Sen. Alan Cranston speaks of re­dress at Day of Remembrance.

Japan’s Alien Registration Law, and victory Feb.

Fujiyoshi has attempted to fuse to be fingerprinted under the Alien Registration Certificate system is an integral part of the Alien Registration law, and other dis­criminatory measures which the Japanese have practiced against foreigners,” 80% of whom are of Korean ancestry.

In his challenge to the existing law, Fujiyoshi has attempted to use “expert” witnesses to sup­port his claim that “the Assimilation and Control policy of the Ja­panese government is a violation of the human rights of long­term Asian foreigners in Japan, the vast majority of whom are Ko­rean, and that the compulsory fingerprinting requirement within the Alien Registration Certificate system is an integral part of this policy.”

While the Kobe District Court had previously granted only three of the fifteen proposed deaf­ness witnesses, the chief judge surprised the defense committee by admitting the facts to the fact that Alan Cran­ston and Rep. Mervyn Dymally (both D-Calif.) and Asian Ameri­can community representatives as about 300 persons gathered at the Ken Nakaoka Memorial Cer­ter on Feb. 23 for a “Day of Re­mem­brance.

The anniversary of the Feb. 19, 1942, signing of Executive Order 9066, traditionally observed in Little Tokyo this year, in Gardena to make it more ac­cessible to the South Bay area’s large Nisei pop­ulation.

The National Coalition for Redress/ Reparations (NCCR), Pacific Southwest District JACL, and Little Tokyo People’s Rights Organi­zation sponsored the program.

Cranston, a longtime redress supporter, referred to the WWII internment of Japanese Ameri­cans, which O. 9066 made possi­ble, as “an irrational policy based on fear, hatred and racial prej­udice.” As an employee of the Of­fice of Wartime Information at the time, Cranston unsuccessfully sought to prevent the internment from taking place.

He said that a recent letter from a Nisei whom he had not seen since 1944 reminded him of a visit to the Heart Mountain camp, where he met a number of his boyhood friends. “My most poignant memory is of a young mother who was trying to conceal from her five-year-old daughter that they were prisoners in a racial intern­ment camp,” he recalled.

“We must make sure that such a gross wrong never occurs again on American soil. .. we must redress the damage to families and to individuals and to the Japanese American community as a whole. We must eradicate the causes .. that led to those dark days in our nation’s history. We must help Americans understand the price­less contributions the Japanese Americans have made and are making to our country,” Cranston declared.

While noting that Asian Ameri­cans are part of the economic and cultural life in Southern Califor­nia, he added that “to enjoy the full fruits of American freedom, Asian Americans must participate in the process of political power.”

If the various Asian and Pac­ific communities can pool their re­sour­ces, he said, they will have “a much louder, much more persuas­ive voice in the governing of our cities, our state and our nation.” He cited continuing anti-Asian discrimination and violence as is­sues that need to be addressed.

Cranston, who introduced re­dress legislation in 1983 and later co-sponsored redress bill S 2116, announced that he, along with Ha­waii senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, would reintroduce the bill in March.

“We’ve got a tough job ahead .. to get it approved in this time of budget-cut­ting programs, when it’s hard to spend on anything, particu­larly anything .. we’re going to try again and again and again until we finally win, as I believe we finally can,” he told the audience.

Dymally represents the 31st congressional district, which in­cludes Gardena. He introduced redress legislation in 1982 and be­came a co-sponsor of redress bill HR 4110 during the last session of Congress. He is now a co-sponsor of the reintroduced bill, HR 442.

According to Dymally, two de­velopments may improve HR 442’s chances of being passed:

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Every candidate who repre­sents you, whether he serves on the school board, the city council or the state legislature, should be asked to commit him­self or herself to support HR 44.

He likened the , express battle to the "raindrops on the rock, drop­Continued on Page 12"
FUJIYOSHI
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JACL national director, the late Masao Satow, believes that the decision by the judges to allow another hearing was influenced by numerous individuals and groups from the U.S.A., Canada and South Korea who sent polite letters and telegrams to the chief judge appealing for the recognition of further witnesses in order to conduct a fair hearing.

In addition, University of Hawai'i professor Franklin Odo was called upon by Ernie Inouye's supporters to attend the hearing in order to exert public pressure upon the court, Odo told reporters in Kobe of his own personal experiences with assimilation and oppression in the United States and how it served to warp, disorient my own self-development."

Odo spoke of minority rights to local groups in Osaka and Kyoto. His visit received extensive coverage in the Japanese press.

The next two hearing dates in the Fujiyoshi case are set for April 19 and May 17. Those interested in the rights of Koreans in Japan should contact: Michael Yanagihara, Chicago chapter JACL, Human Rights Committee, 2744 Bryant Ave, Evanston, IL 60201.

Internment memorial unveiled

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - A memorial to grade all interne-

ment of Japanese Americans during WW2 was unveiled here at the Sacramento City building on Feb 13.

