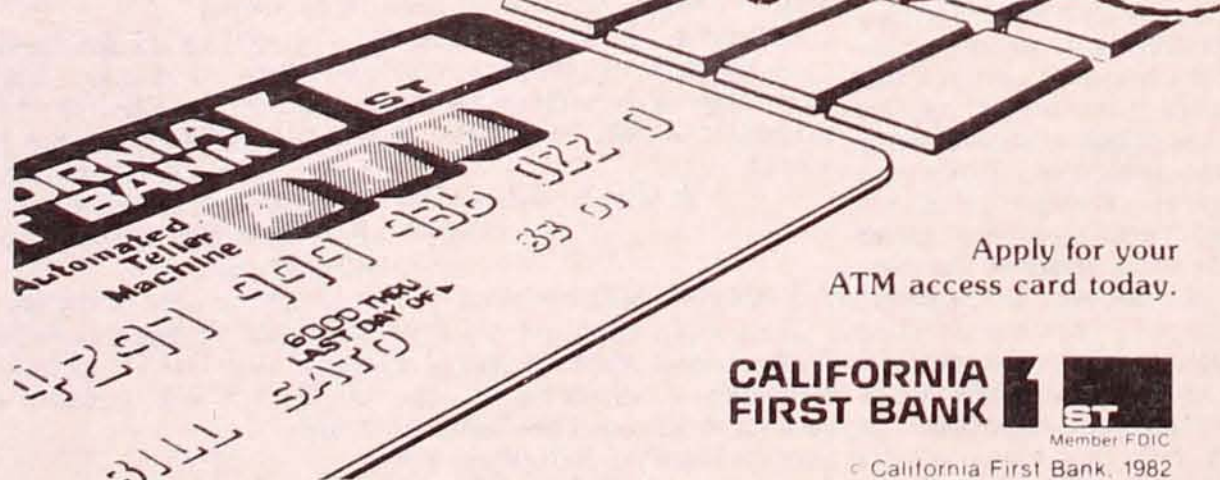
NEW YORK—Loni Ding's "Nisei Soldier: Standard Bearer for an Exiled People" will air Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 10:30 p.m. over most PBS stations, announced WNET. KCET in Los Angeles has scheduled the half-hour documentary for Friday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 p.m.

Arigato, Kamai

Having suffered a third breakdown in equipment over the past three months, the Pacific Citizen expresses heartfelt thanks to George Yoshinaga and Ray Yamaguchi of the Kashu Mainichi for typesetting a number of articles on the Kashu's equipment.

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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 Convention. In particular, the author chose to slander Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition.

Masugi sees "hatred...at the heart of rainbow racism," and claims that Jackson expounds we "become equal by getting even." As one who has worked in the Rainbow Coalition since January of this year and who attended the DNC as a volunteer staffperson 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 political 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 Gentleman's Agreement of 1907, the Alien Land Law of 1913, the Asian Exclusion Act of 1924, and, of course, Executive Order 9066 in 1942. And it continued through the 1960s and 1970s as many cities tried to "redevelop" our Nihon-machis out of our control and even out of existence.

History shows it is the U.S. government that has treated us as a class of 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 J-town. It was Jackson who spoke out most eloquently and forcefully against the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, an immigration reform bill full of discriminatory and racist provisions. Jackson also expressed the clearest support and understanding of redress.

The Rainbow Coalition is not concerned with "getting even" with anyone; we are concerned with achieving justice for everyone. This message of "Justice at Home and Peace Abroad" was evident to virtually all the delegates I met in San Francisco, no matter which candidate they favored. That Masugi missed this speaks poorly for both his judgement and his objectivity. His letter is best described in his own words: "a frightening example of ignorance and demagoguery."

STAN SHIKUMA
Seattle

Laws of behavior

I am writing in reply to the article by Barry Saiki (Sept. 14 PC) titled "Japan Experts."

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 "truly understand" Japan in general or any specific aspect thereof ("Japanese economic, political or social structures") only if he completely immerses himself in the Japanese culture. Thus, one can only understand Japan and the Japanese by "tur-



ning Japanese" and thus earned the right to be called "Japan Experts."

