Slayers of journalist sentenced to life in prison

TAIPEI—Following a trial that lasted five years, two gang members were sentenced April 9 to life imprisonment for the murder of Chinese American journalist Henry Liu in 1984.

Chen Chi-li and Wu Tun, members of the Taiwan-based United Bamboo gang, stood trial April 2 for shooting Liu in the garage of the Hayward, Calif., home Octo- ber 15. Both pleaded not guilty on the grounds that they were following orders. A third suspect, Tung Kuei-sei, has not been apprehended.

Government Involvement

The case became an international incident when the accused killers claimed that government officials ordered the killing to silence Liu, whose writings were critical of Taiwan’s ruling Nationalist Party (Kuomintang). Liu’s widow, Helen, has charged that the killing was intended both to punish her husband and to intimidate other Taiwan dissidents living in the U.S.

Liu, who wrote for the Chinese-language San Francisco Journal and authored a book critical of Taiwan President Chiang Ching-kuo, became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1979. Despite repeated requests from U.S. authorities for extradition of the killers, Taiwan has not complied.

Although the case involves the murder of an American citizen on American soil, there has been no extradition treaty between the U.S. and Taiwan since the U.S. severed diplomatic ties and recognized the People’s Republic of China in 1979.

Chen’s confession led to the indictment of three military intelligence officers—Vice Adm. Wang Bai-ling, Maj. Gen. Hu Yi-min, and Col. Chen Hu-men—who allegedly planned the murder. Wang, who headed Taiwan’s military intelligence bureau, and his two subordinates were dismissed from their posts and arrested in January.

Taped Confession

Chen Chi-li said that he was made a military intelligence agent in July 1984 and that Wang told him in August that Liu was a traitor who “must be killed.” Chen arrived in the U.S. in September and recruited Wu and Tung as gunmen. Before leaving the U.S., Chen recorded a confession, in which he named the intelligence officers involved, and left it with friends. After returning to Taiwan on October 21, Chen was arrested November 12 and Wu on November 25.

Wang and his lieutenants were indicted in January shortly after Chen’s tape was turned over to U.S. authorities and its contents were made public. Critics charge that the Taiwan government knew of Wang’s involvement but prosecuted him only when that fact could no longer be kept secret.

During an April 4 military hearing, Wang and Chen disagreed over the chain of events that led to Liu’s death. Wang conceded that he had discussed the possibility of “giving a lesson” to Liu but denied that he had ordered Liu killed. In testimony given April 12, Wang said that his superiors had made the order.

Government Opposed

The hearing was scheduled by U.S. District Court Judge Donald B. Vorehees last year over the objections of government attorneys, who had agreed to dismiss Hira­ bayashi’s conviction but who also wanted the petition alleging government misconduct dismissed. The government must now build a case, complete with witnesses and evidence, to defend its wartime actions.

The coram nobis legal team is attempting to bring in witnesses involved in the original case, such as Edward Emis and Nanette Demblish, who served as attorneys representing the Justice Dept. in the Supreme Court appeal. There is a possibility that the two will be deposed to show how the government protected itself in its appeal to testify on Hira­ bayashi’s behalf.

The Committee to Re­verse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, a community support group, feels that if the court recognizes that proof of Japanese American loyalty was withheld during WWII, then the in­ carceration of JAS—said to be a violation of the Fifth Amendment and the Bill of Rights—will be shown to be a miscarriage of justice for 120,000 innocent people.

“We want the case to help lay to rest any lingering doubts,” said Diane Narasaki, co-chair of the committee. “Gordon has said that this should be a community case, not an individual case.”

March 1985

News Brief

House redress bill gains sponsors

WASHINGTON—Three additional members of Congress have agreed to co-sponsor HR 442, the bill providing monetary redress to former internees, the JACL Washington office announced April 8. The new co-sponsors are Rep. Joseph Addabbo (D-N.Y.), Rep. Anthony Bellollen (D-Calif) and Rep. George Brown (D-Calif).

In Yakima, Wash., Rep. Sid Morrison (D-Wash) stated after meeting with Nikkei community leaders that he, too, would co-sponsor HR 442. Attending the April 8 meeting were JACL regional re­ coordinator Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, Kura Kondo of Yakima, Ray Yamamoto of Wapato, and JACL Pacific Northwest regional di­ rector Tom Onami. Morrison is generally considered a conservative.

This brings the total number of co-sponsors to 107.

Bataan survivors will press claims

WASHINGTON—Rep. Manuel Lujan Jr. (R-NM) says he wants to add an amendment to HR 442, the redress bill for Americans of Japanese ancestry. The amendment would let veterans of the Bataan Death March of WW2 sue the Japanese companies that enslaved them. Such veterans are the approximately 3,000 survivors of a 110-mile march to a Japanese prison camp in the Philip­ pines in 1942. They were forced to work in coal mines and at other hard labor.

