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AFFIRMATION — Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) gives statement in support of redress at press conference last week. Looking on are Arthur Flemming, member, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, and Joan Bernstein, commission chair.

News in Brief

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.

Apparently, said the study, "a decision to demolish a project that houses Vietnamese refugees would cause less political 'fallout' than the same decision to tear down a project housing mostly black families."

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 Bustamante (D-Texas), William Clay (D-Mo.), Cecil Heftel (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 Gojio

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. Don Edwards (10th district) a day prior to the 43rd anniversary of the enactment of Public Law 503, the bill that made it a crime for Japanese Americans to remain on the West Coast.

Appearing at the press conference in addition to Edwards were Reps. Robert Matsui (3rd), Sala 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 Flemming, 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 that 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 any 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."

"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."

Dymally 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..."

"It is time for simple 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."

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.

Due to a growing concern over what is perceived as stereotyping in motion picture and TV depiction of Chinese communities in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and other parts of the U.S., the Chinatown Merchants Association and the L.A. Chinatown Corp. recently decided to insist on endorsing the script before allowing filming in the area.

"We prefer 'script review' to 'script approval,'" said Curtis Lee, manager of Gen. Lee's Restaurant in Chinatown and spokesman for the groups. He has been authorized to enforce the new film location rules and to negotiate compensation and conditions of filming on behalf of individual merchants inconvenienced or otherwise affected by location shooting.

"Most TV shows and movies have taken a few things that have happened here in the past and dwelt on them. The community just decided it didn't want incidents blown out of proportion, giving people the wrong image of Chinatown. It's simple really: if a script reflects poorly on the community, we just won't let the filmmakers in."

According to Lee, the community has long been unhappy

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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 198, 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 in 1942 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 198 and joined Isenberg in co-sponsoring the bill, which will be considered by the full Assembly before being referred to the Senate.



Photo by Beverly Cheuvront

WOODED—Raising funds for Asian Americans for Equality were (from left) Bill Chong, member, AAE board; Assemblyman Al Vann, chair, NY state Jesse Jackson for President Cmte; Geraldine Ferraro; Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo of Delaware; Margaret Chin, AAE president.

Woo, Ferraro, Jackson honored at Asian Americans for Equality fundraiser

NEW YORK—Newly elected Delaware Lt. governor S.B. Woo, speaking at a March 2 fundraiser for Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE), recalled being told a year ago, "S.B., you don't have a Chinaman's chance." But having emerged victorious in the November election, he said, "Today, in the 1980s, a Chinaman's chance is as good as anyone's."

Woo, along with former N.Y. congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, was feted at AAFE's annual Chinese New Year celebration, held at Silver Palace Restaurant and attended by about 800. The third honoree, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, was unable to attend. The three were presented plaques for contributing to the political empowerment of minorities, women, and other underrepresented groups.

"Only in America would a first generation Asian American run for lieutenant governor and be elected," declared Woo, a native of Hong Kong.

Referring to the formation of an Asian Pacific Caucus within the Democratic National Committee, Ferraro said, "Political involvement is the way to political power in this country." As for her own unsuccessful bid to be the country's first woman vice president, "When all is said and done, my entire family, including my husband, said it was worth it."

Accepting for Jackson was assemblyman Al Vann, who chaired Jackson's New York campaign. He spoke of the importance of grassroots involvement in the development of Jackson's "Rainbow Coalition." "People who had a different vision and believed we could participate in our own destiny came together and made a difference," he said.

AAFE president Margaret Chin and secretary Bill Chong presented the plaques. Chin also reviewed the civil rights organization's 11-year history. 1984, she said, was a

"very significant year" in helping Asian Americans "realize that we need political power."

AAFE executive director Doris Koo announced that the hiring of a paid staff has been made possible by funding from such sources as Chase Manhattan Bank, United Methodist Church, and Mercy Action Foundation.

The organization's immediate plans include the setting up of a transitional shelter for seniors and homeless families, announced Koo. AAFE has applied for capital funds from the city to renovate a building for that purpose.

—from a report by
New York Nichibei

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 vid-

eo 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 work with the Asian Pacific American community to make certain changes in the film if they decide to purchase it.

Twenty-five Asian Pacific American writers attended a recent AAPAA meeting outlining the script submission program, which is intended to facilitate more realistic portrayals of Asians. The Writers Guild of America West will work with AAPAA in assisting in the submission of scripts, and arrangements will be made for representation of non-union members.

For further information on the script program, call Sumi Haru, (213) 460-5878 or Stewart Kwoh, (213) 746-6029.

More Redress Endorsements

In an attempt to keep JACL members informed on where the redress movement stands, the Pacific Northwest District Office has picked up the responsibility of coordinating ongoing efforts to secure endorsements in support of redress.

The following resolutions are in addition to those that were listed in the Dec. 7, 1984 issue of Pacific Citizen. Quarterly updates of the redress program will be provided through the PC.

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. #108, Seattle, WA 98104.

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'AND THE WINNER IS...' — Edward Asner and Beulah Quo present a Jimmie on behalf of the Assn. of Asian Pacific American Artists Mar. 18.

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 Assn. of Asian Pacific American Artists.

More than 400 people, among them many TV and film celebrities, attended the awards ceremony, which is to be an annual event. Honorees received the "Jimmie,"

an award named after the late James Wong Howe, an Oscar-winning cinematographer. "Jimmies" were presented to:

KNBC-TV (Ch. 4) for its "Profiles in Pride" public service announcements and "Asian America," an hour-long documentary, both produced by Frank Kwan;

Rainbow TV Works for TV specials shown on PBS and cable networks—"Billy Loves Ali" and "Keiko," producer Henry Johnson, exec. producer Topper Carew;

CIM Productions for the film "Chan is Missing," produced and directed by Wayne Wang;

Columbia Pictures for the film "The Karate Kid," producer Jerry Weintraub, exec. producer R.J. Lewis, director John Avildsen;

Warner Brothers for the film "The Killing Fields," producer David Putnam, director Roland Joffe;

Vox Productions for the PBS special "Nisei Soldier," produced and directed by Loni Ding;

Universal Pictures for the NBC series "Quincy," Glen Larson Productions;

NAATA (National Asian American Telecommunications Assn.) for the PBS six-part series "Silk Screen," exec. producer James Yee;

MTM Productions for the NBC series "St. Elsewhere," exec. producer Bruce Paltrow;

20th Century Fox TV for the CBS series "Trapper John, M.D.," exec. producer Don Brinkley;

East West Players, the L.A.-based Asian American theater company, exec. director Mako.

