Legal and medical costs mount

Ordeal of refugee family continues

by Helen Y. Zia

DETROIT—The incidents of racial violence and harassment against Vietnamese refugee Kiet Tien, 23, and now, the involvement of the criminal justice system, continue to take their toll on Tien and his family. In January, Tien, his brother Quang, 17, and one of the three men who allegedly started a fight last Christmas day with the Tien brothers, were charged with creating a public disturbance. The Tien pleaded not guilty at their arraignment in Eaton County Circuit Court. The two have requested a jury trial and a court-appointed attorney.

Meanwhile Tien’s wife, Christina, who was pregnant when the latest round of racial incidents occurred, developed toxemia and delivered their daughter two months premature—only one week after she had to testify in court during the preliminary hearings against the four white men (different from the other three) who attacked the Tien household Jan. 1. In that incident, the four men told Mrs. Tien that they wanted “to speak to her Chinese husband and any other Chinks in the house.” Mrs. Tien is Caucasian; Tien is ethnic Chinese. Then the attackers broke windows and damaged the house the Tien family has been renting. The four face separate trials for breaking and entering with intent to commit murder.

Tien, who arrived in the small Michigan town of Grand Ledge in 1981, has traced a history of harassment beginning in 1982, from habitual racial taunting and incidents such as spitting at Tien by other high school students, to frequent threats of physical violence. School officials took no action, though they were aware of the incidents.

The threats culminated in violent confrontation for the Tien family. Their car windows have been broken and their tires slashed. The incident for which the Tien brothers have been charged occurred on Dec. 25, when three white men racially harassed Tien and his brother Quang, 17, at the gas station where they worked; that incident ended in a fight, and one of the three men required stitches for a cut.

Homelessness

But other problems stemming from the racial harassment also confront the Tien family. Besides the fragile health of their premature baby and the attendant medical costs, the Tien family have been unable to live in their home because the landlord refuses to make repairs, claiming that the racial attack is “their problem.” And now with the charges against Kiet and Quong Tien, the family must participate in at least five different legal cases.

Asian American groups in Michigan have been working with the Tien family and other government officials to try to assist the family. The Asian American Assembly for Justice, an Asian American civil rights group that was founded after the Vincent Chin case, the Asian American Citizens’ Alliance, and the Asian Pacific American Council of East Lansing have been monitoring the situation and helping the Tien family prepare for the trials. There is some concern, however, that a backlash toward Asians may develop in this predominantly white area of small towns.

Airport melee, house arrest greet Kim on return to S. Korea

SEOUL—Opposition leader Kim Dae Jung, returning to South Korea after two years of exile in the U.S., was forcibly separated from the Americans accompanying him by policemen and placed under house arrest after his arrival at Kimpo Airport on Feb. 2. U.S. officials have protested the manhandling of Kim and of Reps. Edward Feighan (D-Ohio) and Thomas Foglietta (D-Pa.), Robert White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, and Patricia Dean, assistant secretary of state for human rights under President Carter. White and Feighan reported being flung to the ground as Kim was forced into an elevator.

Two Korean Americans, Chang Hak Cho of Garden City, N.Y., and Sun Kuen Song of San Francisco, were reportedly hospitalized as a result of the scuffle.

A delegation of 22 Americans who had accompanied Kim to help insure his safety, fearing that he might meet the same fate as Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino, who was shot dead upon returning to Manila in 1983 after living in exile in the U.S. and Europe, said they were roughed up were outraged not only at the actions of the Korean police, which Derian called “buggery at its height,” but also at U.S. Ambassador Richard Walker, who seemed to, in White’s words, “defend or explain away the indefensible attitude of the South Korean government.”

By comparison, Kim seemed to take the rough treatment in stride. “I’m not sure if I was beaten or not. The situation was very much confused,” he said later. “I have been
Capital fund for center hits $1.5 million

SAN FRANCISCO — Targeting the start of construction for this month, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCC) recently announced major gifts that bring its capital funds total to just under $1.5 million.

Among the gifts were $10,000 and $30,000 grants from the Jett Foundation and the BankAmerica Foundation, respectively, as well as substantial contributions from the Japanese business community, including a $20,000 pledge from Otagiri Mercantile Co. (Illustrated is the presentation of the first payment on the Otagiri pledge).

The San Francisco board of supervisors earlier approved a $1.57 million block grant for 1986 to be administered by the Mayor’s Office of Community Development.

To finalize the construction loan, campaign volunteers have been seeking individual guarantees from JCCCC directors and trustees and other longtime supporters.

Pilipino Methodists charge bias

SAN FRANCISCO—Celebrating a decade of life for their church here Jan. 31-Feb. 2, United Methodist Asian Americans ran into heavy seas while making a change in their course.

The nearly 200 persons from across the nation called for an apology from the denomination’s Good News movement to Bishop Roy I. Sano of Denver. Other resolutions urged action on the resurgence of racially motivated violence against Asians in the United States, addressed human and political rights, and honored a caucus executive director, who leaves that post this summer.

The change to a new governing structure for the caucus was accompanied by charges of “steamroller tactics” by one sub-caucus to the detriment of others.

The sharp debate and biting charges arose when a nominating committee brought in its recommendations for the 13 seats on the board to be filled by the delegates to this first assembly of Asian American United Methodists.

Nominated for these at-large seats were five Koreans, three Japanese, two Chinese, and one each from the Pilipino, Formosan and Southern Asia groups. Added to the 14 board members elected by the ethnic sub-caucuses and jurisdictions, the 27 board members comprised nine Koreans, five Japanese, four Chinese, three Filipinos, two Formosans and two Southern Asians, with two additional members to be named later.