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 their extended experience in Japan. Mr. Saiki points out that knowledge of Japan can be acquired via secondary sources (e.g. academic), but this knowledge "needs to be verified by actual experience." At the same time, Mr. Saiki also points out that a foreigner's impressions will be constrained because they "are formed from what he can glean within his small circle of associates."

How, then, does a "foreigner" ever become Japanese? Mr. Saiki seems to think one or two years of living in Japan will help in acquiring this so-called gut understanding and becoming a "Japan Expert."

Generalizations Possible

The point I want to make is that knowledge need not solely rest in personal, temporal experience as Mr. Saiki implies. For example, in the world of science (physical, biological, engineering, or social) the basic assumption is there exist general "laws" of behavior. 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 to 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 to 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 uncover "generalizations" of 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 looking at tea leaves in the bottom of a cup when (for instance) predicting the outcome of elections.

Again, there is the belief that there exist general laws of social behavior which span different contexts. Thus, what we learn 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 failures in the social sciences. Yet, there were also many failures (technically and conceptually) in the physical sciences. Despite these failures our 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 rather than trying 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 human experience, the search 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 recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. As the sponsor of the resolution, I know the Conference of Mayors endorsement will help in efforts to

adopt redress legislation at the federal level.

I'm 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 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 Coalition on Redress have provided me with briefing papers and other information needed to present the case for redress.

I will be giving JACL a list of human policy development committee and NLC executive board members. I urge JACL members and Pacific Citizen readers to call their councilmembers 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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VIGILANT—Kris Ikejiri (right), attorney with the Dept. of Agriculture and Washington D.C. JACL chapter president, receives 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 gerontologizing the Nikkei community. The committee recognizes that the Nikkei 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 astute 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 about.

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 since our budget was not very large and the Oscar-winning cinematographer believed in the project so strongly that he was going to donate his professional expertise to JACL. 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 assistance from Ron Wakabayashi and Lia Shigemura, the committee began a search for a second filmmaker. After deliberate screening and interviews, we selected Emiko Omori to complete what Henry Ushijima had started. By this time, with expenses having cut gradually into the budget over the previous year, Ms. Omori had only \$10,000 to complete the project. Yet, the dedication and commitment of the JACL staff, volunteers and Ms. Omori rose above the restrictive circumstances 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 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 certain individuals for efforts beyond the call of duty in helping to make the video a truly significant contribution to the betterment of Nikkei lives. Emiko Omori has proven through past achievements her excellence in filmmaking, and the completed video highlights her talents as a cinematographer who evokes emotion and caring about an issue which is still "unspeakable" in many Nikkei families.

She was outstanding in the plan-

Spiritual and Social Growth

Dr. Roy I. Sano, first Nisei and second Asian American to be elected a bishop of the United Methodist Church, took office on Sept. 1 as head of the Rocky Mountain and the Yellowstone Conferences of his church. In this assignment he will be serving 110,000 Methodists in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

Dr. Sano, born in California's Imperial Valley, was elected bishop by the Western Jurisdiction meeting in Boise, Idaho, last July. At the same meeting a Black woman and a Hispano also were elected bishops, a lifetime position. The first Asian American elected to the office was Wilbur W.Y. Choy of San Francisco.

In one of his first official acts, Bishop Sano at the invitation of the Rev. Hidemi Ito preached the sermon on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Simpson United Methodist Church, an integrated but primarily Japanese American congregation in the Denver community.

The Rev. Mr. Ito, who does an excellent job of expressing himself in English even though Japanese is his native language, invited me to attend the services. Bishop Sano's message was brief but revealing. Change is part of life, he said in essence, and in the church as in other aspects of our world, new

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



forms of life are not sacrilege. In other words, he seemed to be expressing his belief in a dynamic church, adjusting to the changing needs of contemporary times.

How well this philosophy will sit with Methodists in this region, I do not know. But it is certain that the states in which Bishop Sano has jurisdiction is a dynamic region combining traditional frontier vigor with booming growth. That the Western Jurisdiction named ministers from minority backgrounds to fill its three vacancies speaks well for its willingness to depart from hidebound tradition.

