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PRO BONO — Working to reverse the Supreme Court decision that justified the WW2 expulsion and internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry are (from left) Kathryn Bannai, Sharon Sakamoto, Michael Leong, and Rod Kawakami, members of the Hirabayashi legal team.

Lawyers ready 'case of century'

by Mayumi Tsutakawa

SEATTLE—As community support for the case of Gordon Hirabayashi mounts, a Seattle-based legal team is fine-tuning its arguments to support his effort to vacate his convictions for defying WW2 internment orders.

In what supporters call "the civil liberties case of the century," the attorneys will argue that newly discovered documents affirming the loyalty of Japanese Americans were withheld from the Supreme Court during Hirabayashi's 1943 appeal. The court ruled against Hirabayashi as well as Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, who had also violated government curfew and internment orders.

The Hirabayashi, Yasui and Korematsu cases were reopened in 1983 through a *writ of error coram nobis*, which allows a conviction to be reexamined on the basis of new evidence. Unlike the Korematsu and Yasui proceedings, Hirabayashi's case will go to a full evidentiary hearing (also referred to as a trial, though there will be no jury), scheduled for June 17 at the federal district court in Seattle. No witnesses were called in the other two cases.

Government Opposed

The hearing was scheduled by U.S. District Court Judge Donald Vorhees last year over the objections of government attorneys, who had agreed to dismiss Hirabayashi'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 Ennis and Nanette Dembitz, who served as attorneys representing the Justice Dept. in the Supreme Court appeal. There is a possibility that the two will be brought to Seattle from New York to testify on Hirabayashi'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 existed but was withheld during WW2, then the incarceration of JAs—said to be based on military necessity—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 real community case, not an individual case."

Volunteer Work

The team of 11 attorneys has been spending as many as 20 to 30 volunteer hours per week working on legal strategy as the hearing date draws near. The attorneys divide the research tasks and meet weekly to discuss documents and develop a group perspective on the arguments.

The legal team includes: Arthur Barnett (Hirabayashi's attorney in the original case), Camden Hall, Benson Wong, Kathryn Bannai, Michael Leong, Craig Kobayashi, Dan Ichinaga, Kirk Portman, and Sharon Sakamoto. The team began work on the petition to the federal court in the summer of 1982.

Also, extensive archival research is being conducted in Washington, D.C., by John and Aiko Herzig, who have much experience working with government records.

An interesting sidelight to this case is that the attorneys general of California, Oregon and Washington may be asked to file *amicus* (friend of the court) briefs to support Hirabayashi; 42 years ago, the three attorneys general filed briefs against him. JACL will file a brief in favor of Hirabayashi.

Despite the opposition from Justice Dept. attorneys, Kawakami said, "We are cautiously optimistic about the case."

Public support, in the form of official endorsements from major civil rights and religious groups,

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Slayers of journalist sentenced to life in prison

TAIPEI—Following a trial that lasted 4½ hours, 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 his Daly City, Calif., home October 15. Both pleaded not guilty on the grounds that they were following orders. A third suspect, Tung Kuei-sen, 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 1974. 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 Hsi-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 no

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News in 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-NY), Rep. Anthony Beilenson (D-Calif.) and Rep. George Brown (D-Calif.).

In Yakima, Wash., Rep. Sid Morrison (R-Wash.) stated after meeting with Nikkei community leaders that he, too, would co-sponsor HR 442. Attending the April 8 meeting were JACL regional redress coordinator Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, Kara Kondo of Yakima, Ray Yamamoto of Wapato, and JACL Pacific Northwest regional director Tim Otani. 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 70-mile march to a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines 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, representing 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 to the press, related her experience as an internee during WW2 to the situation of South African Blacks who face forced migration, in addition to deprivation of civil and human rights.

Amy Carter, daughter of former president Jimmie Carter, was the third person arrested with the Herzigs at the demonstration.

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

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 Japanese 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. (APALSA) with the co-sponsorship of the NYU Lawyers' Guild, Public Interest Law Foundation, and Black, Latino and Jewish law student organizations. The overflow crowd included NYU law students and faculty, members of the local Asian American community, and the press.

Yasui and Korematsu, both of whom had spoken at Princeton University the previous day, discussed their WW2 Supreme Court cases, in which they challenged the government's treatment of Japanese Americans. Although the court ruled against them, their cases, along with that of Gordon Hirabayashi, were reopened in

1983 through a *writ of error coram nobis* based on new evidence that the government had suppressed evidence in order to defend its actions.

NYU alumnus Marc Iyeki, 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 principle of guilt by reason of race used during WW2 led to that of guilt by political association during the McCarthy era. He warned that similar actions could be taken now under the guise of "national security."

Judge Nanette Dembitz, who was a lawyer during WW2, worked with Edward Ennis in the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Justice Dept. She said that she, Ennis and

Attorney General Francis Biddle felt Japanese Americans were being treated unfairly, especially in light of FBI and military intelligence reports contradicting charges of espionage and sabotage, but that the pro-internment arguments of Secretary of War Henry Stimson and his assistant, John McCloy, prevailed.

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

Lt. Gen. John DeWitt of the Western Defense Command in order to avoid the politically unpopular decision of ordering a full inquiry into the facts. DeWitt's report contained many unsubstantiated charges of disloyal activity among JAs and helped persuade the justices to rule against the Nisei defendants.

—from a report by
New York Nichibei

Woo gets 35% of vote; gains runoff

LOS ANGELES—In a repeat of the 1981 city council race in the 13th district, challenger Mike Woo has forced incumbent Peggy Stevenson into a runoff. Woo garnered 35% of the vote (9,823) 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 attack on my character" by telling voters that his support was coming from "wealthy Chinatown bankers 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 reservoir of racial tension in this district."