Pilipino delegates quickly took to the floor to point out that the 15 at-large seats included three Korean and no Pilipino clergy, only one Pilipino among all of the 13 and no representative from the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Rev. Peter Sun of Bethesda, Md., who chaired the nominating committee, responded that the panel had done its best to achieve a balanced membership.

Body of orphan found

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—The body of Jean Har-Kar-Fewel, 8, a native of Hong Kong, was found hanging from a tree limb near the University of North Carolina on Jan. 30.

George Richard Fisher, 36, of Hillsborough, was arrested Feb. 3 and charged with first degree murder, kidnapping and rape. The victim, an orphan, had lived in the U.S. for a year and had been adopted by an American couple, Tom Fewel and Joy Wood.

North Carolina authorities would not say where Fisher was arrested, what evidence led to his arrest, or whether there is a connection between Fisher and the slain girl’s foster family.

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Two Asians among Oscar nominees
BEVERLY HILLS, Ca.—In what may be an Oscar first, two Asian Americans have been nominated in the best supporting actor category for the 57th annual Academy Awards—Pat Morita for his role as Miyagi, karate teacher and father figure to teenager Ralph Macchio in “The Karate Kid,” and Hsing S. Ngor, who played Dith Pran in “The Killing Fields,” a true story of life in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge.

Morita, the Nisei comedian perhaps best known for his role as Arnold in the TV series “Happy Days,” has said that this critically acclaimed “Karate Kid” role marks “the first time I’ve ever portrayed a real, full-dimensional Japanese character.” Because of the film’s popularity, a sequel is being planned.

Unlike Morita, a veteran of numerous films and TV shows, Ngor, a Cambodian doctor, had never acted before his role as a translator for New York Times reporter Sidney Schanberg (played by Sam Waterston). Like Dith Pran, Ngor was subjected to forced labor, torture, and near starvation before escaping from Cambodia. Now working as a counselor in Los Angeles and taking classes at UCLA to obtain a license to practice medicine in this country, Ngor won the Golden Globe award for best supporting actor last month.

Also in the running for the best supporting actor Oscar are Adolph Caesar for “A Soldier’s Story,” John Malkovich for “Places in the Heart,” and the late Ralph Richardson for “Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan.”

TRIBUTE TO PIONEER—Award-winning choreographer and dancer Satoru Shimazaki presents a solo tribute to Michio Ito at the Japan America Theatre this weekend. See Calendar, page 12, for details.

Help available for discrimination victims
LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific American Legal Center of S. California and Asian Pacific American Legal Defense and Education Fund have launched a joint project on employment discrimination.

Free counseling and legal services are offered at the legal center for Asian Pacific Americans who face discrimination in employment. This project is the first of its kind in the greater Los Angeles area.

Project attorneys are especially interested in investigating class action cases.

JAL buys 50th Boeing jumbo jet
EVERETT, Wash.—Japan Airlines took delivery Feb. 4 of its 50th jumbo jet—a Boeing 747—in ceremonies inside the assembly lines.

JAL, the Japanese airline, is the first airline to purchase 50 jumbo jets, having an Asian studies program which supports the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL); a collection of oil paintings by Nikkei painter Roger Shimomura; and an exhibit of 50 Asian Adams photos of Manzanar.

The fourth section will be developed jointly by JACL and Balch and Bingham from films and items loaned or donated by local Nikkeis.

Prominent Nikkei artists Mine Okubo and Henry Sugimoto, both of New York City, will display their paintings and drawings of the evacuation and camp life.

The exhibit documents immigration in the early 1900s to Hawaii and the West Coast, the evacuation and internment, and relocation to the Philippines-Seattle area. It also includes a section on the Supreme Court cases of Minoru Yasui, Gordon A. Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, and Mitsuye Endo.

A Los Angeles attorney, the project is the ment, failure to promote, harassment, age discrimination, sex discrimination, and 10.

The exhibit is made up of four parts. Three consist of traveling exhibits: “Go for Broke,” an exhibit about the 442nd and an exhibit prepared by JACL; a collection of oil paintings by Nikkei painter Roger Shimomura; and an exhibit of 50 Asian Adams photos of Manzanar.

The committee is seeking volunteers to act as tour guides during June through September. JACL-Balch committee members are: Sumi Kobayashi, chair, Reiko Gaspar, Jack Ozawa, Gracey and Hiro Uyehara, George Oye, Mary Watanabe, Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook), Teresa Marcado, Chiyi Koiwai, Akira Yoshida, Louise Maehara and Nobu Miyoshi. Gail Stern, museum curator, represents Balch. Fumio Ikeda is special consultant for the exhibit.

The following persons are acting as collectors for materials loaned or donated for the exhibit: North—Akira Yoshida, Southwest—George Oye; Center City—Sumi Kobayashi, New Jersey—Glady Kamihira. "It is important that the public be made aware of the exhibit," said Sumi Kobayashi. "The exhibit committee will do its best to publicize the exhibit through the media, but it is counting heavily on word-of-mouth advertising to promote attendance.”