In any event, the choice of a Nisei to help meet the spiritual needs of a major Christian denomination in a vast region where Asians are a small minority is a significant demonstration of change. Obviously Bishop Sano was chosen on the basis of his record of leadership and promise of future growth,

not because of his racial background.

The church has come a long way since the earliest immigrants from Japan were shunted off to missions ministering to the needs of Chinese immigrants simply because it was convenient since both happened to be Asians, never mind their cultural differences.

One wonders how the course of Issei Americanization would have been altered if the good people concerned about their spiritual well-being had been equally concerned about their social integration. Later, Japanese American churches were placed in a segregated conference of their own, and while that may have been comfortable, it didn't do much for integration.

The change that Bishop Sano will help shape is well on its way. His four-year appointment to this area, which is subject to extension, will be an interesting and challenging time from both spiritual and sociological points of view.

We wish Bishop Sano well in his endeavors which will mean so much to the future of his church and the people of this region. The Methodists deserve congratulations for their willingness not only to accept change, but to bring it about when it is due.

ning, preparation, filming, editing and post-production phases of the project and we owe her a great deal of thanks. Lia Shigemura, program director at Headquarters, worked very closely with Ms. Omori during the course of the project and was also instrumental in the completion of the video. She gave of her personal time and energy to ensure the flow of the project, and the video could not have been completed without her expertise in grantsmanship. Post-production costs were not available in the budget but Ms. Shigemura was able to secure a small grant from the Zellerbach 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 contributions. In addition, Mr. Kazama secured funding from the Seattle-King County Division on Aging to print the promotional flyers which will be distributed to local area agencies on aging and to Nikkei community groups. Last, we would like to express our appreciation to Miki Himeno, current vice president for planning, for continuous support throughout the biennium and for her dedication and commitment to the video project. She fought strongly for us at National Board meetings and made it possible for us to reach our goals.

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 Nikkei community. As we have acknowledged, the issue of aging and retirement is a touchy subject but an issue which must be discussed amongst Nikkei. This phenomenon is analogous to suppressing discussion about the internment experience and we must work to alleviate the anxieties associated 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 in 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 Nikkei retirement community (like Leisure World) which would incorporate a continuum-of-care concept for members.

All these program ideas can serve JACL but they cannot be actualized without funding support directly from JACL general funds. The video project became a reality because we asked JACL mem-

bers 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 funding from the general funds for the aging and retirement committee to address the changing needs of its membership.

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 amongst the JACL 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.

Hoosier aids Asian refugees in adjusting

INDIANAPOLIS—Ellen Tamaki Stevens, a Hoosier JACLer who has moved to Los Angeles with her family in July, is remembered for her work here with Asian refugees adjust to their new culture in the U.S. and feels that JACL can expand its boundaries likewise.

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

Individual Dignity

Recently, a special hearing of the California State 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 and media 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 superintendents of various close-by school districts and deans of colleges and people from the media, I thought of not only the tremendous responsibility the educational institutions had but also of the tremendous potential it had in relieving much of the inter-group tensions that have developed throughout this country.

Many of the speakers before me cited incidents of violence towards Asian/Pacific students on campus, and I thought, without repeating what was already said, I would also speak to that issue.

I wished to bring to the attention of the council three organizations (which I am connected with) that could be of assistance to the council in reaching its goals.

From
PACIFIC
SOUTHWEST:
by
John Saito



Without specifically mentioning the ethnic concerns committee I stated that JACL, a 55-year-old national educational, human and civil rights organization which believes in the dignity of the individual (the theme of the committee), stands ready to assist the council. Second, at the state level the Attorney General's Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence Commission is monitoring incidents of violence towards Asian/Pacifics. Third, at the local level the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission has historically been concerned with the welfare of all its people.

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.

Tule Lake Pilgrimage

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 that the student was accepted by a university, could show proof of financial independence and was cleared by the FBI.

Fortunately my sister and I were able to attend the University of Colorado and we were consequently joined by my father and sisters from Topaz Camp.

For 40 years, I had been asked in which camp I was interned, but could only reply in the negative. When approached by Jim Kajiwara and other former Tule Lake internees to attend this year's pilgrimage, I figured it would be a futile weekend to see a few barracks buildings, fences, towers and possibly a few graves.