The program was emceed by former KNBC-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota and featured Pat Morita ("Karate Kid"), Dr. Haing S. Ngor ("Killing Fields"), Kim Miyori ("St. Elsewhere"), Robert Ito ("Quincy"), Rosalind Chao ("AfterMASH"), George Takei ("Star Trek"), Ricardo Montalban ("Fantasy Island") and Edward Asner ("Lou Grant").

Campus to slate festival

IRVINE, 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 Filipino, 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 fashion show, acupuncture demonstration and a tea ceremony.

Among special events this year is a lecture by controversial anthropologist Steven Moshier. A graduate of Stanford and author of the best-selling *Broken Earth: The Rural Chinese*, Moshier will speak on Peasant Life in Communist China Today, Wednesday, April 10, at 1 p.m. in the University Center Heritage Room. Information: Cross-Cultural Center, (714) 856-7215.

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 its 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 physical attacks on a Vietnamese im-

migrant in Grand Ledge, as well as stereotyped depictions of Asians on WXON-TV and at Six Flags Autoworld in Flint.

Guest speakers will include Lt. Governor Martha Griffiths and Robert Quincy, director of the Michigan Civil Rights Department.

Entertainment will be provided by a prima ballerina from the People's Republic of China and Charlie Chin, a New York-based singer, songwriter and storyteller making his Detroit-area debut.

Buddhist Institute joins theological union

BERKELEY, Calif.—Last month marked the beginning of a new era in American ecumenical religious history. The Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), a graduate school operated by the Buddhist Churches of America, became the first non-Judeo Christian religious institution to affiliate with the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), a consortium of nine graduate professional schools of religion, the largest concentration of religious educational resources in the world.

"The GTU," said its dean, Claude Welch, "is delighted with this new relationship. We are confident that this affiliation will enrich our program, and we hope it will assist the IBS in its future

development.... And I am pleased to say that we are now the first center of religious institutions in North America to have formal affiliate agreements with a Buddhist graduate professional school of religion."

The Institute of Buddhist Studies, founded in 1966 to advance the cause of Shin Buddhism in America, is the only institution of higher learning ever established by the Japanese American community. With headquarters in Berkeley, the IBS also maintains ties with Japan's oldest university, Ryukoku University of Kyoto, Japan. Dr. Jack Fujimoto, president of West Los Angeles College, serves as chairperson of the IBS board of trustees.

Japantown to host third annual health fair

SAN FRANCISCO—Japantown holds its third Health Fair on Apr. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Christ United Church, according to site coordinator Dr. Hiro Arima. This year all persons five years old and up can have blood pressure, vision, hearing, oral and foot checks and screening for anemia, glaucoma, and other ailments.

Health fairs were developed by the National Health Screening Council in 1974. Community organizations, service clubs, hospitals and businesses have assisted in delivering the program, which promotes the concept that an individual is responsible for his own health and emphasizes the importance of preventative health care and early detection of disease.

Last year's Japantown Health

Fair attracted over 150 participants. This year, Arima and his committee expect the number to exceed 250.

The screenings are free to all participants with the exception of blood tests for chemical analysis and coronary risk profiles, which cost \$15. Most of the costs are covered by grants and donations from corporations and individuals.

The Health Fair committee is accepting donations to help supplement the screening services for the Japantown site. Even a \$10 or \$20 donation will help enable the committee to provide a professional screening site.

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to Health Fair '85, Dr.

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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES — KNBC-TV (Ch. 4) is compiling a community events calendar for Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, May 7-14. Organizations should submit a brief description of each event being planned, with date, time, location, activity, contact person, and telephone number. Mail information to Sandra Willis, KNBC/Channel 4, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523. Deadline is April 8.

American Assn. of Retired Persons, meets at JACCC, 244 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 welcome. Information: 292-3165 or 263-8469.

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — March 29 is the last day of a photo exhibit entitled "Two Traditions: Ansel Adams and Eikoh Hosoe," at Vincent Price Gallery, East Los Angeles College, art department building, 1301 Brooklyn Ave. Gallery hours are 12 to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays.

BERKELEY, Calif. — The NOHO Theatre Group, of Kyoto, offers an afternoon workshop on Japanese comedic acting techniques and an evening performance, on April 7, at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave. Reservations and information: Japan Society, (415) 986-4383.

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THERE ARE SLANG phrases that many of us use, the derivations of which are unknown. The two-bit word for this art or science is "etymology," which, if you'll double-check with your Webster's, you'll find has a somewhat long explanation. Indeed, even my desk copy of Webster's fails to provide the etymology of the word "etymology." I check in the unabridged version, which informed me that it comes from the Greek word *etymologia*, meaning "the true account and analysis of a word; *etymos*, the true literal sense of a word, neut. of *etymos*, true, and *logos*, description, from *legein*, to speak."

Learn something every day.

WE WERE WONDERING how the term "canned" (such as getting fired from one's job) came into being. Ever since I can recall, as kids we used the term. Which, in turn, suggests the question: "Where did the term 'kids' come from in referring to young children?" (A reference to "young goats"?). And if we continue along this line, what about "kidding" (joking or jesting)? Or treating someone gently with "kid gloves"? (The hide of a kid goat is soft and pliable?)

But getting back to "canned."

THE ISSEI USED many pungent phrases of pidgin, broken English combined with Japanese words to express a situation. In their jargon, to be "canned" was described as *go-homu o-kuu*. The first time I heard the phrase, I wasn't quite sure what it meant,

although I definitely sensed it wasn't something good. I'm still not sure what the literal translation, especially the *kuu* part, is, but were I to venture a guess, it would literally be: "Eat a go home," or smoothed out just a bit, "Suffer a 'Go Home' directive." As a matter of fact, even in English "eat" is employed in slang in the negative sense of enduring or suffering. Example: "Eat crow." A somewhat uncomfortable posture to be in.

