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ALIVE AND WELL — Kim Miyori tells San Fernando Valley JACLers about life and death on network TV. Story, page 8.

News in Brief

Blacks, nightclubs settle dispute

HONOLULU — Blacks are now being admitted to the Waikiki nightclubs that were earlier accused of racial discrimination, report Honolulu newspapers (see Jan. 18 PC). Representatives of three clubs, including the Atlantis — a club in the Pacific Beach Hotel, where JACL held its convention last summer — met with Hawaii officials of the NAACP and agreed that written dress codes and admissions policies will be "prominently displayed" and that any complaint of discrimination will be handled on the spot by the club manager.

Club owner says he was angry, not racist

SACRAMENTO — The owner of a private swim and tennis club called a Filipino American man a "damn Jap" as he threw him out of the club, but he "is not now nor has ever been a racist," said his lawyer Feb. 4. A complaint was filed by the State Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing on behalf of Dexter Del Mar (see Jan. 18 PC), who claims that Sherman Chavoor pushed him down and repeatedly called him a "yellow Jap coward" while ousting him from the club.

Chavoor's lawyer, Stephen Boutin, contends that "yellow" denoted cowardice and had nothing to do with race; that minorities have belonged to Chavoor's club for 20 years; that Del Mar refused to remain outside a members-only area; and that he has a history of emotional problems.

Administrative law judge Karl Engeman will recommend a resolution of the case to the Fair Employment and Housing Commission at the end of the hearing.

Matsunaga sponsors rights amendment

WASHINGTON — Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) joined Sen. Edward Kennedy and 15 other senators in sponsoring the Equal Rights Amendment Jan. 23.

The amendment, first proposed in 1921 by suffragist Alice Paul, would add the following language to the Constitution: "Equal rights under the law shall not be denied on account of sex."

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 the latest development, Kiet Tien, his brother Cuong, 17, and one of the three men who allegedly started a fight last Christmas day with the two brothers have been charged with creating a public disturbance. The Tien brothers pleaded not guilty at their arraignment on Feb. 4, 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 a 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 brothers have been renting. The four

face separate trials for breaking and entering with intent to commit murder.

Tien, who arrived in the small mid-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 finally culminated in violent confrontation for the Tien brothers. 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 Cuong, 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 brothers. Besides the fragile health of their premature baby and the attendant medical costs, the Tien brothers have been unable to live in their home because their landlord refuses to make repairs, claiming that the racial attack is "their problem." And now with the charges

against Kiet and Cuong 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 American Citizens for Justice, an Asian American civil rights group that was founded after the Vincent Chin case; the Assn. of Chinese Americans; and the Asian Pacific American Council of East Lansing have been monitoring the situation and plan to send representatives to 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. 8.

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 Derian, asst. 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 Choi 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 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.

The Americans who were roughed up were outraged not only at the actions of the Korean police, which Derian called "thuggery 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

Board tackles apartheid, other issues

SAN FRANCISCO — At its meeting held Feb. 8-10, the JACL national board took the following actions:

- Accepted a bid from the Seattle Chapter to host the 1988 national convention. Convention co-chairs are Ben Nakagawa and Tomio Moriguchi.

- Retained Albert H. Wohlers and Co. as brokers for a \$1 million supplemental health insurance program for members.

- Approved for publication and education a report on Asian mail-order brides, prepared by Irene Hirano and Lia Shigemura. This report discusses the growing business in mail-order catalogs for women from Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines.

- Retained the services of S.R.S. Group Consultants, Inc. for redress income generation through the use of direct mail solicitation of memberships of other human rights groups. The potential income to the JACL redress fund, the educational value and the possibility of increased JACL membership were among the reasons cited for the action.

- Passed a resolution that con-

demns apartheid and requests a review of JACL investments to ensure that none are in companies with investments in South Africa. Copies of the resolution, brought by the Washington D.C. Chapter, are to be sent to the State Dept. and to Asian Americans Against Apartheid.

Among the announcements made at the board meeting were:

- Jon Nakahata of Asian Law Students at Harvard University is conducting a research project on precedents for compensation to those wronged by the U.S. government. Scheduled date of completion is March 1.

- A compilation of Judge Marilyn Hall Patel's statements in the Korematsu *coram nobis* case will be read into the Congressional Record on Feb. 19.

- Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, who took JACL pins and other items with him into space, will attend the Saturday evening dinner, April 20, at the Tri-District conference in Fresno.

A more detailed report of the board meeting will be carried in next week's Pacific Citizen.

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BUILDING SUPPORT — Ray Hirokawa (center), Otagiri president, presents check for Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California to (from left) Mac Oto, executive vice president; Edith Tanaka, president; Yori Wada, Vision 80's campaign co-chair; and Hatsu Aizawa, major gifts co-chair.

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 (JCCCNC) 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 Jewett 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. (Pictured is the presentation of the first payment on the Otagiri pledge).

The San Francisco board of supervisors earlier approved a \$137,914 block grant for 1985, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

To finalize the construction loan, campaign volunteers have been seeking individual guarantees from JCCCNC directors and trustees and other longtime sup-

porters of the project to cover the balance of the funds needed to meet the higher construction bid figures submitted by general contractors in December. The guarantees will be released during the course of construction, as additional pledges and donations are received.

Those wishing to help the community center project by contributing to the building fund may contact the JCCCNC office by calling (415) 567-5505 or addressing inquiries to JCCCNC, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

City endorses redress; was hearing site

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The city council here unanimously passed a resolution supporting redress during its Dec. 17 meeting.

Introduced by city councillor Alice K. Wolf, the resolution begins by stating that Japanese Americans "have, and continue to make substantial contributions to the cultural and economic life of the City" and that Cambridge has played an important role in JA history, "serving as a haven and refuge for Japanese Americans evicted from their homes in other parts of the United States during and after World War II."

