Asian tenants wrongfully evicted, say lawyers

HOUSTON — Vietnamese tenants who have been evicted, sometimes without warning, from an inner-city public housing project may have been “steered” to the project by the Houston Housing Authority, lawyers representing the tenants said at a March 19 hearing. According to a report by New York Times reporter Wayne King, the lawyers cited a study commissioned by the housing authority itself to back up their claims.

The study, wrote King, concluded that the housing authority would allow the project to decline, evict the politically powerless Vietnamese, tear the project down, and sell the land for a large profit.

State anti-discrimination bill shelved

HONOLULU — A proposal to levy $500 fines against restaurants, discotheques and other places of public accommodation that practice racial discrimination was shelved last month following a public hearing.

The measure, which drew strong support from the NAACP and other civil rights groups, was opposed by state officials who said it would cost too much to enforce and was unnecessary because of federal laws. A Commerce Dept. spokesman cited costs “involved with the investigations, hearings, transcripts, depositions, witness fees, per diem, travel, appeals,” and possible payments to respondents who are found innocent.

HR 442 gains four co-sponsors; passes 100

WASHINGTON — House redress bill HR 442 has gained four co-sponsors during the past two months, according to the Washington JACL office. The additions are Reps. Albert Bustamente (D-Texas), William Clay (D-Mo), Cecil Hefel (D-Hawaii), and Gerry Sikorski (D-Minn.). The total number of co-sponsors is now 103. The bill was introduced with the backing of 100 members of Congress in January but lost one co-sponsor with the death of Rep. Gillis Long (D-La.) later that month.

On anniversary of PL 503

California Democrats renew call for redress

by G. Tim Gojo

WASHINGTON — At a March 20 press conference held on Capitol Hill, California’s Democratic congressional delegation urged passage of HR 442, the bill which would provide redress for Japanese Americans interned by the federal government during WW2.

The press conference was called by Rep. Robert Matsui (3rd), Sal Burton (5th), George Miller (7th), Norman Mineta (13th), Matthew Martinez (30th), Mervyn Dymally (31st), and Esteban Torres (34th), as well as Rep. Harry Reid (D-Nevada). All are co-sponsoring HR 442.

Also showing their support were Joan Bernstein and Arthur Fleming, formerly of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The House bill would implement the commission’s 1983 recommendations, which include $20,000 to each surviving internee and a $300 million educational and humanitarian trust fund.

A resolution adopted by the current California delegation sharply repudiated the actions of its predecessors, who, during the early months of WW2, urged the removal of all Japanese Americans from the state.

Today, we remember a regrettable role played by the California delegation in the internment of loyal Americans 43 years ago,” Mineta said. “Forty-three years from today, others will point with pride to this delegation for the courageous stand it took in adopting this resolution.”

When asked about the rationale for passing a $1.5 billion measure in this budget conscious year, Mineta replied, “This country has a deficit of human values which needs to be addressed. When my family and I were interned... at the Heart Mountain relocation camp in 1942, the nation interned its Constitution, because when the rights of some citizens are lost, then the rights of all citizens are threatened.”

Matsui, who was interned as an infant, said, “This is an historic occasion that illustrates we live in a great democracy... we recognize that while we can make mistakes, we can also act with the courage and foresight necessary to correct wrong or injustice committed.”

He added that his family was “uprooted, torn from their community, and kept behind barbed wire. Their very basic civil liberties were denied them, and there is no way that we should try and justify what occurred.”

“Without the need to correct that wrong,” he said, “was recognized by the commission... and that has been recognized openly today by members of California’s congressional delegation.”

Dynamally also presented the case for redress. “We find it difficult to believe that while this administration pursues a policy of instituting democracy abroad at the cost of billions of dollars, we Americans cannot provide for just compensation to the thousands of innocent resident Japanese Americans... who suffered so grievously... a time for ample justice, and redemption of a blot on America’s treatment of its own citizens during a sad episode in American history caused by war hysteria and racism. Never again can this great nation ever use the sole criterion of race as a test of our citizens’ loyalty to this country.”

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Chinatown shops demand script review

by Todd Ackerman

LOS ANGELES—Two local Chinatown business organizations have banded together to demand tougher guidelines—specifically mandatory script reviews—before allowing location filming in the Chinese community.

Repeal of dual citizenship section of California state code considered

SACRAMENTO—A measure to repeal the section of the Government Code used to fire all California state employees of Japanese ancestry in 1942 was favorably considered by the Assembly Public Employees and Retirement Committee on March 20.

AB 196, introduced by assemblyman Phil Isenberg earlier this year, would delete Section 19573, which allows for the dismissal of state civil servants in wartime based on their possession of dual citizenship.

