A/P women briefed at White House

by Mei Nakano

WASHINGTON — Approximately 250 women of Asian and Pacific Island origins gathered May 18-19 in response to an invitation to a special White House briefing. The briefing was arranged for a select group of Asian American women from across the U.S. to discuss issues relating to employment, policy-making, and the family.

In conjunction with this event, the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women organized a two-day conference in which the wide variety of groups represented explored issues affecting them. Counted among the ethnic origins of the groups officially represented were Burmese, Filipino, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Cambodian, Hmong, Vietnamese, Thai, Samoan, Tongan, and Hawaiian.

These ethnic groups were comprised of delegations from more than 20 Asian American women's organizations, including JACL Women's Concerns Committee, JACL women participating were Betty Waki, Rita Cates, Clare Kawamura, Lillian Kimura, Gracey Uyehei, Fae Minabe, Lily Okura, Betti Jane Nishimoto, and Mary Takahashi, among others.

A/P women work in low-paying jobs and are cross-examined.

Networking

The need for networking among A/P women was a note struck early in the conference. Though many organizations and ethnic groups had their own agenda to advance, the value and necessity of maintaining communication for mutual support, encouragement and enrichment provided the underpinning to the conference theme: Today's Involvement Builds Tomorrow's Future.

Employment

The lack of networking was cited as one of the reasons that A/P women failed to move into positions for which they are qualified, stated Rana Rasu, a panelist in the workshop on employment. Far too many A/P women suffer from not being in touch with sources of information, vital to upgrading their skills, knowledge and where and what to get needed support.

A/P women tend to come into the job market at a relatively high level of education, but another panelist observed that aggressiveness and confrontativeness is not generally a cultural feature of A/P people. To take on that leadership style as well as others demanded in the marketplace posed a conflict. How to preserve one's own cultural characteristics (which many women found important) and advance on a corporate ladder at the same time is a problem whose solution is not soon forthcoming.

Refugees

Related to the issue of employment and re-employment is the "100-hour rule" imposed on persons on public assistance. Jeanette Ishii of Fresno articulated to the conference, to legislators and to the emissaries from the White House the problem produced by this regulation as it pertains to the more than 20,000 Hmong refugees living in Fresno.

Hirabayashi confident of court victory

by J.K. Yamamoto

WASHINGTON — Gordon Hirabayashi, speaking at a reception held for him in his honor, expressed confidence about the outcome of an upcoming trial in which his 1943 Supreme Court case will be re-examined.

The reception, held at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo, was part of an effort to raise $50,000 to cover the cost of preparing for the trial, scheduled to begin June 17 in Seattle.

Now a resident of Alberta, Canada, Hirabayashi was a student at University of California, where he drove a truck during World War II.

After Hirabayashi was arrested for refusing to register for the draft, he spent 3½ years in prison for resisting curfew and evacuation orders directed at Japanese Americans. His appeal went to the Supreme Court, which ruled that the government's actions were justified by military necessity.

The Court ruled against Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, who had been similarly convicted of violating government orders, as well.

In 1983, attorneys representing Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui had the cases reopened on the basis of recently declassified government documents indicating that War Dept. and Justice Dept. officials presented the Court with false information in order to portray Japanese Americans as a military threat.

A Full Hearing

In Korematsu's case, Judge Marilyn Patel vacated the wartime conviction and found the government guilty of misconduct in November 1983. In Yasui's case, Judge Robert Bork vacated the conviction in January 1984 but declined to rule on whether the government had erred. Both decisions were reached largely on the basis of documents submitted by both sides.

Because of a ruling by Judge Donald Voorhees in May 1984, Hirabayashi's case will go to an evidentiary hearing.

"In our case," Hirabayashi explained, "the judge said, 'I haven't made up my mind...I want to hear more...An evidentiary hearing is something like a trial, where evidence is presented in court, witnesses take the stand [and] they are cross-examined." No witnesses were called in the other two cases.

U.S. attorney Victor Stone has repeatedly asked the judge to dismiss the case without investigating the charges against the government. Voorhees has refused such time, most recently on April 29. Stone has irritated the judge every time they've met" by "trying to get the judge to dismiss without bringing any new evidence in," said Hirabayashi, adding, "if it comes to a hearing, I would protest that our tax money is used so poorly by the government," he joked, "because I think we could have much better representation of the government's case."

