News in Brief

Bay Area leader speaks against redress

FRESNO, Calif. — University of California regent Yori Wada told a Fresno State Univ. audience on March 7 that while he regards the WW2 internment as "an evil action," he opposes monetary compensation to former internees.

According to a report by Jim Steinberg of the Fresno Bee, Wada, 68, recalled for the Amerasia Week meeting the discrimination Japanese Americans faced during their prewar years in Hanford, Calif. And as a GI during the war, Wada told the Bee he was "miserable and angry that I had to meet my family within the confines of barbed wire."

Yet Wada opposes monetary redress, the Bee reported, because many of the older Japanese Americans have died, and the younger generations thrive. "America has repaid in the kind of lives we live," Wada said.

Wada, former executive director of Buchanan St. YMCA, is co-chair of the campaign to raise funds for the construction of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of No. California. He was last year's recipient of JACL's Nihonki of the Biennium Award for education/humanities.

Discrimination complaint filed against L.A. county

LOS ANGELES—Two employees of the Los Angeles County Health Services Dept. have filed a class action complaint, alleging that they have been repeatedly passed over for promotion because of their race. Thomas Ohgi and Wallace Shishido, who both began with the county for more than 30 years, have initiated administrative proceedings with the Calif. Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing. If the procedure does not result in a satisfactory resolution, the two say they will file a class action suit in court.

Ohgi and Shishido are represented by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the Center for Law in the Public Interest.

U.S. may clean up Bikini atoll, site of nuclear tests

WASHINGTON — If Congress agrees, the Reagan Administration will remove radioactive topsoil from Bikini atoll, site of 23 U.S. nuclear weapons tests until 1958, reports the Los Angeles Times. Lawyers for the Justice Dept. and the Center for Law in the Public Interest and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, answering requests from Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest, this past week issued a letter of protest to Hyster president William Fronk and board chairman William Kilkenney, in anticipation of Hyster's 1985 ad campaign scheduled to run in April.

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Hyster ad campaign attacked

by Robert Shimabukuro

Roughly one year ago, Hyster Co., based in Portland, Ore., introduced its newest lift truck designed by a team led by project engineer Max Ozawa, the lift truck that eventually took on the Japanese challenge from Toyota and Datsun.

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Hong Kong immigration bill introduced

WASHINGTON—A House bill that would raise the yearly quota for immigrants from Hong Kong from 600 to 5,000 was introduced March 8 by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-CA).

The existing colonial quota, which Mineta called "antiquated and discriminatory," keeps the number of visas granted to Hong Kong residents far below the 30,000 allowed under international agreements.

"There is a particular urgency to this legislation now that Great Britain has agreed to relinquish control of Hong Kong to the People's Republic in 1997," Mineta explained, "because at that point Hong Kong will presumably lose its limited status as a colony and thereafter be included within the overall quota for China."

The bill, HR 1662, would enable "a reasonable number of people to emigrate from Hong Kong with the 11 years remaining," he said. If passed, it would take effect in fiscal year 1986 and follow the existing system of preferences, which gives first priority to relatives of U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Robert Wu, national vice president of Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), said that many months of behind-the-scenes work preceded the introduction of the bill. The legislation also has the support of Illinois senators Paul Simon (D) and Alan Dixon (D).
Protests stop ‘Charlie Rum’

SOUTHFIELD, Mich.—A pseudo-Asian character played by a white TV host has been dropped from WXON-TV following protests from Asian Americans.

As “Charlie Rum,” the host of Channel 20’s “Martial Arts Theater,” Jim Harper had donned buck teeth, make-up to make his eyes appear slanted, and a Fu Manchu-style moustache and spoke in accented, broken English. The caricature aroused the ire of American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), a Detroit-based Asian American community organization. When contacted by ACJ members, however, both Harper and WXON vice president Doug Johnson insisted that the character was humorous rather than racist.

ACJ, which was formed in response to the 1986 killing of Vincent Chin in Detroit and the light sentences given his killers, informed Asian American community groups nationwide about the show and urged them to send letters of protest to WXON and to the companies that advertised during the “Martial Arts Theater” time slot.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) wrote WXON management a letter which read, in part: “Not only is this program completely lacking in good taste and humor, it is dangerous and inflammatory and has the potential to incite further prejudice and violence against Americans of Asian ancestry.”