I know.

IT WON'T BE long before our progeny will be looking back to our written literature, such as it is, and come across various phrases and forms of speech and puzzle over what they truly mean, the precise flavor to ascribe to the terms. Already, we Nisei have some difficulties. For the sake of posterity, and to preserve the colorful forms of expression, some student of linguistics should assemble a dictionary. Let me know, and I'll be one of the first to subscribe.

SPEAKING OF FIRING, or "dis-employed," I can't figure out how "firing"—meaning, "igniting"—came to be applied to the state of getting dis-employed. (Don't bother to look up that last word: there ain't no such word. Which, although a double-negative, cannot be expressed any other way, using a negative slang.) There are many—legions—other examples of misapplication of English words, right in English. Some examples: "Terribly good" or "awfully nice." How can something be "terrible" and yet "good"? Sweet-and-sour pork, okay. But "awful" and "nice"? C'mon.

HAVING SAID ALL this, in this column we'll continue to "butcher the King's English". Just having come this far, you already know what I mean.

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Letters

Loyal, Clean and Square

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

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

Dave was a former scout in Troop 26, 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 26
Berkeley, Calif.

The letter above was signed by Garrett Hayashida, Todd Taniguchi, Joel Nagafuji, David Yamoto, Matt Inouye, Craig Taniguchi, Ryokei Imai 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 events of the 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 wouldn't 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 moment for the Japanese 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 keep-

ing with the spirit that motivates and sustains the campaign for redress.

ED NAKAWATASE
Philadelphia

Nakawatase is national representative, Native American Affairs, American Friends Service Committee.

Nihonjin Football

I was very interested to read Bill Hosokawa's article on the Japanese gridiron (Feb. 15 PC).

I was one of the first players to play American style football while attending Meiji University in 1934. There were nineteen Niseis from the U.S. and Hawaii attending Meiji.

I still have the article written in a Japanese magazine about our exhibition game. That same year Asahi and Yomiuri Shimbun invited 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 NIKAIIDO
Fresno, Calif.

'Good Friend, Tritia'

As you know, Tritia Toyota, a very good friend of JACL, is making 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 let her know how much we appreciate her and wish her success in her future endeavors? (c/o KNBC-TV, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91505)

KATHY MIYAKE ROBINSON
Seal Beach, Calif.

Faith and 'Fulfillment'

Last evening (Mar. 13) I heard a Sansei, Dr. Michael Ego of Calif. State Univ. at Northridge, speak on "Nisei Retirement." Of all the lectures I have heard and literature I have read on retirement, 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, except by Dr. Sharon Fujii, one of the pioneers in Nisei retirement, who acknowledged it in the initial retirement conference sponsored by JACL several years ago. All Nisei need to explore this phase of "fulfillment" beyond termination.

Although I have ministered to Nisei all my ministerial life, I have also been beside many bedsides of the parents of Nisei, the Issei. 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 religious faith, along with the hope of fulfillment, is that it provides flexibility or bendability which is especially necessary if Nisei retirement plans run into the phase of disenchantment and letdown to the edge of depression. Religious faith can provide for us that needed bounce which naturally lessens 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 observations, 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 emphasis 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 Caucus of the United Methodist Church, I will propose funding a joint research project on the relevance of religious faith for Nisei retirement. The hope is to add more joy to Nisei in retirement years, and thus compensate for their history of endurance, hard work, denials, 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 lean, 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, we three were 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 went to classes, learned a little something about the business of writing and editing, got along well with classmates and profs. Our teachers were competent and, most of the time, fair, but they also were operating under the strictures of the times. That became very evident when it came time for the members of the class to fan out over the state during a between-semesters break to work as unpaid interns on local newspapers.

That was supposed to be part of our education, part of our training. So the class was divided into

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



teams and they were assigned to newspapers in places like Yakima, Bellingham, Aberdeen 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. "Well," the prof said, turning 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 went to work in the post office. One went to sea. Several of the girls married and one went to graduate school. Ed Luke went to Hollywood, where his brother Keye Luke was an actor and artist of some standing, and that helped get him a job. As a printer, 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 2,862 members of racial minorities among 49,600 newsroom employees. That's a sizable number, but it represents only 5.8 percent of the total and only a 0.2 percent increase over the previous year.

ASNE includes Asian Americans among "minorities" and one story is devoted to the Asian American Journalists Association whose chairman is Bill Sing, a staff writer at the Los Angeles Times. The group seeks to help employers find and hire qualified Asian American journalists, assist Asian American journalism students, and help the news media 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 90053.)

Training is changing, too. ASNE lists no fewer than nine 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 and Minorities: Seeking balance, fairness and objectivity."

Even though slowly, times do change.

Omaha, Nebraska



REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru
Yasui
Legislative
Education
Committee

We visited the Omaha JACL chapter during a recent cold spell, and it was cold! Thanks to the warm hospitality of Em and Bob Nakadoi, we were warm and cozy, despite the frigid weather outside.

We regret that Em, a longtime JACL stalwart of the Omaha area, is suffering from heart problems and can no longer be active in JACL affairs.

But, we have found that the younger leadership of the Omaha JACL to be energetic, imaginative and strong. President Steve Hasegawa of the Omaha JACL is from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and is not hung up with all the baggage that too many of us as Nikkei have. His approach to community affairs is open and refreshing. There is hope for the JACL in our young people.

Richard Takechi, too, is of the new breed of Sansei. He served as a member of the Omaha City Council—and reportedly, may be looking at running for re-election again. We need AJAs in government—at the local, state and national levels—to assure that our rights are protected, and more than that, to make sure that we are recognized as an important part of our communities.

Sharon Ishii-Jordan, another Sansei, has been active in JACL affairs, and has participated in Mountain-Plains JACL conferences and affairs. Hopefully, these young people will keep alive, and indeed embellish the excellent record of Japanese Americans in Nebraska.

Moreover, in the Omaha area, because of the Strategic Air Defense Command at Offutt Air Base, there are a number of Japanese wives of military personnel. These ladies add to the cultural milieu of the perhaps otherwise drab plains city atmosphere of Omaha, with a touch of the exotic Orient. Because of cultural activities of the Omaha JACL, our presence there is noted and appreciated.