Scheduled to Testify

Witnesses to be called by Hirabayashi's legal team are: Edward Ennis, the Justice Dept.'s director of enemy alien control during World War II and a critic of the internment; Peter Irons, attorney who obtained many of the relevant documents through the Freedom of Information Act and author of Justice At War; and Aiko Herzig, who has done extensive archival research on the internment, and Hirabayashi himself.

Hirabayashi noted that his legal effort has the support of the attorneys general of California, Oregon and Washington. He called this development "a real coup" because it reverses the pre-evacuation position taken by the West Coast attorneys general, including California's Earl Warren, during WWII.

Government Witnesses

As for the government's witness list, "you would think the two stars would be John J. McCloy, assistant secretary of war during the war period...and the chief architect of the process of uprooting and detention, Karl Bendetsen," said Hirabayashi. "Neither of them are on the list.

The omission of the two, both of whom continue to defend their wartime actions, "is quite significant and it reveals something about their case," he said, suggesting that their testimony might not withstand close examination in court.

Former U.S. intelligence officer David Lowman will give testimony on the "Magic" cables, decoded Japanese diplomatic messages
Matsui urges political involvement

by Mei Nakano

WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) delivered a rousing speech to a largely enthusiastic, responsive audience at the annual meeting of the Asian American Political Action Committee, which was held on Capitol Hill.

Matsui, a member of the Democratic Party, is known for his strong advocacy on behalf of Asian American issues. He spoke about the importance of community involvement and the need for Asian Americans to participate in the political process.

JCCCNC receives $20,000 pledge

SAN FRANCISCO—The executive board of the Japanese Benevolent Society (Jikei Kai) approved a $20,000 pledge to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), moving the project quickly into the second phase of the Vision 80's Campaign.

In his address to the general membership of the Rev. Kenmyo Taira, president of the Jikei Kai, spoke of the society's historical role as a charitable organization dedicated to the community's welfare. In keeping with this role, he urged support of the center for the sake of the elderly and generations to come.

During their visit to the construction site, Jikei Kai representatives presented the JCCCNC with a check for $1,000 as the first installment of their $20,000 pledge.

The giff helps to kick off the second phase of the Vision 80's Campaign which is now seeking an additional $1.4 million to complete the $3 million project. Construction of the two-story front building will include the creation of new community offices and programs began in March of this year and is scheduled for completion in February 1986.

The Benevolent Society is one of the oldest active voluntary organizations in the community and the first Japanese mutual aid society officially recognized as such by the State of California.

'Not My Fault' to perform at Ohana

OAKLAND — "Not My Fault," an improvisational comedic group from the Asian American Theater Company (AATC), will perform June 14 (6:30 p.m.) and 15 (8 p.m.) at the Ohana Cultural Center.

Rom Muriera, a member of the group, has performed with the National Theater of the Divered at Lipp's Bar and Grill and is "one of the few Asians who admits to playing the accordion."

The ensemble's material is often based on "observations about Asians in society with social overtones...we're making fun of our own stereotypes," said Muriera. Past sketches have included "Youth in Asia," a satire of game shows; the "Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos cooking class," and a view of men in Portsmouth Square, San Francisco.

On Sundays, from June 16 to July 21, 1985, AATC will sponsor a 6-week class for playwrights and actors. The class will be taught by Don Magwili, artistic director for AATC and director of its current production, "Zatoichi Superstar."

Magwili has won two Rockfeller Playwrights in Residence Awards and Dramalogue Award for Outstanding Play, 1981.

Cost of the classes will be $65 per session, $36 for six weeks, and interested persons should call Magwili in advance at AATC, 628-2462, or Ohana at 658-1988.

Ohana is located at 4345 Telegraph Avenue.

Tribe responds to protests

WASHINGTON—Sen. Paul Trible (R-Va.), who received protests from Asian American organizations when the Washington Post quoted him as saying that "Asians have no value for life," has claimed that his statements were taken out of context.

JACL president Frank Sato said in a letter to Trible, "I am shocked and saddened that a member of the United States Senate...would display such blatant racial prejudice.

Trible's statement was one of many U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War in an April 15 article by Post reporter Myra Macpherson, who maintained that the quote was accurate.

In a May 16 letter to JACL Washington representative G. Tim Gojo, Trible wrote:

"It is simply impossible to make general observations about the inhabitants of an entire continent. It was not my intention to disparage an entire group. Moreover, I have a profound respect for the dignity and beliefs of every individual, and I regret the misconceptions that arose from the manner in which I was quoted."