The resolution also notes that the final hearing of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was held at Cambridge and that "the meeting was addressed by constitutional experts from various parts of the country, who testified as to the serious deprivation of legal rights suffered by Americans of Japanese ancestry during the war years."

The city council endorsed both the CWRIC's finding that the internment was unjustified and

legislation in the House and Senate that would implement the CWRIC's recommendations, including a formal apology and individual payments for former internees.

Body of orphan found

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—The body of Jean Har-Kaw 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.

Pilipino Methodists charge bias

SAN FRANCISCO—Celebrating a decade of life for their caucus 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 caucus' executive director, who leaves that post this summer.

The change to a new governing structure for the caucus was accompanied by charges of "steam-roller 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 posts 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 Pilipinos, 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 13 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. "The

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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 Haing 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 his 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 job 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



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.

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."

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 facility here before top company officials.

JAL is the first airline to purchase 50 jumbo jets, having paid over \$2 billion to Boeing over the past 14 years. JAL has ordered a total of 74 Boeing aircraft of various types.

JAL president Yasumoto Takagi and Boeing Co. chairman T.A. Wilson participated in the delivery ceremonies viewed by hundreds of Boeing employees, JAL flight crew members and international media representatives.

To mark the occasion, Boeing

presented a \$50,000 check to JAL to further the study of Japanese culture at a U.S. college or university having an Asian studies program in each state (except South Dakota, which has none) and the District of Columbia.

Seattle Nisei Kiyoshi Okawa, Boeing international sales director for Northern Asia, emceed at both the delivery ceremony and the evening festivities in downtown Seattle.

Also present were longtime JALers Peter Ohtaki, who received a 30-year service pin from JAL, and his wife Rose; travel agency owners George and Nobie Azumano of Portland; and consul general Toshio Isogai. —HKH

Help available for discrimination victims

LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific American Legal Center of So. 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.

Kent Wong has been hired to direct the project.

Asian Pacific employees who have encountered discrimination ranging from denial of employment, failure to promote, harassment, or differential treatment are encouraged to contact the Asian Pacific American Legal Center for assistance. The employment discrimination legal clinics are offered on Thursday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Appointments may also be scheduled during the day.

The center also provides free legal counseling and legal services in the areas of housing, immigration, and government benefit programs for senior citizens. Information: (213) 746-6029 from Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WW2 slur endures

LONDON—British prime minister Margaret Thatcher referred to the Japanese as "Japs" during a live interview Jan. 24 on the "TV Eye" program. When discussing her economic policies with Sir Alastair Burnet of Independent Television News, she said, "We are competing with highly efficient people, with the Germans, with the Japs, and you've got to run jolly hard to keep going."

Major photo and art exhibit on display through summer

PHILADELPHIA—JACL and the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies are preparing an exhibit on "The Japanese American Experience" to be held June 10 through Sept. 14 at the Balch, 18 S. 7th St. An opening reception will be held Friday, June 14.

The exhibit is made up of four parts. Three consist of traveling exhibits: "Go for Broke," an exhibit about the 442nd RCT prepared by JACL; a collection of oil paintings by Nikkei painter Roger Shimomura; and an exhibit of 50 Ansel Adams photos of Manzanar. The fourth section will be developed jointly by JACL and Balch from photos and items loaned or donated by local Nikkei.

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 Philadelphia-Seabrook area. It also includes a section on the Supreme Court cases of Minoru Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, and Mitsuye Endo.

One section features Japanese Americans who settled in the Philadelphia area before WW2.

The story is brought up to date by a section on immigration from Japan after WW2. These new Americans have reinforced the cultural heritage by bringing

skills and knowledge which could be learned only in Japan.

The exhibit will show how Japanese Americans are continuing the cultural traditions handed down by their parents.

Special programs, such as ikebana, tea ceremony, talks on the internment, slide shows and videotapes are scheduled during the three months. Guided tours of the exhibit are available on weekends. 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, Grayce and Hiro Uyehara, George Oye, Mary Watanabe, Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook), Teresa Maebori, Chiyo 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 Hamasaki; New Jersey—Gladys 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."

Short subject

Calif. Senior Legislature sessions caught on film

LOS ANGELES—A new 12-minute program about the California Senior Legislature (CSL) is now available on videotape and 16 mm film. According to Mabel Ota, CSL senior assemblywoman, the program examines the workings of the senior legislature and its impact on legislation affecting California's elderly.

Ota said the program is fast-paced and demonstrates the CSL in action. Shot on location at the 1984 annual session of the CSL in the state capitol, it features committee hearings, floor sessions, conversations with senior legislators, and excerpts from interviews with and speeches by the governor, Lt. governor, and other elected officials and senior activists.

The "California Senior Legislature" program is available in VHS 1/2-inch, Beta, or 3/4-inch video formats, and in 16 mm film. Copies are available to organizations on a loan basis by contacting the area Agency on Aging. The local address is 207 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, 90012; the contact person is Olga Morgan, (213) 485-4402.

Elections

Election of legislators to the 3rd California Senior Legislature is March 19. Ota is running for reelection in CSL Election Area 4, which includes Los Angeles city council districts 4 (John Ferraro) and 10 (David Cunningham).

California taxpayers may make a donation to the California Seniors Fund, which supports the Senior Legislature, on line 89 of their 1984 state income tax return.

Immigrant leaders to be honored

OAKLAND, Calif. — The International Institute of the East Bay has announced their annual awards dinner to honor leaders from different nationality groups will be held on April 28.

Nominations of immigrants or refugees who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in the East Bay are being solicited. Nominations may be made by anyone obtaining a

form from the International Institute, 297 Lee St., Oakland, CA 94610.

Three criteria must be met for an individual to qualify for nomination: foreign birth, residence in the Bay Area, and social contributions to the East Bay communities of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

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Anyone who has worked on the chapter level of JACL knows how frustrating it can be, especially when help is needed from the national organization to accomplish goals set by that body. Two areas in which one encounters little help from national JACL are membership drives and chapter financing.