The answer, I suspect, is a combination of all these things and more. We do need to develop programs that stimulate the interest of this younger group in the broad areas of civil/human rights, career development, leadership development, 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 younger members in JACL; (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; local pilot programs geared toward younger members' interests; workshops at the Tri-District convention 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 will also describe activities piloted at the chapter levels that we have found to be effective with younger members.

Throughout the biennium, we will report on our activities through this committee column, but material for publication here will not be restricted to those topics only. We will also use this column as a forum for other topics that involve younger members and JACL.

We invite input from everyone—JACLers and non-JACLers alike—and especially encourage others to submit articles. Please send them to me at: 11 Jacobs Lane, Westfield, NJ 07090.

In a recent article on this topic, Robert Shimabukuro stated that JACL must change its outlook to survive and that there is no growth without change and no change without discomfort. In other words, "no pain, no gain." To that I would like to add that while this process may cause some "growing pains," we can minimize the discomfort by working together and keeping the lines of communication open. If we effectively pull together, we can accomplish anything.

Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee

Increasing the Number of Younger Members

by B.J. Watanabe

At the convention in Hawaii, a resolution was passed by the National Council which established the Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee. Recognizing that the future of JACL depends on bringing in younger Nikkei, this resolution calls for the committee to implement a national program to recruit younger members and develop leadership skills.

I was one of the initiators of this resolution. Although I have been involved with JACL for almost six years, I never realized how critical this issue was until I became chapter president last year and started looking ahead to the future of our chapter. Although we had a good number of younger people on our board, our overall membership within this group was less than 10% and turnover was high.

We wanted our chapter to thrive and grow, not just for the next year or two, but on a long-term basis as well. And to do that, we had to start actively recruiting and involving members of all ages, especially those of the "Baby Boom" generation.

This seems to be the situation in many chapters throughout the country. Even though many chapters can claim a high percentage of younger members who serve on their boards, turnover tends to be high, commitment is still questionable, and membership in this

generational category remains low. The PC staff estimates that roughly 10% of all JACLers are Sansei; the recent NC-WN-P district survey reveals that approximately 15% of that district's members are under 40.

The New York chapter, for instance, sponsored two activities in the last several months geared toward this population: an interracial relationships seminar and a forum on Asian Americans in the corporate environment. Both were well attended and played an important role in increasing our membership recently.

In addition to relevant programming, JACL must sharpen its image by demonstrating that we "stand for something" that's relevant and tangible. In replying to that eternal question of "What is JACL?", how many of us reply "a human and civil rights organization" with much conviction? And yet JACL has done and is doing significant work in these and other areas. How many younger members know about JACL's history and legislative accomplishments? I certainly didn't until reading Bill Hosokawa's *In Quest of Justice* very recently. I was amazed at JACL's role in securing rights for all Japanese Americans (and Asian Americans as well) during its 45-year history. And JACL's recent work in the areas of anti-Asian violence, redress, mail order brides, and Japan-U.S. relations is nothing to

apologize for.

What is needed, is better communication of these accomplishments with our members and potential members. We have the substance—or much of it at any rate. We need to strengthen our image in part by communicating what we do and what we stand for in a more effective way.

Talk, But Little Action

These facts and figures are not new to most of us—JACL has been lamenting this situation for years. What *did* come as a surprise to me was that very little is being done to correct this situation. In talking with JACLers at the convention and later in California and Seattle, I realized that very few chapters or districts are actively doing anything to attract this population and even fewer have some kind of strategy to involve and develop these members once they join.

One of the main stumbling blocks is that most of us aren't exactly sure what will attract younger Nikkei to JACL. Some claim that programming is the key: if we offer programs and activities of interest to this group, they will respond. Others insist that a strong civil rights orientation is essential. Some say that JACL's focus needs to be fine-tuned, that the picture has gone fuzzy over the years. And others want to know "Why JACL?" and "Is there life after redress?"

Redress Pledges

Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:
#15: Feb./Mar. 15, 1985.
1985 Total: \$ 18,990.25
Previous Total: \$152,616.64
This Report: (5) \$12,214.00
Grand Total: \$164,830.64
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'85 Sonoma County JACL
\$1,500; JACL Pacific Southwest District Council, \$7,500; Stockton JACL

\$2,025; '85 Tulare County, \$860.

1985 DIST. BREAKDOWN
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Midwest 1,400.00
Central Cal 1,190.00
Intermountain
Eastern 300.00
Mt Plains
Total: \$ 16,965.25

'Number two should try harder'

by Karl K. Nobuyuki

In the Feb. 15 issue of the PC, former JACL Washington Representative Ron Ikejiri commented on JACL's most important resource. Citing several examples, Ikejiri exemplified the value of local participation. In the same issue, Robert Shimabukuro noted the absence of detailed information on issues most frequently raised in the field by JACLers 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 League's U.S.-Japan relations (USJR) program, which President Frank Sato indicated (January 1985) is "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 participate in issues affecting relations between the U.S. and Japan. Citing negative racial stereotyping resulting from trade frictions, this ad hoc body documented the repeating impact on AJAs (Nikkei, JAs, et al.), and noted that the issue was much larger than the "symptoms" expressed in the press.

The committee consisted of NCWNP district volunteers: Ben Takeshita, Harry Hatasaka, Sharon Iwamasa and George Kondo. Resource persons included Clifford Uyeda, Frank Kasama, Mike M. Masaoka, and national staff.

Authorization to Proceed

In 1980 and again in 1982, the National Council reinforced its position relative to USJR. During

the 1982 convention, Mike Masaoka revealed the League's untold achievements in USJR (videotape: "JACL & U.S.-Japan Relations—The Untold Story"), and the convention keynote address was delivered by Ambassador Okawara of Japan.

Over the past five years, national officers have officially traveled to Japan, meeting with the prime minister and other leading government representatives, promoting some aspect of JACL's USJR.

Reportedly, in 1984, the National Council was silent on USJR, and national officers have noted some uneasiness among the delegates as to the direction of the program.