A collaboration of ceramic artist Yoshio Taylor and poet Hiroshi Kashihara, the memorial consists of 6-foot by 15-foot mural made up of 6-inch-square tiles and a poem. It was con-

structed as a result of an ordi-

nance passed last May, which also established a fund to com-

pensate former county employ-

ees for having been dismissed because of their ancestry during WW2.

In Washington, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif) noted in a re-

leased statement that "Sacramento County has once again proven to be a leader in the struggle for the rights that are guaranteed to all Americans, regard-

less of race." Following is the text of the poem.

Japanese Americans (1942-1945)  

released from prison at last 

hope and strength gained 

from a new meaning of freedom 

they worked to rebuild their lives 

became productive citizens again 

securing their rightful place in America 

but the memory of prison life 

and the pain from that experience 

make them fierce guardians of justice 

no one in this country 

no one group of people 

should ever suffer the same injustice 

never again should it happen

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STICKERS OF SUPPORT-These stickers showing opposition to Japan's alien registration laws were generated by a support group for Kim Myung Gwan, a Kyoto resident who has gone on trial for refusing to be fingerprinted. Each one reads, "Gai-koku Kenkō Shuron Shodon Haiso," or "Abolition of Alien Registration Certificate/Fingerprinting System." The sticker on the right also reads, "Jaa ya" (No, I won't).
Students to gather for business forum

LOS ANGELES—Thirty-two college in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas have been invited to participate in the second West Coast Business Career Forum for Minority Undergraduate Students.

The forum, offered free to minority undergraduates, will be held May 11 at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The forum's purpose is to encourage minority students to consider career options in the corporate world and graduate manage-

ment education. Students meet in small-group seminars led by minority professionals. About 560 students are expected to attend.

Students may submit an application to a college coordinator on their respective campuses. Applications must be received by the coordinators no later than March 11.

Information: Stella Catan-
zarite, USC Graduate School of Business Administration, Bridge Hall 101, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1421; (213) 743-7866

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JAM sponsors literary contest

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japan-

town Art and Media Writers' Workshop is sponsoring their fifth annual literary contest for high school students. The purpose of this contest is to encourage the development and expression of Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and to support high school students interested in creative writing.

There are three prizes in both the poetry and the short story categories—a $25 first prize, an $80 second prize, and a $250 third prize in each category. Last year the winners were high school writers from San Jose, San Francisco, and San Lorenzo. All the winning entries were published in the Shelter Island Mainliner.

Any student currently enrolled in high school is eligible. One or more poems and/or short stories may be submitted that deal with some aspect of Asian American/Pacific Islander life. Each entry should include a name, address, grade level, name of high school, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Manuscript should be sent to: JAM Writers' Workshop, 1730 Fillmore St., San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 567-3801. Deadline: April 30.

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Community Affairs

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WAILUKI, Hawaii—Zuke Matsus, chair of the 1986 Nisei Veterans Re-

union, urges those planning to attend the July 4 event to make reservations as soon as possible. About 500 vets and their spouses are expected to fill the rooms of the Mai Nisei Washington brochure and hotel reservation forms are available from MAUI NVR 15, P.O. Box 22, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793.

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — Montebel-
lo Nisei Japanese Women's Club and the Bella Vista Optimist Club are making plans for their annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, March 16, at the Quiet Cannon Montebello Country Club. The event features dinner and continues with Monte Carlo activities and dancing. Proceeds from the event are donated to chari-

ties. Information: (818) 232-8951.

BURLINGTON, Calif. — Reflections on the Bay,” featuring live music by the band Oracle, will be held at the Burlington Cafe, 1 Seawall Dr., Friday, March 15. Cost: $30. Call Weng of KFI: FM is sorce for the Ber-

keley Asian Youth Center benefit. Tickets are $8 students, $10 at door. Information: 849-4686.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robert Scalapi-
no, director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, is offering a course on the topic ‘The United States and Japan in Asia: Where Do We Go from Here?’ at a program sponsored by the Jap

anese Society of North California, Tues-

day, March 5, p.m., at the World Af

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LEARN SOMETHING NEW almost every day. The other evening I attended a gathering at a Black church where, for whom I’ve always had the highest respect, was speaking. As it turned out, it was a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NAACP, by 59 original founders, in 1909. As I sat there listening to the various congratulatory messages from the state governor and so forth, it occurred to me that JACL was founded just 30 years later in California. I don’t go back quite that far, although I’m getting there, but I think it was called the “American Loyalist League,” a distinction which the Fresno Chapter proudly claims.