Redress representatives arrested in anti-apartheid demonstration

WASHINGTON—Aiko and Jack Herzig, repre­ senting National Council for Japanese American Redress, were arrested April 8 outside the South African Embassy while protesting that government’s policy of apartheid. Herzig, in a statement attempting to bring in witnesses involved in the original case, such as Edward Emis and Nanette Demblish, who served as attorneys representing the Justice Dept. in the Supreme Court appeal. There is a possibility that the two will be deposed to show how the government protected itself in its appeal to testify on Hira­ bayashi’s behalf.

Despite the opposition from Justice Dept. attorneys, Kawakami said: “We are cautiously opti­ mistic about the case.”

Public support, in the form of official endorsements from major civil rights and religious groups.
NEW YORK—Over 700 people saw Steven Okazaki's documentary "Unfinished Business" and heard Min Yasui, Fred Korematsu and a panel of experts on the Japa­
ese American internment speak at New York University Law School on March 26.

The event was organized by members of NYU's Asian Pacific American Law Students Assn. (APALA) and NYU's project on the Courts,説明

1993 through a swirl of errors conti­
nuing to based on new evidence that the government had sup­
pressed evidence in order to de­
feat the case.

NYU alumnus Marc Ikeye, an attorney with the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, summarized the current

state of redress legislation, the class action suit, and the coram nobis cases.

ACLU president and NYU law profes­sor Norman Dorsen said that the Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi decisions 'made constitu­tional what was morally reprehensible' and that the princi­
ples established by reason of race

used during WW2 led to that of
guilt by political association dur­
ing the McCarthy era. He warned

that similar actions could be taken now under the guise of 'national security.'

Judge Nanette Dembitsz, who was a lawyer during WW2, worked with Edward Ennis in the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Justice

Department. She said that she, Ennis and

Attorney General Francis Biddle felt Japanese Americans were being

treated unfairly, especially in light of FBI and military intelli­
genre reports contradicting charges of espionage and sabo­
tage, but that the pro-internment arguments of Secretary of War Henry Stimson and his assistant, John McCoy, prevailed.

The Supreme Court, she said, accepted the "Final Report" of

the Joint U.S. Japan project

Alcohol use among Nikkei studied

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Alcohol con­
sumption among Americans of Japanese ancestry is the focus of a new study sponsored jointly by the U.S. Dept of Health and Human

Services and the Japanese Ministry of Health. The study, which began April 15 in Santa Clara County, will look at cross-cultural differences in al­
cohol consumption and alcohol-related problems.

Robert Mineta (D-San Jose), calling the survey "an im­
portant health project," has urged everyone who is contact­
ited to cooperate with research­ers.

"With the information that is obtained from this study," Mineta said, "researchers will be able to more effectively identify and treat alcohol-related problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry and Japanese.'

Mineta also said that the study will assure the confidentiality of each of the randomly selected in­
dividuals to be interviewed and that everyone who is asked for an interview is free to decline to

answer any question on the sur­

vey.

Five hundred persons of Japa­

nese ancestry and 500 whites will be interviewed in Santa Clara County. An additional 100 persons of Japanese ancestry will be inter­
viewed in Honolulu. Some 1,500 respondents have already been surveyed in Japan.

Consumption Up

E.H. White and Co. is conduct­ing the survey under the supervi­sion of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Earl White, company president, stated that, "There is increasing awareness around the world of the use, abuse, and effects of al­
cohol beverages. Consumption. In Japan, there appears to be a dramatic increase in drinking among women and teenagers.

Yasui, Korematsu, ‘Unfinished Business’ attract large crowd at NYU legal gathering

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increase of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, stated that, "There is increasing awareness around the world of the use, abuse, and effects of alcohol beverages. Consumption, in Japan, there appears to be a dramatic increase in drinking among women and teenagers.

LOS ANGELES—In a repeat of the 1981 city council race in the 13th district, challenger Mike Woo has forced incumbent Peggy Stev­
enson into a runoff. Woo garnered 35% of the vote (9,323) to Stevenson's 42% (11,745) in the April 9 election.

Woo, who lost to Stevenson in the 1981 runoff, predicts that "emotions are going to be running high on both sides" between now and the June 4 election.

Woo has charged that in the last

election Stevenson "made an at­
cassion on my character" by telling

electory that his support was coming from "wealthy Chinatown bank­

ers who were trying to take over the district." On April 10 he told

reporters that he feared Stevenson would again try to "tap into a res­
nerv of racial tension in this dis­
tict." "She was very effective last
time around," he said.