According to Isenberg, Section 19573 was enacted and intended only for the 314 Japanese Americans employed by the state when war with Japan broke out.

In his testimony before the committee, he stated that he found in 1942 at attorney general Earl Warren, responding to an inquiry from San Francisco assemblyman John Mahoney, commented that the code section would be unconstitutional if applied to employees of German or Italian ancestry. Warren, Isenberg said, made no comment about the constitutional rights of Japanese American employees.

Former state employees Shiz Ueda, fired in April 1942, and George Muraki, employed 10 years with the Social Planning Committee, gave testimony about their experiences. JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi also attended the hearing.

The committee members expressed their unanimous support of AB 196 and joined Isenberg in co-sponsoring the bill, which will be considered by the full Assembly before being referred to the Senate.
Protests over Sixteen Candles produce agreement with Universal Pictures

LOS ANGELES—Universal Pictures has reached an agreement with a coalition of Asian American community organizations that lodged protests with the studio last year over its portrayal of an Asian in the film "Sixteen Candles." Stewart Kwoh of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of So. California and Sumi Haru of the Assn. of Asian Pacific American Artists (AAPAA) announced that Universal president Sean Daniel has agreed to enable Asian Pacific American writers to submit and pitch scripts for possible feature production by the studio.

The coalition had demanded steps be taken toward more accurate portrayals of Asians after actor Gedde Watanabe's appearance in the teen-oriented comedy as an exchange student named Long Duk Dong. The character was referred to as a "Chinaman" and was the butt of jokes throughout the film.

Another measure that Universal and the coalition settled on through negotiations was the removal of two scenes from the video cassette version of the film: one in which Dong jumps from a tree and yells "Banzai!" and another in which Dong, drunk and sprawled on the ground, is kicked in the groin by the host family's grandmother. The word "Chinaman," however, was left in.

Kwoh has written to major pay TV outlets and the three major networks requesting that they add twenty-five Asian Pacific American writers to the coalition's list of writers to work with the Asian Pacific American community to make certain changes in the film if they decide to purchase it.

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Please direct any questions or comments to JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, or PNW regional director Tim Otani at 316 Maynard Ave. S.

Professional Organizations

National Education Association

Religious Organizations

Diocese of California

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

United Church of Christ, 14th General Synod

Veterans' Organizations

American Legion, 66th National Convention

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dept. of California

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development. And I am
pleased to say that we are now the
first center of religious institutions
in North America to have a
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The Institute of Buddhist Studies,
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Asian/Pacific actors create new awards for the "industry"

LOS ANGELES—Individuals and
organizations who have helped
create positive and realistic screen
images of Asian Pacific Americans
were honored at the Palace in
Hollywood at a March 18 banquet
held by the Asan of
Asian Pacific American Artists.
More than 400 people, among
them many TV and film celebri-
ties, attended the awards ceremo-
ny, which is to be an annual event.
Honorees received the "Jimmie,"

Campus to slate festival

IRVINv, Calif.—"Building on the
Asian Tradition" is the theme of
UC Irvine’s annual Asian Week,
to be held on the UCI campus
April 8–12.

UCI clubs representing Pilipino,
Korean, Chinese, Japanese,
Indonesian and Vietnamese
students host the week’s activities.
The events, free and open to the
public, include lectures, dance
performances, martial arts and
cooking demonstrations, a fash-
ion show, acupuncture demon-
stration and a tea ceremony.
Among special events this year
is a lecture by controversial an-
thropologist Steven Musher. A
graduate of Stanford and author
of the best-selling "Broken
Earth: The Rural Chinese,
Moshi will speak on Peasant
Life in Communist China Today,
Wednesday, April 10, at 1 p.m.
in the University Center Heritage
Room. Information: Cross-Cul-
tural Center, (714) 856-7125.

Coalition to celebrate rededication of purpose

TROY, Mich.—American Citizens
for Justice, a coalition of Asian
American community groups
formed in response to the 1982
Vincent Chin killing, holds 2nd
annual rededication dinner Mar.
30, 6 p.m., at the Troy Hilton, 1455
Stephenson Highway.
Since the end of a federal civil
rights trial last year that ended in
a 25-year sentence for one of Chin’s
killers, ACJ has continued to
become involved in other cases of
anti-Asian violence, such as phys-
cal attacks on a Vietnamese im-
migrant in Grand Ledge, as well as
estereotyped depictions of Asians
on WXON-TV and at Six
Flags Autoworld in Flint.
Guest speakers will include Lt.
Governor Martha Griffths and
Robert Quincy, director of the
Michigan Civil Rights Depart-
ment.