"As you know, the article...was focused on the Vietnam War, and there was no implication that it reflected the wartime conduct of the Marxist regime of North Vietnam.

"My point was that the North Vietnamese were far more willing to sacrifice troops to achieve their military objectives than the United States. This observation is borne out by figures on the comparative loss of life on each side."

"Obviously, this was not made clear in the newspaper report, and I appreciate the opportunity to clarify my statement."
California official gives to LEC fund

LOS ANGELES — Secretary of State of California March Fong Eu, on May 31 presented a $1,000 check to Harry Kujihara, PSW District Governor and finance chairman of the Legislative Education Committee/AAJACL, in support of the current legislative drive to achieve redress for Japanese Americans. This initial contribution symbolized the awareness of the fundamental issues involved in redress as concerning all Americans, particularly those of Asian background.

"Mrs. Eu's personal contribution and support gives a tremendous boost to our fundraising efforts," stated Minyon Yasui, LEC chairman. "It also highlights the concerns of other Americans that our nation recognize the injustices of the past, and reinforces our commitment to the Constitution of the United States, giving people opportunity to petition Congress for redress. It is, indeed, a most generous and splendid gesture by March Fong Eu of California."

Kujihara also expressed his appreciation. "March Fong Eu as a high level state official is concerned that 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, mostly United States citizens, were placed in detention centers, and that she is concerned that action is needed to right that wrong.

Florence Ochi, Chief Assistant Secretary of State, assisted in the presentation. She is one of the highest level JAs in the California state government.

Utah JA introduces Democratic state chair

SALT LAKE CITY — Randy Horiiuchi, 31, formally announced his bid for Democratic state chair on May 17, stating that "a new generation must reach out and grasp the reins of leadership."

Outlining his position before supporters in the Governor’s Board Room at the Capitol, Horiiuchi introduced his campaign co-chairs: John Hiskey, an aide to Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson, and Elizabeth Wiley, outgoing Davis County party chair.

Horiiuchi, a partner in a government relations firm representing corporate and trade association clients, said that the Democratic Party is "in its hour of greatest need" and that his "skills as a conciliator, mediator, organizationalist and strategist" can be of use.

"To come back in 1986, we will need to build from the ground up," he said. "We truly are the party of the people. New Democratic leadership must use any and all resources to make the grass roots viable again."

Declaring his intention to organize a state policy council to polish the party's image and communicate Democratic philosophies, Horiiuchi said that the state party has shown its "vision" in supporting the state educational system and opposing desert deployment of the MX missile.

Angel Island comes to life in television drama

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES — "Paper Angels," a drama depicting the struggles of Chinese immigrants detained on Angel Island in the early years of this century, will be broadcast nationwide June 17, 9 p.m., on PBS.

Adapted by Genny Lim from her stage play, the story takes place in 1915 and centers on life in the barracks where Chinese were held pending clearance or rejection for entry to the U.S. under restrictive immigration laws. The island, located in San Francisco Bay, was used for this purpose from 1910 to 1940.

At a May 29 press conference at KCET-TV, where the drama was produced, Lim explained that the title refers to "paper sons," men who tried to enter the country by claiming to be sons of legal entrants. Detainees were questioned at length in an effort to screen out those who did not meet entry requirements.

Director John Lone said that the drama shows the psychological pressure of "day in and day out, not knowing—are you supposed to be here, are you going to leave? It's like a prison. Therefore, people's behavior changes."

Cast members were enthused about the production. Actress Ping Wu cars a poem into a barracks wall and Joan Chen comforts a distraught Rosalind Chao in scenes from the PBS drama, "Paper Angels."

Beulah Quo commended KCET "for having the courage to choose a subject as heavy as this. I know that commercial television would never have bought a story like this. I hope that with a drama like this, people will begin to realize a little more about the history of Chinese Americans and Asian Americans in general."

Actor James Hong added, "It's important that we have things like this on the air so that there is an identity for our children...this is the first program of its sort."

On hand were cast members Rosalind Chao, Joan Chen, David Huang, Victor Wong, and Ping Wu; producer Ricki Franklin; executive producer Phylis Geller; and KCET president William Koh.

The show will be repeated locally on KCET (CH. 26) on June 28 at 11 p.m.

AA endowment fund

SAN FRANCISCO—The first grants from the Asian American Endowment Fund, a project of the United Methodist Church, are scheduled to be made in June.