Our efforts in Santa Clara County and Honolulu will help our Ja­
pans Americans keep abreast of problems that are specific to the area. Our efforts in the East Bay will support our colleagues in the

East.

Community-based Research

E.H. White and Co. is a minority­
owned management consulting firm specializing in social sci­
ence research.

Twenty-five interviewers,

nearly all of whom are of Japan­

ese ancestry, have been hired for each study. In Honolulu, Minerva Research Associates will conduct the off-site research. Minerva is owned by Yas and

Alice Kuroda.

Supervising the Santa Clara County study are Norman and Harriet Ishimoto. Both worked in the Committee for Internment Credit, which lobbied for the 1979 passage of federal legisla­tion

awarding retirement credit for persons interned in camps. They are presently active in Go For Broke, Inc. Norman Ishimoto is also a national

member of the JACL, National Employment

practices committee.

The project's technical advis­
ors are Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director and previously director of a drug and alcohol abuse program in Los Angeles; Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of psychiatry, UCLA; and Dr. Michi Hesselbrock, assoc. professor of psychiatry at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Interviewing will continue through May. For more informa­tion, contact E.H. White and Co.,

(415) 689-0076.

Auburn City Council supports redress bill

by Roy Yoshida

PENNY, Calif.—At its regular meeting on March 11, the Au­
burn City Council unanimously adopted a resolution supporting redress for Japanese Americans who were interned during WW2, reported R.G. Malake for the Au­
burn Journal.

The resolution, like the one ap­
proved by the Placer County board of supervisors last July, supports the findings of the Commission on Wartime Reloca­tion

and Internment of Civilians. It also supports the passage of

two redress bills in Congress, which call for compensation of

$20,000 to each former internee, among other provisions.

Councillor Daniel Higgins, retired Placer district attorney who had the item placed on the

council agenda, said the resolu­tion "is something that needed to be done. We're finally coming to a conclusion-

Groundwork for the passage of the resolution was done by

Frank Kageta, Placer area re­

dress chairman, and Mike Yogo, redress legislation liaison.

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2—PACIFIC CITIZEN / Friday, April 19, 1985
Philadelphia Film Festival is underway and it is engaging the city with a selection of films that offer a diverse range of narratives and perspectives. The festival has been characterized by creative storytelling, innovative forms, and a commitment to the independent spirit of film-making. The films range from narrative to documentary, exploring themes from love and loss to social commentary and political statement. The Philadelphia Film Festival is a platform where filmmakers from around the world are invited to participate and showcase their work. This year, the festival has featured a diverse lineup of films that reflect the richness and complexity of human experience. The event is an opportunity for audiences to be introduced to new voices and visions in cinema, fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of the art of film.
Where Should National Headquarters Be?

by Clifford I. Uyeda

SAN FRANCISCO--Golden Gate Chapter tackled the controversial subject of "Where should the JACL National Headquarters be?" in a March 18 forum.

The well-qualified veteran JACLers were on the panel: attorney Stephen Nakashima for Washington, D.C., and attorney Steve Doi for retaining the headquarters in the San Francisco area.

Move to Los Angeles

Los Angeles is where the people are—116,000 Japanese Americans compared to 12,000 in San Francisco. This is where the action is. Political strength is growing in Southern California. The headquarters moving to Los Angeles will revitalize JACL. There is a greater potential for membership growth in the Pacific Southwest than in any other district. A recent influx of young National Board and committee members from the area attests to the increasing interest and availability of talent in the area.

The possibility of obtaining the old Ni-shi Honganji temple in the heart of Little Tokyo and consolidating the national headquarters and the Pacific Citizen under one roof is desirable. The building is a historic Japanese American landmark. Making it the center of activities is a natural.

Move to Washington, D.C.

If the future of JACL lies in the increasing awareness of and advocacy for civil and human rights, then Washington, D.C., is where the action is. High visibility in Washington is more effective legislatively than remaining on the West Coast.

National headquarters focusing on national issues in Washington can free the local districts and chapters to become more involved in local issues. There may be a savings in money with a smaller headquarters building.

The seat of power is in Washington. JACL can advocate more effectively and can build a closer association with many other civil rights organizations located there.

Stay in San Francisco

San Francisco is where much of JACL history was written. Northern California has been the strongest JACL district in supporting JACL activities and in procuring contributions. San Francisco itself may have only 12,000 Japanese Americans, but the nine counties bordering San Francisco Bay have over 60,000 Japanese Americans.