I was in for a surprise. Attending were only five Issei, about 30 Nisei and over 180 others who had never been incarcerated. To my amazement only about one-half were Sansei and Yonsei. The other half were Caucasians, Chicanos, Chinese, Pilipino, Korean and Polynesians.

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 fiasco in our democratic country. It showed the need for support of the redress and reparations movement now pending in Washington, D.C.

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 chow excellent, accommodations comfort-

able, 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 a.m. at Japanese American Assn. offices, 7 West 44th St. (between 5th and 6th Aves.), on the 6th 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 Kometani, (201) 356-5484, with a count of persons attending the meeting and dinner.

For the Record

In David Nakayama's column (Sept. 21 PC), Robert Matsui was erroneously identified as "emcee" of Sansei Live! The honorary co-chair of the fund-raiser for San Francisco's Kimochi Home is an "M.C."—or Member of Congress.

Letters

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Pride demands redress

We, the undersigned, take exception to the testimony presented before the House Judiciary Subcommittee by the Nisei Farmers League President Harry Kubo, as reported in the July 20 issue of the Pacific Citizen.

Mr. Kubo is certainly entitled to his objection to individual redress payments. However, it is also our right to disagree strongly with his statement that "individual per capita compensation runs counter to the basic philosophy of the Issei. Such an act will not and could not be accepted by most of the Issei and their offspring, the Nisei, without the feeling of disgrace—that they are in some way being bought off."

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 right the wrong inflicted upon the Issei and Nisei regardless of whether they are living or not. In view of the government's precedent-setting fiscal programs rectifying injustices committed against Blacks, Native American Indians, and most recently against Vietnam protestors, why shouldn't we Japanese Americans receive the same? Why should we be singled out with just an apology? Would this not be another example of inequality?

Mr. Kubo places much emphasis on the basic cultural philosophy and ethnic pride of the Issei and Nisei, and he intimates that Nisei destiny is tied in perpetuity 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 come to a point where we must think and act for ourselves. It is our opinion that our forebears would be proud of our resolve to correct this grave injustice by fighting for monetary redress. We do not believe they would attach a "feeling of disgrace" to individual redress payments. Quite the contrary, it would be a matter of honor.

After reading John Tateishi's *And Justice For All*, a graphic

oral history of the tragic experiences suffered by the internees, we cannot agree with Mr. Kubo's premise that mere admission and acknowledgement by the government of this injustice "would comfort [our parents] greatly that this episode in their life is to be placed emphatically in the annals of American history."

We would welcome comments of other internees on this subject.

M/M Steve Azuma, M/M Richard Fujiye, Gene Hayashi, Dr/M Victor Izui, M/M Jim Kawakami, M/M Mits Kodama, M/M Jiro Kusumoto, Masao Menda, M/M Rito Nakai, M/M Richard Nomura,

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CHICAGO

Whereabouts

Morita Matsuda, who graduated from the Journalism School at the Univ. of Missouri in 1936, had a classmate, Al Baum, now of Bridgeport, Ct. They lost touch with each other when Baum left

New York, where he had worked for the United Press and Matsuda had worked for a Japanese American newspaper. Baum will be in Tokyo in October, and is trying to locate his former classmate, whom he believes returned to Japan. The Matsuda family owned a department store in Tokyo, he recalls, and an uncle was Japanese ambassador to Italy in the 1930s.

Anybody who has information that will be helpful is asked to contact Baum, at 3135 Park Ave., Fairfield, CT 06432. (203) 335-3638 or: SOL H. MARSHALL, Van Nuys, CA 91402 (318) 968-2334

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Little-known story of Alaska Issei

ANCHORAGE—Among the little-known stories of the Nikkei experience during WW2 is the evacuation of 220 Japanese Americans from the territory of Alaska to internment camps in the Lower 48.

According to researcher Ronald Inouye, a Colorado-born Sansei now residing in Fairbanks, the Alaskan Nikkei fell into two main categories: those who settled into towns where other Japanese resided, such as Juneau, Ketchikan, and Petersburg, and established an identifiable Japanese community; and those who settled into more isolated towns, such as Bethel, Kotzebue, Tanana, Valdez, and Tenakee, married Alaskan Native women, and lived more 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," Inouye said at the Aug. 29 Senate subcommittee redress hearing held in Anchorage. "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 Bealeal, born to a Japanese father and a Tlingit mother, personally experienced the kind of separation Inouye spoke of. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, her father, George Miyasato, was picked up by his friend, Wrangell police chief Jimmy Nolan.