Formation of a New Policy

The committee went to the national executive committee for official JACL sanction. Shortly thereafter, the committee established a national network involving each chapter wishing to participate. Correspondence was distributed from HQ and the NCWNP District office. Comments were reviewed by staff and forwarded to the committee. The issue soon became part of a national program dialogue during chapter installations. The results led to the workshop/forum at the 25th biennial convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1978.

JACL's USJR Program

In Salt Lake City, before an estimated crowd of 500-plus (and videotaped), USJR became an issue of national attention. Consequently, a resolution was adopted by the National Council authorizing and funding this program for the 1978-80 biennium. This action was significant because it overturned a long-standing League policy (circa 1940s) on an arm's-length position.

The volunteer network continued, and its work led to JACL's

first official mission to Japan.

Recent inquiries into the USJR program's direction have been interesting, resulting in a Catch-22 phenomenon from the chapter, district and national level, each referring to the other for explanation, and back again.

By contrast, photographs in the PC reflect aggressive national activity. News briefs identify who met with whom, a few words on what was discussed, but nothing substantive on the scope of the dialogue.

For example, former President Floyd Shimomura reported that the legal counsel's apparent opposition to the unitary tax in California was a milestone for the past biennium (in USJR). We also read that national representatives meet with Japanese government representatives on trade issues; that USJR is JACL's next most important issue, and that program responsibilities have been shifted from the West Coast to Washington, D.C.

It seems to me that the effectiveness of JACL's USJR program will, to a large extent, be measured at a local and regional level. Consequently, the national program could suggest the formation of regional study-groups and the related how-to's; recommend issues to look for and present issue summaries for discussion; supply bibliographies and a process for participation.

Further, HQ's videotape equipment could be used to advise districts and chapters, and tapes can be rented or loaned through the USJR network. Likewise, the PC can be used as a vehicle to inform the membership on program direction. As Glen Fukushima, now director for Japan, U.S. Trade Representative, noted, first informing ourselves on USJR is vital (Jan. 4-11 PC).

Ron Ikejiri's reminder of the value of local volunteers in implementing a national program is timely. It is also a reminder that national cliques can hamper local participation. This, in turn, precludes broadbased support. ... In-

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

Second in a series

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—to varying degrees—possess a cultural insight or "feel" into how both countries think. This does not mean we are innate experts on trade or defense issues. Nor does it mean that we claim the knowledge of an Edwin Reischauer. We do not.

It simply means that we tend to understand the Japanese way of thinking and doing things better than the vast majority of Americans and that we understand the American way of thinking and doing things far better than the vast majority of Japanese.

Given the flood of Japanese goods, money, plant, and people coming into local areas all over the United States, this cultural insight is more valuable than ever.

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

Fukushima hired as U.S. trade rep director for Japan

WASHINGTON—Glen Fukushima, a Los Angeles Sansei, has been appointed Director for Japan in the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). He assumes the post in late March.

The USTR, which has been headed by former senator William Brock (who was recently chosen as the new Secretary of Labor), is responsible for coordinating U.S. trade policy and negotiating trade agreements with other countries. Fukushima will chair interagency meetings and help formulate U.S. trade policy toward Japan.

A graduate of Gardena High School and Stanford University, he studied and worked in Japan for three years before beginning graduate studies at Harvard, where he earned an M.A. in East Asian studies and a J.D. from the law school. While at Harvard, he was a teaching assistant for professors Edwin Reischauer and Ezra Vogel.

From 1982 to 1984 Fukushima was a Fulbright fellow at Tokyo University conducting research on Japanese law and politics. Until recently he was an associate at the Los Angeles law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker.

deed, the committed local chapter/district volunteer is "our most valuable resource."

USJR is important. Consequently, if it is one of JACL's highest priorities, shouldn't we try harder?

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Chapter Pulse

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 Wakako 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) 327-7143; Shirley Chami, (213) 558-4255; or Sharon Kumagai (213) 616-8963.

West Los Angeles

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

Venice Japanese Community Center. Candidates must be unmarried women between 19 and 25 as of Aug. 10, have one parent of 100% Japanese ancestry, reside in western Los Angeles county, and be a U.S. citizen. Information: Jean Ushijima, 390-6914/550-4826; or Min Ioki, 397-7925. Application deadline: April 8.

West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The chapter's Bridge and Bowling Night begins with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at the JACL clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr. At 7:30 p.m., the group disperses with bowlers going to the Saratoga Lanes and bridge

players remaining at the clubhouse. Around 11 p.m., awards will be made to the winners in the bowling and bridge tournaments. Dessert and beverages will be served.

Each attending family is requested to bring their own tableware and a main course to share. Salad, dessert, and beverages are furnished.



Photo by Dale Arnold

1985 MILE HI CABINET — Standing (from left) are Tom Masamori, president; Kiyoto Futa, vice president for programs; Dennis Ioka, treasurer; Robert Sakaguchi, vice president for membership. Seated are Kent Yoritomo, vice president for fund-raising; Mits Kaneko, secretary; Dr. Ayako Wada Mayeda, vice president for redress; and Dr. Wayne Itano, vice president for scholarships.

The Denver, Colorado-based chapter hopes to gain a 100% increase in members, and to become more involved in the community in 1985.

Ventura County

OXNARD, Calif. — A dinner and get-together takes place on Friday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., at Wagon Wheel Chinese-American Restaurant, hosted by Ventura County JACL. On the program is a video cassette showing of "Unfinished Business." Information: Harry Kajihara, 983-2612; or Teri Komatsu, 984-1907.

Omaha Chapter to host Mt. Plains meeting

OMAHA, Neb. — Mountain Plains District Council meets here April 12-13. The Omaha Chapter's plans call for a hospitality room on Friday evening, April 12, at the Best Western Regency West, 909 South 107th Avenue. The district business meeting takes place Saturday, April 13.

Saturday evening, dinner will be held at the House of Hunan Restaurant, 2405 S. 132nd St. The Hon. James J. Exxon has been invited to speak.

'Robber Barons' and Tangled Family Trees

MOSHI MOSHI

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," and roared with laughter. The other nobles joined the imperial merriment.