THE PROGRAM WAS quite full, colorful and robust. When it came time for the singing, it tore away with the title “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” it ended up with many people standing on their chairs, so caught up in the moment I was thinking I’d never heard the original performed. As I sat there listening to the audience react, joins in, and was quite a stirring experience by this writer rather lame, colorful and robust. When I was quite a startling, “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing,” I’d never known there was such a thing. I’d like to share the first stanza and a bit of the third stanza, in case you, too, had not experienced it before:

Lift ev’ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty,
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the Brave
Let us march on till victory
As we pray
I was to hear that same song the following evening and was to learn something new about:
THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT the gathering of Black Parishioners that is joyous. Uplifting. The audience reacts, join in, and there are encouraging jonders of “Yes’s,” “Ay-men,” and every so often “That’s right.” With that kind of encouragement, why, a speaker could go on all night. And some try. And when it comes to hymn singing, it can be a good rollicking time. About a dozen years back, I was invited to speak at a Baptist Church (no, not a religious sermon but a quite temporal subject) and there was some good old-time hymn singing with clapping, swaying and so forth. It ended up with many people standing on their chairs, so caught up in the moment I was thinking I’d never heard the original performed.

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Amadea 1 $ 2,500 100 $1,250
Berkeley 3,300 100 1,650
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Edin Township 3,235 100 1,615
Fernon 1,040 100 520
French Camp 1 1,440 100 720
Gihuy 1,380 100 690
Golden Gate 546 100 270
Hokkaido 1 429 100 210
Japan 750 100 375
Livingston-Merced 1,868 99 940
Los Angeles 3,015 100 1,515
Marin County 850 100 425
Mavisville 2 2,720 100 1,360
Monterey Peninsula 4,415 100 2,205
Oakland 976 99 490
Placer County 2,740 100 1,370
Reno 770 100 385
Sacramento 9,230 100 4,615
Salinas Valley 3,820 100 1,910
San Benito County 700 100 350
San Francisco 11,000 100 5,500
San Jose 1 6,100 100 3,050
San Mateo 6,400 100 3,200
Sequoia 8,769 104 3,865
Solano County 3,019 100 1,500
Stockton 4,050 100 2,025
Tri-Valley 570 100 285
Watsonville 3 3,420 100 1,710
West Valley 3 2,375 100 1,185

FACING THE RISING OF our new day
Begin,
Let us march on till victory
is won.
Thus far on the way;
Thou who hast brought us
thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path,
we pray.

As I SAT there, my mind drifted almost 20 years to 1966 to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. It was a hot and humid August evening. I’d driven up from New Orleans where, earlier that day, we had secured a court order desegregating the Washington Parish (Bogalusa) schools and the Black townspeople and their children had jammed the previously crowded church to learn the details. That evening, the children sang, a cappella (too poor to afford a piano) a Freedom Song, the haunting words which stick with me yet today. It went, in part, something like this:
Oh, Lord, if he ask you; oh Lord, if he ask you
Was I laughing
Oh, Lord, if he ask you, was I laughing
Tell him, Lord, I was crying
I don’t want no white man’s freedom, Lord
I want my own
I don’t want no Uncle Tom freedom
I don’t want my own
I don’t want my own
I don’t want my own.

I wonder where those children, who were there that night, are today?

The PSW district fully met its second-year redress pledge amount of $37,400. The tabulation above details the contributions by chapters. As LEC chair Yasui has noted, the national JACL redress campaign must carry on with redress while LEC pursues a fund drive to take on direct lobbying activities. The PSW has now exhausted its large donations from members and must raise a full $37,400 this year to meet its redress pledge.

As district governor, I appreciate the difficulties encountered and the burden imposed on JACLers to fund the redress pursuit. However, I believe we need to continue this pursuit to a successful end. I request that all members double and triple their efforts in chapter redress fund-raising so that PSW district meets its pledge apportionment for this bicentennial.

—Harry Kajihara

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East L.A. 1,310 1,000 1,310 2
Fresno Valley 2,025 1,025 2,025 2
Greater L.A. Singles 865 865 865 2
Greater Pasadena 140 140 140 2
Hollywood 1,145 1,145 1,145 2
Imperial Valley 220 220 220 2
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N. San Diego 10 10 10 2
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San Luis Obispo 630 630 630 2
Santa Barbara 600 600 600 2
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Ventura 930 930 930 2
W. Los Angeles 5,455 2,882 3,573 2
Welfare 675 675 675 2

Total $37,400 $34,480 $30,247 $11,000
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On Membership, Professionals, and Activists

by Robert Shimabukuro

Being away from Portland and my many commitments there has given me some breathing room (although as I look out my window into the hazy L.A. air, I wonder how deeply I should breathe) and a chance to reflect on what is happening in Portland with respect to JACL and the rest of Asian America.

In the area of recruitment of new members, Portland JACL has continuously tried to utilize the same type of relationships which gained members in the past—part social, part political, but mostly those relationships which define the Nisei community.

In doing so, the emphasis has been on social events where people get together, build up a network of friends, and that in turn form a community of volunteers who work on various political issues. The Nisei have had great success with this approach when adding the membership within their age group because they solicit within an already established network. When this approach is used with the younger Nikkei, that kind of network must be established first.