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Worth a Thousand Words

THERE ARE CERTAIN photos that have a profound impact upon us. For example, the devastating scene of John F. Kennedy’s blurred head lurching forward in a Dallas hospital. For the longest time I consciously avoided looking at any photographs of that revolting episode. Photographs of the Nazi storm troopers in a routine trafﬁc stop. Was while it was happening. At the very least, a whole series of troubling philosophical inquiries—religious, political, social—are triggered. I am still groggy. SCENES THAT BRING IT TO MY THROAT are those of Nisei men—in the Paciﬁc as well as the European theatre. In both instances, my spirit goes back several decades and I share their concerns, their thoughts—and I know of their determination to prove themselves, to make their parents proud even as they are conﬁned behind barbed-wire fences. And I wonder whether America will ever ﬁeld ﬁghting men as committed and valiant as these.

THE NABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER as coalitions, of networking our contacts, of getting our story out to the public. We are aware of the enormous losses incurred by our parents, and the agonies suffered by families. The internment of 1942-1946 were too long kept quiet. We need to preach the message, not so much as to erase the hurts of the past, but to make certain that it will not happen again to anyone.

THERE ARE MANY allies “out there.” There are many individuals and organizations of good will, who can help us. There are many among us who are bright, articulate and idealistic. Let’s get the message out to all of America.

Worth a Thousand Words
On the Japanese Gridiron

Even though football season is long past, San Franciscans like my friend Yone Satoda probably are still aglow over the outcome of the Super Bowl game. So it may not be inappropriate to write of football in this February column. More specifically in football in Japan where the first game was played some 50 years ago, in 1934.

According to clippings sent me by Ray Tateishi, Hawaii Nisei attending Japanese universities would gather occasionally to kick and pass footballs some of them had brought along. That led to Nisei at Meiji and Waseda organizing pickup teams which met in a "championship" game in April of 1934. It resulted in a 0-0 tie.

This inspired Prof. Paul Rusch of Rikkyo University (later on the staff of the English School and the KEEP agricultural project) to invite Nisei students to his home to discuss an American-style football league among Tokyo colleges.

That resulted in a Thanksgiving Day game Nov. 29, 1934. A Nisei college all-star outfit was one of the teams. The other represented the Yokohama Country and Athletic Club.

Yukio Kawahara, a San Francisco Nisei attending Waseda, led the Nisei to a 13-0 half-time lead. (Tateishi says he has heard Kawahara, who joined the U.S. State Dept., is retired in the Washington, D.C., area.) The final score was 26-0 for the Nisei, which is understandable when one learns the Country Clubbers were largely overweight rugby players from England, France and Belgium.

Some of this story is told in a book, "Limitless Advance," published last fall by the Japan American Football Association.

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KIM

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familiar with the Korean government for a long time. So I should be patient. Kim has survived a kidnapping, four arrests and a death sentence in his past dealings with the government.

Government spokesmen have denied that excessive force was used and accused Kim of initiating the violence by using abusive language and punching a policeman. Kim called the accusation "a lie," as did the Americans who were involved.

Ambassador Walker protested the incident but also suggested that the American delegation, escorting a Korean citizen on Korean territory, may have been interfering with Korean sovereignty. The State Dept. had earlier received assurances from Seoul that Kim's return would be "unimpeachable" and that Kim would not be jailed in exchange for announcing that South Korean president Chun Doo Hwan would visit Washington in April. The State Dept. has charged Seoul with reneging on the agreement, but does not plan to cancel Chun's visit.

Kim had hoped to be allowed to address his supporters at the airport, but the thousands who had gathered to welcome him back were barred from the airport and later dispersed by police using tear gas. Another opposition leader, Kim Young Sam, was prevented from leaving the country.

During 1984 due to periodic breakdowns of the worn out and obsolete typesetting machine, superhuman effort on the part of the staff was necessary to continue the weekly publication schedule.

Pacific Citizen is also scheduled to vacate the present facility for two reasons: PC has outgrown the present one room operation, and cannot afford the extra space at the present location.

In July 1984 the Pacific Citizen Board Chair Hank Sakai launched a $2 per member PC fund drive to raise $40,000 for the purchase of a new typesetting equipment and to meet some of the moving expenses.

PC readers have responded generously, and to date the contributions received stand at $21,450. District and chapter contributions have also been received.

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Pacific Citizen Board Chair.
Selective Outrage

In reference to the “Commentary” column of the Jan. 25 issue of PC by Stan Shikuma of the International Examiner (Seattle), I would like to make a few comments concerning what I see as “selective indignation.”

The political problems in South Africa cannot be excused. They are contradictory to our own (U.S.) political values and evolution. However, the article couched the justifications for protest in terms of general political principles such as majority rule to participate in the political process, or other civil rights. If these general principles are the motivating forces for such protest and media coverage, why are not other political systems (read governments) throughout the world, also brought to the attention of the public? Why is the concern focused only on the issue of whites suppressing blacks?

Surely there are many other countries which treat its “citizens” as poorly or worse than the South African government treats its “citizens.” Why can these countries be passed over? Surely there are many other countries which suppress blacks.

In one of these countries there is a minority which achieves a high standard of living at the “expense” of the suppressed majority. Why is the coverage of this group not made available to the reader? Surely the question: the selective political stance of these editors which expand slick amounts of emotional energy in slamming South Africa?

Is the issue of contention one of race then let the arguments be couched in such terms. These editors should not hide behind the barrier of “seizing the high moral ground” when in fact their arguments are not based on those principles. It can be derived from the arguments that those such as Stan Shikuma that it is fine for blacks (or whites suppressing whites) but is it not proper for whites (majority or minority) to suppress blacks. What can be concluded is that suppression of peoples anywhere throughout the world, does not fall it into the last category. Following this argument further, one can see that political morality is not the issue; the issue is one of race.