Citing cases of anti-Asian violence in Michigan such as the Chin case and the January, 1985 attack on Kiet Tien, an immigrant from Vietnam now living in Grand Ledge, Matsui told the station that “as a licensed guardian of the public trust, you have an obligation to promote understanding and brotherhood in your community. The Charlie Rum character serves only to fan the flames of racial ignorance and intolerance.”

In a Feb. 25 letter notifying Matsui that the segments had been dropped, Johnson wrote, “I agree that WXON-TV has an obligation to everyone in our community and hope this matter is now resolved.”

Last year, ACJ, Matsui and other directed protests at Six Flags Autoworld in Flint when it displayed a poster showing a car with back teeth and stilt for eyes bombing an aircraft carrier labeled “Detroit.” The caricature, which protestors said encouraged anti-Asian sentiment, was subsequently taken down.

Kaz Mayeda of Detroit JACL, who credited ACJ’s campaign for the cancellation of the “Charlie Rum” segments, said, “We can never let our guard down. We must constantly be on the alert for bigotry.”

HR 4110 transcripts released

WASHINGTON—Transcripts of the congressional hearings on redress bill HR 4110 before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations have been released, according to the JACL National Redress Office.

Titled “Japanese American and Aleutian Wartime Relocation,” the 299-page report includes the written and oral testimonies presented June 20, 21, 27 and September 12, 1984 before the subcommittee chaired by Rep. Sam Hall (D-Texas).

Included in the subcommittee’s record are the support statements from members of Congress co-sponsoring the redress legislation; the personal testimonies of congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui, both of whom were interned during WW2; and statements by three members of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians—chairperson Joan Bernstein, commissioner Arthur Fleming, and special counsel Angus Macbeth.

Representatives from JACL, NCRR, Go For Broke, Inc., and the Nisei Farmers League also appeared as witnesses.

Opposition was presented primarily by Karl Bendetsen and John McCoy, both of whom were involved in the planning and implementation of the government’s wartime policies, and David Lowman, who alleged that Japanese Americans were involved in espionage, bashing his claims on declassified diplomatic cables known as “Magic.”

For information regarding the availability of the transcripts, inquiries should be directed to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations in Washington, D.C.
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JUST ABOUT EVERY Nisei has heard it in one form or another from their Issei parents. How one achieves a goal, regardless of success or failure. My Issei parents, in particular my mother, repeated the theme in various forms. One bit of advice that stuck in our minds was: ‘If success could be achieved without diligent application, then everyone would be a success.’ Diligent efforts, according to my parents, would result in failure only in the case of the relatively few who were not born with the qualities of their peers.

In slang jargon, we refer to it in another way: Keep plugged!

AND SO IT IS when we consider the redress effort, the vindication of our honor, including in particular that of our practically disappeared Issei who endured more than the rest of us, in seeming silences.

We have seen Round One come and go, and we are now gearing up for Round Two. And if we learned anything from our Issei, if we are to honor and respect the ethical values handed down to us, if we are to give meaning to our own values—we shall, must, persevere. Dorgoku. Stick to it, and go at it with renewed determination.

We owe to them and we owe it to the maintenance of the integrity with which this process was initiated. We owe it to ourselves, Americans, as proud Americans.

WE MUST BE PREPARED to continue, unrelenting, to Round Two and any following rounds if such should become necessary. There will be among us a few who will get discouraged, who will weaken, who will speak of retreat. There may be those who will clutch to their material gains and say that that is ‘enough,’ even as they are devoid of restoration of their honor. In any effort, there will be some as these. But we cannot succumb by giving in, by capitulating, such compromises. Not where honor is involved.

THERE ARE SOME who point to lack of unanimity among Nisei for redress. But that’s democracy; that’s the way our system of governance works in every phase of our society, whether it be electing a president or voting on an issue. Only in a totalitarian state can they achieve anything close to unanimity, and even then they are not able to achieve that monolithic status. So, if there be some who first seek establishment of ‘unanimity’ as a condition to forging ahead, such is a distracting and suspicious condition.

Let us not permit the unrealistic and phony condition of unanimity to make us back down by our own required to operate by such a rule. ‘Why us?’

THERE ARE YET others who, while professing support for redress, will give it a lower priority than some other goal. Again, under our system of democratic governance, such are entitled to their views—whether we, for example, happen to agree or not.