"She was very effective last time turning the tables on me and making me the issue... that won't happen this time," he said.

When asked about Woo's comments by the L.A. Times, Stevenson replied that she is "not a racist" and that she plans to run a "positive, aggressive campaign."

Michael Linfield, who came in third place with 13% of the vote, is now supporting Woo.

Auburn City Council supports redress bill

by Roy Yoshida

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

The resolution, like the one approved 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.

Councilman 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 redress chairman, and Hike Yego, redress legislation liaison.

Joint U.S./Japan project

Alcohol use among Nikkei studied

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Alcohol consumption 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 alcohol consumption and alcohol-related problems.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-San Jose), calling the survey "an important health project," has urged everyone who is contacted 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 individuals to be interviewed and that everyone who is asked for an interview is free to decline to answer any question on the survey.

Five hundred persons of Japanese ancestry and 500 whites will be interviewed in Santa Clara County. Another 500 persons of Japanese ancestry will be interviewed 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 alcoholic beverage consumption. In Japan, there appears to be a dramatic increase in drinking among women and teenagers.

Our efforts in Santa Clara County and Honolulu will help our Japanese counterparts compare and assess their own situation.

"In the United States, this subject has never been studied. One of our advisers, Dr. Harry Kitano, conducted some helpful research on drinking patterns of Asian Americans. However, his study did not identify those of Japanese ancestry as a separate population group."

Community-based Research

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

Twenty-five interviewers, nearly all of whom are of Japanese ancestry, have been hired for each study. In Honolulu, Minerva Research Associates will conduct the on-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 time spent in internment camps. They are presently active in Go For Broke, Inc. Norman Ishimoto is also a former national chair of the JACL employment practices committee.

The project's technical advisers are Ron Wakabayashi, JACL national director and previously director of a drug and alcohol abuse program in Los Angeles; Dr. Harry Kitano, professor of sociology, UCLA; and Dr. Michi Hesselbrock, asst. professor of psychiatry, Univ. of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Interviewing will continue through May. For more information, contact E.H. White and Co., (415) 668-0076.

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Reunion of former Daitōwa Juku students to be held

SACRAMENTO — In conjunction with the upcoming Second Tule Lake Reunion at the Red Lion Motor Inn planned for May 25-27, former students of the Daitōwa Juku Japanese Language School are planning its first reunion on May 25th from 1-5 p.m.

Daitōwa Juku was one of the many Japanese Language schools that were formed in Tule Lake after it became a segregated camp in the fall of 1943. The students were taught Japanese and about Japan itself; there was a strong possibility that they would be sent to Japan after the war.

A unique characteristic about Daitōwa Juku was that no English was permitted. As a result, many students retained a good command of the Japanese language.

Former teachers as well as students have been invited. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of students are asked to contact Ben Takeshita, 6626 Richmond Ave, Richmond, CA 94805 or call (415) 235-8182 after 6 p.m.

Those planning to attend the Daitōwa Juku reunion must register for the Tule Lake Reunion. The \$70 fee covers a mixer on Saturday night, a picnic on Sunday, a Sayonara banquet/dance Sunday evening, Continental breakfasts on the 26th and 27th and a souvenir booklet.

Those wishing to pre-register may send their checks to Tule Lake Reunion '85, Registration Committee, P.O. Box 22386, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Hotel reservations at the Red Lion may be made by calling toll-free, 800-547-8010 or writing to the hotel at 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Room rates start at \$48 for singles, \$58 for doubles.

Day-long celebration to mark Los Angeles Children's Day

LOS ANGELES—A day of family fun, with cultural performances, hand-crafted items, activities for children, and food booths, takes place on Sunday, May 5, at the second annual Children's Day Celebration/Asian Pacific Arts & Crafts Faire. Held on the plaza of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro, the all-day event is free to the public.

Sponsored by the JACCC and Mayor Bradley's Asian Pacific Heritage Week Committee, the event is a celebration of the traditional Japanese Children's Day as well as a showcase of Asian/Pacific talent. The event is also one of the major activities of Asian Pacific Heritage Week (May 4 - May 11).

Last year's celebration attracted over 1,000 people. The organizing committee is accepting applicants from artisans and organizations for the crafts faire or food booths. Information: Chris Iwanaga or Miles Hamada, (213) 628-2725.



Photo by Ken Nakano
THE WAY IT WAS — Mrs. A. Tsai and the Rev. Mr. Tsai point out familiar faces in Seattle's history at Issei photo exhibit March 17 at Nippon Kan Hall. Looking on are Hideo Hoshida and N. Hayashi.

Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES — Japanese American Medical Association holds its annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, May 18, at the Pavilion Restaurant in the Music Center downtown. Interested physicians should call Akira Nishizawa, (213) 391-7281.

The Asian American improvisational comedy group, **Cold Tofu** performs at 660 N. Heliotrope Drive on April 28, May 26, and June 30; at the Olio Theatre, 3709 Sunset Blvd., May 9-11. Curtain time for all performances is 8 p.m. Admission: general, \$7; student, \$5.

SAN FRANCISCO — *Forty-two since '42*, a publication of the **Asian American Studies at San Francisco State**, is now generally available. The book examines different aspects of the Japanese internment experience and may be obtained from project director James Okutsu, (415) 469-2698.

PORTLAND, Oregon — "Wheels, Stairways and Heaven—Everything is but a Spiral," an installation by **Kanetaka Ikeda** runs through April 25 at the Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

HONOLULU — Veterans of **442nd Regiment** held their reunion banquet at Fort Delicatessen, March 17, with 600 people attending, including Gov. Ariyoshi, and Lt. Gov. Waihee. Messages from Sens. Inouye and Matsunaga, and entertainment by Jiro Watanabe, John Morisawa, Joe Sato and Roy Sakuma's Super Keikis highlighted evening.