Entertainment will be provided
by a prima ballerina from the
People’s Republic of China
and
American citizens theater company,
created with non-Asian American
makers and by California Repub-
lican actor, singer, songwriter and
storyteller

"AND THE WINNER IS..."—Edward Asner and Beulah Quo present

As the "industry" winds up another
year, the Right-Size Bank
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Community Affairs

Los Angeles—KNBCTV (Ch. 4) is
composing a community events calendar
for Asian-Pacific Heritage Week, May
7–14. Organizations should submit a
description of each event being
planned, with date, time, location, activ-
ity, contact person, and telephone
number. Mail information to Sandra
Willis, KNBCchannel 4, 3000 W.
Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91522. Deadline is April 8.

American Assn. of Retired Persons, meets
at JACC, 344 S. San Pedro, Rm.
410, Monday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m.
The documentary "Nisei Soldier" will be
shown. Persons 50 years and over wel-
come. Information: 252-3180 or 253-6449.

Montecito Park, Calif.—March 29
is the last day of a photo exhibit entitled
"Two Traditions: Ansel Adams and El-
loz House," at Vincent Price Gallery,
East Los Angeles College, art depart-
ment building, 1100 Brookline Ave.
Gallery hours are 12 to 3 p.m. Monday
through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Berkeley, Calif.—The NOHO
Theatre Group of Kyoto offers an after-
noon workshop on Japanese comedic
acting techniques and an evening per-
formance, on April 7, at the Interna-
tional House, 2290 Piedmont Ave.
Reservations and information: Japan Soci-
ety, (415) 986-4383.
Loyal, Clean and Square

We were happy to see the staff prepares in the March 8 Pacific Citizen.

Of special interest to us was the article on our former scout master, David Nakayama.

Dave was a former scout in Troop 20, and in the past six years, has helped us out a lot. We know that he is busy at the JACL, but Dave has spent many hours with us, even though he hates camping. We don't know if his girlfriend likes us, but we like her too!

We're glad to know he was acknowledged for his hard work. He's the best scoutmaster we've ever had.

THE SCOUTS OF TROOP 20
Berkeley, Calif.

The letter above was signed by Garrett Hayashida, Todd Taniguchi, Joel Nafnjgi, David Yamato, Matt Iwamoto, Craig Tani­guchi, Ryosei Isami and Michael Tanemachi.

'Keep It Up'

I wish to express my appreciation for the Jan. 18 story on the Asian/Pacific Consultation of the American Friends Service Committee held Nov. 29-Dec. 3. Bob Shimabukuro did a fine job, both in chronicling the event we: Consultation but also, and more importantly, conveying its spirit. That spirit, as Bob indicated, was one of the considerable energy and hope, marked by the reality and the necessity of an Asian/Pacific movement in this country.

Related to this point, I would also like to commend the Pacific Citizen for continuing to broaden its already very useful coverage to include related issues and activities of other Asian/Pacific communities. I am thinking specifically of PC's coverage of the return of Kim Dae Jung to Korea but would limit it to that. Without sacrificing its basic role as an organ of the JACL, I think that PC's expanded reporting and analysis has been done with considerable skill.

I believe that this is an important and vital function for the Asian American community in this country. It has been very encouraging that the JACL and its publication, the Pacific Citizen, have taken conspicuous roles on human rights issues. What you're doing seems very much in keeping with the spirit that motivates and sustains the campaign for redress.

ED NAKAWATASE
Philadelphia

Nakawatase is national representa­

tive of the American Friends Service Committee.

Nihonjin Football

I was very interested to read Bob Hosokawa's article on the Japa­

nese gridiron (Feb. 15 PC).

I was one of the first players to play American-style football while attending Meiji University in 1984. There were nineteen Niseis from the U.S. and Hawaii attending Meiji.

I still have the article written in a Japanese magazine about our game. That know how Asahi and Yomiuri Shimbun in­

vited the All American football players and the team from USC—Thundering Herd.

We played against them at Meiji Jingu and Osaka Koshien—of course, for fun.

BILL NIKAI
Fresno, Calif.

'Good Friend, Triita'

As you know, Triita Toyota, a very good friend of JACL, is mak­

ing a major career change in leaving KNBC-TV.

While she will continue to serve the Asian American community, her greatest impact in improving our image has been through the media. It is very important to the careers of newscasters as well as to those in the performing arts to receive letters from the Japanese American public.