While there is pressure on local chapters to increase membership, especially among younger members of our community, there is little help or direction given by the national leadership in this regard. Membership drive contests and modernization of membership procedures are extremely helpful, but they do not give a local chapter the information it really needs. What is essential is a "scorecard" of what JACL does, is about, has accomplished and wants to accomplish.

Many times when one goes out to solicit membership, the question is asked, "What is JACL about and what does it do?" Answers such as "The JACL is a civil rights organization dedicated to..." will get you nowhere. The same can be said of answers such as "The JACL supports redress" and "JACL wants more involvement in U.S.-Japan Relations."

These answers are too vague for most members to utilize effectively. A specific scorecard would help. What was the JACL stand on Simpson-Mazoli? On affirmative action? On the composition of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission under Reagan? On feminism? On comparative worth? On the rights of indigenous people?

In the reams of paper generated by the national office, a chapter president sees little evidence of positions taken by the JACL on these issues. So when one is confronted with these questions by prospective members ("Is this really a civil rights organization or just a social club?"), one is very hard pressed to answer. Once the issue of redress is decided, is the JACL to be reduced to an anti-de-

famation organization concerning itself only with name-calling incidents?

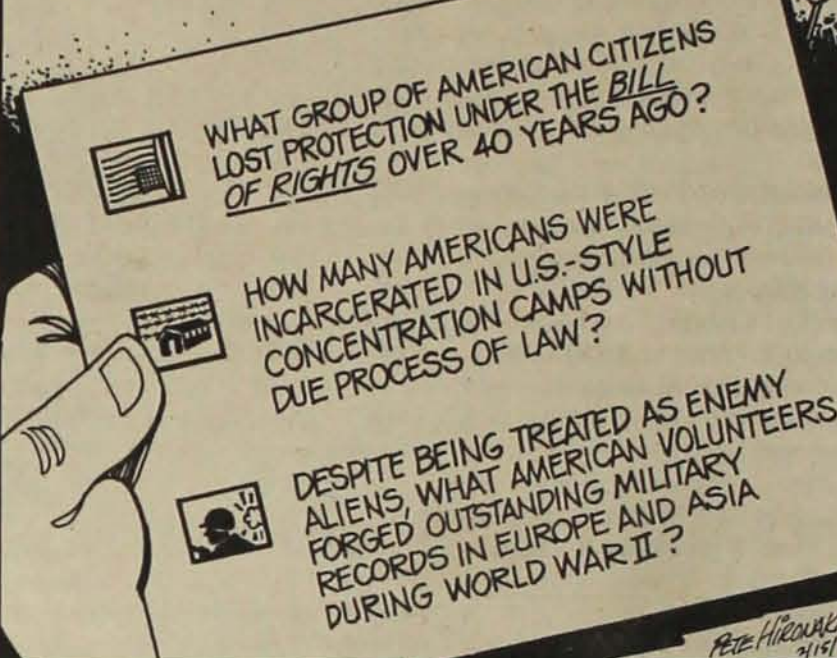
Obviously, position papers by next month would be too much to expect. However, a start in the right direction would be a definition of issues of concern to JACL. What shall be the parameters of JACL policy? "The civil rights of Asian Americans" is again too vague. But by talking about specific issues of concern, taking a highly visible stance on substantive issues, and originating policy that benefits all Americans, we ourselves will have a better idea of who we are and what we intend to do and how we can expand this community.

The Pacific Citizen as the official paper of JACL can be an important vehicle for this exchange of ideas. In this spirit we are asking the readership to write, helping us define what should be of concern to JACL. In addition, we are asking members to send in names of people who might be interested in becoming members or subscribers to the Pacific Citizen. They will receive a free eight-week subscription. In addition, these prospective members should receive copies of the local chapter newsletter. That should give them an idea of what JACL is about or at least the direction it is taking.

In the area of chapter financing, we would like to remind readers that a 15% commission is paid to chapters that sell ads for the Pacific Citizen. For example, a 1-column (2-inch) by 4-inch ad that runs for 26 weeks costs \$688.88. The ad could run every week for half a year or every other week for a year. The chapter share of the income from this one ad would come to \$103.33. If you have super sales people, your chapter might make several hundred dollars a year or more. It's worth a thought. For more information, write to us and we'll send you a rate sheet and other pertinent information.

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REDRESS... NOT a Trivial Pursuit



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The Need for Coalitions

both defendants, after they were found guilty of manslaughter.

The Asian American community in the Detroit area was incensed. Appeals went across the country to raise funds to pursue other legal remedies. Responses came from JACL chapters and Japanese American communities, as well as from all other groups.

James Shimoura, and other leaders in the Asian American community in Detroit, wanted to make clear that all human life is precious—even of those of Asian ancestry. That message touches all of us.

Fortunately, the coalition of groups in Detroit, including non-Asians, was successful in having the U.S. Dept. of Justice bringing a suit against the defendants for depriving Vincent Chin of his civil rights. One of the defendants now faces a possible prison term of 25

years. That certainly is a deterrent to the callous taking of a life of an Asian American in the U.S.

Elsewhere, we note that acts of violence are continuing to take place against Asian Americans. In the Denver area, Helen Fukui disappeared on Dec. 7, 1984—weeks later, her body was found in Clear Creek.... Although no suspect has been apprehended, the date of Dec. 7th may have been significant.... In California, a couple of Pilipina sisters were manhandled by California state troopers in a routine traffic stop.

Is there a prevalent feeling that anyone can do anything to an Asian American, and there will be no consequences? Should the enormous deprivation of the civil rights of Japanese Americans during World War II be swept under the rug and forgotten? Unless the consequences are sure and appropriate, we are all at risk.

Shimoura preaches the necessity of working together as coalitions, of networking our contacts, of getting our story out to the public. We agree with him. The enormous losses incurred by our parents, and the agonies suffered by families, during the evacuation of 1942-1946 were too long kept quiet. We need to preach the message, not so much as to erase the hurts of forty years ago, but to make sure 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.