The Northern California district paid over half the $450,000 cost for the national headquarters building in 1975. The San Francisco chapter alone contributed nearly $20,000 to the building fund. Forty percent of the JACL members reside in Northern California, 80 percent in the Pacific Southwest. The present national headquarters building is completely paid from local sources. It is more efficient, but San Francisco is the seat of membership power.

Can We Afford to Move?

Moving the headquarters would result in major expenses. The high cost of renovating the Nishi Honganji temple makes even a long-term lease at minimal rate a questionable venture. A consortium of Japanese American non-profit corporations is already looking into the possibility of a long-term lease. San Francisco is also wracked with rumors of a commercial development of the Little Tokyo area. If the rumor of widening the north side of First Street becomes a reality, the temple building would disappear.

Washington rent is one of the highest in the country. Shutting down the "rent free" national headquarters in San Francisco and facing the prospect of a greatly expanded Washington office may not be attractive to many members. The San Francisco headquarters is said to be a difficult building to sell because of the extensive renovation that would be necessary to make it a functional building.

How About Membership Services?

Many citizens outside Washington are quick to note that a view from Washington is often quite different from that of the rest of the expenditure. It comes from a sense of importance in residing at the seat of national power. Compared to Washington, anywhere else seems feeble and prosaic. Grassroots perspectives are given lip service and often ignored.

Services to membership need to be understood from the grassroots and constituent perspectives. To do this the headquarters in the midst of the people it serves is desirable. Nearly 40 percent of the Japanese Americans and 80 percent of the JACL membership reside in California.

Headquarters and Pacific Citizen

The advisability and even the desirability of the national headquarters and PC being live-in partners is questionable. There are concerns over the potential influence of headquarters on editorial matters. Open and vigorous discussions of public issues seem better assured under a physical separation of the two.

The compact amendment adopted at the 1984 national convention in Honolulu separated the PC from national headquarters both administratively and financially. The former apprehension, therefore, can be avoided even if the two operations are under the same roof.

Conclusion

Demographically the Los Angeles area has the greatest potential for membership growth. Past performance, however, has not lived up to its potential. The presence in the Los Angeles area of numerous other Japanese American organizations has tended to create intense competition for membership and interests.

Washington is the seat of power. If the long-range direction of the JACL is in the civil and human rights of all people, then JACL can be most effective from the nation's capital.

San Francisco area is historically the most effective center of support for JACL membership and activity. The national headquarters is paid for. Can JACL stand another fundraising for a national headquarters building?

The impression from the forum was that, should the Los Angeles proponents come up with the funding to purchase and renovate the Nishi Honganji building as the new national JACL headquarters, there would not be strong opposition.
"A Peculiar, Hairy-podded Bean"

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

On the trail of soybeans and football. While in this space a few weeks ago about that Japanese food called “tofu,” I quoted an article in a magazine called “Tokyo Newsletter” saying the versatile soybean had been brought back to the United States by Commodore Perry following his visit to Japan in 1854.

Now there seems to be some question about the truth of that statement. That question is raised by Dr. John M. Maki, retired in Amherst, Mass., but a longtime professor in Chinese at the University of Massachusetts and the University of Washington. I quote from his letter:

“Your reference to Perry and the soybean struck a responsive chord in me for I have been interested in the question for some time. I had not heard of the Perry connection before and so I checked my copy of his long and fascinating report.

“The only reference is to ‘a peculiar, hairy-podded bean’ and another lentil-type bean, from one of which, the report says, soya sauce is made. Also soybeans are not included in the long list of plants brought back to the United States by Commodore Perry. Unless more evidence is supplied I am rather dubious that Perry brought back the seeds.

“Recently E.J. Kahn Jr. had a series of fascinating articles in the New Yorker magazine on the world’s staple foods. One dealt with soybeans. Kahn writes that Benjamin Franklin brought (or sent) the first seeds from Paris—he was U.S. ambassador—where they had been brought from China to the New World. One of the early uses was as a saucer for food in the 18th Century.

“My own interest originated in an article written a number of years ago which credited William P. Brooks with the introduction of soybeans as a crop into this country in the 1880s. Brooks was in the class of 1875 at Massachusetts Agricultural College (now University of Massachusetts) who went to Sapporo to join William Smith Clark who went out in 1876 to open Sapporo Agricultural College, now Hokkaido University. Brooks stayed on after Clark’s return to teach at Sapporo Agricultural College and also to serve as acting president there before returning in the late 1880s or early 1890s.

“I conclude that Perry was obviously the first American to report on soybeans as a Japanese bean. Best Franklin introduced the first seeds (this based on the New Yorker’s reputation for fact-checking), and Brooks was responsible for their introduction as an American-raised crop.”

Okay? Okay.