We would be helping ourselves if we sat down today and wrote to her. Why not take a look now and see how much we appreciate her and wish her success in her future endeavors? (c/o KNBC-TV, 3000 W. Al­

ameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91505)

KATHY MIYAKE ROBINSON
Seal Beach, Calif.

Faith and 'Fulfillment'

Last evening (Mar. 13) I heard a Sensei, Dr. Michael Ego of Cal. State University at Northridge, speak on "Nisei Retirement." Of all the lectures I have heard and literature I have read on retire­

ment, I enjoyed his presentation the most, especially the model which he outlined briefly for us.

As I thought about his model, which ended with termination caused by illness, disability and death, I felt the model omitted one additional phase which we might call "Fulfillment." This phase seems to be usually omitted, ex­
cept by Dr. Sharron Fujii, one of the pioneers in Nisei retirement, who acknowledged it in the initial presentation sponsored by JACL several years ago. All Nisei need to explore this phase of 'fulfillment' beyond termina­

tion.

Although I have ministered to Nisei all my ministerial life, I have also been beside many bedridden parents of the parents of Nisei, the Isei. One of the significant parts of their concluding years was the fulfillment they saw beyond their termination through their religious faith.

One additional value of reli­

gious faith, along with the hope of fulfillment, is that it provides flexibility or bendability which is especially necessary if Nisei re­

tain in this phase of disenchchantment and letdown to the edge of depression. Religious faith can provide for us that need­

ing when we are naturally less with aging.

In addition, our churches and temples can provide meaningful service opportunities as well as being a supportive group to the very end.

In my opinion and observa­

tions, many Nisei have not been adequately immersed in liberal religious faith, which can go along with Nisei recreation at Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, or Reno. Many Nisei have been turned off by conservative, evangelical em­
phasis of religion. They need to be given another shot at religion which is more inclusive. The value of all religious faith needs to be re-explored by Nisei.

At our next National Japanese American Citizens' United Methodist Church, I will propose funding a joint research project on the relevance of religious faith to Nisei retirement. The hope is to add more joy to Nisei in retire­

ment years, and thus compensate for their history of endurance, hard work, trials, and setbacks due to the evacuation in World War II.

HARRY H. MURAKAMI
Los Angeles

Murakami is minister at West Los Angeles United Methodist Church.
Asian American Journalists

It was in the bleak years before World War II and, oddly, there were three Asian Americans in the class of about 30 scheduled to be graduated from the school of journalism at the University of Washington.

Although the term was little used in those days, and I had seen the "minority" component—Shin Kobayashi, a Nisei; Edwin Luke, a Chinese American; and me. There were no blacks. In fact there were very few blacks in the entire university. And no Hispanics, not in that part of the country. Even now I am not sure why we wanted to study journalism. There were precious few jobs available for anyone in those depressed times, let alone Asian Americans on the West Coast. Probably it was because we simply wanted to be journalists.

So we became involved in a little something about the business of writing and editing, going along with classmates and peers. Our teachers were very perceptive and, most of the time, fair, but they were also operating under the strictures of the times. That became very evident when it was time for the members of the class to fan out over the state during a biennium period as unpaid interns on local newspapers. That was supposed to be part of our education and training. So the class was divided into teams and they were assigned to newspapers in places like Yakima and Everett and everybody went out to see what it was like in the real world. Everybody but the three students born in America with Asian faces.

One of them asked the prof in charge why he wasn't included. The professor thought a little red, "we aren't quite sure how some of the local publishers would take it, and we didn't want to offend them and jeopardize the whole program."

He didn't say anything about offending the students.

After graduation, fewer than half the members of the class found newspaper jobs. Among the others, one was to work in the post office. One went to sea. Several of the girls married and one toward this period school. Ed went to Hollywood, where his brother Keye Luke was an actor and artist of some standing, and that helped get him into the game. Shin Kobayashi went to Japan where he figured his ability to write well in English might be useful. I heard he died in one of Tokyo's fire bombings.

All that was long ago and, yes, times change. The most recent issue of the American Society of Newspaper Editors Bulletin is devoted almost entirely to urging newspapers to increase the representation of minorities in their newsrooms. Last year, a survey showed, there were 2,362 members of racial minorities among 69,000 newsroom workers. That's a sizable number, but it represents only 3.5 percent of the total and only a 0.2 percent increase in the preceding five years.

ASNE includes Asian Americans among "minorities" and one of the first things devoted to the Asian American Journalists Association whose chairman is Bill Sing, a staff writer at the Los Angeles Times, is that we need to attract more employers find and hire qualified Asian American journalists, assist Asian American journalism students, and help the newsmedia achieve fair and accurate coverage of Asian Americans. (You can get in touch with Sing at the Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90063.)