REDRESS UPDATE:

Minoru Yasui,
Chair
Legislative
Education
Committee

James W. Shimoura 3d of Detroit recently came to Denver to tell Mile-Hi JACLers and guests about the implications of the Vincent Chin killing in Detroit in 1982.

The utter horror of the fatal beating with a baseball bat, because a couple of unemployed auto workers insisted that Chin was a Japanese who caused their being out of work, is bad enough. Evidence showed that the two got into their cars and went looking for Chin and his companions after they had run away from a bar-room brawl. It was worse when the judge imposed probation for three years and a fine of \$3,000 on

EAST WIND

Bill
Marutani



being led off the train as he clutches his white cane. The Navy veteran, attired in his service uniform, his tunic bedecked with service ribbons, his left sleeve carrying no less than five "hash" marks—in eloquent but futile protest to what is being heaped upon him.

OF ALL THOSE photographs from the uprooting in 1942, the one that somehow "tells it all"—for me, at least—is that poignant picture of that little girl forlornly sitting among baggage, clutching her purse in one hand and a partially eaten apple in the other. The bewildered look on her face tells it all. Attired in her best outfit—it looks to my eyes as velvet—yet one notices the traumatic rush of it all, for only one button is fastened and then it appears by the wrong buttonhole. Above all, this little girl epitomizes for me, in this single picture, what it was that was inflicted upon the Issei and their American offsprings. (This photo is reproduced at page 325 of Bill Hosokawa's book, "Nisei.")

I'VE OFTEN WONDERED about that appealing little girl: what her name is, what happened to her, where she is today. I wonder what story she has to tell of her experiences, one among the 115,000. For me, she is a symbol. A symbol that remains to be explained, forthrightly, as a proud and mighty Nation is obliged to explain. A symbol of redemption, long overdue.

Worth a thousand words.

Worth a Thousand Words

THERE ARE CERTAIN photographs that have a profound impact upon me. For example, the devastating scene of John F. Kennedy's blurred head lurching forward in Dallas near the bookstore. For the longest time I consciously avoided looking at any photographs of that revolting episode. Photographs of the Nazi death camps are also in this same category. To this day I just cannot comprehend the enormity of that unspeakable pogrom against humanity. I must confess that that ongoing, systematic brutality and homicide of men, women, children, the aged—that carnage of mankind, so troubles me as to cause me to question where God was while it was all happening. At the very least, a whole series of troubling philosophic inquiries—religious, political, social—are triggered. I am still groping.

SCENES THAT BRING a lump to my throat are those of Nisei fighting men—in the Pacific as well as the European theatre. In both instance, 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.

THEN, THERE ARE those photographs of the uprooting of the AJAs and their Issei parents in California, Oregon and Washington. The stoic resignation of the Issei who characteristically screened their emotions from us, their children. The stunned look on the faces of the Nisei, many on the brink of tears as I study their pictured faces. The undaunted spirit of Jimmy Sakamoto, blind,

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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 football in Japan where the first game was played some 50 years ago, in 1934.

According to clippings sent me by Kay Tateishi, Hawaii Nisei attending Japanese universities would get together 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 U.S. Military Intelligence Service Language 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

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



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.

tion. Shig Fujita, who became a member of Waseda's football team in 1942, added some reminiscences in the Asahi Evening News.

By that time, he says, there was a six-team league. The members were Waseda, Meiji, Keio, Rikkyo, Hosei and Nihon universities. Meiji was strong because it had enough Nisei to make up two teams. Half the Waseda team was Nisei. Fujita recalls that Junior Narumi (now operating a sporting goods store in Los Angeles) played guard and Ansei Uchima, now a woodblock print artist in New York, was a tackle. Fujita writes:

"On the day of the Tokyo bombing raid by 16 U.S. Army Air Force B-25 bombers led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle on April 18, 1942, the team was warming up for a game in the Jingu Gaien Stadium.

"We were practicing catching passes, and I had run out, cut across and turned back to catch a pass when I saw a bomber in the sky with puffs of antiaircraft fire behind. As I caught the pass, I thought, 'They're certainly doing some realistic

antiaircraft exercises today.' " Soon afterward the air raid sirens sounded and the game was canceled.

I happened to be in Tokyo on New Year's Day, 1939, and Jack Maki took me to see the college "Mochi Bowl" football game. I don't remember much about it except that our suspicion that the best players were Nisei was confirmed when one of the star ballcarriers went down with what appeared to be a leg cramp. He was writhing with pain on the frozen turf, and when no one came to help him he cut loose with a loud string of profanity that was unmistakably American.

Today, the clippings say, there are 167 universities with football teams in Japan. The Japan American Football Association has 316 members, including a number of company teams. American college teams play at least one game a year in Japan. But due to size disparities, high-level competition between Japanese and American football teams would seem to be far less likely than a U.S.-Japan baseball world series.

Anti-Asian Violence



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

by
Frank Sato

Over the past months, there has been an increasing number of newspaper articles and television segments reporting on growing violence against persons of Asian Pacific background.

Recently, the Pacific Citizen's front page coverage was devoted to incidents of bodily harm against Chinese, Filipino and Japanese Americans. "8-Year-Old Chinese Orphan Found Hanged," San Francisco Chronicle, Feb. 2, is another horrid example. At first glance, one would believe that these reports of violence against

Asians in America are isolated incidents and infrequent.

Regrettably, if one were to review reports in the Pacific Citizen for the past two years, one would see a definite shift toward increased anti-Asian violence.

As a human and civil rights organization, I believe that it is our responsibility to respond and to set into place appropriate national, regional, and chapter-based programs that will effectively educate our fellow Americans that:

1) There is an increase in anti-Asian violence in the United States today.

2) A need exists to identify reasons and causes for the apparent increase in anti-Asian activities.

3) We need their help to create programs that will increase the sensitivity of others regarding anti-Asian harassment.