This has been time-consuming and relatively unproductive. In Portland it is more the exception than the rule that children of JACL members end up as members. While there are many reasons for this, I would like to offer my observations on this matter with the hope that a dialogue will be generated. And if a discussion could get started outside board meetings, much valuable meeting time would not have to be spent asking, "How can we attract more people?" or "Who are the young people interested in?"

While a few inquiries about possible JACL membership are from Japanese Americans who are looking to establish social relationships, most of the inquiries that I received were from people who were interested (1) in a political stance taken by JACL, and (2) in the possibilities for personal advancement. I would like to add that these two groups are by no means mutually exclusive.

In the latter category we find those who have reached a plateau in their professional career and find that the "system" offers them little opportunity for growth. JACL provides a good opportunity to learn leadership skills with others who are in the same predicament. There is a supportive atmosphere and people do listen (although they do not always agree).

Those who are interested in the political stance taken by the JACL on human rights issues are generally "progressive" (although not always), have experience in community advocacy, and find that the real problems faced by Japanese Americans are similar to problems faced by Asian Americans in general.

In addition, members should be encouraged to bring up issues that concern us all. When meetings last until 11 at night, no one really feels like bringing up new issues. Meetings have to be streamlined. Both the activist and the professional attend the meetings as it is.

Reauthorization of Indian Health Care bill needed

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437) was passed in 1976. The act has been declared the single most important mechanism for delivering health care services to the Indian people in this country. Since 1976 the Indian infant mortality rate has fallen by 50%.

The act expired in 1984. The strong bipartisan support for the reauthorization of the act in both the House and the Senate, President Reagan vetoed the bill. The Indian tribes and the federal government has not honored this commitment. Indian health care costs have risen considerably in the past century, but so has the value of the lands the Indians handed over. Treaties are the law of the land. They are special contracts. Like other old documents—including the Constitution and the Bill of Rights—they are part of the national heritage. There is no such thing for an honorable United States government as a simple unilateral abolition of Indian treaties.

Nisei Vets and Their Plans for the Future

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**Chapter Pulse**

**Downtown Los Angeles**

**LOS ANGELES** — The chapter announces its first membership drive targeted toward young adults. The affiliated chapter, to be known as the Japanese American United Alliance, holds an information meeting on Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., 2d Floor.

The meeting is open to the public and features a history of the JACL by J.D. Nakamura, an introduction of the JAUA and Downtown JACL officers, and plans for the group. "The purpose of the JAUA," stated spokesperson Monica Morita, "is to channel the interests of young adults to serving the Nikkei community in constructive ways as well as providing a learning experience."

Information: Dave Iegasami, 617-1742, or Monica Morita, 272-2013.

**San Diego**

**SAN DIEGO** — The initial meeting of the San Diego JACL Singles and their friends is an informal dinner at the Tengu Restaurant, 8690 Aero Dr., on Sunday, March 3, from 5:30 p.m. Guest speakers and an open forum will be special features of the dinner. Reservations: Art Nishitaka, 295-1741; Yuchi Kubota, 284-0777, Drake Shopun, 223-4152.

Possible future activities are ski trips, Las Vegas jaunts, and theater outings.

**Selanoco**

**BUENA PARK, Calif.** — "Make America Live up to her promises and you make America greater!" Redress is an American issue, not a Japanese American issue," exclaimed Min Yasui, who flew in from Denver to speak at the Selanoco South East Los Angeles, North Orange County Chapter's 20th annual installation dinner at Buena Park Hotel on Jan. 12.

Trita Toyota, anchorman for KNBC-TV news, served as master of ceremonies. Madame Fujima Kasunen performed classical dance as entertainment. The successful dinner attracted 180 persons.

Harry Kajihara, Pacific Southwest District governor, installed the officers and board members (listed in the Jan. 4-11 issue).

**Marysville**

**MARYSVILLE, Calif.** — Graduating seniors of the high schools in the Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties and second-year college students are reminded that the 1985 Marysville Chapter scholarships are now available.

There are four awards: two chapter awards and two Henry M. Oji Memorial Scholarships. Applicants must be chapter members or the children of members. Judging will be based on scholastic achievement (grade point 3.0 or above for high school graduates), leadership, potential and need. Applications are due by April 30.

For additional information, contact committee chair Mai Kakiuchi, 1580 Lisa Ct., Yuba City, or committee members Clark Torukaga, Sakaye Takaishi, and Marianne Kyono.

**Florin**

**FLORIN, Calif.** — "A Time of Remembrance Recognition Night" will be held on Saturday, March 9, at Florin YBA Hall, 6320 Florin Rd. Eric Saul, curator of the San Francisco Presidio Army Museum, is guest speaker. Honored guests are the Isei and veterans of all wars.

A historical exhibit of photos and artifacts will be on display from 2 p.m. A buffet dinner begins at 6 p.m. Also on the program is a showing of "Nisei Soldier," a documentary about the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Tickets are $5. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with Tom Kashi, 454-6809, or Lois Nakashima, 692-2459.