"Jimmy was just doing his job," Bealeal 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 internees maintained railroad tracks. His 16-year-old son accompanied him; male children 16 or over were interned even if they were of mixed blood.

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

Staying in Alaska meant hardships as well, for the family was despised as enemy Japanese. "There was so much prejudice against us during those years,"

Bealeal recalled. "We felt more prejudice from other Indians than from anyone else."

After-Effects

When Bealeal's father returned to Wrangell, "We went down to the dock to meet his boat, and I remember grabbing him by the legs. I was so happy to see him." But her parents divorced three years later. "Our whole life would have been different if my dad hadn't been taken away. I'm sure my mom and dad's divorce had a lot to do with the war. My mom had to get along without him for four years. Things just weren't the same when he came back."

Bealeal testified at the Senate hearing on behalf of her father, who suffers from the effects of a heart attack and a stroke. A supporter of redress, she says, "The money's not enough, and it won't cure the emotional scars, but it's what it means that's important. My dad's 85 now. He has it coming to him."

Inouye, who has interviewed several people whose Issei fathers were evacuated, found that many evacuees' wives became destitute in their husbands' absence. Those who were illiterate and unaware of property ownership and other legal matters were easily taken advantage of. Many of the children were placed in foster homes or boarding schools because their mothers could not care for them. As a result, Inouye found, many mothers were driven to alcoholism.

"It is my contention," he said, "that war evacuation affected not only the men who were interned, but even as significantly their unevacuated wives and children, who now live different lives because of the internment." He urged that they be included in the redress legislation.

From One Camp to Another

Amelia Kito, who is also of Japanese-Tlingit parentage, testified from the perspective of a former internee. Her Issei husband, Sam, had just gotten a raise as a cannery foreman when he was placed in the Petersburg jail. He and other Issei men were then taken to Annette Island near Ketchikan, Ft. Richardson near Anchorage, a detention center in Texas, and finally Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Meanwhile, Amelia, along with two sons and a daughter, was sent to Camp Harmony in Puyallup, Washington, where she gave birth to a third son. She and the children were reunited with Sam after they were sent to the Minidoka, Idaho camp.

They returned to Alaska after

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Chapter Pulse

San Benito County

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — Next year marks the golden anniversary of the San Benito County JACL. To commemorate the event, the board has voted to invite to the county the former Japanese residents who lived in the area before WW2. 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 San Benito JACL Reunion, P.O. Box 1153, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045; or by calling Frank Nishita, 623-4754 during business hours.

West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Ray Uchiyama has announced that 19 golfers have signed up for the golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Riverside Golf Course.

The bridge tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at El Paseo Community Center, Saratoga and Campbell Aves.

Entry fee is \$3.50.

Twenty reservations have been made for West Valley JACLers to see "Once Is Never Enough," the sequel to "Yellow Fever," presented by Asian American Theater Company, Saturday, Oct. 20. Cost for the San Francisco play is \$7.50. For reservations, call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191, or 988-2200 ext. 1681.

New England

WESTON, Mass.—Chapter members gather at the home of Emiko Nishino, 281 Country Dr., for the election of officers and a potluck supper, Sunday, Oct. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m. Contacts: May Takayanagi, 244-7426 (eves); Emiko Nishino for directions, 894-7447 (eves).

Washington, D.C.

BETHESDA, Md.—Aki-no-Ichi, a popular bazaar offering Japanese food, arts and crafts, and music, takes place at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Sunday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Ben Obata, (703) 941-7467.

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 2116, is keynote speaker for the district banquet Oct. 13. The Mountain Plains District Council meets Oct. 12-13 at the Classic Hotel, 6815 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.

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Fresno A.L.L.—Opening of Go For Broke/MIS/Ansel Adams exhibit, Metro Mus

• OCT 7 (Sunday)

Monterey Peninsula—JACL-Issei Kai luncheon.