Training is changing, too. ASNE hopes to use its programs to aid minority journalists to improve their skills. At the University of Colorado earlier this month the school of journalism and the Anti-Defamation League co-sponsored a seminar titled, "Media's Role in Keeping the Balance, Fairness and Objectivity."

Even though slowly, times do change.

The answer, I suspect, is a combination of all these things and more. We have to develop programs that stimulate the interest of this younger group in the broad areas of civil/human rights, career development and political involvement, Asian American concerns, and ethnic identity.

Goals for Biennium

But enough of the armchair "shoulds" and "need to do's." The Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee was established to do. We have two overall goals for the biennium: (1) to increase the number of JACL members, (2) to develop leadership skills within this group.

We have several activities planned to meet these goals including: "focus group" recruitment sessions at the chapter level; efforts to introduce younger members to JACL, and, JACL drives toward younger members' interests; workshops at the Tri-District conventions in Fresno and the EDC/MDC convention in Milwaukee (more on these in the following weeks); a resource book and other "materials" for chapter distribution; and a survey to find out more about the needs of our target population.

In addition to these activities, we will address some of the key issues that lie at the heart of JACL recruitment, specifically, "Why JACL?"

We will also develop a paper that will outline our recommendations in the areas of recruitment and leadership development. Hopefully, this paper will be part of a resource book that we hope to develop, aimed at new recruits and JACL leaders.

We invite input from everyone—JACLers and non-JACLers alike. Please send us your ideas and make suggestions on others to submit articles. Please send them to us at: 11 Jacobs Lane, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Sam Tanaka

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Redress Pledges
Number two should try harder

by Karl K. Nobuyuki

In the Feb. 15 issue of the PC, former JACL Washington Director Repre­sentative Ron Ieki commented on JACL's most important re­source. Citing several examples, Ieki exemplified the value of local participation. In the same issue, Robert Shimabukuro noted the absence of local information on issues most frequently raised in the field by JACLs solic­iting new members.

In a similar vein, it appears appropriate to explore the nature of how the national system inter­faces with local bodies on issues articulated by the national ad­ministration as "priorities.

For purposes of dialogue, we fo­cus on the Los Angeles U.S.-Japan relations (USJR) program, which President Frank Sato indicated in January (1985) as "next to Re­dress, JACL's highest priority."

This means, JACL's number 2 priority! 

Background

The evolution of USJR traces back to 1977, when a cadre of vol­unteers, headed by Chuck Kubokawa, expressed the need for Nikkei (AJA, JA, et al.) to actively dress JACL's highest priority. (Nikkei, JAs, et al.) and noted the repeating impact on AJAs' situations. The Untold Story", and cited the presence of national attention. Consequently, a resolution was adopted by the Los Angeles law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker. Further, HQ's video tape equip­ment could be used to advise di­rectors and chapters, and tapes can be rented or loaned through the USJR network. Likewise, the PC can be used to inform the membership on program di­rection. As Gen Fukushima, new director for U.S. Trade Rep­resentation, noted, first in­forming ourselves on USJR is vi­tal (Jan-4-11 PC).

Ron Ieki's reminder of the value of local volunteers in imple­menting a national program is timely. It is also a reminder that lengthened arms hamper local participation. This, in turn, pre­cludes broad-based support.

Can JAs help U.S.-Japan Relations?

by Floyd Shimomura

Do Japanese Americans pos­sess any special knowledge or skills that can contribute to a bet­ter U.S.-Japan relationship?

I believe so. Most Japanese Americans have some cultural in­sight into both nations. Japanese and American societies are very different. The Japanese are an ancient, homogeneous, island people accustomed to crowded conditions. Americans are a rela­tively new heterogeneous, continental people accustomed to new frontiers. America organizes itself horizontally, valuing equality. Japan organizes itself vertically, valuing hierarchy. Americans value individualism and freedom. The Japanese value the group and harmony. Americans settle disputes through the adver­sary process. The Japanese settle disputes through a consensus process. These and other compo­nents coalesce to form a unitary psychological "mind set" or "cultural consciousness" in each nation.

With these profoundly different mental states, it is no wonder that misunderstandings occur even with the best of intentions. Because of our bi-cultural back­ground, most Japanese Amer­i­cans—varying degrees—pos­sess a cultural insight or "feel" into how both countries think. This does not mean that innate experts on trade or defense is­sues. Nor does it mean that we understand the Japanese way of think­ing and doing things better than the vast majority of Amer­i­cans and that we understand the Japanese trade representatives better than the vast majority of Japanese. Given the flood of Japanese goods, money, plant, and people coming into local areas over the United States, this cultural in­sight is more valuable than ever.