**Philadelphia**

**PHILADELPHIA** — High school and college graduates are the honored guests of the Philadelphia Chapter installation dinner dances. Saturday, March 30, from 6:30 p.m. at the University City Hilton Ballroom, 34th and Civic Center Blvd. Frank Sató is guest speaker.

Tickets are $18.50 per person; $13 for senior citizens and students. Reservations: Sim Endo, 5932 Devon Place, Philadelphia, PA 19138; (215) 844-7317. Information about any graduates should be included (name, school, degree and major).

**Gardena Valley**

**GARDENA, Calif.** — Candidates for the annual Miss Gardena Valley JACL Queen contest are being sought. The Miss queen will represent the Gardena Valley JACL in various community events. In addition, she will vie for the title of Miss West Queen and more than $30,000 in prizes, including trips to Japan, Singapore, and Hawaii.

Prospective candidates must be single and between the ages of 19 and 25. One of the candidate's parents must also be of one hundred percent Japanese ancestry. Information: Deena Akemi, (213) 520-3534.

**Marina**

**VENICE, Calif.** — Marina JACL presents "A Communication Workshop" on March 15, 22, and 29. This three-part series focuses on a "how-to" and practical approach in improving communication skills within interpersonal relationships. Special emphasis and instruction will be given to concerns that are uniquely Japanese American. Speakers, group discussion, and experiential activities will facilitate the understanding and application of communication concepts.

The program will be held at the Venice Community Center, 12446 Braddock Dr., and begins at 7 p.m. Information: Shirley Chami, (213) 589-4550, or Ed Goka, (213) 327-7143.
Focus on young adults at NCWNP meeting

by Chiz Iyama

SAN JOSE—There was a busker and expectant air as Mike Honda of the San Jose JACL Chapter promised a frank and open discussion on a topic of importance.

"Young Adults and JACL," at the NCWNP-JACL meeting on Feb. 3 at the San Jose YWCA. Honda, principal of McKinley School and board member of the San Jose School District, put the problem in perspective: there is a need for JACL to recruit young members; the JACL has been aware of the need for a long time; and a survey made in 1983 in the district listed the average age of members as the late 50s, with only 15% under the age of 40. Honda declared proudly that the San Jose Chapter had a good mix of Nisei and Sansei members with young adults in leadership positions.

Panel members included Floyd Shimomura, president; Ann Shiraiishi, currently on the board of the San Jose JACL; and a law school student, Dale Sasaki, representing the Jr. JACL, and Kathy Doi, teacher, active in her union and church.

Shimomura looked at the history of JACL and said it had the largest membership when JAs were responding to major problems in their lives. Young Nisei formed the JACL in the late 20s and 30s, when it became apparent that Japanese Americans needed mutual support and protection from discrimination. During and after World War II, the JACL came together as a national organization with the issues of loyalty and good citizenship.

In the late 50s and 60s, with the rise of the Black movement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Japanese Americans focused on civil rights and social issues. Shimomura felt that today, in the 80s, the major problems we face have to do with international problems—of foreign trade and nuclear war—and that JACL should take a position on them.

Shiraiishi pointed out that the Nisei in their 30s are busy building their careers and starting their families. She suggested that JACL become more visible, and develop links with the larger community.

Invited to join the Jr. JACL at the age of 14, Sasaki related the importance of this connection with other Japanese Americans at this age when he was struggling with his sense of identity. He is no longer active in JACL, but is in touch with some of the people in the local chapter. He felt that JACL needs to take up issues of interest to young adults—inter racial marriages, needs of children, etc., but made a special plea for personal contact.

As an active member, Nishi declared that the future of the JACL was dependent on the recruitment of new members. He finds JACL very helpful for the development of leadership skills among young people, and stressed the importance of introducing young Nisei to the national and district programs.

Kathy Doi, who has never been a member of JACL, gave a candid appraisal of the organization. She asserted that young people have demands on their time as they raise families, promote careers, and are active in their churches or children's organizations. She proposed the question: "Why should they join JACL?" She referred to some of the negative stereotypes of the JACL—that it is an organization of professional and business people and that it was too accommodating during WWII. She wondered if young people may feel uncomfortable.

She felt that JACL needs to capitalize on its activities when it gets national attention—for example, during redress hearings—and make a special push for membership. She suggested that JACL work on social issues with other communities, that it become highly visible and recruit members actively on an individual basis.

In an open and thoughtful discussion period, panelists referred to the fact that as young people move into areas where there are very few Japanese Americans, it becomes increasingly important that they retain ties to the Nisei communities. One panelist stated that she began to make a conscious effort to foster an understanding of their background when her 8- and 10-year-old children asked her if they were Chinese or Japanese.

Other panelists talked about their interest in civil rights, women's issues, environmental concerns, and peace and disarmament.

The delegates to the meeting were impressed by the articulate and attractive demeanor of the panelists, their reasoned presentations, and their thoughtful answers. The San Jose Chapter under the leadership of Wayne Tanaka and Susan Nakamura organized a program that should have an impact on the local chapters.