I would like to see those espousing such high political morals to assess other “guilty” nations as well and exert as much energy in condemning these nations as they do condemning South Africa.

MARK ISHIHATSU
Houston

What About Children?

After Bill Marutani’s addendum to his last article (Feb. 1, PC), I hope you will exercise your editorial prerogative and refuse to use “AJA” as suggested.

Concerning the use of “Nikkei,” I thought Bill Hosokawa’s last paragraph (Jan. 25 PC) made lots of sense. Incidentally, that article just begins to discuss the implications of finding a precise term where precision would require a burdensome amount of rhetoric. For example, how would you designate children of any of the following parental combinations: 1) a Nisei and a Sasebo? 2) a Nisei and a Caucasian? 3) a Nisei and a Chinese? 4) a Nisei and a Black? 5) an Nisei and a Sansei?

Also, through how many generations of racial intermarriage would you carry the identification? How do you classify one who is 1/8 white and 1/8 Nikkei? 1/2 white and 1/2 Nikkei? 1/4 white, 1/4, etc.? The term “American” is a citizenship designation, not a racial one. To use “AJA” as a racial identification ignores the already mixed racial character of Americans, many of whom are Black or Native American. In addition, it further confuses people who have never known the meaning of that abbreviation. This is the first time I ever knew anybody used it that way.

The important thing is that the reader have a reasonable understanding of what he is reading. Regardless of the origin of the term, “Nikkei” has been used often enough that most people know what it means or make a good guess from their contact with “Nisei.”

PAUL W. ELLIS
Olympia, Wash.

Is ‘Japanese American’ Demeaning, Too?

The letter of Glen Fukushima (Jan. 18 PC) concerning the use of the word “Nikkei” concerns the issue. Though the following is an oversimplification, it may help to clarify what his letter obscures.

Nikkei derives from Nihonjinkei, a word of Chinese origin. Nihonjinkei means “of Japanese lineage.” Written in Japanese with four Chinese characters, the first of these characters means sun; the last, lineage. These two characters are combined to read Nikkei.

Writing for a Japanese audience, all of whom are Nikkei, a writer might find it appropriate when introducing Nikkei in his Japanese-language article for the first time to specify to which Nikkei he refers. So he might write “Nikkei Betsu” for American Nikkei.

In the article thereafter, if he continues to refer to this same group, the modifier Betsu becomes redundant. Consequently he will simply write Nikkei, using it as a noun.

The questions whether the Japanese use Nikkei as a noun, it is now an English noun, correctly used a noun.

As for the paragraph concerning the Nihon Keizai Shimbun (Japanese Economy Newspaper), in which occurs the question “is your other friend also a Nikkei no kata?” The speaker is inquiring whether this individual is also with the Nihon Keizai Shimbun. Japanese is rich in homonyms, but if this newspaper is the subject of discussion, it is readily apparent that the question is unrelated to Japanese ancestry. The kei in Nihon Keizai Shimbun differs from the character used for the kei in Nikkei (Japanese lineage).

If Fukushima is aware of this difference, one wonders why he thinks the newspaper question is relevant to properly using Nikkei (Japanese lineage).

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A Peculiar Debate

by J.K. Yamamoto

Former senator S.I. Hayakawa's defense of the WWII internment of JAs and opposition to redress are well known to anyone who has been following the issue. Another outspoken redress critic, not as widely known but just as important in the 1970's movement to redress, was Ken Masugi, a resident fellow at the Claremont (Calif.) Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy.

Masugi seems to turn up whenever the issue is being debated—at Senate and House subcommittee hearings, in the pages of the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times, and on television—to my knowledge, most recently on a segment of the public television show “On Campus” broadcast in December on KGET-TV.

Defending the internment was Masugi; attacking it was Leo Flynn, a professor of government at Pomona College, who was the show's host, George Fenneman, whose first question was, “Why were Japanese Americans interned during World War II?”

Masugi's reply: “Well, there's something peculiar about the way you phrase the question that I think requires comment. First of all, a good third of those who were interned—and I use that word rather than 'interned'—were not American citizens. That is, this is not a case of the setting of Tatra Toyota into a camp in the interior...”

“We might more properly refer to them as people as a significant portion of whom were in fact born in the United States and therefore American citizens, and some of whom were not American citizens and by the laws of the United States could not become American citizens.”

As to the use of the term 'internment,' they were relocated, that is, ordered out of the West Coast area, and, as a result of certain policy compromises, made to stay in camps throughout most of the duration of the war. Now, people could get out of those camps—there was a policy by which... they could live outside if they had a place at a college or could find employment.”

At this point, Flynn jumped in, saying, “I think this trivializes or minimizes what almost all of the documentation indicates was an extremely trying, degrading experience.”

“Recent scholarship... points out a problem as to the extent of loyalty among ethnic Japanese.”

“He pointed out that after the initial decision to relocate, people were locked up ‘under threat of the use of deadly force’ and that “the number of persons who were released prior to late 1944 were very small.” Most people, he said, “were forced to remain in these camps, and a number of individuals were pros-ecuted for leaving the camps or attempting to leave the camps.”

“Were there really threats of sabotage?” Fenneman asked Masugi.

“Well, if you read the presiden-ially appointed commission [report], you would not think that was the case,” Masugi replied. “But in fact, recent scholarship which the commission report does not consult, such as John Steinbeck’s book 'Hawaii Under the Rising Sun,' points out a problem as to the extent of loyalty among ethnic Japanese.”