Related U.S./Japan trade article on page 9.
Marina

LOS ANGELES - The fourth annual fundraiser at East West Players will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. 4424 Santa Monica Blvd (near Virgil). Chapter members will see Wakiako Yamauchi's "The Music Lessons," enjoy appetizers and champagne, and meet the cast after the show. Cost is $15. Reservations and information: Ed Goka, (213) 227-7143; Shirley Chami, (213) 539-4225, or Sharon Kumas-
ji (213) 610-8903.

West Los Angeles

VENICE, Calif. - West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary are cosponsoring a candidate for Miss Nisei Week 1985 with the

'Robber Barons' and Tangled Family Trees

by Jin Konomi

Once, at a social function at the Imperial Palace, Emperor Meiji was showing a medal, an award from some foreign government, to a group of nobles. The medal was passed from hand to hand, and came to Marquis Hachisuka, the last man on the line. The marquis admired the medal, then put it into his pocket. Seeing this, the Emperor remarked: 'I see Hachisuka is being faithful to his family tradition. I will make a joke and laugh.' The other nobles joined the imperial merriment.

There was no doubt that Marquis Hachisuka's putative attempt at pillage was purely an unthinking act. But he was not altogether mortified, for there was no mistaking the Emperor's allu-
sion. The founder of the Hachi-
suka family line as rulers of Awa (present Tokushima Prefecture) under the Tokugawa regime was Masakatu, better known by the more familiar name of Koroku. He was the chief of a band of robbers.

In 1641 the Bakufu (Shogun's government) ordered all daimyo to submit their genealogies in order to compile a directory. The order no doubt caused some con-

1985 MILE HI CABINET — Standing (from left) are Tom Masamori, president; Kyotaro Futa, vice president for programs, Dennis Ioka, treasurer; Robert Sakaguchi, vice president for membership. Seated are Kent Yoritomo, vice president for fund-raising; Mitsu Keneko, secret-

ary; Dr. Ayako Wada Mayeda, vice president for redress; and Dr. Wayne Tran, vice president for scholarships. The Denver, Colorado-based chapter hopes to gain a 100% in-
crease in members, and to become more involved in the community in 1985.

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"I am having my genealogy made up by Hayashi Daigaiko no Kami. As soon as he is finished, I will be able to tell you."

For the honor of the descendents of Marquis Hachisuka, I must add a note. Later researches estab-
lished that Koroku was the son of a high-ranking, and reputable, daimyo. Too bad the truth had not been known at the time of his em-

barrassing gaffe.

I had the honor of interviewing the reigning marquis in 1934 or 1935. He was on the way home from England, where he at-
tended Oxford University, and published a learned book or monograph on the dodo. In fact he was the world authority on the ex-

Hachisuka antecedents were a matter of national history, too well known to falsify or embellish. For this reason they were completely above board. Not all daimyo, including the Shogun, could make the same claim.

Each attending family is re-
quested to bring their own table-
ware and a main course to share. Salad, dessert, and beverages are furnished.
Yasui barnstorms New England

LINCOLN, Mass.—Attorney Minoru Yasui, JACL's Legislative Education Committee Chair, is scheduled to speak in Southern New England on three consecutive evenings as part of his East Coast tour this week on behalf of redress.

On Wednesday, March 27, Yasui was to address an audience at the Hartford Theological Seminary under the joint auspices of the City Council of Churches and the Connecticut office of the American Friends Service Committee. Clay Steinberger of Storrs, New England Region AFSC Executive Committee member and peace activist, also arranged for Yasui to meet with Congressional legislative staff in the upper Connecticut area, as well as with aides to Senators Christopher Dodd and Lowell Weicker.

Prior to Yasui's arrival, the Hartford Courier scheduled interviews with local Quaker residents Helen Brill, who taught at a WRA camp in Arizona, and Thomas Bodine, whose labor through the AFSC National Student Relocation Program in the 1940s helped hundreds of internees continue their education by obtaining college placements and financial assistance for them. During 1983-84, he prepared papers from this experience, now bequeathed to the Hoover Library at Stanford University.

Yasui's Thursday, March 28 appearance at Worcester State College in Massachusetts was co-sponsored by the Center for Study of Human Rights and the Poetry Center in conjunction with JACL. Entitled "The Detention of Japanese Americans during World War II," the event scheduled by the college included a preview at 2:30 p.m. Ivor Nii of Framingham, Mass., was slated as commentator and discussion leader following a viewing of "Invisible Citizens: Japanese Americans.