Back on Feb. 15 this column was about American football being played in Japan back in the 1890s. Well, it turns out that not only was the game played in Japan, mainly by Nisei who had gone there to study in colleges, but a Japanese team came to California for at least one contest. Unfortunately we’ve blown all this week’s space on soybeans, so we’ll have to save for next week an interesting sidelight on prewar trans-Pacific football. When you recall that it took two weeks by ship to get from one side of the Pacific to the other, this was no mean undertaking.

See you next week.

Recruitment and Leadership Survey

To better plan appropriate activities and programs and to give a better handle on the needs of younger Nisei in JACL, the Recruitment and Leadership Committee has compiled a survey that will provide some key information.

We write everyone — especially younger Nisei of the “Yuppy/Baby Boom” generation — to complete the survey and send to: David Nakayama, JACL, 1765 Sutter, San Francisco, CA 94115 by May 10, 1985.

Please feel free to attach separate pages for additional comments.

Thank you for your help!

RECRUITMENT

1. What was your main reason for joining JACL?
   - civil/human rights orientation
   - social programs
   - desire to get involved in Nisei community
   - leadership
   - desire to develop leadership skills
   - other (specify)

2. How long have you been a member?
   - under 1 year
   - 1 - 3 years
   - 3 - 5 years
   - 5 - 10 years
   - 10 years or more

3. If you were actively recruited to join JACL, indicate who recruited you:
   - chapter president
   - board member
   - committee chair
   - JACL member
   - other (specify)

4. Was that person a: relative
   - friend
   - acquaintance

5. Did that person or others in JACL provide support and opportunities for involvement? (Please rank order)
   - Nisei organization
   - conservative
   - elitist
   - lacking in direction
   - progressive
   - willingness to take leadership on key issues
   - willingness to undertake activities of concern to Japanese Americans
   - other (specify)

6. What characteristics below do you feel are part of JACL’s image as seen by younger people? (Please rank in order)
   - Nisei organization
   - conservative
   - elitist
   - lacking in direction
   - progressive
   - willingness to take leadership on key issues
   - willingness to undertake activities of concern to Japanese Americans
   - other (specify)

7. What kinds of activities do you recommend which will attract younger Nisei?
   - leadership development
   - social
   - political
   - human/civil rights issues
   - career advancement
   - ethnic identity issues
   - redress
   - international relations
   - other (specify)

8. How familiar with JACL’s history and legislative accomplishments are you?
   - very familiar
   - somewhat familiar
   - not familiar

9. How interested would you be in attending a session on this?
   - very interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

10. How interested would you be in attending a session on this?
   - very interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

11. How interested would you be in attending a session on this?
   - very interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

12. How interested would you be in attending a session on this?
   - very interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

13. How interested would you be in attending a session on this?
   - very interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

14. How satisfied has this experience been?
   - very satisfying
   - satisfying
   - not satisfying
   - Why?

15. Did anyone recruit you for the leadership role(s)?
   - yes
   - no

16. How valuable would an advisor program be for those in leadership positions?
   - very valuable
   - somewhat valuable
   - not valuable
   - Why?

17. How interested are you in attending a one- or two-day conference on leadership development?
   - highly interested
   - somewhat interested
   - not interested

18. How much would you be willing to pay?
   - $25 - 50
   - $25 - 50
   - other

19. How significant is this issue for your chapter/district?
   - very significant
   - moderately significant
   - not significant

20. Age category:
   - 18 and under
   - 18 - 29
   - 30 - 39
   - 40 - 49
   - 50 - 59
   - 60 and over

Chapter:
   - District:
   - Optional:
   - Name
   - Address
Letters

Shared Ideals

The article by J.K. Yamamoto (March 1985) on the Asian Pacific Caucus and the Democratic National Committee was a valuable contribution to much needed political analysis on the historic role of the Democratic Party. Tom Hsieh, DNC Asian/Pacific Caucus chair, was bang-on the mark with his observation: "... we are a minority, not a special interest." Paul Kirk, the new DNC Chair, apparently has swallowed the reactionary bait trotted out by neo-conservative ideologues that to address the legitimate concerns of various minority groups is somehow to cater to less than honorable people and causes.

From its inception the Democratic Party has been the party of the people, the collective refuge and foundation of opportunity for those starting at the bottom. It has stressed its role as an advocate for those victimized by oppression.

Yet Mr. Kirk would have us believe that the very elements which have served as the sine qua non of Democratic Party policy should be (cut out) and cast aside. To the degree JACL has aligned itself with these principles as they affect Asian Americans Kirk is attacking the very ethos that JACL espouses.