“And I don’t mean to focus on members of my own ethnic group. This is a problem throughout American history—that is, are immigrants to this country—do they have the same loyalty to it that other, more assimilated Americans have? It’s a question that reflects on all immigrant groups.”

Flynn responded, “I don’t think we have to rest on this general theory—we have specific knowledge.” He went on to state that FBI and Office of Naval Intelligence reports showed “we could identify all those individuals... who were likely to pose a threat, rather than the broad category of people who shared an ethnic background... In other words, we could have reacted to our security interests far more narrowly than we did.”

“I think that’s a far too abstract view of the matter,” retorted Masugi. “We’re looking at it from a vantage point well over 40 years later. We’re not considering the circumstances and the limited knowledge, the shock of Pearl Harbor, the total collapse of our intelligence agencies that confronted the decision-makers at that time.”

Flynn then charged that intelligence agencies had not collapsed, that the government had simply ignored the available information.

“Now, that’s certainly a standard of intelligent decision-making, especially when everyone agreed with the constitutional standards... that should have been applied here. That is, that individuals should be treated as citizens, as individuals, that any attempt to classify them should be... on the basis of known threat. You'd at least want to make some determi-nation about who... was a threat, versus people whose only charac-teristic was their ethnic back-ground.”

Godsend to Opponents

The exchange continued in this manner, with Fenneman having difficulty getting a word in edge-ways. Years ago, when Fenneman was Groucho Marx's straight man on the game show “You Bet Your Life,” none of Groucho's remarks seemed to faze him; but this time he seemed genuinely perplexed as a JA justified mass internment while a Caucasian spoke out against it.

Like Hayakawa, Masugi must be regarded as a godsend by redress opponents. What better ammunition than a Nikkei who finds the internment acceptable and who ridicules the idea of reparations? Also like Hayakawa, Masugi approaches the issue as an academic exercise, seemingly oblivious to the real people and the real suffering involved.

It is ironic that Masugi is director of Claremont's Biennial of the Constitution Project. Although he concedes that the internment was "unfair," his arguments seem to echo those of the most racist redress opponents: that in times of crisis, the Constitution can be set aside and Americans can be treated solely on the basis of their race, as were the "ethnic Japanese." An unusual interpretation of our constitutional rights, to say the least.

Retirement video available

SAN FRANCISCO—In 1984, the JACL National Aging and Retire-ment Committee produced a video entitled “A Tale of Nisei Retirement.” The video, which features Nikkei actor George Takei of “Star Trek,” was developed to bring Nisei and Sansei together to discuss the issues of retirement and pre-retirement.

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A booklet, which accompanies the video, has been written to facilitate a discussion following the screening of the video and in-cludes questions, demographic data, and relevant resource infor-mation.

In addition to generating pro-grams or on retirement for Nikkei audiences, the video can also be effective in introducing profes-sional care providers to the issues of concern to Nikkei facing retire-ment. “A Tale of Nisei Retirement” was recently presented at the national conference of the Gerontological Society of America in San Antonio by Dr. Michael Ego, past chair of the Aging and Retirement Committee. The video, which will also be screened at the Western Gerontological Assn. conference in Denver this spring.

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**Trek** star issues challenge for '80s

VENTURA, Calif. — George Takei, familiar to most Americans as Mr. Sulu in the popular television series “Star Trek,” came to the Ventura County JACL installation dinner Jan. 26 to talk about the show and the lessons it holds for the country today.

The crew of the Starship Enterprise, Takei said, comprised all the usual elements: one interdependent, but each member pulled his or her own weight. And the crew’s diversity made life on the starship vibrant and engaging.

Further, within their science fiction world, the crew dealt with issues of civil rights, the generation gap, and even the Vietnam War — issues that were “tearing the country apart,” Takei said.

Overall, the program had a “strong positives, progressive, and optimistic vision,” he said.

Bringing the discussion up to date, Takei said the problems of the 1980s can be approached in the same manner.

“Japanese Americans have paid the price,” Takei said, and now have responsibility to “make sure that this kind of wrong will not happen again to any people.”

“We must have confidence in our problem-solving capabilities and our ability to wrestle with issues and come up with solutions… I know we can overcome and in 15 years we will be dealing with new challenges appropriate to their time,” he concluded.

Harri Kajihara, Pacific Southwest District governor, congratulated the officers and board members for 1983. “Tsujio Kato was master of ceremonies — from a report by Kellogg Vance, Ventura County Star Free Press.”

**VENTURA COUNTY JACL**

Torrance — From left, are Kei Ishigami, Dr. Noriko Saito, Tom Shimazaki, Hannah Uno, Midor Watabane-Kamei, and Grace Nagamoto.

**6 chapters hold joint installation**

**LOUIS ANGELES**— Over 300 were present at Amfac Hotel on Feb. 9 to witness the swearing in of the 1985 officers of six JACL chapters—Marina, Orange County, Pasadena, Torrance, Venice-Culver and Wilshire. Municipal Judge Gary Nishimori, Marina Chapter member and past district governor, read the oath of office, which the cabinet members affirmed with “I do.”

Emcee George Kodama introduced chapter presidents and representatives from seven other chapters; East L.A., Downtown L.A. (which installed its officers the next day), San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles, Riverside (which installs its officers Feb. 21), Gardenia and Greater L.A. Singles (the latter two are holding a joint installation dinner Mar. 9).

Sapphire Pin Bestowed

Venice-Culver JACLer Fred Hoshiiyama was awarded the JACL sapphire pin, which recognizes outstanding service to the organization at the district/national level for at least 10 years.