But we suggest to such proponents that if we achieve whatever those other objectives may be, but have not our own honor, then we will be nothing. If we see realization of those other goals, but our nation’s integrity has not been restored to its grandness, then we will be second-rate Americans.

And, sadly, deservedly so.

Letters

Color Blind Gov’t Urged

J.K. Yamamoto’s fulminations seem to follow whatever statements I make on the redress issue. His last piece (“A Peuciel Debate,” Feb. 15, PC), which would have me anthropomized, analyzed, and even apotheosized (describing me as a “gooseman”), would have been merely amusing were not the subject matter serious and were not his own commentary vitriolically abusive.

A detailed reply to Yamamoto’s article would be necessary. I think the issue is between Professor Leo Flynn and me (who was invited to participate at Flynn’s request) rather than between approaches. I found Flynn’s use of the term “race” useless, but a pointed response to a major assumption of his and others’ recent pieces in the PC is a moral necessity.

These writers assume that the welfare of Japanese Americans can best be promoted by the vigorous assertion of ethnic group rights, not the protection of individual civil and political rights of all Americans. Thus the concern about saving the Democratic Party’s “Asian American Caucus” to this “Last in Space” column of Feb. 8, which criticizes the media for not playing up (that is, beating to death) the race of the first Asian American in space, thus the PC’s favorable (if not condoning) coverage of the demagogue Jesse Jackson. And then most lamentable of all, the PC’s support of a redress bill which would distribute benefits and close government positions to individuals on the basis of their ancestry.

But I seriously question whether an approach consistent with American ideals to support laws and practices that encourage and demonstrate American citizenship on the basis of race and ancestry. I would rather proceed from the assumption that a color-blind government of limited but sufficient powers protecting equal individual rights is a political goal we as Americans want. My sole purpose in arguing as I have is to promote, in whatever way I can, that noble aim.

KEN MASUGI
Claremont, Calif.

Turner Confused

I studied with interest the letter by J.L. Turner (Feb. 8, PC). There is no parallel between the treatment meted out to Mr. Turner, an American prisoner of the Japanese, and the compulsory internment of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. The Japanese government was not the subject matter seriou. But its own policies were not his own policies.

To follow whatever state­ments I make on the redress issue.

Turner made much of the fact that German and Italian alien­ists were locked up by the United States during World War II. In this instance, Turner’s reasoning would compare the internment experience of African-Americans with that of the Japanese Americans

However, thousands of Japa­nese citizens, many of whom had been living in the U.S. since before World War I, remained subjects of the Emperor only because of the naturalization process which never­theless remained open to immigrants from other countries, in­cluding those of German or Italian ancestry.

Mr. Turner was not subjected to a trial by jury. No an­other of money could re­dress, even as he was. His charges of ill-use at the hands of the Japanese government could not logically place him in the same category as American citizens of Japanese ancestry who suffered and contributed to the war effort as much as any other group.

No amount of money could re­dress me for the humiliation I suffered at the hands of my own government. Still, a redress bill in monetary terms would represent the compensation for wrongdoings by authorities in Washington and might prevent my children from confronting similar abuse at some point in the future.

Japanese Americans are not subjects of the Japanese Empire. They are citizens of the U.S. and constitutionally American. The only part of me that might be termed “Asian” is my skin color. Not a racial identity, but a cultural one.

FRANK N. TAKAHASHI
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Turner Misinterpreted

I don’t feel that J.L. Turner’s letter, which you reprinted Feb. 8 from the Honolulu Advertiser, compares the internment experience of that of American POWs in Japanese camps.

His point seems to be clearly stated in his first sentence: “Discrimination during wartime...” that is, towards the Japanese Americans who were allowed to enlist in the U.S. armed forces during World War II. Whether the Nisei were racially different is not the point. The idea is that it was the same for all non-Anglo-American races.

Mr. Turner was not subjected to a trial by jury. He was deprived of liberty or property by the President, Congress, and Supreme Court. He certainly was not re­classified as an “enemy alien.” His charges of ill-use at the hands of the Japanese government could not logically place him in the same category as American citizens of Japanese ancestry who suffered and contributed to the war effort as much as any other group.

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CHRISTINE PROKESCHENTZ
Honolulu
**To the Orient—and Beyond**

**By JOHN BALL**

As a very young man I stood on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay during the World’s Fair there in 1933 and witnessed a tremendous event. I saw the “sailing” of the first Pan American Clipper across the Pacific—on its way to Hawaii, Midway, Wake, Guam and then the magical Far East.