4) A need exists to implement and execute a program that will stem the tide of anti-Asian violence.

5) Violence against any group of Americans cannot be tolerated by our community or the American people, because the attack on any one group will weaken the security and rights of other Americans.

The JACL National Board addressed the issue of anti-Asian violence at the October 1984 board meeting. At the February 1985 National Board meeting, the national staff presented a report to address the issue of reducing violence against Asians.

In 1942, the worst form of anti-Asian violence occurred. Some 40 years later, we see a troubling matter emerging that calls for our attention again. Your careful thought on this subtle but potentially volatile issue is vital!

KIM

Continued from Front Page

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.

fering with Korean sovereignty.

The State Dept. had earlier received assurances from Seoul that Kim's return would be "unimpeded" 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 by police from going to the airport.

TO OUR READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

During 1984 due to periodic breakdowns of the worn out and obsolescent 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.

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Letters

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, right 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." Far too rarely do editorials cover such atrocities committed by other nations. For instance, where is the media coverage of the political suppression (more often than not brutal) of blacks by blacks in other African nations?

In many of these countries there is a minority which achieves a high standard of living at the "expense" of the suppressed majority. Where is the coverage of the Soviet treatment of its "citizens" (an example of whites suppressing "whites").

It would appear that focus should only be on those countries where whites suppress blacks. One must thus question the selective political stance of these editorials which expend great amounts of emotional energy in assailing South Africa.

If the issue of contention is one of race then let the arguments be couched in such terms. These editorials should not hide behind the barrier of "seizing the high moral ground" when in fact its arguments are not based on those principles.

It can be derived from the arguments used by those such as Stan Shikuma that it is fine for blacks (or whites suppressing whites) but it is not proper for whites (majority or minority) to suppress blacks. What can be concluded is that suppression of peoples anywhere is fine *as long as it does not fall 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 to exert as much energy in condemning these nations as they do condemning South Africa.

MARK ISHIMATSU
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 he 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 Sansei? 2) a Nisei and a Caucasian? 3) a Nisei and a Chinese? 4) a Nisei and a Black? 5) an Issei and a Sansei?

Also, through how many generations of racial intermarriage would you carry the identification? How do you classify one who is 1/2 white and 1/2 Nikkei? 3/4 white and 1/4 Nikkei? 7/8 white, 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* confuses the issue. Though the following is an oversimplification, it may help to clarify what his letter obscures.

Nikkei derives from *Nihon-jinkei*, a word of Chinese origin. *Nihon-jinkei* means "of Japanese lineage." It is 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 Beijin* for American *Nikkei*. In the article thereafter, if he continues to refer to this same group, the modifier *Beijin* becomes redundant. Consequently he will simply write *Nikkei*, using it as a noun.

Regardless of whether the Japanese use *Nikkei* as a noun, it is now an English noun, correctly used as such.

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 the friend 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* of *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).

The term *Japanese American*, which he advocates using, is demeaning. It implies that the person so designated is an alloyed American. When the base metal of the alloy was that of the enemy, as it was in 1942, it invited the hatred of the unalloyed Americans. The situation for the *Nikkei* has improved. Nevertheless, far from strengthening the arguments for redress, identifying them as Japanese Americans suggests they deserved evacuation or worse.

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Commentary

A Peculiar Debate

by J.K. Yamamoto

Former senator S.I. Hayakawa's defense of the WW2 internment of JAs and opposition to redress are well known to anyone who has been following the redress campaign. Another outspoken redress critic, not as widely known but cast from the same mold, is 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 KCET-TV.

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

'Not Citizens'

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 relocated—and I use that word rather than 'interned'—were not American citizens. That is, this is not a case of, say, putting Tria Toyota into a camp back in the interior..."

"We might more properly refer to them as ethnic Japanese, most 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 'in-

ternment,' 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 ex-

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

perience." 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 prosecuted for leaving the camps or attempting to leave the camps."

"Were there really threats of sabotage?" Fenneman asked Masugi.

"Well, if you read the presidentially 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 Stephan'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 persons 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 determination about who... was a threat, versus people whose only characteristic was their ethnic background."

Godsend to Opponents

The exchange continued in this manner, with Fenneman having difficulty getting a word in edgewise. 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 Bicentennial 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.

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A booklet, which accompanies the video, has been written to

facilitate a discussion following the screening of the video and includes questions, demographic data, and relevant resource information.

In addition to generating programs on retirement for Nikkei audiences, the video can also be effective in introducing professional care providers to the issues of concern to Nikkei facing retirement. "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 will also be screened at the Western Gerontological Assn. conference in Denver this spring.

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The crew of the Starship Enterprise, Takei said, comprised all the races on earth. They were interdependent, but each member pulled his or her own weight. And the crew's diversity made life aboard the starship vibrant and engaging.

Further, within their science fiction adventures, 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, positive, affirmative and optimistic vision," he said.

Bringing the discussion up to date, Takei said the problems of the 1980s — including redress — 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, 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.

Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest District governor, installed the officers and board members for 1985. Tsugio Kato was master of ceremonies.

—From a report by Kelleyanne Pearce, Ventura County Star Free Press

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6 chapters hold joint installation

LOS 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 Cary Nishimoto, 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. 23), Gardena and Greater L.A. Singles (the latter two are holding a joint installation dinner Mar. 9).

Sapphire Pin Bestowed

Venice-Culver JACler Fred Hoshiyama 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 Dorothy Shimizu chairing, featured brief remarks by the new presidents: Sam Sunada, Marina; Carrie Okamura, Orange County; Miyo Senzaki, Pasadena; Cathy Higashioka, 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 decorations at each table. A roving 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 the end of WW2.

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 this event the "top JACL social of the year." —HKH

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Sam Sunada, pres; Larry Takahashi, vp; Pat Wakimoto, vp; Ed Goka, vp; Loreen Okayama, treas; Bill Kaneko, sec; George Kodama, memb, redress; Alma Nishi, ins; Sam Miyashiro, 1000 Club.