BAY SHORE, New York — **The Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society** presents Henry Fukuhara, internationally renowned watercolorist, at a workshop/benefit for the Society, June 15, at Robert Moses State Park, Field no. 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$25. Information: (516) 968-8899.

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BERKELEY, Calif. — "Talking History" by Spencer Nakasako will be screened on Sunday, April 28, 2-4 p.m. at 145 Dwinelle Hall, U.C. Berkeley. It is the fourth and final program of Asian Women United's "With Silk Wings" series on Asian American working women and focuses on the lives of 5 Bay Area Asian women. Sponsored by **Asian Women United** and **NAATA**. Information: (415) 863-0814.

LAS VEGAS — A dedication ceremony of the **OButsudan** (shrine) the Stockton Temple donated to the **Las Vegas Sangha** will be held in conjunction with Hana Matsuri on Friday, April 26, 7 p.m. at the Fukumoto residence. A potluck Otoki (dinner) follows. All planning to attend should contact Makiyo Mayeda, 384-4145 or Hana Fukumoto, 362-3742.

SACRAMENTO — A trip to Harrah's/Reno is being planned by **Sacramento Nikkei Singles** for April 27. Headlining will be Andy Williams. Contact: Jean at 395-3097 or 323-8176. A dinner/theater evening is set for Friday, May 17, 6 p.m. at Garbeaus. Show is titled "Fantastic." Contact: Hiroko at 972-7566 or 322-5830.

"Pre-War Sacramento Reunion" is planned for Memorial Day, May 27 at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento's north area, following the **Tulelake Reunion** on May 25-26. There will be no-host cocktails at 11 a.m. followed by a buffet luncheon at noon. Exhibits of pre-war Sacramento and of Japanese Americans before and after the war will be displayed. Tickets and information: Toko Fujii, 441-7900 or 421-2112.

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Coro to train 12 Bay Area leaders

SAN FRANCISCO — The Coro Foundation is now accepting applications for a public affairs training course for Asian/Pacific community leaders who live or work in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties. The "Seminar Course in Public Affairs" will be conducted June 8 - July 26 with sessions on 7 Tuesday evenings, 4 Friday afternoons and 4 Saturdays. Application deadline is Friday, May 10, 1985.

The course is designed to give Asian/Pacific community leaders an introduction to public affairs decision-making in the Bay Area, with the goal of encouraging more active participation in

public policy making at the local level.

Participants will test and enhance their abilities to define and analyze public issues, and refine their group management, project planning, decision-making and communication skills. A public issue in the Asian/Pacific community will be studied during the course of the program.

Only twelve positions are available; applicants must live or work in San Francisco, Marin or San Mateo counties.

Applications and information are available from the Coro Foundation, 1370 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Film made on POWs in Hiroshima

SAN FRANCISCO — Nearly 40 years after the bombing of Hiroshima, the deaths of American POWs confined in the city's three military prisons have been confirmed and recorded alongside the other 150,000 victims of the world's first atomic attack.

Evidence of American POW deaths was discovered in the late 1970's by a Japanese scholar

working in one of Japan's military archives, but it wasn't until 1981 that documentary filmmaker Gary DeWalt was able to secure U.S. documents which supported the Japanese findings.

The story of these POWs is told in an hour-long documentary by DeWalt, "Genbaku-shi/Killed by the Atomic Bomb," which premieres on Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., at Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley; and Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin, San Francisco.

A \$5 donation will be accepted at the door; proceeds from the two screenings will benefit the National Association of Radiation Survivors and Friends of Hibakusha. Both groups provide support for atomic bomb survivors.

For information, contact Dorothy Legarreta, 658-6056 or Jane Muramoto, 681-6252.

Asian Heritage Week calendar items wanted

LOS ANGELES — Asian/Pacific American communities around the country will celebrate Heritage Week (beginning May 5) with a variety of activities. Readers can help publicize these events by sending flyers or other notices to Pacific Citizen, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 506, Los Angeles, CA 90012 by April 26.

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EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



WE HAD HEARD so much about the NHK television production relating to the uprooting and incarceration of the Issei and their offspring during World War II along the West Coast that we were curious to see the program. Our curiosity was satiated when a Nisei friend in California kindly shipped us tapes of the entire program. And so over several evenings, the wife and I sat in our living room and viewed the tapes. My reaction? Well, I'm reminded of that classic movie, "Rashomon."

THE THESIS OF "Rashomon" was that there were three different views or interpretations of a single incident, each of which drastically differed depending on

one's point of view. There, certain facts were known: a samurai and his lady are traveling when they are confronted by a lone brigand along a lonely stretch through the woods; the samurai is killed in the confrontation, the lady and the brigand have an intimate relationship. The movie then centers upon the narrative of three principals, relating what happened in those woods on that fateful day. The samurai's version—given through a medium—is how he valiantly but unsuccessfully tried to fight off an ambush; the lady—how she determinedly but also unsuccessfully tried to fight off being ravished; and brigand—how the samurai was a coward and how he the brigand, was practically seduced by the lady. It is up to the viewer to decide which of the versions is true, or perhaps a selective amalgamation of two or more of these versions.

Returning to the NHK version of "Sanga Moyu."

THE NHK PRODUCTION, while based on a very real and traumatic episode, involves fictional characters and fictional incidents. And therein the writer-



author took the usual liberties that writers of fiction take. She gave her impressions and versions of what happened—in part accurate as to the episode but fictionalized as to particulars. For example, the central character, a Nisei lieutenant who participated in the war crimes trials, ends up committing suicide by blowing out his brains with an Army .45, in the empty room where the trials took place. Of course, no such incident ever took place.