It was a flying boat with its four piston engines protruding from the wings, and four propellers ready to challenge the winds for thousands of miles of open ocean. To me it was the most romantic event imaginable.

The crew was announced and marched out on the pier by the boat. Then the passengers, a small handful of them, created waves of envy in the assembled crowd as they streamed out and disappeared inside the hatch. Adventure was in the air and with my feet a foot off the ground, I dared to dream of the day that I too would be among the chosen for this stupendous experience.

Then came the jet engine and air transportation was revolutionized for all time. A few weeks ago I boarded a 747 and spent a few comfortable hours non-stop, in Japan. Once more I was in a country I have come to love, in large part because I have so many valued friends there.

“Going abroad” is now a commonplace experience, particularly since many attractive discount travel packages are being put together all the time. There is also available a big plus—traveling with friends and the possibility to become friends before the trip is over. Almost every pleasure is magnified when it can be shared.

I will never forget the time I sat in quiet meditation at the famous rock garden in Kyoto, letting the hypnotic magic of that memorable masterpiece sink into my being. Through it all, I have travelled extensively in the Orient, but it did not matter. For perhaps two hours we shared an experience available nowhere else in the world. We did not know each other, we did not speak, but when we arose there was a bond between us and we bowed a mutual acknowledgment of our brotherhood.

Although I am a haku, I have been very warm and other than the fact that I have met fellow members of the JACL. I have been to Japan, and almost all of the rest of the Orient many times. I hope to go back and travel more often than with my wife, but also with close and good friends. Not to sit around, or to talk a lot at night, but to revisit familiar places and explore new ones in good company.

Alaska is very romantic. The glorious sunset and wanted very much to have someone else, someone in particular, to witness the spectacular view. It’s the same way with travel. There are ticket discounts, of course, and special room rates, but the bottom line is seeing with your eyes.

Forgive me using the word synergy. It means that the whole can be greater than the sum of the parts. Two plus two can add up to six, or eight, when experiences are shared in good company. The JACL/JATC travel plans offer this opportunity. It is for us and our friends. Most of your travel companions will be Japanese Americans, but don’t be surprised if my red-headed wife, who our JACL friends call Miyuki, and I am there too. It is a good thing when we see it.

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Harry Honda had suggested that Tyler and I get together and discuss the need for a travel club. One thing that wasn’t happening was that the other programs and agents were not advertising their prices so that people could compare prices and some agents were charging whatever the traffic would bear. By putting in our prices we felt this would give the members a chance to compare and know before hand what price range to expect. If nothing else by starting the club we achieved that benefit for the community, because now we see agents advertising their prices.

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The land that time forgot in golden China

BY RAFAEL BOUFFARD

Several of our tour members are taking part in this, one of our more magnificent tours. Not only is ancient Cathay explored in an exciting 21 days, but we also take you back 2,000 years to the time of the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, who not only united the warring states, but also established the unification of the Great Wall that extends for thousands of miles across the vast land and mountain ridges of what was then the center of the world.

At that time, and unknowingly, he left a legacy of the arts and culture of the Chinese people that only came to light, and by accident, in 1974. While digging for water wells, some farmers came upon fragments of clay figures which were turned over to the country's archeologists.

To their great amazement, this turned out to be the greatest find of the Twentieth Century, as figure after figure was unearthed until a veritable army was exposed to the light of day. Battle figures of Emperor Qin Chi Huang's army stood in splendid state of composition, foot soldiers, crossbowmen, horsemen, officers and generals in detailed armorment garb and real weapons were estimated in the thousands. Carved and erected to guard the emperor's tomb, they had withstood the rigors of time as they lay buried under tons of earth in covered corridors. Four abreast, guarding the emperor's resting place.

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The Great Wall too took its toll on hundreds of thousands, and it stands as a monument to those who constructed her and a lasting monument to those who conceived her, trailing into the far horizon until lost in the twisting and towering hills that support her.

This is not all that we show you, for there are also the people. The children of China are garbed in their festive best by proud parents who are more than willing to have their children's pictures taken. In fact, take a polaroid shot and cause a commotion as forty or fifty people gather in curiosity to watch the magic of the camera come to life. Never any pushing or disrespect, just starved curiosity to see the wonders of the modern world that until now had been kept from them.