Everyone of every political persuasion, has special interests and I emphasize the plural. ThIS phrase has, by clever media manipulation, achieved the status of dirty words—an offense against political decency. Nothing could be more devastating to the goals and aspirations of those of us committed to JACL.

It is not a matter of special interests but whether those interests become private interests at the expense of the public interest. To the degree JACL has identified political decency, nothing could be more precious to the self-interest of Japanese American politics.

"Busting" caucuses serves only as a scapegoat measure in relation to one of the key reasons for the Democratic Party debacle last November—the failure to come out swinging on the issue of recognizing the multi-hued constituencies which are still the core support of Democratic Party strength.

It is precisely because of shared ideals of social justice and economic opportunity that those of us who are not Asian American relate to organizations like JACL. As a haven (Caucusan) in Hawaii I am acutely aware that a manufactured fabric of political cohesion is dependent upon mutual respect and understanding. Far from narrowing our focus consideration for what is "special" in each of us serves to broaden the scope of our comprehension not only of our claims on society but our obligations to one another.

NELL ABERCROMBIE
Abercrombie is a Hawaii state senator (D-16th district).

Beauty Contests

Another liberal endeavor toward opposition of beauty queen sponsorships is certainly not in the conformity of Japanese American populations. Beauty queen sponsorship such as forthcoming 31st Nisei Week Festival and the like of Los Angeles or others is not a JACL issue. It is another bauble. Executive board members of the Tri-District Council should have never sanctioned this issue to appear on the forthcoming Tri-District meeting in Fresno on April 19 and 20. I must say poor judgment and lack of leadership on their part.

You must remember, National JACL membership is only comprised of less than 10% of the Japanese population in the 50 states. Why not consult this issue from the remaining 90% of the non-JACLers?

Besides, it doesn't hurt to let the country know that Japanese or mix-race women of Japanese extraction are beautiful women regardless of their personal traits, education, physical attributes and/or image. We should be proud of them and be supportive.

No need to change its perspective just because few liberal elements of the JACL are hiring their horns to keep the ailing JACL organization on the book. What else is new.

WILLIAM KASHIWAGI
Sacramento

I hereby nominate Douglas Masuda for the award of MALE CHAUVINIST OF THE YEAR (with capital letters)!

"Japanese giri"? "Expand their horizons far beyond the environment from whence they came"? I am shocked that an "active member" of JACL can be so crude and arrogant.

Masuda is the one who is afflicted with TUNNEL VISION—not the women of Northern California who are opposing JACL chapter involvement in beauty contests.

I am sure that other writers will take care of announcing the inherent sexism and the exploitation of women's bodies for the sake of tourism and commerce, so I will not belabor those points.

Instead, I wish to attack the "inclusion" of beauty contests from a civil rights perspective.

In recent years, all of the Japanese American beauty contests (including the Nisei Week pageant) have imposed ancestral "purity" tests on the candidates and/or their parents. This was done to keep out the increasing number of biracial and multiracial women who were entering and winning the contests.

Entries are strictly limited to women possessing the required percentage of Japanese ancestry; and no amount of superior qualifications such as fluency and literacy in Japanese, understanding of Japanese culture, proficiency in a Japanese art, knowledge of Japanese American history, service to the Japanese American community, etc., can be used to overcome the prejudice requirement.

As a civil rights organization, dedicated to the principle of equal opportunities for all regardless of race or ancestry, the JACL cannot, in good conscience, support an activity which discriminates on the basis of ancestry.

The older members of JACL fought in WW2 to defeat precisely this type of ancestral discrimination which was being practiced to the ultimate degree by Adolf Hitler and the Japanese militarists.

Today, the younger members are fighting to eliminate American business support for the equally regressive policies of South Africa which restricts all opportunities on the basis of race.

As a general rule, JACL has refrained from supporting any event which restricts all opportunities on the basis of race or ancestry.

In fact, many years ago, JACL pulled out of the Nisei bowling tournament because they deemed entry to persons who were not of Japanese ancestry. There was an extremely bitter debate over the issue, but the principle of non-discrimination ultimately prevailed.

JACL does not have a racial or ancestral restriction on membership; and every regular member is eligible to participate in any and all activities of the JACL. If a chapter abrogates this membership right by acquisicing to the beauty contest restrictions, that chapter would be in violation of the JACL constitution and by-laws.

Furthermore, JACL and all chapters thereof are tax-exempt organizations; and all tax-exempt organizations are prohibited by law from engaging in racial or ancestral discrimination.

Thus, I submit that JACL chapters are morally and legally obligated to discontinue involvement in one of the last bastions of segregation and male chauvinism.

RAYMOND OKAMURA
Berkeley, Calif.