Scheduled for the evening program, "A Lecture and Poetry Reading," were poems on the internment experience, read by Kei Elyse Kanda, immediate past president and former redress co-chair of New England chapter JACL, interspersed with traditional Japanese melodies played on the flute by New England Conservatory of Music graduate Ellen Saul.

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WASHINGTON, SATO KEY CHICAGO DINNER

CHICAGO—The 40th inaugural dinner of the Chicago JACL held on March 29 was highlighted by the appearance of Mayor Harold Washington.

In remarks delivered at the outset of the program, Washington issued greetings and reflected that, "In 1945 I was a GI, like some of you here tonight, coming out of one war, and about to enter a lifetime of war against racism. Black soldiers have shed their blood on battlefields from Comfort Station to Nicaragua, so my ancestors and your ancestors, as well as you and I, share a common bond in that we have already paid to bear a price for freedom denied.

Nishizuka, and KyoKO May Takayaghi, chapter president, serving as moderator.

On Friday, March 29, Yasui gives a presentation at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, under the sponsorship of the UMass Third World Women's Group and the Northampton office of AFSC. Margaret Stebbins, Sansei AFSC volunteer, is program coordinator. She was assisted by Pref. Tsai, Union Graduate School of Music in compiling a mailing list of Asian Americans residing in parts of Western Massachusetts represented by Rep. Silvio O. Conte. Kei Kanda, an AFSC executive committee member, represents JACL at this meeting.

Minoru Yasui was also scheduled to speak on radio in Springield, Mass., and on President Ford's plane as he flew from New York to New Haven, Connecticut, and back to Washington for a weekend tour of New England. Yasui, who is co-chair of JACL's National Redress Committee, expressed concern over the nation's budget deficit and stated that it is "unbelievable that $1.5 billion we seek for redress, but I will be working hard to achieve the budget deficit is about $200 billion and that the "nation's moral situation is a matter of concern to the White House, Congress and all executive departments."

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Opposition to Beauty Contests?

by Douglas Masuda

It has recently been brought to the attention of the Nisei Week Committee, of which I am a member, that there is opposition to the Nisei Week Beauty Pageant.

It has taken the form of a resolution presented by the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific JACL District Council’s Women’s Concerns Committee for the Tri-District Conference, which involves all JACL chapters in California.

I am an active member of East Los Angeles JACL, and I realize that JACL, like any other service organization, is filled with people from all walks of life and a myriad of persuasions. When persons or a group of people attempt to disrupt what I consider to be an institution, it is time to educate such persons so that they might become enlightened and acknowledge the errors in their thinking.

To begin with, the 31st annual Nisei Week Coronation Ball is to be held Aug. 10 at the Bonaventure Hotel. It is a JACL event. It is sponsored by the Nisei Week Committee, which is chaired by the able Kate Kunitugu and governed by a 42-member board.

This beauty pageant is open to any non-profit organization which wishes to send a candidate who must meet certain liberal qualifying requirements.

The many positive reasons for a Japanese girl to participate in the Nisei Week Beauty Pageant far outweigh any negatives.

Through this event, all candidates have had the opportunity to expand their horizons far beyond the environment from whence they came. The opportunity to meet new people, travel on good missions to other parts of the world, to further develop confidence and poise, and most of all to be damn proud of being Japanese Americans!

The entire community benefits by our promotion of this event to spread the goodwill of all Japanese Americans to everyone, everywhere.

To feel or think that a beauty pageant “tends to diminish her [a contestant’s] worth as a whole human being” is TUNNEL VISION with capital letters.

Resolution Opposing Sponsorship of Beauty Contests

Whereas, in the past, some JACL chapters have sponsored candidates for beauty contests; and,

Whereas, beauty contests, by their very nature, promote the notion of physical attributes as being a woman’s most desirable feature; and,

Whereas, this concept of woman tends to diminish her worth as a whole human being, relegating to the status of secondary importance her accomplishments, potential, intelligence, and nurturing qualities; and,

Whereas, beauty contests discriminate against women who are not biologically endowed with the attributes defined as “beauty,” and;

Whereas, this definition of beauty is based more on values derived from Anglo-European physical characteristics than from Asian physical characteristics, therefore, by inference, denigrating Asian physical characteristics.

Whereas, JACL is dedicated to promoting the ideals of fairness, equality and the dignity of all human beings.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Tri-District Conference recommend to the National JACL Board that JACL chapters be encouraged to cease the practice of sponsoring candidates for beauty contests.