According to Rev. Jonah Chang, executive director of the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, grants will be used for recruitment and continuing education of Asian American clergy and for Christian education programs in local congregations.

"This is a significant milestone in the history of the endowment fund," Chang said. "What was only a wild dream of a few Asian Americans as recently as three years ago will become form and substance."

Formally launched by the federation in 1983, the fund totals $22,000. The ultimate goal is $5 million.


Application deadline: June 19, 1985

To obtain application forms, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif., 244 So. San Pedro St., Room 504, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
Some Big Shoes to Fill

by Frank Sato

Memorial Day, 1985

It was my honor to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in behalf of the JACL on May 25. This is an annual event sponsored by the Washington, D.C. chapter of the JACL for the National JACL.

Accompanying me in the honor this year were Lt. (j.g.) Tomoko Ishikawa, U.S. Navy (the first Japanese American woman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy), Col. Harry Ota, U.S. Army, and Col. Frank Nakobu, U.S. Air Force. Of particular note was that three of the armed services were represented, in contrast to earlier times when the service representation was limited for the most part to the Army.

Earlier on that day, memorial services were held at the gravesite of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi, next to his grave is the burial place of Pfc. Fumitake Nagato. These two Nisei heroes were the first Nisei to be buried at Arlington, on June 4, 1948.

Col. Ota gave the keynote address and spoke eloquently of the sacrifices of the men buried at Arlington and elsewhere around the world and the legacy they have left for us.

Three weeks before this day, I had visited the Snake River chapter JACL in Ontario, Oregon. Mrs. Hiro Kido came up to me during the visit and relayed her thanks to the Washington, D.C. chapter for the annual memorial service and the placing of flowers at each of the 30 Japanese American gravesites, including her brothers' Her two brothers, Wataru and Raito Nakashima, are buried near the site of the service this year.

I believe Mrs. Kido expresses the feelings of other families of other families of the men buried at Arlington for Washington, D.C. chapter has been doing for many. We all thank them, particularly Key Kobayashi and his committee for this service to our Japanese American community. Key has chaired this event for over 15 years. Ira Shimashima headed up this annual service beginning in 1948, and continued until Key took over around 1970. Mike Maasaka has been directly involved over the years also. This year, the annually held JACL is all about.

Harry Walters, administrator of the Veterans Administration, speaks of veteran as very special Mrs. Tae Matsumoto (wife of J.K. Yamamoto.Asia and the Pacific Citizen, a newspaper published by the Japanese American Citizens League every Friday except the first.

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The cables, Hirabayashi added, show what the Japanese government means when they ask to do or intend to do. That doesn't mean they succeeded.

The trial is expected to last two or more years.

Legal Team
Hirabayashi praised his legal team, which includes Kathryn Hannai, Michael Leong, Cameron Hall, and Fred Kawakami. In order to prepare for the trial, the attorneys are "putting in practically full time...they're not well-to-do, and they're only spending part of their time on bread-and-butter cases."

Over the past two years the attorneys have become "a pretty experienced group," he said, because working on the case has been "like going to several post-graduate schools."

Although the attorneys are working without compensation, $5,000 is needed for witness-related costs, archival research and other expenses. Hirabayashi credited the Committee to Reverse JACL gatherings, whether at Sea­brook or at district meetings. In fact, the group was in­volved in JACL operations, both husband and wife holding JACL offices, followed by son Scott serving as chapter president. Daughter Pauline was our district or­ganizational representative to the national office in Salt Lake City in 1968.

Whether in office or not, Mary continued to diligently serve and help. On more than one occasion she oversaw the chapter dinner­dance held at the Centerton Golf Club. If she was in charge, one could relax in the assurance that everything was going to be done right away. And it was. Last year she was in charge of the 40th An­niversary Celebration of the chapter which involved much planning, including assembling personnages from far and near. It was a memorable affair as only Mary would do it.

At the dinner I managed to chat and reminisce with her between getting up from the table every so often to tend to some detail to make sure that everything was proceeding smoothly. She was relating some of her early experiences in Seabrook, exc­ept only she would know. I urged her to reduce all this to writing "for posterity," and she replied that she had started to write a few things down. I also recalled this conversation as I sat in the church at the funeral ser­vices.