LITTLE TOKYO LIFE (No. 36)

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 and Hollywood in the '20s 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 Blvd. bus when I saw the brunette actress, the late Sue Carroll, passing by in her open car—as was the fashion for movie stars then. The actresses had chauffeurs while the actors like Clark Gable (I saw him once, too) did their own driving to and from the studios.

I don't think I was that crazy about Hollywood stars. The only autographed picture I ever possessed came from Ralph Bellamy. The only star I ever wanted to meet was Jackie Coogan—about 10 years after he appeared with Charlie Chaplin in "The Kids."

The small-town yokel in me never waned after moving from Riverside to Hollywood. I would often join the crowd watching the stars arrive in their limousines at Grauman's Chinese Theater premieres—when I should have been doing something more useful—like doing my school homework. On another occasion, the opening night of "Hell's Angels," starring Jean Harlow, I was chasing silk parachutes released by a plane overhead Hollywood while searchlights criss-crossed the sky. I got a piece of one as it was descending on Hollywood Hills. About a dozen kids made a grab for the same chute and tore it to bits.

In the mid-1920s, I was the new kid in the neighborhood. The Japanese in "movie" Hollywood were clustered in the Cahuenga Ave. area. (The other "Hollywood" was the Virgil area, as it's called today.) I never did know how many Nihon-jins were living in Hollywood during the Depression years. But those Hollywood Japanese picnics, held at such places at Brighton Beach (Terminal Island), drew a good-size crowd.

The Japanese school then was located below Sunset Blvd. (1423 Ivar). About 50 - 60 kids attended classes after regular school. Some were bussed in on Gakuen Model T. Looking at the old roll-photos of the students in front of the wooden green school house, one would think we had an unusually large number of twins. Pictures do lie, however, as the twin effect was created by smarties posing on one side, then dashing behind the camera panning slowly across to get in the photo on the other side. One "twin" I see is Henry Watanabe, who followed his father into the insurance business.

Gordon Street, where we lived, had several Japanese residents. Warner Bros. Studio was to the east on Sunset. To the south, Paramount was (still is) on the other side of the Hollywood Cemetery. An actors' school on the street went up in flames one night. In middle of the block was the Fujioka family—four boys and four girls. Their father, Shiro Fujioka, was editor of the Rafu Shimpō. While the youngest Teddy became a WW2 casualty, a Fujioka family reunion today should be enough to fill several buses. Up the street was the Yamaoka family. George became

a distinguished New York lawyer; Iris, a movie star, had Chinese roles, and I think she appeared with Sojin Kamiyama, who was my favorite inscrutable Oriental. Down the street was the Kaihatsu family who operated a costume shop on Santa Monica Blvd.

Owner of cottages on the street was a black family, the McLinns. Their son Cecil chauffeured for a time for Janet Gaynor, the first woman to win an Oscar. For a while, a handsome Chinese American dancer lived in one of the tiny McLinn cottages. He later teamed up with Dorothy Takahashi (a Maryknoll School classmate of mine—H.H.) and became well-known as the Toy & Wing dance team.

In the '20s, John Aiso had become a legendary figure scholastically at Hollywood High. Another bright one was Togo Tanaka—then not much over 4 ft. 6—probably the smallest kid in school. He must have been at least six years younger but he graduated in 1931, a year before I did. Togo edited sports for the school paper and a slightly bandy-legged all-around athlete, named Shig Teraji, received a lot of coverage. Teraji was a slick ball carrier and passer in football, ran the hurdles and played third-base on the city championship team. Teraji, who was wounded in action, received the Silver Star in WW2.

My Hollywood days was a rich period for ethnic humor—and no fuss about it. Jewish humor was a treat in homeroom at LeConte Jr. High as a Jewish kid read a chapter a day from Milt Gross' "Nize Baby." On radio each night were "Frank Watanabe and Honorable Archie" and "Amos 'n Andy." Even the Rafu Shimpō Sunday tabloid had a humor column, "Kichizaemon," in broken English. Whoever wrote 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." Corduroy balloon pants with 25-inch cuffs was the rage for fellows at one time, to be followed by Spanish-style cords, then the bell-bottoms. The Harold Teen comic strip in the L.A. Times seem 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 hakujin 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 group. Years later, when the church moved into a larger complex complete with gym, 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 good place in which to live.