The dinner-dance, coordinated by the Marina Chapter with Morris and Shizumi charming, featured brief remarks by the new presidents: Sam Sunada, Marina; Carrie Okacma, Orange County; Myo Senzaki, Pasadena; Cathy Higashihaka, Torrance; Greg Wood, Venice-Culver; and Tut Yata, Wilshire. The blind violinist Kengo Sakamoto rendered Schubert’s Serenade and Beethoven’s Ode to Joy from the Ninth Symphony, and there were three hours of dancing to The Music Company trio.

The ballroom sparkled with the “Puttin’ on the Ritz” motif: top hat, white glove, red carnation, cane and champagne glass displays at each table. A rowing photographer taking instant-camera pictures and a “cigarette” girl selling what turned out to be candy cigarettes, candy and flowers added to the festive atmosphere.

Old-timers remarked that the affair was reminiscent of the JACL installation dinner-dances which were in vogue in the decade after World War II.

Kodama said three chapters had hosted the joint installation last year and three more signed on this year, and he hoped three more would come next year to make the event the “top JACL social of the year.”

**MARINA JACL**

Sam Sunada, pres; Larry Taka­hashi, vp; Pat Wakiimoto, vp; Ed Goka, Loren Okuyama, treas; Bill Kanno, sec; George Kodama, memb, redress; Alma Nishii, insp; Sam Miyashiro, 1000 Club.

**ORANGE COUNTY JACL**

Carrie Okacma, pres; Ray Higa, vp; Kei Ichiki, sec; Ben Shimazu, treas; Louis Kobashi, parl; Warren Nagano, past pres; Betty Oka, memb, Roy Uno, ed; Jo Ann Kanehashi, memb, redress; Alma Nishii, insp; Sam Miyashiro, 1000 Club.

**PASADENA**

Miyo Senzaki, pres; Frances Hira­ko, vp; Yubu Ichi, sec; Aiko Abe, memb; Ruth Deguchi, treas; Fred Hoshiiyama, dist del; Frances Hoshiiyama, sec.

**TORRANCE**

Cathy Higashihaka, pres; Junko Chuman, vp; Toshiro Dojiri, vp; Kris Kyonuma, vp; David Uyekawa, vp; Sophie Kikaka, sec; Glenn Oshima, treas.

**VENICE-CULVER**

Greg Wood, pres; Sherrill Tami­bata, 1st vp; Richard Salti, 2nd vp; Sam Zhou, 3rd vp; Akemi Wood, sec; Hitoshi Shimizu, treas; Fred Hoshiiyama, dist del; Frances Hoshiiyama, sec.

**WILSHIRE**

Tut Yata, pres; Mabel Ota, vp; Alyce Takami, sec; Alice Nishim­iwa, treas; member Roy Nishih­awa, George Takei, Ruth Fukui.

**Plans jelling for singles event**

**LOS ANGELES**— The National Singles Concerns Committee announces that the second national JACL singles convention will be held on Labor Day weekend, Aug 23-31 and Sept 1 at the Hyatt San Jose, 1740 N. First St., in San Jose, Calif.

Sponsors for the event are the San Jose Nikkei Singles, the Sac­ramento Nikkei Singles and the Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter. Toshimi Bill Kumagai is chair.

This year’s theme is “Getting Together.” Plans include a golf tournament, bowling tournament, Saturday Night Mixer, Sunday luncheon, workshops, and a dinner dance.

Assisting Kumagai are: Tetsuo Ueda, executive officer; Betty Saito, c/o Northern California Asian Singles, P.O. Box 7317, San Jose, CA 95105.

**New Groups**

Efforts to form a national network of JACL singles, one of the primary goals of the national singles concerns committee is being met through the County JACL teams. Gerald Kubo of the New York JACL, William Takahashi of Milp-High, and Mas Yano of Wai Lake City are being assisted in the formation of singles groups in their areas.

Assisting Midori Watabane Kamei, chair, are: Kei Ishigami, vice chair; Meri Morii, sec; Hana Sheperd, treas; members Sandy Kawasaki, Tom Shimazaki, Grace Nagamoto, Noriko Saito, Sono Kondo, Mas Yano, William Takahashi, Gerald Kubo.

For the immediate future, the committee has formulated plans to participate in the Pacific Southwest District conference, scheduled for March 23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in San Jose, Los Angeles. A workshop and social for singles is being planned with Satoshi Hayashi, a licensed clinical social worker and family counselor. The topic will be related to the building of productive relationships for singles.

**Miyori emphasizes need for letters**

GRANADA HILLS, Calif. — Kim Miyori, actor-dancer who appeared in the TV series “Grease” and the movie “Grease 2,” was guest speaker at the San Fernando Valley JACL installation dinner Jan. 26 at the Century Plaza Hotel.

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**Randlett named Midwest youth rep**

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL youth program announced Monday that Margaret Randlett is serving as Midwest District Council youth representative.

Randlett is a high school junior in Wauwatosa, Wis. She has served as the Milwaukee JAY’s vice president and is now their president.

In addition to their own activities, the Milwaukee JAYS also plan joint events with the Chicago JAY’s, like a hayride last year. They also help the Milwaukee JACL in major events.

Last November, for example, the JAYS helped work on the Holiday Folk Fair.