I must state here that the resolution below has not been voted on at the West Coast level and it does not necessarily reflect the thinking of the entire JACL, but rather has been approved for submission by one segment of the JACL. Needless to say, its passage would virtually destroy what I consider to be an institution, as this year seven of the eight candidates vying for the title are sponsored by local JACL chapters.

I would strongly suggest that the NCWPN council develop a dialogue with persons who have experienced the beauty pageants as contestants and others who have assisted in putting this institution together before they attempt to dismantle it.

Masuda is chair of the 1985 Nisei Week coronation ball.

Investments key to Japan’s success

by Christine Froehlich

HONOLULU—America’s growing trade deficit with Japan is not the product of some huge Japanese conspiracy, according to George Chaplin, editor-in-chief of the Honolulu Advertiser and chairman of the board of governors of East-West Center. In a Feb. 22 speech at the Pacific Beach Hotel before Honolulu JACL members, Chaplin said that Japan’s exports are the key to its survival but have given rise recently to “a mood of protectionism in Congress, a position which varies on lunacy. If we raise import quotas much higher, U.S.-Japan relations will really deteriorate.” America must address the trade issue by resolving to increase its own competitiveness, Chaplin observed.

“In productivity, among industrialized countries, our yearly growth rate averages out as the lowest,” Chaplin said, while “our personal savings rate runs about 5 to 7%, compared to 20% in Japan. Our annual capital investments are now less than half of those in Japan, and the funding of research and development has been declining proportionately in this country, while rising in Japan. And in the U.S., most R & D is military-related. In Japan, it’s in the private sector.”

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Fresno newsmen keeps folks in touch

by Jon J. Kawamoto

FRF--Anyone interested can be called the No. 1 newsman for Central California by community, it's John Kubota.

For 37 years, Kubota has been the community's journalist nonpareil, an eminence figure with an avuncular manner whose work can be seen on television, read, or heard.

Each Saturday evening, Kubota's mellow voice can be heard on radio station KRDU in Dinuba. The broadside is unabashedly geared toward the community, a folksy mix of news, culture, oui, wire reports, announcements and gossip interspersed with Japanese music.

"I'm very close to the community activity," says Kubota, 72. "If people miss the program, they don't know what's going on."

Kubota also has a Sunday morn­
ing show on a radio station in Clo­vis, serves as the Central California correspondent for the Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco, produces the weekly "Fresno News" television broadcast for a Fresno TV station and writes a "Fresno Report" column for the San Francisco Japanese newspaper in Fresno's sister city.

In addition, Kubota's job takes him to other stations ranging from special wedding anniversary to last year's 46th reunion of former Frensmans.

Kubota's work hasn't gone unnoticed.

In appreciation of Kubota's contributions, 24 local organization­
petitions the Japanese government to honor the journalist. In 1983, Kubota was given the highest rank of the Sacred Treasure, a lifetime achievement award.

"I'm very much an award is not surprising. What's surpris­ing is that he never intended to become a journalist."

Kubota was born in Lindsay in Central California and attended high school in Japanese. Upon his return, he worked as a laborer during the Great Depression and bounced around the state working a variety of odd jobs before returning again to Lindsay. He began a vegetable farm in 1936, which continued until the intern­ment order in 1942.

Kubota, like thousands of other Nikkei, was forced to sell his property during the infamous "Evac­uation Days."

"We didn't know how long we would stay in camp and we didn't pay upon the farm," he says. "We sold it very cheap."
Scripts

Continued from Front Page

with the manner in which China­
town communities are typically
portrayed: hotbeds of dope addi­
tion, pushing, gambling, prosti­
tute societies and neighborhoods in
which outbreaks of violence are
the rule rather than the exception.

The new rules have been in ef­
fect since January, when Lee was
chosen to administer them. Since
then, four television pilots have
been filmed in the area. All sub­
mitted scripts before filming was
authorized. The shows included
segments of TV shows “Riptide,”
“Quick Silver,” and “T. J. Hooker,”
and a telefilm starring Lindsay
Wagner entitled “The Other
Lover.”

News of the merchants’ new
policy was met with outrage by
some industry people. Ruth En­
gelhardt, president of the Los
Angeles Film Development
Committee, called the policy “abso­
lutely ridiculous. No producer in
his right mind would give such an
approval. It sounds like they’re try­
ing to impose censorship to me­
sure they don’t see a mountainous
amount of money flow to film­mak­ers.”

The potential damage to the in­
dustry was expressed by Charles
Weisenberg, public affairs direc­tor
of the Alliance of Motion Pic­
ture and Television Producers. Con­
cerned about the amount of pro­
duction moving away from South­ern California, he said, “With all the runway production that’s going on, we’re doing our best to keep filmmakers here.”

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