IN THE EYES of the Japanese

American, there are a number of depictions which we know are inaccurate, and insofar as such AJAs are concerned, little or no "damage" is done. We know, and knowing we understand. What may concern the AJAs is that the inaccuracies, or perhaps more accurately, the fictionalizing, may be misunderstood by our fellow Americans, many of whom not only lack the perception of what happened but a great number of whom do not know to this day the very episode of the uprooting and the incarceration itself.

WHICH BRINGS US, then, to the possible "third version." Upon seeing this television production, what will those uninitiated, unknowing viewers adopt as being the facts? In those dark and lonely woods of 1942, was there a rape—or was it justified "seduction"? Were the acts of the brigand appropriate under the circumstances as he would relate? Well, many of you readers, as was I, were there in 1942: we don't need any "spirits" to interpret for us what, in fact, happened. We know.

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. Three well-qualified veteran JACLers were on the panel: attorney Stephen Nakashima argued for Los Angeles, Dr. Yosh Nakashima for Washington, D.C., and attorney Steve Doi for retaining the headquarters in San Francisco.

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 available 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 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 Washington office supplanting the present huge headquarters facility in San Francisco.

The seat of power is in Washington. JACL can advocate there 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 on 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, 30 percent in the Pacific Southwest. The present national headquarters building is completely paid for. Other areas may be more powerful politically, but San Francisco is the seat of membership power.

Can We Afford to Move?

Moving the headquarters would result in major expenditures. 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. Los Angeles is also rife 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 country. 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.

However, the new bylaw 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.

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'A Peculiar, Hairy-podded Bean'

On the trail of soybeans and football: Writing 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 matters Japanese 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 inter-

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



ested 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, long list of dried botanical specimens that Perry brought back. 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. You may recall that there was a great fad for things Chinese in Europe 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 of 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; Ben Franklin introduced the first seeds (this based on the New Yorker's reputation for fact-checking); and Brooks was re-

sponsible 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 1930s. 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 Nikkei in JACL, the Recruitment and Leadership Committee has compiled a survey that will provide some key information.

We invite everyone — especially younger Nikkei of the "Yuppie/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 Nikkei community
 - redress
 - 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) _____

Was that person a: relative friend acquaintance.

Did that person or others in JACL provide support and opportunities for involvement? yes no

Explain _____

4. What are the most important strengths you see for JACL in recruiting younger Nikkei? (Please rank order, with 1 being most important.)
 - history of legislative accomplishment
 - established national organization for JAs
 - civil/human rights orientation
 - leadership in redress issue
 - provides opportunity to develop leadership skills
 - provides opportunity for contacts, networking
 - provides opportunity to get involved with Nikkei
 - other (specify) _____

5. What are the most important weaknesses for JACL in recruiting younger Nikkei? (Please rank order.)
 - fuzzy image
 - lack of direction for future
 - negative image from WW2
 - lack of relevant programs and activities
 - not known among younger Japanese Americans
 - seen as a Nisei organization
 - other (specify) _____

6. What characteristics below do you feel are part of JACL's image as seen by younger people? (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) _____

7. What kinds of activities do you recommend which will attract younger Nikkei?
 - 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 younger Nikkei who are *not* JACLers be?
 - very interested
 - somewhat interested
 - not interested

11. Would you be interested in helping to develop membership of younger Nikkei in your area?
 - yes no

If so, please be sure to fill in your name and address at the end of this survey.

LEADERSHIP

12. What leadership positions have you held in JACL?
 - board member
 - chapter v.p.
 - chapter president
 - district vice-governor/representative
 - district governor
 - national officer
 - other _____

13. Why did you decide to take on a leadership role?
 - desire to serve community
 - desire to make an impact
 - sense of obligation
 - want to develop leadership skills
 - to make contacts
 - other _____

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

Why? _____

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

Did that person or others provide support during your term.

 - yes no

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

16. What kinds of supportive activities or skills-building sessions can JACL provide that would help you be a more effective leader either within JACL, your career, community, etc.?
 - chapter development workshops
 - management skills development workshops
 - advisor program
 - appearance/image
 - speaking skills (specify)
 - public speaking
 - impromptu speaking
 - other _____

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

- How much would you be willing to pay?
- \$25-50
 - \$50-75
 - \$75-100
 - \$100-150
 - other _____

18. What kinds of complications have you seen or experienced in "turning over the reins" from older to younger members in your chapter/district?

Explain _____

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

- Age category:
- 18 and under
 - 19-29
 - 30-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60 and over

Chapter _____

District _____

Optional:

Name _____

Address _____

Letters

Shared Ideals

The article by J.K. Yamamoto (March 8 PC) 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 sinews of Democratic Party policy should be [cut] out and cast aside. To the degree JACL has identified 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. It is a matter of whether one's special interest is inclusionary rather than exclusionary. It is a matter of making the general community aware of the particular community's desire to transpire abstract values held in com-

mon into a reality now denied or unrealized.

The Democratic Party, in point of fact, has much to learn from the minorities within its midst. It is from these "special interests" that we are reminded of our roots; the necessity of looking to the past to learn the lessons to be applied in the present to give the future a meaning which unites and inspires us.

Does Mr. Kirk really believe that by reasserting the "invisibility" of minority interests that the Democratic Party, let alone the United States, will be the beneficiary?

"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 of Democratic Party support.