**Betty and Don Yamaoka were honored** by the PSW District for their support of the redress campaign.

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Shimoura speaks in Denver on Chin

James W. Shimoura, Esq. of Detroit, who spearheaded efforts to rectify the miscarriage of justice in the Vincent Chin killing last year, spoke to the Pacific Citizen on March 15 at the Mile-Hi JACL installation dinner held at the Regency Inn, on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Tom Teramori, a longtime community leader and a past commander of the Nisei American Legion Post #167 in Denver, was installed as the president of the Mile-Hi JACL by William K. Hosokawa, former associate editor of The Rafu Shimpo. Mile-Hi JACL cabinet officers are:

Kiyoto Futa, vp/yrpm; Bob Saka­
gachi, vp/financial; Key Kobaya­
si, vp/scholarship; Dr. Akayo Wada, vp/redress; Mike Nakamura, vp/fund-raising; Dennis Ioka, treas.; and George M. Kaneko, sec.

It was noted that of the eight officers elected, seven were of Japanese ancestry.

Shimoura pointed out that violence and discrimination against Asian Americans are disturbingly increasing at the present time. He further noted that it is essential that Asian American groups continue to work toward the installation of the redress bill.

By Ronald K. Ikejiri

The remarkable success of the Nisei Vincent Chin killing last year is directly tied to the enthusiasm and support that has been directed toward the organization.

Whether it be the legislative effort for the Evacuation Claims Act in 1982, the Walter-McCarran Act in 1988, which provided the right to citizenship to the Issei; the civil rights measures of the 1960s; the repeal of Title II of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in the early 70's; or the passage of the bills to create the Commission on War Relocation and Removal of Civilians, but for the volunteer support of JACL members to work with their congressional representatives, success would not have been achieved.

While in the Washington Office of the JACL from 1978-84, I had the opportunity to benefit from and experience first-hand the unique commitment that JACL members bring toward the organization.

Perhaps the best examples of JACL's most important resource are the work of Jim Watanabe, Peter Suzuki and Key Kobayashi in the JACL Washington Office.

More than 75 people attended the installation dinner.

Scholarship deadline approaches

SAN FRANCISCO - Applications for the 1985 JACL scholarships are now being processed by David Nakayama, youth director.

Freshman applications are due at least 15 days prior to the next deadline; all other applications are due at national JACL headquarters. Applications postmarked later than March 15 will not be accepted.

The JACL scholarship program awards more than $20,000 yearly to Nisei, Sansei and Issei children, and any American of Japanese ancestry may apply.

Freshman Awards

Applicants for freshman scholarships must be high school seniors who are planning to enter a trade school, business school, college or university, or any institution of higher learning in the following semester.

Freshman awards are:

- California First Bank Scholarship to students residing in California.
- Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Mori Scholarship, established by the family from Moorestown, N.J.
- Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship, established by the family of the San Francisco community leader who worked to obtain naturalization rights for the Issei.
- South Park Japanese Community Scholarship, established by the South Park Waseda, group that also built the South Park Nikhon Gakko.
- Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial Scholarship, which is an annual gift by Mrs. Tomoye Tsukamoto of Cupertino in memory of her husband, JACL national president from 1985 to 1988.
- Dr. Takashi Teramani Memorial Scholarship, established by Mrs. Teramani Teramani of Sacramento in memory of her husband, James Shimoura, a pianist, the scholarship is awarded to a freshman or undergraduate student in the performing arts.
- California Japanese Alumni Assn. Scholarship, which awards a $500 gift from the 50th anniversary membership to an undergraduate student who is currently attending one of the nine Cal. University campuses, or institutions affiliated with the University. Entering freshman students are not eligible.
- Carleton-JACL Scholarship Program, established by the late George Carleton to award scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students who are interested in performing a project, preferably those that represent the Japanese American experience and culture.
- Aldo Susanna Tashiro Scholarship, established in memory of the pianist, the scholarship is awarded to a freshman or graduate student in the performing arts.
- Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship, established by the Sumitomo Bank.
- Mitsubishi Yonemura Memorial Scholarship, established by Mrs. Fusako Yonemura of Berkeley in memory of her husband, a veteran of the 42nd Regimental Combat Team.
- Mrs. and Mr. James Michener Memorial Scholarship, two gifts given annually by the noted author and his wife, Mari, former governor of the Midwest District JACL.
- Gichi Kido Memorial Scholarship, a trust established by Mrs. Y.F. Fujikawa of Seal Beach, Calif., in honor of her father, who was involved in improving relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Special Awards

- Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarships, annual awards in the freshman, undergraduate and graduate categories to California residents, with preference to students in the fields of business, bank, accounting, economics, and international trade.
- Henry and Chiyoko Kuhara Creative Arts Scholarships, a trust established by the Kuhara estate to encourage creative projects, preferably those that reflect the Japanese American experience and culture.
- Aiko Susanna Tashiro Scholarship, established in memory of the pianist, the scholarship is awarded to a freshman or graduate student in the performing arts.
- Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the first elected national JACL president.
- Gradu ate Awards

Applicants for the following awards must be either currently enrolled or planning to enter an accredited graduate school in the following semester.
- Fukushima Memorial Scholarship, established by the Fukushima Memorial Scholarship Foundation to provide financial assistance to students who, because of lack of funds, may otherwise be forced to terminate or delay their educational goals.
- Abe and Esther Hagiwara Award, established by George and Myriam Hagiwara to provide financial assistance to students of Japanese ancestry who are not expected to receive any financial assistance from their families.
- Hagihara Scholarship, established by the family of the late Abe Hagihara to provide financial assistance to students of Japanese ancestry who are not expected to receive any financial assistance from their families.
- Yabuki Scholarship, established by the family of the late Ichiro Yabuki, a student of the Japanese American National Museum.
- Additional information and applications: National JACL Headquarters, 767 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, Alumni Scholaships.
Law

Dale Minami of San Francisco has been appointed to the State bar of California's Commission on Judicial Performance Evaluation. The commission evaluates all new judges and can disqualify any judge, including considering for appointment to trial and appellate court judges.