Advice to Hayakawa

I, now 82 years old and in poor health, am wondering if reparations will be received for the 1942-45 internment of Japanese Americans. Throughout the year, I have listened to fine words regarding the reservations and protection of the Constitution and human rights. Now, I ask myself if these words will bring even a small fraction for the brutal violation of our Constitutional rights experienced during the internment.

Many senior citizens lacked medical and mental care while in

Career Opportunities in Japan

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Chapter Pulse

Tulare County

VISAALIA, Calif. - A teriyaki diner and benefit movie will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Buddhist Church. Dinner begins at 4 p.m. with clean-up at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and movies tickets are $5 for each event. Proceeds benefit the cultural school, Bunka Gallo.

The school's next cultural awareness program is slated for Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To the community to preschool children aged 3 to 4 through sixth graders. The cooking activity, art project and

Aging and Retirement Workshop

FRESNO, Calif. - JACL's aging and retirement committee will be presenting a seminar at the Tri-District Conference on Saturday, April 20, together with a presentation by Gail Uyehara of the Yu-Ai Kai senior citizens program in San Jose.

Pat Okura and Ford Kuramoto, co-chairs of the committee, present an update on its activities regarding the distribution and utilization of the educational video, "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," the results of the Masuda study done in Seattle, NIMH support for committee work, and collaboration with community-based organizations serving the elderly.

The goals of the committee are to carry out the mandate of the

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knowledge of Chen's involvement in the Liu case. After being denied permission to participate in the trials, Jerome Cohen, an attorney for Helen Liu, charged that Taiwan authorities ' are behaving as though they have something to hide. What are they afraid of?' Another attorney for Helen Liu, Heshi Chang-ting, also voiced suspicions. "I think the court has some political considerations. If the true story is made public, for example, it will influence the American-Taiwan relationship, it will influence the image of the government here, and it will influence struggles inside the Kuomin-tang."

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One thing leads to another

Bob Shimabukuro

by Henry Sakai

Having had the opportunity to participate on one of the panels at the PSWDC conference recently, I as well as many others was pleasantly surprised at the turnout. The 400plus was more than the national conventions draw and a number of these people were non-members. This demonstrates that if JACL (national, districts, or chapters) puts together an interesting program, keeps prices reasonable, publicizes properly, and has it well organized, we can attract a lot of interest and new members. Those who organized the conference did an exceptional job and the PSWDC committee deserves a lot of credit. I hope other districts will follow suit.

Tritia Toyota, one of the few Nikkei celebrities and the keynote speaker, certainly deserves a large debt of gratitude for continuing to support and participate in the community, something that some of the others do not do. Being in the spotlight as a TV anchor newswoman for many years she could have protected herself by not making waves, but she continued to speak out for Asian Americans and takes the flak—that is what we need to do.

One thing that bothered me at the conference was that Frank Satou, JACL national president, said the U.S.-Japan relations was JACL's second-highest priority, including aging and retirement, youth, women's concerns, health fairs, employment discrimination, etc. Let's not forget we are supposed to be a civil and human rights organization. Maybe the National Board needs to re-evaluate where they are spending our time and money. What has happened to outside fund-raising and membership recruitment?

Pat Morio, who did an excellent job in “Karate Kid,” still runs around like the old days trying to be a “Hip Nip,” as he called himself when he was doing the club circuit. When I was the ethnic concerns chair we met with Pat about his role in Mr. T and Tina taking part in this project of Japanese. Recently, just before the Oscar awards program in an interview with Los Angeles Herald Examiner, he tried to be funnyman again as noted in this exchange.

G.J.: Are you proud of the Japanese community?

P.M.: Oh yes. I always have been, though I’ve never expressed it... Why not?

P.M.: I never felt the need to. I don’t think it’s cool to go around and say: Hey, I’m a Jap. Hey, you want to knock this chip off my head? (laughs)

Wasn’t that funny. He probably shouldn’t be walking around calling himself a dumb Jap, either. No wonder people wonder why we don’t like them to call us Japs, when people like Pat run around saying it, so they think it’s funny, too. Obviously our ethnic concerns meeting with him didn’t sink in, especially when he’s gotten sudden fame. Maybe it was just as well he didn’t win the Oscar, he’d really do us in.

Note the contrast between our two most visible Japanese American celebrities: Tritia, who supports the community and stands up for Asian Americans without having a chip on her head, and Pat, who walks around like a clown making fun of us.

One other thing that came out loud and clear at the conference is that the membership feels that there isn’t enough downward communication to the members who are going on the national level. As I said before to present president Floyd Shimomura and again to current president Frank Satou, it is mandatory that national officers and committee chairmen write a report for the PC at least once a quarter and that national headquarters write a report once a month to keep membership informed. I hope this complaint by the membership doesn’t keep falling on deaf ears. After all, 90% of the national budget income comes from membership dues—so we owe them some accountability.