As I LOOKED about the filled church, I was struck by two ob­servations: the mix, the amalgama­tion of AJAs, White and Black Americans, also, the number of young people who were present to pay respect to Mary’s memory. Both of these reflected Mary’s life, the impact that she had and the scope of such impact. Speaking of young folks, I had last seen Mary in San Bernardino over the years how Mary stay so youthful, in spirit as well as appearance. It was marvelous.

She was a tiny person. But she leaves some awfully big shoes to fill.
Letters

Ad Not Bad

I am rather puzzled by the furor accompanying the appearance of Hyster's 1984 ad campaign, which consisted of an imported copy of a kabuki actor, sumo wrestler, etc., and text proclaiming that the Japanese actors were big, averaging around 200. Because they were fast. Trying to change the line was impossible.

Even our high school boys were big, averaging around 200. It says, "After you get killed, I don't remember the score. The Americans made four touchdowns, I think. The Japanese finally got a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but I wouldn't be surprised if our team let them score to make them feel good.

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa

"At half time the announcer asked the Japanese-coach to say a few words. All he said was "Mima, dono mo, yoku tsuku." The announcer made up what he thought the coach said—I'm very happy to be here. It's a wonderful ball game, forward to these international contests!" and a lot of other stuff.

"There was a murmur over the stadium like the fans were asking, 'Did he say all that just by saying doko yoroshiku?" The stadium was maybe a half full and 75 percent of the crowd was local Nisei with their enryo syndrome. Nobody yelled, nobody clapped. It was a junior at Covina Union High School at the time."

The other communication is from the Rev. Andrew N. Otani of the Japanese Christian Union Church of Minneaplis, presenting me that Paul Rusch in his book "Road to KEEP," had written about the early days of football in Japan. And to make his point, the Rev. Mr. Otani sent along copies of the relevant pages.

Rusch wrote that the sponsors wanted to advertise in his first football game in Japan, in 1934, staged with proper fanfare. Tadato Kaneko went to the Florida club dance hall and asked a few of his jazz band to bring his jazz band to the game to play the national anthems of the U.S., Japan, and Great Britain.

"When the great day came," Rusch writes, "his "Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu was present as guest of honor, and he was seated with the American ambassador, Joseph P. Grew. The pregame ceremonies went off very well, but the renditions of the national anthems were the jazziest versions ever recorded."

Bringing football to Japan involved more than playing a game. A rule book had to be written for "NichiBei Futoboru" and uniforms manufactured for the slight Japanese.

Ruschen remembers that the game against the Southern California All-Stars was Jan. 3, 1937. The game in Galmeros Stadium was refereed by Sogikota was Dec. 27, 1936. Since the dates are a week apart, there may have been one spur. Everyone knows the Japanese played a scoreless tie against Roosevelt High in Honolulu for a moral victory.

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Crossroads of the Far East

Odds and Ends

BY THE BOARD:

by Miki Hirmatsu

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mittee for the tremendous work accomplished with the selection of scholarship winners and re­

porting so quickly, in time for the national board meeting. Forty­

One will be awarded a total of $95,000, according to the report.

JACL's Women's Concerns Committee is nominating com­

mittee members of the National Network of Asian and Pacific Women's groups, led by Irene Hirano, national chair, at­

tended that convention in Wash­

ington, D.C. Lia Shigumura, JACL Socal president, received a paper on Asian catalog Bridges. They were invited to a White House luncheon.

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Thank You, Karen

It is with sincere regret that we bid farewell to Karen Seriguchi, the former editor of Pacific Citizen.

In the relatively short time Karen was editor, she did a splendid job, and the dedication, loyalty and professionalism she brought to the job should be made to bear some of the blame. But I feel that the business ad campaign is a situation apart that should be treated as such.

Real examples of ethnic stereo­
types abound in ads. How about the "German" Dr. Frank 'n Stuff on the TV dinner commercial? As a German American I ought to be incensed. As an Irish American I should find the Irish Spring com­
cereals degrading. Are they try­
ing to say the Irish stink?! Of course, I realize that European Americans are today rarely the victims of discrimination and have less need to be sensitive to such portrayals. But I hope this time will also come for Asian Amer­i­
cans in the country as a whole as it has come to have come here in Ha­

nobi. Nobody locally seems to have complained about a Charlie Chan commodious commercial, thereby attempting to ban Chan films from TV.

The Hyster ads, however, are not in this ethnic stereotype cate­
gory. They are imaginative ads of great impact that perfectly make their valid point.