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 haole (Caucasian) in Hawaii I am acutely aware that a many-faceted 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 our society but our obligations to one another.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Honolulu

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 populations. Beauty queen sponsorship such as forthcoming 31st Nisei Week Festivities of Los Angeles or others is not a JACL issue. It's another ballpark. 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 trait, 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 blowing their horn 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'm sure that other writers will take care of denouncing 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 "institution" 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 pedigree 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 repugnant 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 an-

cestry. In fact, many years ago, JACL pulled out of the Nisei bowling tournament because they denied 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 memberships; and every regular member is eligible to participate in any and all activities of the JACL. If a chapter abrogates this membership right by acquiescing 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 preservations and protection of the Constitution and human rights. Now, I ask myself if these words will bring even a small fruition for the brutal violation of our Constitutional rights experienced during the internment.

Many senior citizens lacked medical and mental care while in

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Chapter Pulse

Tulare County

VISALIA, Calif. — A teriyaki dinner 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 movie tickets are \$5 for each event. Proceeds benefit the cultural school, Bunka Gakko.

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

origami will center on the theme of Children's Day. Deadline for registration is April 26. Fee per child is \$5. For more information, contact Aileen Arakawa, (209) 627-4791/625-9737.

Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The film "Unfinished Business" will be shown on videotape at the chapter's general meeting on Saturday, April 27, 7 p.m., at UC Riverside International Lounge. Refreshments will be served. The event is a kick-off for the LEC fund-raising drive.

Aging and Retirement Workshop

FRESNO, Calif. — JACL's aging and retirement committee will be presenting a workshop 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, will present an update on its activities regarding the distribution and utilization of the educational videotape, "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

past convention by promoting the widest possible use of the videotape, seeking NIMH collaboration and support for committee work, providing articles for the Pacific Citizen, collaborating with other national and district committees, and promoting local community service programs for the elderly.

Members of the national committee are:

Robert Kanagawa, Central Calif, Sanger; Don Kazama, Pacific Northwest, Seattle; Betty Kozasa, Pacific Southwest, Los Angeles; Yoshi Ochi, Intermountain, Idaho Falls; George Sakaguchi, Midwest, St. Louis; Mike Suzuki, Eastern, Gaithersburg, Md.; Mas Yamasaki, Mountain Plains, Houston; and George Yoshida, Northern Calif/Western Nevada/Pacific, El Cerrito.

LIU

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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, Hsieh 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 Kuomintang."

Helen Liu's reaction to the life sentences for Chen and Wu was mixed. "On one hand, I believe Chen should have been sentenced to death... But I also think that Chen was just taking orders, and the whole truth never came out."

'A Cover-Up'

The response of the San Francisco-based Committee to Obtain Justice for Henry Liu, issued April 9, was equally critical. "The trial was both a farce and a cover-up," said chair Ling-chi Wang. "Vital evidence was suppressed, key witnesses excluded from cross-examinations, and legitimate legal parties were denied participation in the trial proceedings..."

"The only way for the U.S. government to obtain justice... and to have a credible trial is... to indict

all those involved... and to demand their extradition to the U.S. to stand trial."

Some action has already taken place in Congress. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has passed a resolution calling on Taiwan to extradite anyone implicated in the Liu killing. Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), chair of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, said he intended to find out if the murder was "an isolated incident or the manifestation of a consistent pattern of acts of intimidation and harassment."

The latter possibility could lead to a cutoff of U.S. arms shipments to Taiwan.

Mineta's Comments

In testimony before Solarz' subcommittee in February, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) criticized the Reagan Administration's silence on the Liu case. "I am forced to believe that if Henry Liu was white, then this case would be handled differently by our government..."

"Imagine if you will the murder of an American journalist of Polish ancestry here in this country by agents of the Polish government because he wrote about the repression in the country from which he emigrated... Does anyone doubt that the President would take to the airwaves to denounce such an act? Does anyone question that issues would be raised at the highest levels of the State Dept. or the Justice Dept.?"

"Yet an American of Asian ancestry is killed and this has not happened."

More than Gambling in Las Vegas



REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru Yasui
Legislative Education Committee

Wayne Tanaka is a Hawaiian-born Nikkei who has achieved well-deserved recognition as an outstanding secondary school administrator in the Clark County School District, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is outspoken, an activist, and a mover and shaker of events. His interests are not limited to sedentary educational matters only, but rather he involves himself in broader community and national issues.

George Goto is a well-known community figure in Las Vegas — first, as a former big-time operator of a landscape gardening business, and now more recently in Asian American affairs. He, with support of the community

has pulled together some very successful cultural affairs — and in competing against the glitter and light of Las Vegas, that's really something!

We remember George Goto marinating five cases of young fryer chickens for teriyaki, with Fred Fukumoto helping, in preparation of an Asian American festival. But perhaps his most appealing claim to fame is his avid pursuit of tuna-fishing off San Diego. He comes back with ice chests full of fresh tuna, which he distributes to friends for truly delicious sashimi. It's great!

Lillian Morizono was formerly with a travel agency in Las Vegas — but is now retired. However, she maintains her interest and activities for the community, serving again this year as JACL chapter president. With Tanaka, Goto, and others, the Las Vegas JACL will be asking the city council to support redress.

We also know that the Las Vegas Nikkei group will be calling upon both U.S. Sen. "Chic" Hecht and Sen. Paul Laxalt, to request their support of redress.

We know that last year a similar local delegation persuaded Rep. Harry Reid to become a co-sponsor of HR 4110. We know that the impact and influence of local constituents is important and possibly, in some cases, the deciding factor in gaining support for redress.

The State of Nevada is as important as any other state in the U.S. Senate, because every state has only two senators. But, in the case of Sen. Laxalt, because of his long past association with President Ronald Reagan, with whom he worked when they were governors of Nevada and California, respectively, and because Sen. Laxalt holds a pre-eminent position in heading the national Republican Party, activities at the state level in Nevada are most helpful.