LEC-JACL discuss fundraising, elect officers

San Francisco: The Legislative Education Committee (LEC), the newly formed lobbying arm of the JACL, met here Feb. 9 to discuss fundraising, lobbying, and to elect new officers.

Harry Kajihara presented a fundraising plan based on what he called the "key ingredients of fundraising": a well-thought out plan, timely accounting of expenditures, and timely publicity.

In his report, he posed the question: "Why should LEC-JACL need to take up issues of membership services, proposed that contributions to LEC-JACL are not tax-deductible.

In addition, he outlined a structure for fundraising based on the principle of solicitation—persons who volunteer to raise $2000 per year "by any method best suited to the person." Kajihara then added that if the JACL were to undertake a massive publicity campaign to change the minds of the country and Congress, or firms that would "open doors" to key members of Congress. Since either type would be expensive, and since LEC-JACL does not have enough to purchase such services, the matter was deferred.

Frank Sato reported that he has met with leaders of other redress groups to "see if there was a common ground to move together on." He said that there seemed to be an interest in such a move; contacts have been made and attempts are being made to set up meetings. Groups contacted included NCAP, NCREE, Washington Coalition, Californian Groups, and Veteran's Groups.

In its final action, LEC elected its executive committee: chair, Min Yasui; vice-chair, Sherry Kishimoto; David Nakido; legislative committee, Grant Ujihara; board members, Frank Sato, Rose Ochi, Yosh Nakashima; sec.-treas. Shig Shikamoto; and board member, Roger Sato.

Sano Aiso, president of the San Jose chapter, briefly reviewed the by the Board:

Memorial at Iwo Jima

On Feb. 19, some 280 ex-Marines and their wives journeyed to Iwo Jima, an island directly south of Japan, between Tokyo and Saipan, to unveil a new memorial commemorating the lives of the men who died there. From Japan about 50 survivors and 60 widows, with children and children of soldiers killed there, flew in for this 40th anniversary ceremony.

Iwo Jima has not been one of my favorite places, but I have never avoided thinking about it, trying to block it out of my mind. One might expect the memory of it to be assuaged by the absence of war, particularly of American and Japanese soldiers having to fight each other, destroying one another.

Last month, these former enemies shared a meal together, those who had survived and had the courage to return to unveil the memorial bearing Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' laudatory description, "Uncommon valor was a common virtue." About 7,000 Americans and
Opposing Apartheid

Evidently Mark Ishi­matu (Feb. 15 PC) is adept at reading between the lines, since none of what he seeks to credit me with actually appears in print. His out­rage at what he sees as “selective indi­cations” of the in­teresting and pub­lishing public­ity of an article I wrote on South Africa (Jan. 25 PC) is quite mis­placed. I can assure him that there is nothing “selective” about my indignation.

In the past few years, I have written numerous letters and arti­cles regarding such topics as re­dress and reparations; Hiroshi­na-Nagasaki and the hibaku­sho, Ronald Reagan and the threat of nuclear war; death squads in El Salvador; U.S. sup­port for contra in Nicaragua; Kampuchea and Vietnam; the Marcos dictatorship and the mur­der of Benigno Aquino; the lack of democ­racy in the Democ­ratic Party; and the opportunistic revision of Martin Luther King’s legacy. This hardly supports Ishi­matu’s charge that concern is focused “only on the issue of whites suppressing blacks.”

Additionally, there is much more, deserving greater atten­tion in the media. More needs to be written on the military junta in Ethiopia, the role of neo-colonial regimes in suppress­ing democratic forces in Kenya, Ghana, and a host of other coun­tries throughout the Third World. The suppression of Solidarity in Poland and the papal attack on liberation theology also deserve consider­ation. But this is not Ishi­matu’s real concern.

In the end, Ishi­matu uses the cover of “selective indignation” to undermine the sincerity and in­tegrity of those of us who oppose apartheid in South Africa. By a splendid skein of twisted logic, Ishi­matu concludes that those who oppose apartheid are them­selves racist! “One can see that political morality is not the issue; the issue is one of race,” he says, though the two are in opposition.

When Japanese Americans were rounded up and carted away from the West Coast, the issue was primarily one of race. Is it therefore not one of political morality? Ishi­matu’s argu­ments make no sense when ap­plied to our own history and ex­perience. They make as little sense when applied to South Africa.

It is important that we “asses­s other guilty” nations as well as ourselves when pursuing our goal of peace, justice and equality for all people of all nations. It is healthy to examine our motives and our biases in “selecting” one issue or cause over another. Ishi­matu makes a good point in that regard.

We must also examine and discard the diffusion of effort and para­lysis of action that result from at­tempting to attack all targets at all times, for this is but another version of the divide-and-conquer strategy used by the powerful few against the potentially powerful few.

STAN SHIKUMA
Seattle

Letters

Onizuka's Space Flight

Regarding “Lost In Space” by J.K. Yamamoto (Feb. 8 PC): lack of recognition on the Mainland for Ellison Onizuka as the first Asian American in space is not out of context when we consider the lack of publicity given to recruiting of oriental servicemen for the U.S. Armed Forces.