Thank you, Karen

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Women's Concerns

The Other Side of Beauty Contest
by Mei Nakane

Let it rest, my instincts told me—at least for the moment. It seemed to be a good idea in view of the acrimony it had inspired. But now I am convinced that the issue of JACL-sponsored beauty contests will not lie down, nor should it, until some resolution has been achieved.

That became evident with the appearance of Miki Himenoo's FCC column of May 3 which commented on the Women's Workshop held in Fresno recently. While her article purported to be an objective account (as indicated by the statements made as fact), it can only be described, charitably, as a personal view.

Lest the matter be left to slash in readers' minds in this rather muddied condition, I feel impelled to respond.

Most arguments of the Women's Concerns Committee, from both NCWNP and PSW Councils, who were present at the workshop, hold in the background of the column, remarking that it left the erroneous impression that the workshop was a one-sided rout in favor of the pro debaters.

But that isn't the reason for this response. More important, somewhere lost in the swirl of the writer's various observations was the point that the bottom-line question posed at the workshop was: Should JACL be involved in sponsoring beauty contests?

This question, critical to the reason for the Women's Concerns Committee of NCWNP, tackling the issue in the first place, had been advertised in the Women's Workshop hand-out, announced clearly beforehand, and reinforced by the panelists who argued against the question. And it hinged on the civil rights issue, the problem of the organization involving itself in an activity (beauty contests) that prohibited some persons from participating because of race.

Notwithstanding, the writer reported that "the major focus at . . . the workshop seemed to be on the chapter's autonomy in activities they choose and the need to maintain good public relations with the Japanese community, rather than the alleged violation of civil rights of women."

Note what is being conveyed here are the concerns of the proposal (sponsoring beauty contests), certainly not what we, of the Committee, consider to have the "major focus" of the workshop. Note also that the writer names panelists Jon Kaji and Daisa Hand, who, she states, "convincingly countered beauty contest opponents," failing to mention at all the other two panelists, Mary Nishimoto and Alex Nakahata. To my mind, and to many others who were there, the latter presented equally, if not more effective arguments against the proposition. I only cite this to point out the bias implicit in the article.

For the record, some of the arguments for JACL continuing the practice of sponsoring beauty contests were: (1) historically women have been a vehicle for Japanese American women to participate in beauty contests—being prohibited from entering national beauty contests; (2) it would provide the winners opportunities to expand their career horizons and cultivate their personality; (3) winners can work to strengthen cultural ties within the community and to enhance the image of JAs vis-a-vis the outer society.

Opponents argued that: (1) at the closing of the debate, specifically requires one parent of the contestant to be "100% Japanese." blatantly violates civil rights laws, a feature which should be of grave concern to JACL; (2) beauty contests reinforce a shallow image of physical attributes are of paramount importance in women, requiring secondary such features as intelligence, compassion and wit; (3) they reinforce negative stereotypes of Americanwomen.

In addition, the PSW Women's Concerns Committee issued a position paper (presented by panelist Mary Nishimoto) urging JACL chapters "to reconsider their future sponsorship of beauty contests and instead implement programs which will focus on the positive aspects of our cultural heritage, leadership development, technical and interpersonal skills, mentoring and networking and expansion of scholarship programs in traditional and non-traditional fields."

In spite of these cogent arguments, the resolution was doomed to defeat. We of NCWNP Women's Concerns had pretty much anticipated that from the outset, knowing how hard-set are the traditional involvements. In spite of that, we had decided to put forward the resolution. But at the eleventh hour, we were informed that President Chennault had voted to table the matter (and would presumably make the same move if the issue came up again in the future). In a meeting, then, with Jon Kaji and Mary Nishimoto of PSW, we decided not to put the resolution to the floor, the feeling being that a defeat might work to put the matter to rest for good.

That's how we saw it.

And we are "hanging in there," and that we believe the need to educate us to do, no less committed to our conviction that beauty contests are an unnecessary evil, more responsible for JACL needs to take a hard look at its involvement in this activity.

Plan for Action
by Sandi Kawasaki

Do you want to see JACL more active in community and civil rights projects? The PSWDC Concerns Committee (CWC) wants these things too! And we want to help men and women "learn the skills to assume leadership positions to attain these objectives. These leadership skills will help you at the local chapter level as well as the District and National levels.