These efforts in Las Vegas are being augmented by Wilson Makabe, Sam Wada, Tak Kubota, Don Nomura, and others in the Reno area. We appreciate the efforts of those in Nevada and hope their activities will be paralleled in other areas.




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Errol Heights, in the middle of nowhere between Portland and Milwaukie, had a lot of dogs. They all seemed pretty healthy... and energetic too. They dug up my garden. Chased the neighborhood cats, bunnies, possums and birds that occupied my yard from time to time. Kept in good shape. And to think, I was always trying to find a gig for survival. I could have hired a good-looking canine to lead the bunny-chasing and charged the neighborhood dog owners for keeping their dogs in shape. Another missed opportunity.

The Errol Heights Gourmets—a collection of Reed College grads and dropouts, woodwork-

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro



ers, cooks, writers, kids and dogs who used to play softball (maybe they still do, I don't know) at a park in Errol Heights—had two things in common: they all loved good food and softball.

I thought about this motley collection as I watched the Dodgers blow the opening game for Fernando. No field, no hit; that was us, although most of the time last year was spent trying to get

enough people to have a game.

And at this time of the year, the infield is all mud and the outfield has ankle-deep wet grass. Sharply hit ground balls end up stuck in the mud; line drives are lost in the grass. Multnomah County, pressed for funds, does not mow the grass until late May. Sometimes, by that time, the grass is calf-high.

Anyway, it makes for an interesting game; after a few trips to the outfield, the waterlogged ball doubles its weight. Hard on the throwing arm. A slow man's game, mercifully.

Which leads me to the subject of golf, a sacred subject among Nikkei, I am told. My brother once said that he liked Carter because Carter played softball and didn't play golf. Golf's the game of politicians, businessmen and

men of leisure. Bob Hope plays golf. Eisenhower, Nixon, Kennedy, Ford, they all played golf. All presidents play golf. Case closed, he said.

I must admit, the attraction of golf escapes me—golf is slow-down basketball taken to its extreme—but can we judge a president by his recreational pursuits? Since style is so important these days, why not? I couldn't answer that one, since we seem to have a president that's long on style right now.

Well, I thought Carter was a good president because he was the first furniture-maker to make it to the Big House. Furniture-makers are not given the credit they deserve. After all, it takes great organizational skill to put together a chair, for example. The correct sequence in cutting

joints and assembling parts is of primary importance. A mistake in sequence sometimes can mean a 100-hour delay.

Woodworkers are basically masochists. They torture themselves for hours cutting one joint. The reward for 3 hours torture? A beautiful mortise and tenon joint. When there exists the option of nailing the pieces together in 5 minutes. Talk about anguish, especially when you know you're getting paid just to nail it.

But maybe my brother has a point. Carter did get a bum rap because he was a teetotaler and he didn't play golf. Two strikes. The third strike: he was a masochistic woodworker, or maybe he didn't enroll his dog in a health spa. Style is important.

On Nikkei Celebrities and PSW Conference

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 400-plus 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 newscaster for many years she could have protected herself by not making waves, but she conti-

nues to speak out for Asian Americans and takes the flak—that takes courage.

One thing that bothered me at the conference was that Frank Sato, 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 Morita, 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" portraying negative stereotypes of Japanese. Recently, just before the Oscar awards program in an interview with Gwen Jones of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, he

tried to be funnyman again as noted in this exchange.

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

P.M.: Oh yes. I always have been, though I've never expressed it.

G.J.: Why not?

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

Wasn't that funny. He probably doesn't mind being called 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 since 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 runs around like a clown making fun of us.

One other thing that came out loud and clear again at the conference is that the membership feels that there isn't enough downward communication to the membership on what's going on at the national level.

As I said before to past president Floyd Shimomura and again to current president Frank Sato, it should be mandatory that national officers and committee chairs 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 Hiramatsu

As the Nisei begin telling their stories of World War II internment camps, today's Sansei have rediscovered a purpose in pursuing their Japanese American backgrounds.

"Unfinished Business," Steven Okazaki's new film following the efforts of three men's claims against the United States government, shows clearly to Sansei the work that needs to be done.

In the film, director Okazaki, as a Sansei whose parents were both

interned, gives the background of and then follows the court trials of Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, and Minoru Yasui. In it he also shows the young Sansei lawyers and children of Japanese Americans telling their parents' stories and demanding justice on their behalf.

When the film was shown at the Pacific Film Archive at UC Berkeley last month, a racially mixed young crowd (20-30 years old) of about 200 filled the small auditorium. Many of the moviegoers were UC Berkeley students like myself.

Although somewhat more familiar with the internment of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in the spring of 1942 than many students because of my involvement in the JACL, I had never seen a film to truly bring the issue of redress home like this hour-long

documentary. Okazaki skillfully intertwines National Archives film clips and the stories of the appellants, tying together both past experiences and current litigation.

The director appeared in person at the Berkeley showing to answer questions from the audience. His keen interest in redress was contagious and the young people were clearly interested in hearing more and helping out.

No time is better than now for Sansei to realize that they have been lazy and that it is time to get involved. In the past, the JACL has always had difficulty attracting young adults to the organization. As the youth council chair, I can certainly verify the lack of interest in youth programs at this time.

Hopefully with the increased interest raised by this film as well as other redress efforts led by Min Yasui and John Tateishi, more Sansei, especially those whose parents were in camps during World War II, will feel motivated to join the JACL—if not for themselves, for the memories of their parents from forty years ago.

U.S.-Japan Relations: A Local Issue

by Floyd Shimomura

Why should Japanese Americans get involved in U.S.-Japan trade issues now?