I have yet to see a single Orient­al face in our recruiting cam­paigns for our Army, Navy, or the Air Force. Military recruiting spot commercials during sport­ing events on TV and recruiting in­vitations in government build­ings are completely void of anyone with Oriental-looking faces. There are plenty of Blacks and some with Hispanic features but not a single Oriental, let alone an American of Japanese ancestry.

Is it possible that our Armed Forces discourage young Orient­als from making the military a career because over another. Ishimatsu makes a good point in that regard. We must also examine and discard the diffusion of effort and paralysis of action that result from attempting to attack all targets at all times, for this is but another version of the divide-and-conquer strategy used by the powerful few against the potentially powerful few.

STAN SHIKUMA
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Fire and Brimstone

Mr. Bohall (Feb. 1 PC) “doth protest too much, me thinks” as he with apocalyptic energy and length heaped on “the con­demnation” of the congressional resolution on the Year of the Bible (I agree; it was dumb) but char­acterizes the depth of Anti-Ca­sian and anti-Western.

Weighted down by chains of Christian certitude and racial myopia, he lashes out with an as­sortment of “white man’s burden” myths and considerable his­torical, constitutional, and theo­retical oversimplifications, misap­plications, and wrongheaded­ness. His letter demonstrates the courage of his limitations un­tended by lucidity; reading it was a test of Zen patience and Tao tolerance.

Surely Mr. Bohall is aware that in the name of Christianity and Western mercantilism, mega­deaths became a new historical phenomenon, extravagantly exe­cuted during colonialism, slav­ery, and, the ultimate horror, the Holocaust. Moreover, the incor­poration of Japanese Americans occurred in a white and Christian nation for which the latter now has collective amnesia. It was a concentrated experience without the epic level and proportions of the Holocaust; unlike the Jews we were not consumed by fire. From fallen innocence we realized that the bible, the Chris­tian West, and the U.S. Constitu­tion were no more infallible than the dogmas of the popes (cosmic revolutions most awful).

I am reminded of an aphorism of my favorite Western sage, Dorothy Parker: “He’s really aw­ful, this Presbyterian, he says himself, that he wouldn’t have white servants.”

EJI SUYAMA
Ellsworth, Me.

For the Record

Last week we made a few errors in layout for which we apologize. The article on the National board meeting and Richard Miyata's article on his father's Shinto shrine among the casualties of a late-night/early morning past-up session. In Miyato's article, the para­graph beginning with "In the fall of 1942..." should follow the paragraph ending with "were separated from both parents and were entrusted to distant rela­tives."

The section on the membership renewal plan, which was divided by other items discussed at the board meeting, is reprinted on p. 3.

In addition, Shea Aoki was in­advertently left off the listing of Seattle Chapter board members in Ann Fujii's article on the chapter's installation dinner. Again, we apologize for the er­rors.

B.S.

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Does anyone know Lori Reiko Higa's current address? The last address I have is for Cary, N.C. It cam­back "Return to Sender." I helped edit a magazine she wrote for and want to send her this.

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Conference to address Nihkei issues

LOS ANGELES — Tritia Toyota, anchorperson for KNBC-TV, is the keynote speaker at a day-long conference discussing contemporary issues in the Japanese American community on Saturday, March 23, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The conference is sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District JACL, which covers the southern half of California from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, plus Las Vegas and Phoenix.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Cost, which includes lunch, is $15 for general admission and $10 for students and persons over 60 years old. Information: John Saito, (213) 620-6471.

Luncheon Panel

Inter-ethnic Dialogue: How can we continue the interaction?

A noon-time panel sponsored by the Ethnic Concerns Committee brings together leaders from major human and civil rights organizations.

Panel Members

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B’nai B’rith: Harvey Schechter, regional director

Japanese American Citizens League: Irene Hirano, chair, JACL national women’s concerns committee and member, ethnic concerns committee

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund: John Huerta, associate counsel

Southern Christian Leadership Conference—Los Angeles: Mark Ridley-Thomas, executive director

Moderator: John Saito, regional director, JACL

SESSION II: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Advocacy: Speaking Up For One’s Point of View

What lessons have we learned about legislative advocacy from the redress experience? How can we apply those lessons to other areas of concern?

SESSION III: 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Legal Rights for Women

Why people choose seeking legal rights, and the effects upon parents whose children are inter-racially involved.

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Moderator: John Saito, chair, PSW JACL

SESSION IV: 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Involvement in JACL: Where Are We Going?

How one might move up the ranks within JACL; the factors which lead to a lack of interest in JACL; and why should one get involved in JACL.

SESSION V: 5:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Elections, Nominations, Voting

How one might move up the ranks within JACL; the factors which lead to a lack of interest in JACL; and why should one get involved in JACL.