The CWC would also like to have a chance to talk with women in a way that makes sense, and women with information on how to deal with issues such as abuse, sexual harassment, discrimination and stress. We would like to have several workshops each year and we need your input as to the topic of the workshops as well as to help participate in working committees.

We therefore extend an invitation to all interested parties to attend a potluck dinner at our next meeting on June 19 at the regional office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

Please join us to make JACL become a stronger and more effective organization! RSVP to Carol Salo, regional office secre terary.
LEC Timetable Announced

VOTES
To bring the Concerned Americans redress pursuit to a successful conclusion requires 218 yes votes for HR442 and 51 yes votes for S1053. The Legislative Education Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League has formulated the lobbying portion of the Concerned Americans redress pursuit plan. This plan incorporates a coordinated timeline for members of congress support votes, fundraising, and budget requirements. The chart below shows the timelines in graphical display.

The lobbying portion of the redress pursuit plan is a three-year plan. As Shig Wakamatsu, LEC Secretary-Treasurer, says, "Of course, if something develops for earlier legislative success, we can all REJOICE, but for now we stay on line with the 3-year plan."

All lobbying activities must focus on getting member of congress support votes. For June 1985 we are 50% along the members of congress support vote timeline. By December 1986, eighteen months from now, we must add, at minimum, 90 more yes votes for HR442 and 20 more yes votes for S1053. This brings us to the 90% support vote point (If more support votes, super? If the bills pass then, super!).

In another 1 months, December 1987, we are to add the remaining 10% votes, 30 more yes votes for HR442 and 6 more yes votes for S1053, to bring the redress pursuit to the 100% support vote point (These redress bills may have other identification numbers in the 100th Congress).

BUDGET
To obtain the needed votes, LEC must fund sufficient personnel to "walk the corridors of Congress" and keep 90% support vote point. The budget is essential to have the funds for recruiting 200 prime solicitors, maintaining donation records, and submits donations to the LEC Finance Chair. The breakout of the targeted prime solicitors to be recruited by the District Keypersons are as follows.

LECFUN Drive Campaign Gets Underway

by Harry Kajihara

The Legislative Education Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League targets over $500,000.00. The Finance Committee receives the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara. The Keypersons also receive the donations from the LEC Finance Chair, Harry Kajihara.
LEC Is On Its Way

Joseph Harry Kajihara is LEC fund-raising chairman, with American, with extensive knowledge of Congress, and 51 U.S. Senators, including Vice-President: Dr. Denn Yasuhara of the Pacific World War II Pacific Islanders and their American counterparts. One hundred and fifty-five members of the House of Representatives, and 51 U.S. Senators, to vote in favor of the redress bills so that they may be considered by Congress.

JACL is represented by Frank S. Sato, as National JACL President, with Vice-Presidents: Dr. Yosh Nakashima of San Francisco, Dr. Kaz Mayeda of Detroit, and Rose H. Johnson of Washington, D.C. and Cheryl Kinoshita of Seattle, are vice-chairmen, and Shig Nakawatsuma of Chicago serves as secretary-treasurer.

JACL is governed by a 15-member board, chaired by Minoru Yasui of the Midwest and Harry Kajihara of the Pacific Northwest, with all serving on the LEC Board.

Grant Ujifusa of New York is legislative strategies chair, and Harry Kajihara is LEC fund-raising chairman.

At-large board members are: Joseph L. Ruga of Washington, D.C. (with impressive civil rights credentials); Arthur Morimoto of Chicago, with extensive connections with veterans groups; Dr. James Tsujimura of Portland, as a past National JACL President; and Grayce K. Uyehara of Philadelphia, who is the East Coast dynamo for redress.

Ultimately, LEC must persuade 218 members of the House of Representatives in the U.S. Congress, and 51 U.S. Senators, to vote in favor of the redress bills so that they may be considered by Congress.

Before that can happen, a majority of the members of both the House Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, must report out favorably the redress bills so that a vote can be taken. Unfortunately, we do not have a roster of members on these committees at the present moment but we shall let you know the key members of each committee so you can help in persuading them to support redress.

And, even before full committee consideration of redress, the sub-committees in both houses must "mark up" the redress bills, and report them to their respective committees.