ORANGE COUNTY JACL

Carrie Okamura, pres; Ray Higa, vp; Arlene Kubo, sec; Ben Shimazu, treas; Luis Kobashi, parl; Warren Nagano, past pres; Betty Oka, memb; Roy Uno, ed; Jo Ann Kane-shige and George Nanami, ways and means.

PASADENA

Miyo Senzaki, pres; Frances Hiraoka, vp; Ruth Ishii, sec; Akiko Abe, memb; Ruth Deguchi, treas/redress; Mac Yamaguchi, ins/publ; Fred Hiraoka and Tom Ito, 1000 Club.

TORRANCE

Cathy Higashioka, pres; Junko Chuman, vp; Toshiro Dojiri, vp; Kris Kiyomura, vp; David Uyekawa, vp; Sophie Kutaka, sec; Glenn Oshima, treas.

VENICE-CULVER

Greg Wood, pres; Sherrill Tamibata, 1st vp; Richard Saiki, 2d vp/schol; Sam Shimoguchi, 3rd vp; Akemi Wood, sec; Hitoshi Shimizu, treas; Fred Hoshiyama, dist del; Frances Kitagawa, memb/ins.

WILSHIRE

Tut Yata, pres; Mabel Ota, vp; Alyce Takami, sec; Alice Nishikawa, treas; members Roy Nishikawa, 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. 30-31 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:

Tsugio Fujimoto, finance/budget; Betty Saito and Meriko Mori, publicity; Penny Matsuda and Yuri Katai, registration; Kenneth Kim and Katie Hironaka, program; Fumio and Lorraine Higashihara, bowling tournament; Roy Kumasaka, George Kawada, and Jean Imahara, golf tournament; Nat Ohara and Ann Miyasaki, mixer; Mary Miyakawa, Jack Matsuda and Tomoye Takata, dinner/dance; Jackie Nakabayashi, luncheon; Katie Hironaka and Jim Sakamoto, raffle; Bill Kumagai, souvenir booklet; Joe and Katie Hironaka, hospitality; Mas Konatsu, transportation; Roy Yamada, photographer/historian; Yuri Moriwaki, Jim Sakamoto and Kazue Yoshitomi, liaison.

Bill Kumagai attended the first national JACL singles convention in May 1984 and, with the assistance of a steering committee, "sold" the next convention to the Bay Area Nikkei singles.

He is the outgoing president of the San Jose Nikkei Singles Club. As a result of his leadership, the San Francisco Singles Club formed recently. The new president of the group is Jim Yamaguchi.

Convention information: Betty Saito, c/o Northern California Asian Singles, P.O. Box 7317, San Jose, CA 95150.

New Groups

Efforts to form a national network of JACL singles, one of the primary goals of the national singles concerns committee are being made throughout the country. Gerald Kubo of the New York JACL, William Takahashi of Mile-High, and Mas Yano of Salt Lake City are being assisted in the formation of singles groups in their areas.

Assisting Midori Watanabe Kamei, committee chair, are:

Kei Ishigami, vice chair; Meriko Mori, rec sec; Hana Sheperd, treas; members Sandi 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 Los Angeles. A workshop and social for singles is being planned with Satoshi Hayashi, a licensed clinical social work and marriage 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 NBC-TV series "St. Elsewhere," was guest speaker at the San Fernando Valley JACL installation dinner Jan. 26 at the Knollwood Country Club.

PSW regional director John Saito swore in the 1985 board of governors and cabinet headed by Roy Makino before a crowd of 150 guests, members and friends. John Nishizaka emceed, the Rev. Ren. Kimura gave the invocation and benediction. Nancy Gohata and Hiro Shimizu co-chaired the banquet committee.

It was Miyori's first opportunity to address a JACL function. Relating her experiences in school and on the musical stage ("Pacific Overtures" on Broadway and in Los Angeles) and television, she encouraged the audience to write the TV networks whenever a positive comment can be made about an Asian or Pacific Islander. One letter, she said, is regarded as representing 10,000 viewers by the networks.

Viewer reactions can also promote needed changes in how Asian Americans are portrayed, she added.

Among the honorees at the event were Bob Ogawa, longtime chapter treasurer, who received the JACL silver pin, and a spe-



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

cial award to redress supporters Betty and Don Yamaoka.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JACL

Roy Makino, pres; Pat Kubota, vp/prgm; Mabel Takimoto, coor cncl rep; Bob Ozawa, treas; Kay Seno, rec sec; Harriet Nishizaka, cor sec; Sandy Klumpp, hist; Nancy Gohata, memb, redress; Art Okutake, nom/elec; Hazel and Al Isa, newsltr; Betty Yamaoka, schol; Sono Kondo, publ; Mitzi Kushida and Masako Sato, cheer; Marion and Phil Shigekuni, recog; Paul Tsuneishi, PC hol issue; Sam Ueyehara, obon; members Wally Arakawa, Mary Gima, Harry Nakada, Vince Tajiri, Norma Yamashita, Ron Yoshida. Cmte chairs Iku Sakaguchi, boutique; Hiroshi Shimizu, ins; Kiyo Tomomatsu, circ.d

Randlett named Midwest youth rep

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

Randlett is a high school junior in Wauwatosa, Wisc. She has served as the Milwaukee JAYs vice president and is now their president.

In addition to their own activities, the Milwaukee JAYs also plan joint events with the Chicago JAYs, 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.



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, was principal speaker for the Mile-Hi JACL installation dinner held at the Regency Inn, on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Tom T. Masamori, a longtime community leader and a past commander of the Nisei American Legion Post #187 in Denver, was installed as 1985 president of the Mile-Hi JACL, by William K. Hosokawa, former associate editor of The Denver Post. Other Mile-Hi JACL cabinet officers are:

Kiyoto Futa, vp/prgm; Bob Sakaguchi, vp/memb; Wayne Itani, vp/schol; Dr. Ayako Wada, vp/redress; Mike Nakamura, vp/fund-raising; Dennis Ioka, treas; and George M. Kaneko, sec.