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Sansei Involvement

FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL CHAIR

Mika Miramatsu

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Japan co-operators exchange ideas in U.S.

BERKELEY, Calif.—Japan is not only exporting state-of-the-art electronics and automobiles. During the week of Feb. 12, three contingents of Japanese co-operators toured a major Berkeley co-op. Two other groups visited in early March.

The Japanese Consumers Co-operative Union held part of its 50th anniversary program in the Bay Area and brought 165 management-type employees from all over Japan. The JCCU includes more than 60 local co-ops with a total of 9 million members.

Warren Isaac, Lynn MacDonnell and Min Takamoto, general managers respectively of Associated Co-ops, Berkeley Co-op and Palo Alto Co-op, addressed a session of the JCCU group at the Sherraton Palace in San Francisco. Each presented an overview of his/her organization, its brief history and plans for future development.

The JCCU delegation also visited the Palo Alto Co-op and the Menlo Park Briarpatch. Some of the leaders spent a day with San Francisco's Lazar Co-operators for Peace. Japanese co-ops have a very strong commitment to what they call the alleviation of disarmament. In 1982 JCCU president Sadao Nakabayashi led a group of 1,200 Japanese to the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament held in New York. At that time 200 of the cooperators in that delegation stopped over in the Bay Area.

Grants supporting Asian American works

WASHINGTON — Five Asian American writers were awarded 1986 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship grants. The poets are David Mura, Ai Ogawa and Lynn MacDonnell, and the novelists are From Missoula, good access. $600,000. Negotiable for 5 years.

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Performer Berkeley Co-op control George Yuskovich addressed the group on the role that Dr. Toyoko Kagawa, one of the Kobe Co-op's founders, played in the development of early American co-operatives, including the Berkeley Co-op. He cited the naming of the heroes of the American cooperative movement by Emil Sekarak and Art Danforth in their book Consumer Cooperatives. In his view, the West Coast's drive for consumerism began with a voyage to Hawaii ... to ex-Congresswoman Patsy Mink! A leader succumbs. A re-appointment of the Nadako-Ke Foundation is perhaps the unique experiment, the Nadakobe's avocation is chairing the chapter travel committee.

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Sac's to Nisei Veterans Leader successes

SACRAMENTO—Frank Osbitha of Sacramento VFW Post 608 died March 31 at矢etter Memorial Hospital after heart bypass surgery was complicated.

As a resolution committee chair for California's 14 Nisei VFW posts, Osbitha fought for passage of a "Protection of Civil Rights" resolution, which passed in 1973. Nisei WW2 veterans drafted in response to anti-redress remarks by National VFW Convention delegates. The resolution, passed in June by VFW's Dept. of California and in August at the national VFW convention, states that the WW2 internment was unjustified and that Japanese Americans fought with distinction in Europe and the Pacific. It calls on VFW to "protect the civil rights and constitutional guarantees of all Americans.

A native of Hollister, Calif., Osbitha is survived by his wife Fumiko. Services were held March 31 at Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.

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is mounting. Endorsors include American Friends Service Committee, Pacific Northwest Region; Washington Rural Urban League; Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle; American Jewish Committee, Greater Seattle chapter; and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Measure to expand L.A. city council fails

LOS ANGELES—A measure which would have increased the number of city council seats from 15 to 17 was defeated in the April 9 election with 64% (249,849) voting no and 36% (129,614) voting yes.

Supporters of Charter Amendment 2 had hoped to increase the chances of Asian and Hispanic representation on the council through redistricting that would give those groups greater influence in city elections. There has never been an Asian councilperson and a Latino has not served on the council for 20 years.

Craig Wong of the L.A. Coalition for Fair Representation, which was one of the supporters of the measure, said that many voters interpreted the measure as meaning “more government, more expenses.” Supporters had hoped to increase the funds for Fair Representation which has been addressing the Japanese American wartime experience, also have helped build momentum. Local media coverage has been positive, and national media coverage is expected at the trial.

Funds Needed

A major theatrical production exploring the Japanese American experience will be presented May 25 at University of Washington to raise funds for the case. Additional events are being planned in Seattle. Los Angeles and San Francisco in the remaining weeks.

The committee needs to raise an additional $12,000 before the hearing date. Donations are being sought to cover the costs of bringing witnesses to Seattle, archival research and other expenses incurred by the legal team.

A tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, c/o 215 Maynard Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104. Questions can be addressed to committee co-chairs Roger Shimizu, (206) 632-6900, or to Bay Area committee chair Don Tamaki, (415) 749-9900.

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