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A Tour Escort’s Day on the Road

There are many important ingredients that go into the making of a good group tour; the careful selection of hotels, deciding the number of days to be spent in each place visited, finding comfortable buses, etc. But, the most important ingredient is a human one: the tour conductor.

How often one hears it said that tour conducting must be a wonderful job. After all, all you have to do is travel around foreign countries for free. Not so, claims Bill Hamada of JATC. He thinks tour escorts, if they are doing their job, work very hard.

From the time of checking in everybody on the departure flight, seeing that seats are together for smokers and together for nonsmokers, until he is waving goodbye at the end of the trip, a tour conductor has a thousand details to check and recheck. Are the flights on time? Where’s Mrs. Tanaka, did she wander off again? It’s raining today so the countryside tour scheduled for today will have to be switched to tomorrow and the city tour scheduled for tomorrow will have to be changed, if the bus company can be contacted in time. Is everybody’s luggage off the bus? Better count them again.

WHERE IS MRS. TANAKA?

The tour conductors for JATC compose a lineup even the New York Yankees would be proud of: Mr. George Ishikawa, second generation in the travel business, has conducted more international tours than most people have taken the city bus… JACL’s Hank Sakai, who chaired the JACL air charter business back in the 70s… Alyce Komoto, who often can’t wait for a tour to conduct, so goes on her own tours to South America or Europe… Paul Bannai, who is back in Washington, D.C., telling President Reagan what to do… And last, but not least, Bill Hamada, a retired airline exec, who really believes a vacation isn’t a vacation unless there are at two airline flights involved.

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The Tasty Contribution of Commodore Perry

My Merriam Webster Third International Dictionary, a massive tome of more than 2,660 pages, contains the word tofu but not su­shi. My edition copyright expired in 1971, which was back in the days when most red-blooded Americans would screw up their faces in disgust at the mention of a card, and how could you eat yuck? at the thought of eating cold rice topped by a slice of raw fish.

Times change. A Japanese restaurant is hardly a Japanese restaurant these days without a sushi bar where patrons can enjoy freshly made items such as salmon, tuna, and Aburage (fried tofu) Com­pany. A tofu bar is even making an appearance these days without a sushi bar where patrons can enjoy freshly made items such as salmon, tuna, and Aburage (fried tofu) Com­pany. A tofu bar is even making an appearance.

The Tasty Contribution of Commodore Perry plays such a large part in the Japanese diet that there’s even a Japan Federation of Tofu and Aburage (fried tofu) Com­merce and Industry Associations. Its secretary-general, says, that tofu may have been the first freeze-dried food. It’s kokorozhi, also called koyado, and was made by Buddhist priests in a monastery on Mount Koya. Even in a fully automated process, the tofu is frozen, allowed to cure, then thawed and dried.

To me, the product is the consis­tency, and about as palatable as a dawn synthetic sponge. But I will not hold it against you if you like it. Each person to his tastes. There’s nothing quite so refreshing as a piece of tofu served with a bit of grated ginger on a hot summer day, and thank you, Commodore Perry, for bringing back those seeds.

by J.K. Yamamoto

A process called “Asian West­ernization,” offered here in L.A. by Dr. Ronald Matsunaga, is be­ginning to attract the attention of the mainstream media.

Although this surgical proce­dures has been available for some time (PC received a promotional piece in June), the non-ethnic media have only recently taken notice, possibly because of an article by Matsunaga in this month’s issue of the American Medical Assn.’s Archives of Otolaryngology.

Associated Press recently ran a story on the process, which is supposed to make Asian eyes and noses look more “Occidental.” Another item on the same topic has turned up in the San Francisco Examiner, and JACL staff­ers have reported getting inquiries on the subject from the Wall Street Journal.

In the AP article, Matsunaga was quoted as saying that he has performed more than 2,000 such operations. He adds that the op­eration is being requested wherever Asian populations are springing up, including Georgia, Texas and North Dakota.

Matsunaga attributes the ap­parent popularity of these “eye” jobs to “increasing consciousness of the Asian population to Western culture and fashion.”

He insists, however, that he does not necessarily advocate the op­eration and that he even tried to talk his daughter out of having it done. He finally relented because “she had been hounded for a couple of years,” he said. “Her friends are mostly Caucasian.”