SESSION VI: 6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Informal Reception

A social gathering of members and guests to share their experiences and discuss the future of JACL.

An Active Reactivated Chapter

The other night we drove to Ventura County to attend their board meeting. For many years that chapter was dormant but through the efforts of Harry and Janet Kajihara the chapter was reactivated. After a delicious dinner hosted by Nate and Shirley Harimoto they got down to the business on hand. Last month’s project was to clean up the Japanese cemetery. The task included the mending of the fence, painting 62 grave markers, cleaning headstones and cutting weeds. I had learned that the earliest burial there was in 1906 and the last one in 1990. The lot was donated to the Japanese community by the local Masonic Lodge. This month’s project is to have a free showing of the film “Seven Samurai.”

Incorporated in the meeting was a presentation by the chapter liaison, Ken Inouye. Last year, the Coachella Valley Chapter requested some money from the district board to install their iron coming officers. Since the governor and vice-governor was committed to attend other installations, Ken as the district treasurer volunteered. (Ken has been invited to a return engagement.) Out of that visit Ken developed the idea of a liaison between the district board and the chapters. He has researched the history of the organization and its structure. From that research he has developed an easy-to-read handbook that he passes out to chapter members. Although Ken is the first to admit that he is no authority on the organization, he is willing to share what knowledge he has gained thus far.

As a witness to Ken’s easy-manered presentation I was left with the impression that the chapter enjoyed and benefitted from his sharing of information.

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by Roy Yoshida
LINCOLN, Calif. — Unanimously reelected president of the Nikkei Totokuni, activist Sansei from Newcastle, was sworn in as president of the Pacific Area Japanese American Citizens League for 1985 at an installation dinner held Jan. 28.

In assuming the leadership of the 57-year-old human and civil rights organization, Tokumon pledged to continue vigorously recruiting Sansei members and to revamp the chapter program in an effort to widen the scope of its political participation. He hopes to have the chapter offer activities to match the varied interests of the members. He is also interested in promoting networks with neighboring JACL chapters, not only on social concern, but also to weave a stronger base on political issues.

To pursue that purpose, Tokumon announced the appointment of Dr. Michael Hatastll as special public relations chairman.

Frank Iwama, Sacramento attorney and former national JACL legal counsel, was the installing officer, while Kay Miyamura, immediate past president, handled the dinner program as master of ceremonies.

Guest speaker Judge George Yonehiro of Placer Superior Court set aside his judicial chores for the evening and delighted his audience with an entertaining dissertation on the peculiar universality of language. He drew from his experience conversing with Italians while serving with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy during WWII. Many of the Italian words he noticed formed entire paragraphs of the story, and he began his presentation with a quote from a famous work, "The Man Who Died," by Edward D. Hoch.

May 38th Art Festival

Andrew's contributions to Nikki community recalled

The Japanese American community in the Seattle area was saddened this month by the death of Andrew Ogura, who served as pastor of the Seattle Kujin Baptist Church, from 1928 through 1955, according to the Rev. W. S. Andrews, who knew him well. Andrew Ogura had left behind a rich legacy in the community.

Andrew Ogura was born in 1900 in Seattle, the son of a Japanese Baptist preacher. He graduated from the University of Washington and then studied at the Seminary of the Reformed Church. He served as pastor of the Seattle Kujin Baptist Church, which he had helped to organize in 1928.

Andrew Ogura was a pioneer in the Japanese American community in Seattle, and his work laid the foundation for the growth of the community. He was a leader in the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), and he served as its president.

Despite the challenges he faced, Andrew Ogura remained committed to his work and to the community. He was a dedicated preacher, and he was known for his compassion and his ability to connect with people.

Andrew Ogura's contributions to the Japanese American community in Seattle are widely recognized, and his legacy continues to inspire and influence the community today.
ping for 43 years. I think we are about now to punch a hole in this rock, if we can only sustain this effort, if you are totally, absolutely committed.

Ronald, national spokesperson for NCRR, also emphasized the cooperation between different communities as a means of achieving political and other goals.

Among Asian Pacifics, there runs a thread of our common history. Our grandparents, as immigrants, lived through harsh and hostile conditions. Similarly, our recent immigrants face racism and violence in their daily lives throughout the country.

For those of us who have experienced the concentration camps of WW2, and knowing full well what racism is all about, surely it is only right... that we can only sustain this effort newly arrived immigrants also discussed other issues of concern, such as repression in the Philippines, the establishment of a "Manilatown," and the plight of Pilipinos who fought for the U.S. during WW2 but were not given U.S. citizenship as promised.

Craig Wong of Chinatown Progressive Assn. discussed housing issues and succeeded in reaching agreement among Asian American concerns such as the need for a new community center to publish a hole in this issue.

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In the context of the recent Japanese American Travel Club (JATC) tour, a brochure was included on the availability of tours to Japan, including special group deals and discounts. The brochure highlighted various destinations such as Tokyo, Kyoto, and Okinawa, with a focus on cultural and historical attractions.

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