There was no doubt that Marquis Hachisuka's putative attempt at pilferage was purely an unthinking act. But he was most abjectly mortified, for there was no mistaking the Emperor's allusion. The founder of the Hachisuka family line as rulers of Awa (present Tokushima Prefecture) under the Tokugawa regime was Masakatsu, 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 consternation in many daimyo households and unwonted flurries of activity in the archives and secretaries' offices of many clan governments. A boom developed among the *keizu-shiri*, professional genealogy experts. Relying as much on charlatanism and gall as on scholarship, they could create convincing genealogies, often out of whole cloth.

But the 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.

Chief among the fabricators of genealogies at this time was Hayashi Daigaku no Kami, the Lord Provost of the National Academy. The Hayashis, beginning with Doshun, were an academic family and held the hereditary post. Each generation of them was the highest authority of his time on matters of scholarship in the Chutzu school discipline of Confucianism, and his pronouncement on any subject reflected the official view of the *bakufu*. The head of the National Academy could not have been too busy a job, and Doshun no doubt had plenty of time to figure out the intricacies of the tangled family lines.

One of his clients was Ikeda Mitsumasa, lord of Bizen (present Okayama Prefecture). To him all this fuss must have seemed silly, if not distasteful. One day at the Edo Castle he was asked by another lord to which clan, Genji or Heike, his family was descended from. "I do not rightly know," Lord Ikeda answered nonchalantly. "I am having my genealogy made up by Hayashi Daigaku no Kami. As soon as he is finished, I will be able to tell you."

For the honor of the descendants of Marquis Hachisuka, I must add a note. Later researches established 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 embarrassing gaffe.

I had the honor of interviewing the reigning marquis in 1934 or thereabouts. He was on the way home from England, where he attended Oxford University, and published a learned book or monogram on the dodo. In fact he was the world authority on the extinct bird.

Mr. Konomi wishes it to be known that in his Jan. 25 column, "A Tonosama Story," the title of the *rakugo* should have been given as "Meguro no Sanma" rather than "Tonosama no Sanma," since the punch line of the story is that the *sanma* came from Meguro, not that a *tonosama* was fooled.

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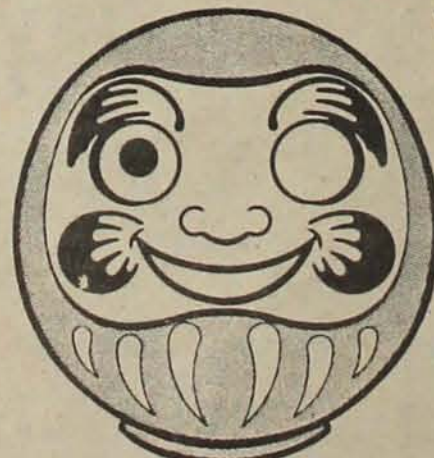
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Yasui barnstorms New England

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 Kaneda, 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

Washington, Sato key Chicago dinner

CHICAGO—The 40th inaugural dinner of the Chicago JACL held on March 9 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 Concord to Nicaragua, so my ancestors and your ancestors, as well as you and I, share a common bond in that we have already paid too dear a price for freedom denied."

Sugita; and Kyoko May Takayanagi, 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 Prof. Taitetsu Unno of Smith College in compiling a mailing list of Asian Americans residing in parts of Western Massachusetts represented by Rep. Silvio O. Conte. Kei Kaneda, an AFSC executive committee member, represents JACL at this meeting.

Minoru Yasui was also scheduled to speak on radio in Springfield, Rep. Edward P. Boland's district, in New England JACL redress committee's efforts to gain the support of all eleven congressional delegates on HR 442. Gary Glenn, New England Chapter redress chair, is coordinating Yasui's visit to New England.

As a former member of Congress, Washington supported the effort to establish the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and recently issued an executive proclamation marking Feb. 19 as a Day of Remembrance in observance of the issuance of EO 9066.

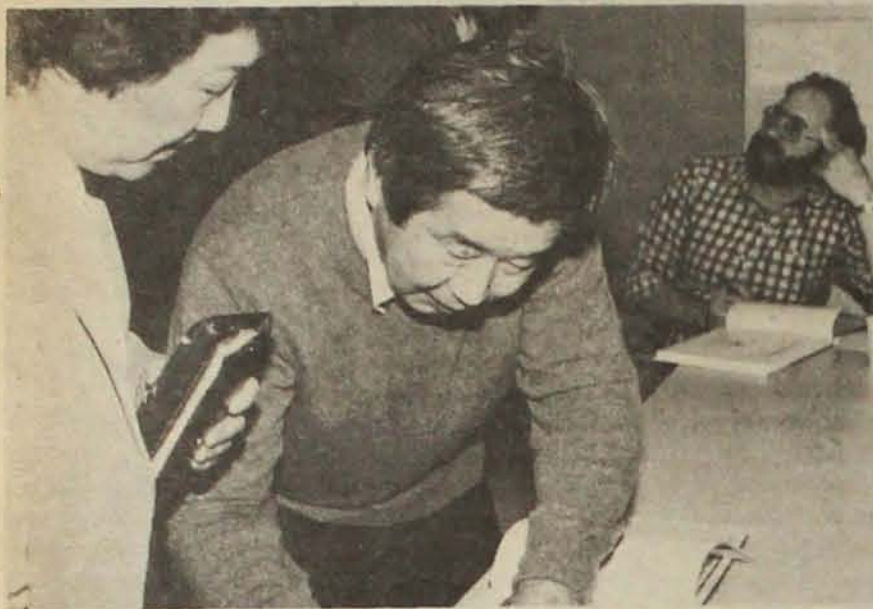
In support of the redress issue Washington stated, "I am proud of my record as a [supporter for what are,] I believe, modest claims for financial compensation for your losses."

JACL president Frank Sato provided the keynote address before the 170 attendees and stressed the issue of redress and the role of Japanese Americans in U.S.-Japan relations.

On redress, Sato outlined the difficulties confronting the passage of redress legislation, stating that the 1985 budget deficit is about \$200 billion and that "the nation's fiscal situation is a matter of concern to the White House, Congress and all executive departments."