The technique, which costs from $1,500 to $800, involves making an incision across the upper lid, re­moving fat and muscle, and mak­ing a tuck in the skin. A new im­provement that Matsunaga develop­ed is the removal of “the web across the inner corner of the Ori­ental eye” months after the initial surgery.

If this trend continues, perhaps other techniques could be de­veloped for other parts of the body—for instance, stretching “daikon ashio” into “gobo ashio.”

Two aspersions of the AP report were rather surprising: one, that Asians undergo the operation de­spite the risk of scarring, infec­tion, bleeding and even blindness; two, that the operation is more common in Hawaii, where Asians are not considered a minority, than on the Mainland.

A Diane Crowther, a patient coun­selor for Honolulu plastic surgeon Robert Flowers, is quoted as saying, “Girls start doing it when they’re 13 or 14” and that patients include “every different nationality—Korean, Chinese, Ja­panese, Vietnamese, Thai—just every country I can think of. It’s kind of like having braces.”

Flowers has reportedly had a 30% to 40% increase in business since five years ago and now performs almost 200 such operations a year.

One dissenting view was pres­ented, that of “a third generation Japanese American who works for an Asian American organization in San Francisco.” She said that the practice is “atrocious” and that “it’s a sad state of affairs when women go to that extreme to conform to society’s idea of beauty, when it’s an anglicized idea of beauty.”

When I talked to this Sansei, who asked that her name not be given, she elaborated on the statements she had made. Rather than condemn­ing women who get such opera­tions, she said, they consider them victims of a society that doesn’t accept women of color as they are.

Presumably pressure from society, reinforced by the mass me­dia, causes many Asians, male and female alike, to try to conform to a white ideal of beauty. But is greater social acceptability rea­son enough to make someone risk bleeding and blindness?

The idea of Asians having their faces “Westernized” would be like Blacks having their skin light­ened; the only motivation I can think of is a strong sense of inferiority, if not self-hatred.

But not being a recipient of Dr. Matsunaga’s “service,” I can’t say for sure why it is becoming more popular. Perhaps a reader who knows more about the proce­dure, or who has actually under­gone it, can write in and enlighten those of us who still have those webs on our eyes.

The Legislative Education Committee

The Legislative Education Committee (LEC) of the JACL was convened in San Francisco on Feb. 9 to plan for a major fund drive, independent of the JACL, to initiate intensive lobbying ef­forts for redress. By regulations of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the JACL cannot engage in lobbying in any substantial way, without risking its tax-exempt status.

Consequently, LEC was organ­ized as an independent corpora­tion to engage in direct legislative lobbying for redress. The governing board is composed of 15 mem­bers, 8 of whom are at large, and 7 are nominated by the JACL. The 8 large members are: Minoru Yasui of Denver, David Nikaido of Washington, D.C., Shig Waka­matsu of Chicago, Joseph L. Rauh of Washington, D.C., Grant Ujifusa of Portland, and Art Moriguchi of Chicago, and Grayce Uyehara.

Frank S. Sato, as LEC pres­i­dent, heads the JACL representa­tives on the LEC board, who are: Yoichi Nakashima of San Francis­co, Rose M. Ochi of Los Angeles, Dr. Kaz Mayeda of Detroit, Harry Kajihara of Oxnard, Denny Yasu­hara of Spokane, and Cherry Ki­nosha of Seattle.

Officers for 1986 elected by the board were: Minoru Yasui, chair­man, David Nikaido and Cherry Kinoshita, vice-chairs; and Shig Wakanatsu, secretary-treas­urer. Harry Kajihara was designat­ed fund-drive chairman, and Grant Ujifusa was named legisla­tive chairman.

The LEC will kick off a massive, nationwide fund drive to raise a goal of $400,000 per year. The kick-off is scheduled for June 1. It is expected that 100 prime solicitors, each charged with rais­ing $2,000 or more, will be named by Harry Kajihara, as fund-drive chair­man, within the next 30 days. Contributions to LEC are not tax-deductible.

Meanwhile, Grant Ujifusa of New York will be working with the LEC board members in devis­ing legislative strategies as ap­pear most feasible to achieve the goal of redress. Suggestions and ideas may be sent to LEC, c/o 1785 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Background materials and ana­lyses of 435 members of the House of Representatives and of the 100 senators have been com­pleted. Specific targeted areas of concentration of efforts have been defined on a regional and state­by-state basis. Anyone desiring to assist or to participate in such ef­forts may contact LEC.