The world is changing. In 1977, the gross value of trade across the Pacific exceeded the Atlantic for the first time in world history. Japan's economy has grown to be the third largest in the world—exceeded only by the U.S. and Russia. Japan's high-tech economy, political stability, and strategic location in the Pacific make it a prime U.S. ally. In fact, Ambassador Mike Mansfield calls the U.S.-Japan relationship "the most important bilateral relationship—bar none—in the world." President Reagan echoed these sentiments on his trip to Japan in 1983.

The American and Japanese economies are rapidly "fusing" together. That is, Japanese companies are coming to the U.S. in droves and more and more American companies are doing the same in Japan. No longer are each country's businesses content

to merely sell or buy products from one another. Today, the trend is to build production facilities

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and to engage in banking and other services on the other country's soil. As more Japanese and American companies become international and even "multi-national," sharp distinctions between the two economies get more and more difficult to draw.

With this type of comingling, the points of human-to-human contact are proliferating to the point where the experts can't handle them all. Living in America, we Japanese Americans tend to see the process primarily from the standpoint of Japanese companies coming to America. Japanese companies in the U.S. hire people. They get building permits from local agencies. They buy supplies and professional services from the local economy. They pay taxes. In short, they become an economic and political presence in our local communities.

Thus, U.S.-Japan relations do not occur merely between Tokyo and Washington D.C. Today, they are occurring in large and small communities all over the United States. Thus, the JACL, as a grassroots organization, can help play a positive role in creating a friendly and co-operative relationship in our own communities.

LEC Fund-raising

LOS ANGELES—Harry Kajihara, finance chair for the Legislative Education Committee, announced that the following persons have become "LEC prime solicitors": Mas Hironaka of San Diego, who has already raised more than \$3,000; Rose Ochi of Los Angeles; Min Yasui of Denver, Tom Shimasaki of Visalia, Calif.; and himself. "We only need 162 more prime solicitors" to reach the LEC goal of \$250,000, Kajihara said.

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camp. This led to their early death. Those of us who survived are sentenced to a shameful and humiliating life. Will the government wait until we are all dead before they approve our demand for redress?

Just recently, the San Jose Japanese American Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC) held a Day of Remembrance candle-light parade and meeting, thus keeping alive our hope for redress and reparations. Julie Hatta presided over the meeting. Susan Hayase spoke to a racially mixed audience of hundreds and received a standing ovation when her speech was over.

Sleeping Sam Hayakawa's intense desire for self-glorification has been most unnerving, knowing the presence of prejudice against the Japanese Americans. He has made such insulting remarks as, it made his skin crawl that we would seek redress-reparations for the incarceration. I believe he said this in hope that the populace would rally behind him.

Failing, he claimed that those who returned from camp have made a success of their lives.

Lately, Sleeping Sam has said that the Japanese Americans are the most successful minority. He does not explain that the most wealthy were born subsequent to 1945, making them far removed from the incarceration episode. To say we are now well educated, in fairly good jobs, businesses and professions is so irrelevant. He went on to say that he is afraid of backlash. We don't need his advice or sympathy.

We oldsters wish to give Sleeping Sam some good advice. Man! You are pushing 80 years. All those years you have told us what you thought of us, what we should and should not do. Your fantasy as judge, God and dictator over us is over. No one accepts you as such. You have had your glory as the no-nonsense president of San Francisco University and a U.S. Senator. Enough of your ego-mania hopes and desires! Stay at home, for there is one there who needs your love and compassion. TOM M. NAKAJI San Jose, CA

Study on Chinatown unemployment, health published in Amerasia Journal

LOS ANGELES—UCLA's *Amerasia Journal* announces the publication of new research on Chinatown unemployment in New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles and the status of health service utilization in San Francisco Chinatown.

Economist Paul Ong, in his article on "Chinatown Unemployment and the Ethnic Labor Market," points out that while official statistics indicate unemployment is not a problem in Chinatown communities in the U.S., in reality, Chinatown employment patterns are very unstable.

For those who live in Chinatown, utilization of health services remains a pressing issue. Chalsa M. Loo and Connie Young Yu, in their report on San Francisco's Chinatown, survey residential usage of current medical services.

Historian Linda Pomerantz, in her article "The Chinese Bourgeoisie and the Anti-Chinese Movement in the United States, 1905-1950," examines the linkages between the activities of U.S. Chinese merchants and those in China. "The wealthy Chinese merchants in the United States had a vested interest in the development of a large and prosperous community of Chinese workers throughout the Western states," according to Pomerantz. The anti-Chinese movement, because it harmed Chinese American business interests, ultimately led to the merchant support of the 1911 republican revolution in China.

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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. 25 three contingents of Japanese co-operators toured a major Berkeley co-op. Two other groups of 40 visited earlier in the month.

The Japanese Consumers Cooperative Union held part of its 5th annual American Retailing Seminar in the Bay Area and brought 165 management-type employees from all over Japan. The JCCU includes more than 650 local co-ops with a total of 9 million members.

Warner Isaac, Lynn MacDonald 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 Sheraton 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 leadership group met with Ed Lazar's Cooperators for Peace. Japanese co-ops have a very strong commitment to peace and 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 co-operators in that delegation stopped over in the Bay Area.

Grants supporting Asian American works

WASHINGTON — Five Asian American writers were awarded 1985 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship grants. They are poets David Mura, Ai Ogawa and Marilyn Chin, and prose writers Robert Onopa of Hawaii and Yong Ik Kim of Pennsylvania.

David Mura received a B.A. from Grinnell College and did graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He won the Academy of American Poets award at the University of Minnesota, a State Arts Board grant (1980) and a Bush Foundation Fellowship. Mura has taught at the University of Minnesota and in the COMPAS Writers-in-the-Schools program.