Sato listed Midwest farmers, the "rust belt" unemployed and the auto industry unemployed as those who will also be competing for legislative attention. "Amidst this background," stated Sato, "it will be difficult to achieve the \$1.5 billion we seek for redress, but I remain committed, for I strongly believe that it is a constitutional issue warranting national attention."

Sato also presided over the installation of chapter officers including President Paul Igasaki and his board; Janet Suzuki, Ron Yoshino, Janice Honda, Martha Watanabe, Ted Takasaki, Aya Takada, Brenda Lee, Don Teshima, Pat Yuzawa, Larry Schectman, and David Igasaki.



Chet Tanaka autographs book for Teri Sato. Eric Saul is in background.

Fremont JACL, Buddhists honor vets

FREMONT, Calif.—The local JACL and the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church sponsored the first in a series of educational programs for their members and the public on Feb. 22. Tom Kawaguchi and Chet Tanaka of Go For Broke, Inc., and Eric Saul, curator of the Presidio Army Museum in San Francisco, were guest speakers.

Over 130 people attended the presentation about the Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought so valiantly in World War II. A narrative slide presentation and the film "Nisei Soldier" were

shown. Eric Saul spoke on the Japanese virtues of *giri*, *oya-koko*, and *on* of the Nisei soldiers that gave them the fortitude to demonstrate such heroism and patriotism.

Fremont JACL presented Go For Broke with a check for \$100 and appreciation for a most informative and interesting evening. With contributions from the audience and sales of the book, *Go For Broke: A Pictorial History of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team*, authored by Chet Tanaka, Go For Broke realized close to \$1,000.

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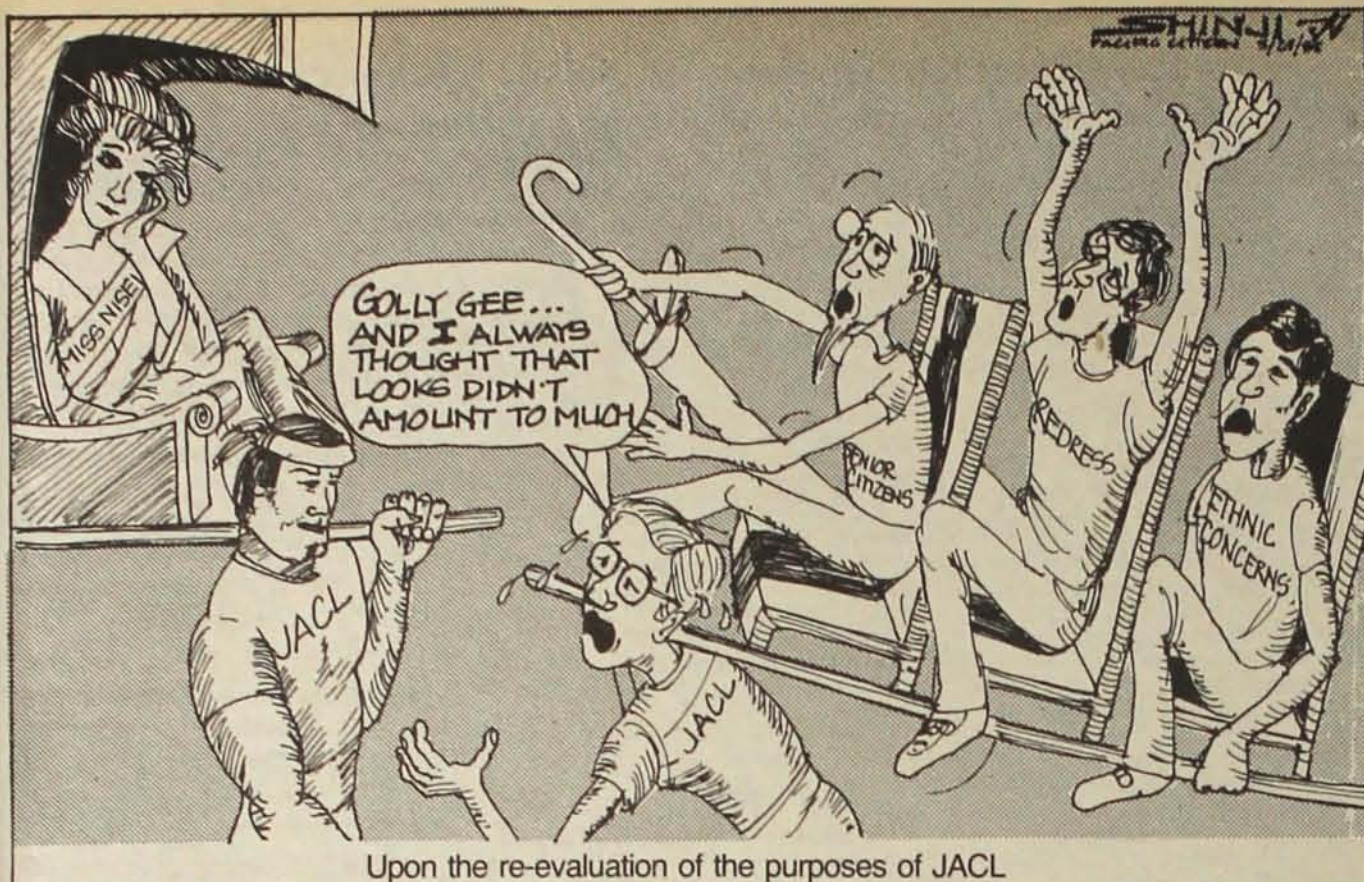
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Opposition to Beauty Contests?

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 to be held Aug. 10 at the Bonaventure Hotel is not a JACL event. It is sponsored by the Nisei Week Committee, which is chaired by the able Kats Kunitugu and governed by a 40-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 goodwill 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 bio-

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 NCWNP 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.

logically 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, and;

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.

Investments key to Japan's success

by Christine Froechtenigt

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 verges 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."

Longer Japanese school terms provide a high school graduate with four more years of schooling than his American peer. "And the emphasis in Japanese education is quite different," Chaplin added, citing the fact that engineers and scientists make up a large percentage of the population in Japan while lawyers and accountants are more plentiful in America. Moreover, Chaplin said, most American MBAs "go into financial management, analysis, controls or consulting. The Japanese university graduates focus on production and sales."