To Mas Manbo: Our 1931 directory contains some 200 Japanese families in the Hollywood area. CRestview, GLadstone, GRanite, HEmpstead, HOLlywood, NORmandy, OLYmpia, OREGon and OXFord 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, Rep. Norman Mineta emphasized the importance of perseverance in the campaign for redress. His remarks follow.

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 impressively named "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 not as rhetorical 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 those 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 sometime to come. In its most basic and familiar form, it surfaces as the failure of a few Americans to dis-

tinguish us, their fellow citizens, from Japanese nationals. I get absolutely furious, for example, when well-meaning but thoughtless people come up to me after a speech and tell me how well spoken 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 us assume that those 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 may well be some privileged few who have access at their will to the political system, people or groups who can snap their fingers 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.

The First Amendment of our Constitution is explicit: Congress can make no law abridging the right of the people "to assemble...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, to 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 took Black Americans dozens of 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 while those less 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 schooled in.

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 going.

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 recruit, not the veteran, who thinks we 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 that we may support and cover each other.

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

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

Internment 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 everyone else, I 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 event, 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 absolutely 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 our broader concerns as well, whether they be the fight for a nuclear freeze, or our efforts to clean up and protect the environment.

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PSW Goals for 1985

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ETHNIC CONCERNS—Ethnic Concerns is what JACL is about. Gary Yano has done a yeoman's work in this area. It is a high-stress endeavor because the work is confrontational. Leslie Furukawa has accomplished the preliminaries in the formation of an Ethnic Concerns Group and J.D. Hokoyama has volunteered to be the PSWD Ethnic Concerns chair. Based on J.D.'s track record with Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), JACL Scholarship, and other involvements, I am sure that J.D. will do an outstanding job. We want to develop a MODEL Ethnic Concerns Group in PSWD.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT—PSWD chapters including South Bay and West L.A. have active youth JACL groups and programs but PSWD has not immersed itself deeply in this important area. From the perspective of an over-50 person, I see two age ranges of youth: The high school through college graduates, nominally 16 to 22, and those just entering to having settled in a profession and having started a family, nominally 23 to 35. The activities of interest would vary greatly between the two as well as within among each group. In concert with the National Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee, the PSWD should initiate a youth development program soon.

LIAISON WITH THE CHAPTERS—Increased communication between the PSWD board and PSWD chapters is desirable and useful. Ken Inouye, PSWD treasurer and Selanoco Chapter president, is developing a district-chapter liaison plan.

One thought is to arrange for PSWD board members to visit chapter board meetings, on invitation, to receive suggestions, concerns, and inputs. In this way, the district board members will be better informed about chapter concerns, can pass on information to the chapter about what the PSWD board is planning and doing, and pass on information obtained from other chapters that effected a resolution to similar concerns and problems. The board representative's primary role is to listen to chapter inputs and not expound on how chapters should do things, unless asked.

ACCOLADES—In one short year, the National JACL has seen an outstanding Women's Concerns Group become established under the capable chair, Irene Hirano. This group, in preparation for the national convention, developed a program comprising a comedy

skit, "A Typical JACL Board Meeting," and a panel discussion with Tritia Toyota, KNBC news anchorperson, author Akemi Kikumura, and President Floyd Shimomura participating at the PSWD quarterly meeting. Recognizing that PSWD was benefitting because the Women's Concerns Committee was developed in PSWD, the board has provided over one-third of the operational budget for the committee. The Women's Concern Committee has published a series of articles in the PC, topped with a 4-page insert, and at the national convention hosted a "meet the candidates" breakfast, conducted a workshop, and hosted an afternoon get-together to meet illustrious women in varied occupational endeavors.

The Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter, formed in 1983 under the enthusiastic leadership of Midori Watanabe and friends, added over 200 members to JACL, donated \$865 to the redress fund although they were not assessed because they were not yet formed in 1983, was among the early chapters to donate the full redress pledge for FY84, and hosted the first National JACL Singles Convention on 1984. What more could you do, Greater Los Angeles Singles?