Ai Ogawa was born in 1947 in Texas. She was an assistant professor of English at Wayne State University in Detroit. Her books include *Cruelty* (1973) and *Killing Floor* (1979). She is a child of mixed parents. Her father is Japanese and her mother is black, Choctaw Indian, Irish and German.

Marilyn Chin is a graduate of the Iowa Writers Workshop and was a translator for the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa. She is working on a soon-to-be-completed manuscript, *Dwarf Bamboo*.

The poems of both Mura and Chin appear in *Breaking Silence*, an anthology of contemporary Asian American poets published by Greenfield Review Press.

—Hokubei Mainichi

The next largest visiting group came from Berkeley's sister co-op in Nadakobe, the \$1 billion enterprise which is perhaps the largest and most successful consumer co-op in the world. In a unique experiment, the Nadakobe Society sponsored a tour for 65 college recruits who have yet to begin work. They were among the 2000 collegians being hired this year at Nadakobe after extensive examinations and interviews. Personnel manager Futo who accompanied the group felt that this first-hand experience would be far more meaningful than book training and would strongly motivate the employees.

Former Berkeley Co-op controller George Yasukochi addressed the group on the role that Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, one of the Kobe Co-op's founders, played in the development of early American cooperatives, including the Berkeley Co-op. He cited the naming of Kagawa as one of the heroes of the American cooperative movement by Emil Sekarak and Art Danforth in their book *Consumer Cooperation: The Heritage and the Dream*, even though Kagawa never resided in this country.

The other February visitors were all from the Zen Noh, an agricultural co-op federation. Within the large umbrella of their activities the Japanese agricultural co-ops operate grocery stores call "A Co-op's" mostly in the rural areas. For the past 10 years they have usually sent two or three groups annually to visit American shopping centers, grocery warehouses and supermarkets. Their visits also include a 3-day training session usually conducted at Claremont College in Southern California. This year the third group, composed of area supervisors, went on to Seattle to observe the operation of Associated Grocers.

—George Yasukochi

Sac'to Nisei Veterans leader succumbs

SACRAMENTO—Frank Oshita of Sacramento VFW Post 8985 died March 26 at Sutter Memorial Hospital after heart bypass surgery complications. He was 66.

As resolution committee chair for California's 14 Nisei VFW posts, Oshita fought for passage of a "Protection of Civil Rights" resolution which Nisei WW2 veterans drafted in response to anti-redress remarks by National VFW Commander James Currie.

The resolution, passed in June by VFW's Dept. of California and in August at the national VFW convention in Chicago, 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., Oshita is survived by his wife Fumiko. Services were held March 31 at Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.

People

Law

Ken Kashiwabara of Penryn, Calif., is retiring after 33 years with the Dept. of Justice. A member of the National Assn. of Bunco Investigators and a specialist in money-switching schemes and phony bank investigator ruses, he is widely regarded as the nation's leading authority on con artists. He is also a member of JACL Placer County Chapter and the 1000 Club.

Government

Y. George Kanegai, West Los Angeles JACLER and community leader, was honored by his U.S. Dept. of Labor colleagues, Arizona governor Bruce Babbitt, and L.A. councilman Marvin Braude at a retirement party in Inglewood, Ca., Mar. 29. A retired Army officer who joined the Labor Dept.'s Employment Standards Administration and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs eight years ago, Kanegai's avocation is chairing the chapter travel committee.

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Active (previous total) . 831
Total this report: #10 42
Current total 873

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Total this report: #11 78
Current total 951
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Marina: 2-Dr George J Yamaguchi*.
Marysville: 2-Gene Chappie.
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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 66% (249,849) voting no and 34% (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 electing a candidate. 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 formed to promote the amendment, believes that many voters interpreted the measure as meaning "more government, more expenses." Supporters had argued that smaller districts would make council members more responsive to their constituents and that the cost would be minimal.

Supporters note that the case has implications for the civil liberties of all Americans, not just Japanese Americans.

In addition, legal team and committee members have been undertaking speaking engagements at local churches, law school classes and other gatherings to build awareness of the case. Showings of the films "Nisei Soldier" and "Unfinished Business," both of which recount 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 \$17,000 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.

Tax deductible contributions can be sent to: Committee to Reverse the Japanese American Wartime Cases, c/o 316 Maynard Avenue South, Suite 108, Seattle, WA 98104. Questions can be addressed to committee co-chairs Roger Shimizu, (206) 682-9932, or Diane Narasaki, (206) 632-0500, or to Bay Area committee chair Don Tamaki, (415) 788-9000.

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- Phoenix — Reunion of valley Nikkei cmnty, Westcourt Hotel and Metro-center; info 937-3633, 939-6486
- Los Angeles — Poston III Reunion, Biltmore Htl; info 10427 S. Woodstead Ave., Whittier 90603
- **Saturday, April 20**
San Francisco — Go For Broke photo exh on Issei immigr. Angel Is, opening ceremony; Norman Mineta, splkr, 1pm
- W Valley — Bridge & Bowling Nite, 1545 Teresita Dr., 6pm
- Watsonville — 'Coram nobis' bnft screening of 'Unfinished Business,' Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., 7:30 pm; Fred Kore-
- matsu, Leighann Miyasato splkr; tkts \$5; info (408) 722-1160
- **Sunday, April 21**
San Jose — Testim'l dnr for Sam Della Maggiore, Buddhist Ch aud; 4pm
- Marina — 'Happiness is a Healthy Heart' health fair, Venice Jpn Cmty Cntr, 10am-2pm
- **April 28-30**
Eugene, Ore. — Conf on 'Intervention and Nuclear Threat'; info (503) 483-1755
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- Tulare Cnty — Teriyaki dnr, bnft movie, 5pm
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 - * Sept 7 France-Spain-Portugal Tour (22 days), Ted Kojima
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