"Are we willing to change our corporate thinking from short-term to long-term? Americans put profit first, share price of their stock second, and market share third. The Japanese put market share first, profit second, and new products third, thus creating a continuing cycle. The whole focus of the American company president is usually toward quick profit, and this often requires actions adverse to long-term interests of the organization. In Japan, it's just the opposite," Chaplin continued.

While the U.S. supports non-competitive industries, "Japan is exporting its declining high-energy-consuming industries such as petrochemicals and eventually steel to other Asian countries," Chaplin noted. He stressed the importance of "closer cooperation in this country between government, business and labor, instead of the current adversarial relationship." Labor must also help save jobs by reducing hourly labor costs, Chaplin stated.

"We have the capabilities to become strong and competitive, but we need the will and the wisdom," Chaplin suggested.

Chaplin said that Japan's domestic politics also figure in trade issues. Half of Japan's Diet members are elected from prefectures with rural economies. This rural vote forms the basis of power for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which balks at allowing greater U.S. produce imports. Chaplin also commented on the bilateral defense question, saying that Japan allots \$1 billion a year for the support of U.S. bases but prefers to invest in industry the money it saves on its own defense. Added to Japan's strong anti-military stance dating from World War II is the feeling that Japan is relatively free from the threat of attack. Chaplin said that he sees "the defense issue working itself out over time," provided the U.S. adopts a less aggressive negotiation style.

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Fresno newsman keeps folks in touch

by Jon J. Kawamoto

FRESNO—If anyone can be called the No. 1 newsman for Central California's Nikkei community, it's John Kubota.

For 37 years, Kubota has been the community's journalist nonpareil, an omnipresent 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 broadcast is unabashedly geared toward the community, a folksy mix of church news, obituaries, wire reports, announcements and gossip interspersed with Japanese music.

"I'm very close to the community activity," says Kubota, 73. "If people miss the program, they don't know what's going on."

Kubota also has a Sunday morning show on a radio station in Clovis, serves as the Central California correspondent for the Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco, produces the "Voice of Tokyo" broadcast for a Fresno TV station and writes a "Fresno Report" column for Kochi Shimbun, the Japanese newspaper in Fresno's sister city.

In addition, Kubota's job takes him to a myriad of events ranging from special wedding anniversaries to last year's 40-year reunion of former Fresnoans.

Kubota's work hasn't gone unnoticed.

In appreciation of Kubota's contributions, 24 local organizations petitioned the Japanese government to honor the journalist. In 1983, Kubota was given the highly regarded 5th Order of the Sacred Treasure, a lifetime achievement award.

That he received such an award is not surprising. What's surprising is that he never intended to become a journalist.

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Kubota was born in Lindsay in Central California and attended high school in Japan. 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 he continued until the internment order in 1942.

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

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



John Kubota

Kubota spent the duration of the war in camp. He was block supervisor at the Poston III internment camp in western Arizona.

At war's end, Kubota and his family moved back to Lindsay. In 1948, the minister of the Visalia Buddhist Church asked if he'd be the Central California correspondent for the Hokubei Mainichi. He agreed and has been the only correspondent the newspaper has had for this part of the state.

That same year Kubota was approached to launch a Japanese-language program on station KRDU.

"The station's general manager asked me to get three Japanese records and two sponsors for a 15-minute show," he says. "The sponsors gave me \$3.50 for a 30-second spot. Next week, it was increased to four ads, then they gave me a 30-minute show."

It has since grown into a 75-minute show. Kubota's Sunday broadcast on radio station KXTC runs three hours. He produces and writes the entire show, assisted by daughter Marlene, who handles the English broadcast.

The task of putting together the broadcasts and writing a daily column for the Hokubei Mainichi keeps Kubota busy. He admits he hasn't had a vacation in decades.

Kubota says he spends about three hours each day writing the Hokubei column in kanji and in English. He spends about an hour preparing each of the two week-end broadcasts.

Not surprisingly, Kubota, whose energy level exceeds that of many men half his age, isn't considering retiring.

"There's no use to lay off and watch television," he says. "It's more fun to report. I think I'll be doing this right up to the funeral and I don't know when that's going to come."

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with the manner in which Chinatown communities are typically portrayed: hotbeds of dope addition, pushing, prostitution and secret societies and neighborhoods in which outbreaks of violence are the rule rather than the exception.

The new rules have been in effect since January, when Lee was chosen to administer them. Since then, four television shows have been filmed in the area. All submitted scripts before filming was authorized. The shows included segments of TV shows "Riptide," "Quicksilver" 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 Engelhardt, president of the Los Angeles Film Development Committee, called the policy "absolutely ridiculous. No producer in his right mind would give such approval. It sounds like they're trying to impose censorship to me—it certainly doesn't sound legal or constitutional. It's unthinkable."

The potential damage to the industry was expressed by Charles Weisenberg, public affairs director of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers. Concerned about the amount of production moving away from Southern California, he said, "With all the runaway production that's going on, we're doing our best to keep filmmakers here. But

with obstacles like those presented by such a policy, no one's going to want to film here. I know of one case recently in which a duplicate of New York's Chinatown was built in North Carolina."

Although Lee is quite firm in his demands, he claims to be flexible in negotiations. No outright script changes would be sought, he said, so long as some Chinese characters or life are positively portrayed. "How often do you see an Asian policeman on television?" he asks rhetorically.

The two business organizations include three banks, 12 restaurants and 22 merchants. Together, they comprise Chinatown's Central Plaza, where most of the filming takes place. The Chinatown Corp. owns—and controls access to—all the property that shops do not own in the areas bounded by Broadway, Hill St., College and Bamboo Lane. The control extends to sidewalks and streets.

Considerable conflict has arisen in the past over confusion regarding whether the permit to shoot in Chinatown constituted carte blanche for filmmakers to do as they wished without further consultation with individual merchants. One case last year resulted in one protesting merchant being handcuffed and jailed.

Lee says such script approval is not a new thing. Prior script review is also demanded by most major hotels in L.A. and LAX, he claims.

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