It was noted that of the eight officers four were Sansei.

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 form coalitions, among them-



James Shimoura

selves and with other groups, in order to safeguard their rights and to have an effective voice in community affairs.

Willis Yap, president of the Colorado Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) headed a delegation of a dozen Chinese American representatives who came to hear James W. Shimoura's message, and in reciprocation for the Japanese American support in the Vincent Chin case.

More than 75 people attended the installation dinner.

By Ronald K. Ikejiri

The remarkable success of the JACL in the past 50 years is directly tied to the enthusiasm and supporters have toward the organization.

Whether it be the legislative effort for the Evacuation Claims Act in 1948; the Walter-McCarren Act in 1952, which provided the right to citizenship for the Issei; the civil rights measures of the 1960s; the repeal of Title II of the Emergency Detention Act of the early 70s; or the passage of the bills to create the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, but for the voluntary 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 have toward the organization.

Perhaps the best examples of JACL's most important resource is the voluntary efforts of B.J. Watanabe, Peter Suzuki and Key Kobayashi in the JACL Washington

Office during the 98th Congress (1983-84), when the redress bills were introduced in the House and Senate.

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B.J. Watanabe: During the two months preceding the introduction of the redress bills in the Summer of 1983, B.J. (Betty Jane) Watanabe, who was and still is the New York JACL Chapter President, volunteered her time to work out of the JACL Washington Office and lobby the Hill for co-sponsors for the redress bill. Covering principally the Northeastern corridor and the New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey congressional delegations, B.J.'s efforts successfully brought about a large number of sponsors for the redress bills.

While not engaged in JACL's chapter or national Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee work, B.J. is active in the New Jersey Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus. Most recently, B.J., who is a graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in communications/advertising, helped to get out the vote for the November presidential election by renting and driving a van to transport voters to and from the voting booths in Jersey City.

Peter M. Suzuki: From January to July 1984, Peter worked in the JACL Washington Office as a volunteer, primarily responsible for liaison activities with national church organizations located in Washington, D.C. Peter, who is a third-year student at the Princeton Theological Seminary, represented the JACL at the regular meetings of the Washington Inter-religious Staff Council, as well as providing congressional staffs with updates on the redress issue.

Peter, who has a BA from the University of California at Santa Cruz in philosophy and a MA in ethics from the Berkeley New School of Christian Science, re-

cently passed his ordination examinations and because of his involvement in the redress issue may pursue additional studies in law or government after graduation.

Key Kobayashi: From September 1983 to July 1984, three days a week, Key Kobayashi volunteered his time and knowledge to the redress effort in the Washington JACL Office. The former section head of the Asian Division, Japanese Section, of the Library of Congress, Key, who recently retired from federal government service, provided the congressional offices with an in-depth view of life in camp and what it felt like to serve in the American armed services during WW2 as a Japanese American.

Key, who was in the Military Intelligence Service and was on the staff of the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, is active in the Washington metropolitan area in service clubs and groups such as the Kiwanis and the Little League—and is constantly asked to speak on the Redress issue. While not advocating redress, Key is calling strikes and balls for the Little League as an umpire and is well known in the international baseball community for his work at the World Championships of the Little League in Williamsport, Penn.

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JACL's volunteer members make all the difference in the success of JACL's programs. Because of the unselfish giving of time and effort by the B.J. Watanabes, the Peter Suzukis and Key Kobayashis of the JACL, the JACL is able to continue to be a strong national advocate of Japanese American and Asian Pacific American issues. We owe much to our volunteer JACL members and I hope that in the future the Pacific Citizen may highlight and profile the work of other JACLers.

— Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the first elected national JACL president.

Graduate Awards

Applicants for the following awards must be either currently enrolled or planning to enter an accredited graduate school in the following semester.

— Nisaburo Aibara Memorial Scholarship, established by the Turlock Social Club in honor of the late Issei pioneer.

— Magoichi and Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship, a trust established by the late Mrs. Shizuko Kato of Los Angeles in memory of her husband, an Issei pioneer.

— Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarships, a trust established by the estate of the Kuwaharas of Los Angeles.

Student Aid Program

Applicants are those who do not expect adequate financial support for their education from normal sources or from other scholarship programs. Applications are due at national headquarters on July 31.

— Abe and Esther Hagiwara Award, a trust established by the Hagiwara estate to provide financial assistance to students who, because of lack of funds, may otherwise be pressed to terminate or delay their educational goals.

— Golden State Sanwa Bank of California Award, an annual gift to a deserving student at an accredited college or university.

Hayashi Law Scholarship

Established by the Eastern District Council in memory of the Nisei civil rights advocate, the Thomas T. Hayashi Law Scholarship is awarded for academic merit and consideration of financial need. The annual award is renewable for two successive years.

Applications for this award are available through the JACL Washington Office, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 223-1240.

Additional information and applications: National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115; Attn: Scholarships.

Scholarship deadline approaches

SAN FRANCISCO — Applications for the 1985 JACL scholarships are due March 15, reminds David Nakayama, youth director.

Freshman applications are due at local chapters by that date; 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 \$62,000 yearly. JACL members, their children, and any American of Japanese ancestry may apply.

Freshman Awards

Applicants for freshman scholarships must be graduating 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 Moriuchi 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 Seattle, Wash., group that also built the South Park Nihon Gakko.

— Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial Scholarship, an annual gift by Mrs. Tomoye Tsukamoto of Cupertino in memory of her husband, JACL national president from 1936 to 1938.

— Dr. Takashi Terami Memorial Scholarship, established by Mrs. Hisaki Terami of Sacramento in memory of her hus-

band, the first Japanese to earn the Ph.D. in mathematics at UC Berkeley.

— Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship, established by the family of the Marysville area Issei.