LEC expects to hire a profes­sional lobbying firm in Washing­ton, D.C., as well as stimulate active and committed efforts on a local basis in key areas. Sub­stantial funding is required for such efforts on a national scale.

As details are developed, JACL members will be kept informed.
Chapter Pulse

Contra Costa CONTRA COSTA, Calif.—Chap­
er women, often complemented for their sushi, are offering their talents as a sushi benefit to be held Sunday, March 31.

A donation of $5 will be re­warded with a bowl of mouth-watering sushi. The boxes of sushi may be obtained on Sunday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Contra Costa JACL offices at 5035 Wall Road, Richmond, Ca. 

For reservations call Jack Imada at 381-0981 before March 28.

New England NEW ENGLAND — A special film for members of the Japanese collection of the Pea­body Museum of Art will be set for Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. Features on the tour will be the newly opened "The Ceramic Art of Maseyuki Imai," a retrospective of the work of a contemporary potter of Kyoto.

The tour will be conducted by Jack Tuyama, curator of Japanese art at the museum.

The charge for the tour is $5, $2 for children and seniors. For reservations call Margie Yamamoto weekdays after 4 p.m. and weekends at 259-9444.

Fremont FREMONT, Calif. — The Southern California Buddhist Church joins the chapter in spon­oring a program designed to educate the community on old local Nikkei history, from early settle­ments to relocation to the present, March 22, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church at 22775 Alvarado-Niles Blvd., Union City, Calif.

Dr. Walter Hashimoto and Mas Yasuaki, who are local denizens of the area, are the directors of the chapter. A complete history of the Japanese Americans in California is on de­lay.

In addition, Violet de Cristo­foro from Salinas will speak about her personal experiences relating to the W W II experi­ences. Morgan Yamakawa, NCNWP District Regional Coordinator, talks about redress; and Molly Fujioka addresses the issues of the JACL/Legisla­tive Education Committee.

The public is invited. For in­formation call June Hashimoto, 763-0955.

Marin County MARIN COUNTY, Calif. — A show­ing of Emiko Onor’s "A Tale of Nisei Retirement" is scheduled for Fri., March 22 at 8 p.m. at the Marin Buddhist Church in Mill Valley.

This show-on was produced in 1984 by the JACL National Aging and Retirement Committee and features actor George Takei of “Star Trek” fame.

After the video, George Yoshida, an authority in the field of aging, will moderate a dis­cussion on the film and the issues raised. All interested members and friends are encouraged to attend. There is no admission charge.

Gardena Valley GARDENA VALLEY, Calif. — The formal introduction and competition of candidates for Miss Gardena Valley JACL will be held on Sunday, March 31 at the Ken Nakano Community Center, 1700 W. 102 St., from 1 to 3 p.m.

Candidates for this year's com­petition are: Linda Hiromi Kikuno, 23, presently a liberal arts major at Cal State Long Beach; Faye Leiko Okamoto, 22, a Japanese major at Cal State Los Angeles; Tamiko Turnier, 21, a broadcast jour­nalism major at USC; and Grace Shiori Yano, 24, a 1984 graduate of USC with B.A. in Japanese lan­guages and a B.S. degree in mar­ket­ing.

Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise and public speak­ing. Each judge will personally interview each candidate as well as score each contestant's public performance in sportswear and afternoon dress.

The winner will compete in the Miss California Week competi­tion in August. The public is invited to attend. For information, contact Deena Akiemi Hard at (213) 225-3358.

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Thank you!
was planning to be in Boulder on the same days. The widow was in poor health and they had not seen each other for several years. Although we were disappointed, we felt Mabel Sheldon best knew the limitations of her emotional and physical endurance. Only recently, Michi suggested we plan a visit in the spring—the trip that now will never be made.

Gentle Dignity

Mabel Sheldon's long and eventful journey comes to a peaceful end. Her death occurs near the 40th anniversary of the permanent closing of Butte High School. Is it possible that four decades have passed? Sometimes, it seems so long and yet at other times, it feels like yesterday. And only now, I realize that she was younger than all of us, her former students, are today. I recall her soft print dresses and her gentle smile, her graceful posture and her constant dignity, and the whiteness of her hand against my tanned one as we shared the pages of a book. In that lonely time of separation from the larger world, we must remember we had our Mabel Sheldon, those few who stood always ready.
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