Grace Han Yamakawa of San Jose was the unanimous choice of the State Bar Committee to fill the top administrative position of the Alameda County Superior Court.

The commission evaluates all new judges and can disqualify any judge, including considering for appointment to trial and appellate court judges.

Education

Sharon Ogomi and Helen Osbashi, teachers at Alexander Fleming Jr. HS (Lomita) and Park Western (Plage School District), respectively, were among 20 Los Angeles Unified School District teachers to be awarded small grants for construction projects. The program, funded by local foundations, is designed to promote innovative teaching and building teacher morale, with preference given to projects that can be easily adapted by other schools.

Suzueh Chan, nation-award-winning scholar in Asian American Studies, is serving as provost of the University of Southern California.

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Politics

Lance Isumi has been named president of the California-based Japanese American Public Relations (JAR). A resident of Gardena and a graduate of USC, he has served as a speechwriter for L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Arts

Milo Kabe is leaving his position as executive director of the George J. Doizaki Gal- lery in L.A.'s Japanese American Cultural and Community Center to accept a position as director of the Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum. Since becoming the executive director in 1981, he has been credited with turning the gallery's small space into a gallery of mur- ray collector.

Radio-TV

Director Michael Uno, whose film "The Silence" won the grand prize at the 1984 San Francisco International Film Festival, was named provost in the Philadelphia MFA Film Studies program.

Business

Century Life Insurance Company, the nation's largest Japanese-owned insurer, has expanded its branch offices in the United States.

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Federation is moving into another stage," he said, in which it "no longer is a federation of caucuses, no longer a federation of jurisdictional... [but] now is representing local churches.

There are approximately 225 Korean congregations and felowships in the nation, compared with 60 Chinese, 48 Japanese and 30 others.

Retired Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy of Tacoma, Wash., said he was "deeply grieved to see the way the debate is going. As an early founder of the Asian American movement, I appeal to you to work together.

A dinner and celebration of Asian American heritage was delayed while the debate continued. Finally, the slate of nominees from the committee was accepted after a Filipino laywoman, Natividad Y. Nido of Albany, Ga., withdrew in favor of a Filipino layman from Dallas, Tony Palaganas.

Back from Sano, Redress
If the delegates here experienced tensions in the election of jurisdictional directors, they found unity in resolutions dealing with concerns of the Asian American community.

With few dissenting votes, they demanded that "Good News apologize to Bishop [Roy 1.] Sano for its unfounded and unfounded accusation that he was 'baptizing violent revolution.' " The statement also commended Sano "for his courageous and forthright support of liberation struggles in Third World nations."

The dispute involving Sano and the evangelical caucus within the denomination flared in autumn 1984 when an address Sano made to the Board of Global Ministries in which he cited "the stirring of the Holy Spirit in liberation movement."

Sano is the first Japanese American elected to the United Methodist episcopacy in the United States.

In other resolutions, the assembly-

- Affirmed attempts in Congress to obtain redress for Japanese Americans incarcerated by the federal government in WW2;
- Asked for observances by congregations of the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki;
- Urged annual conferences of the United Methodist Church to set up priority programs to meet needs of these groups;
- Asked the Council of Bishops to make every effort for an effective deployment of Korean pastors across conference and jurisdictional boundaries;
- Called for a congressional inquiry into the fatal shooting last week of Henry Liu, a Chinese American journalist and critic of the Nationalist government of Taiwan;
- Asked denominational agencies to "bring the issue of racially motivated violence against Asians in America to the attention of" United Methodists.

The Rev. Jonah Chang was praised for his work as director of the Council. He will leave the post July 1 to become a district superintendent in the California-Nevada Annual Conference. A successor has not yet been chosen.

The new board of directors will be chaired by the Rev. Sijawi Subramanian, a native of Malaysia who is pastor of Fairview Church in Dayton, Ohio. He succeeds the Rev. Lloyd K. Wake of Inwood United Methodist Church in New York City.

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Feb 17-18
Los Angeles — Prelude to Spring, Israeli Jathat, Dolitz Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro, 8pm.

Feb 17-24
San Diego — Salute to Japan Festival, San Diego State U, films, concert, fair, exch.

Friday, Feb 22
Los Angeles — APA Women's Networking group meeting, 3000 S. Vermont Ave, 8pm; info (213) 390-3050.

Saturday, Feb 23
Riverside — Instl dir., Calif St U Commons, San Bernardino, 6pm, David Nakayama, spk.

Feb 25-26
Delray Beach, Fla. — Fat-tume Fair, 8am-5pm, 4000 Morikami Park Rd; info (954) 588-2944.

Saturday, March 2
Stanford — Stanford Asia Student Union annual conf., info (415) 656-2472.

Sunday, March 3
Ge LA Singles — Joint instl dir., Culver City, 10pm, Beverly Gardens, 11530, info (310) 744-8600.

Saturday, March 9


Monday, March 18
Los Angeles — Even of APA Artists media awards dir., 8pm, Palisades Palace, 1768 W. Sunset Blvd, 7-37 N. Vine, info (213) 654-4295.

Saturday, March 23
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