— Gongoro Nakamura Memorial Scholarship, a trust established by Mrs. Hisaye Nakamura in memory of her husband, the first naturalized Issei president of Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

— Mitsuyuki Yonemura Memorial Scholarship, established by Mrs. Fusako Yonemura of Seattle in memory of her husband, a veteran of the 442d Regimental Combat Team.

— Mr. and Mrs. James Michener Scholarships, two gifts given annually by the noted author and his wife, Mari, former governor of the Midwest District JACL.

— Giichi Aoki 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, banking, accounting, economics, and international trade.

— Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarships, a trust established by the Kuwahara estate to encourage creative projects, preferably those that reflect the Japanese American experience and culture.

— Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the pianist, the scholarship is

awarded to a freshman or undergraduate student in the performing arts.

— California Japanese Alumni Assn. Scholarships, five awards to undergraduate and/or graduate students who are currently attending one of the nine Univ. of California campuses, or institutions affiliated with the university. Entering freshman students are not eligible.

— Carleton/JACL Scholars Program, in which scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who are accepted to Carleton College.

Applications for the Carleton program may be obtained from Asst. Director of Admissions, Carleton College, Northfield, MN; (800) 533-0466; within Minnesota, (507) 663-4193.

New Award

The Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship was established this year by the family of the Oakland, Calif., minister. The Rev. Yamashita was pastor of the Oakland West 10th Methodist Church prior to WW2. Following the internment, he founded a hostel for returning internees. He pastored at the Centenary Methodist Church in Los Angeles until his retirement in 1966.

Undergraduate Awards

Applicants must be currently enrolled or planning to re-enter a trade school, business college, college, university or other institution of higher learning at the undergraduate level, in the following semester. Two awards are given annually.

— Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship, established in honor of the national JACL president during WW2, whose services to the community spanned more than 50 years.

People

Law

Dale Minami of San Francisco was among those installed on Jan. 31 by Calif. Chief Justice Rose Bird as members of the State Bar of California's Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation. The commission evaluates all persons the governor is considering for appointment to trial and appellate court judgeships.

Grace Hane Yamakawa of San Jose was the unanimous choice of the selection committee to fill the top administrative position in the Santa Clara County Superior Court. She is responsible for a budget of \$9 million and manages 260 employees.

Education

Sharon Ogomori and Helen Oshiba, teachers at Alexander Fleming Jr. HS (Lomita) and Park West-ern Place School (San Pedro), respectively, were among 257 Los Angeles Unified School District teachers to be awarded small grants to finance instruction projects. The program, funded by local foundations, is intended to promote innovative teaching and build teacher morale, with preference giv-

en to projects that can be easily adapted by teachers in other schools.

Sucheng Chang, nationally recognized scholar in Asian American Studies, is serving as provost of



Sucheng Chan

Oakes College at UC Santa Cruz. She is the first Asian American woman to be named a provost in the UC system. In addition to her regental appointment, Chan is also professor of history and has been chosen by the chancellor to initiate a newly created position, faculty assistant to the academic vice chancellor.

In that post, she helps to step up efforts by the Santa Cruz campus to recruit more students from under-represented groups, sets up courses with ethnic mi-

nority content, and creates programs to enrich the cultural life of the campus.

Politics

Lance Izumi has been named president of the So. California-based Japanese American Republicans (JAR). A resident of Gardena and a graduate of USC law school, he recently served as a speechwriter for L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Arts

Miles Kubo is leaving his position as director of the George J. Doizaki Gallery 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 director in 1981, he has been credited with turning the JACC's exhibition space into a gallery of museum caliber.

Radio-TV

Director Michael Uno, whose film "The Silence" was nominated for the best live action short film Oscar in 1983, recently directed "The Exchange Student," a CBS Schoolbreak Special which aired on Jan. 22. The film stars Neeta Puri as an Indian student adjusting to an American school.

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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 jurisdictions...[but] now is representing local churches."

Sun said that there are approximately 225 Korean congregations and fellowships in the nation, compared with 60 Chinese, 48 Japanese, and 14 Pilipino.

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 Pilipina laywoman, Natividad Ngo of Albany, Ga., withdrew in favor of a Pilipino layman from Dallas, Tony Palaganas.

Backing for Sano, Redress

If the delegates here experienced tension in the election of 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 I.] Sano for its unfounded and opportunistic accusation that he was 'baptizing violent revolution.'" The state-

ment 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 after an address Sano made to the Board of Global Ministries in which he cited "the stirring of the Holy Spirit in liberation movements."

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 this summer of the atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki;

—Urged annual conferences with Indochinese populations 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 October 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 caucus. 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. Sivaji Subramaniam, a native of Malaysia who is pastor of Fairview Church in Dayton, Ohio. He succeeds the Rev. Lloyd K. Wake of San Francisco.

—United Methodist News Service

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LOS ANGELES—Though not as widely publicized as in previous years, Indochinese refugees are continuing to flee from the turmoil in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, according to Linda Nawa, spokesperson for Asian Refugee Mediators (ARM). "They come to the United States with very little and cannot afford to purchase what they need to begin life here," she said.

A ministry of Agape Fellowship, an Asian American Christian community in Los Angeles, ARM has been responding to the needs of local Indochinese refugees, primarily in the Chinatown, Echo Park and Mid-Wilshire areas.

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•Feb 17-24

San Diego — Salute to Japan festival, San Diego State U; films, concert, fair, exh

•Friday, Feb 22

Los Angeles — APA Women's Network woman warrior awards dnr, Hyatt Regency Htl, 711 S Hope, 6:30pm; info Debra Nakatomi, (213) 460-3555

•Saturday, Feb 23

Riverside — Instl dnr., Calif St U Commons, San Bernardino, 6pm, David Nakayama, sprk

•Feb 23-24

Delray Beach, Fla — Hattume Fair, 10am-5pm, 4000 Morikami Park Rd; info 499-0631

•Saturday, March 2

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