Redress Activities

The PSWD Redress Committee under the effective leadership of George Ogawa, South Bay Chapter, has really gotten into active solicitation of organizational support and endorsements. The PSWD held its first community redress event (Sept. 22) with George Kodama, Marina Chapter; Midori Watanabe, Greater Los Angeles Singles; and Phil Shigekuni, San Fernando Valley Chapter making major efforts in support of George Ogawa to sponsor this event. The participants included Congressman Norman Mineta, HR4110 advocate; Bert Nakano, spokesperson for National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Joyce Okinaka, National Council for Japanese American Redress; Lorraine Bannai, coram nobis legal defense team; and John Tateishi, JACL Redress Director. The PSWD has worked together with NCRR to sponsor the "Day of Remembrance" events in the Los Angeles area in 1983 and 1984.

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the war. Her husband, who had lived in the U.S. since 1918, became a naturalized citizen in 1953. Their son Harry, the one born in camp, was killed in Vietnam in 1967.

Needless Deaths

William Kimura's immigrant parents were Alaska residents since 1916. After Pearl Harbor, his father Yusuke was arrested by the FBI and held at Ft. Richardson. Ironically, Kimura's brother George was serving in the Army and was stationed at Ft. Richardson as a guard. Like the other Alaskan Issei, Yusuke ended up in New Mexico.

At the time of the evacuation, Kimura said, "our family owned Snow White Laundry and a restaurant and the property on which it stood. My parents leased out their property as soon as possible... to an Anchorage attorney and a supposed 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 toilets under guard. My brothers' wives, Yuki and Kazue, were both pregnant at this time. They received no medical attention.

"Later, Yuki gave birth to twin stillborn daughters in Puyallup. Kazue gave birth to a handicapped child in the internment camp at Hunt, Idaho. This child died five years later."

Another victim of the evacuation, Kimura testified, was "Mr.

Minano of Hope, Alaska, age 72 years old, 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 us no money to travel home. Our family came back to Anchorage financially broke. The money from our leased properties, in care of the attorney, disappeared. And the taxes had not been paid. My parents, ages 55 and 65, had to start all over again."

A Neglected History

Because of the relatively small number of people involved, Inouye fears that the Alaskan Nikkei experience could be overlooked in the study of the internment of West Coast JAs. He therefore recommends that Alaskan internees be represented on the board of the bill's proposed public education fund and that there be a permanent exhibit on the Alaskan evacuation in the Smithsonian and the Alaska State Museum.

Inouye was disappointed that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians did not mention Alaskan Nikkei in its report, "Personal Justice Denied," even though hearings were held in Alaska in 1981. The primary 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 oversight was acknowledged when the Commission issued its recommendations—albeit in a footnote on page 2.

HEARING

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

American education must also deal with the shift of the U.S. economic base from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Asian Pacific Americans can play a significant role in the future, Suzuki said.

John Saito, JACL regional director, made his impact at the hearing through the many resources he represented. He stated that although 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 Attorney General Van de Kamp's

U.S.-Japan journalists meet for seminar

HONOLULU—Japanese journalists visiting the U.S. are amazed by the amount of food Americans eat, confused by sales taxes and the tipping custom. They were impressed with "strong powerful" women working side by side with men on assembly lines on the mid-night shift.

The 11 media members joined 10 American writers, editors and broadcast managers who recently observed Japanese lifestyle, and their customs during an East-West 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 persons to speak were Kim Miyori, 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 consequence 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 person viewing TV for 6½ hours per day, exposed to violence, inaccuracies and insensitivities.

Dr. Jack Fujimoto, president of West Los Angeles College, stressed three points: commitment, credibility, and caring by the council that schools strive to address these issues.

Lily Chen, mayor of Monterey Park, suggested that schools take a more active part in integrating students rather than isolating them from one another, and urged educational excellence and equity for Asians.

Managing the hearings at the state department was Dr. Elena Wong. Local coordinator was J.D. Hokoyama.

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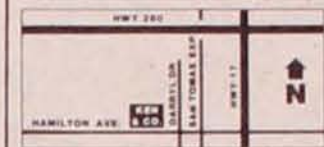
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