Key members in the House sub-committee, for the Democrats, are: Sen. B. H. Hall of Texas, who will probably be replaced by Dan Glickman of Kansas, Barry Ford of Massachusetts, Howard Berman of Los Angeles, Frederick Boucher of Virginia, George Crockett of Michigan, and Harley Staggers of West Virginia. The Republican members are: Thomas Kindness of Ohio (ranking minority member, and opposed to redress); Hank Brown of Colorado, Patrick Swindall of Georgia and Howard Coble of North Carolina. We need a majority of six members on this sub-committee, and at present are assured of the votes of only Frank Berman and Crockett. We desperately need three more!

In the Senate sub-committee, the Republican majority members are: Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, Sen. Chas. Mathias of Maryland, and Sen. Dave Durenberger of Minnesota. The Democratic Senators are Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan. Since both Stevens and Levin are co-sponsors of S. 1053, we need only one more Senator on this sub-committee to assure a favorable vote. Both Mathias of Maryland and Gore of Tennessee appear to be likely prospects, but both must be contacted and persuaded by constituents.

Harry Kajihara of the Pacific Southwest district performs herculean tasks to assure that the LEC fund-raising drive will support the legislative efforts of both. Shig Nakawatsuma, as Secretary-Treasurer, has submitted a budget of $75,530 for 1985 June 1986. It’s a big job facing us.

by Shig Nakawatsuma

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by Shima

The bus finally slowed down and stopped opposite a break in the barbed wire fence that the road had been paralleling for some time. Outside a nondescript shack boilled several armed soldiers. It was a cold winter’s afternoon. Kato had taken a train from Livingston, Montana to a small town in northern Wyoming where he had transferred to a bus to complete his trip to the internment camp to visit his family before being inducted into the U.S. Army. He had ridden for several hours through this desolate area, seeing only scrubby sagebrush covered by occasional ragged patches of snow. In the mid-distance could be seen a range of majestic mountains, the foothills of the Rockies. In the midst of this desolation there was a certain serenity and calm in the vastness and the solitude.

The guard shack consisted of two rooms, one to register visitors and the other side was used by the soldiers. Kato, walked up to the receptionist, a civilian, who asked,

“Purpose?”

“To visit my family.” Kato wondered if there was any other purpose to visit such a desolate place.

“Number?” What number did he mean?

“Your family number!” Then Kato remembered that his sisters had written them and given him his family’s number. He reached into his billfold, extracted a piece of paper and read off: 8524.

“Block D, about one mile on your left as you leave the reception area.” He passed through a gate in the second barbed wire fence and was greeted by three of his five sisters. He had never been a very demonstrative family. They greeted him with a teeny-two?”

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“Oh, Isabel has a slight cold. Rush,” roar of his sisters replied.

“Where are the other two?”

“O.K. Where are the other two?”

“Of course, Pat is studying.”

As Kato walked down the muddy street of this, the third largest city in Wyoming, he asked about mother and dad.

“Oh, they’re O.K.”

Kato looked around at the countless rows of one storied tar papered barracks about one hundred feet long by twenty feet wide, the “homes” of six families per barracks. It reminded him of the workers’ shacks described in the “Grapes of Wrath” except on a vastly larger scale. He learned that each block consisted of many barracks, a central dining/kitchen/laundry and shower rooms and housed approximately 1,000 inmates. Whenever it rained or snowed, the streets became very muddy and all those who were fortunate enough to own boots had to wear them to get around. They walked past blocks “A”, “B”, “C” and arrived at block “D”.

“Where’s my wife?” asked Kato.

“Shima’s” the pen name for a Nikkei or Japanese woman.

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The next day Kato got up early as was his custom and swept out the snow that had blown in during the night. The girls went off to school or to visit with friends and Kato had an opportunity to talk with an undisturbed talk with his parents. He told them that he had just received his draft notice to report for duty in the U.S. Army. He had been quite apprehensive about how his family would take this news in view of the fact that his parents had lost the fruits of forty years of their lives working internee armed guard by the press. He realized that he had heard his father say the unforgettable words, “Just because your government does not see fit to accord you the rights and privileges that are guaranteed to all citizens of the Constitution, does not in any way free you of your obligations to your country. Such is your heritage.”

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February Third
—a short story by Mira Shimabukuro

"Sharon, time to wake up!" yelled Mrs. Akune.

"I'm already up, aunty!" Sharon whispered as she heard her aunt's voice. "It's not even 3:30 yet!"

"No, you have dance class at 3:30," Mrs. Akune pointed out.

"Oh, you're right, Sharon. We have to go. Goodbye, Tom," said Mrs. Akune.

Sharon smiled. "Okay. 'Bye, uncle," said Sharon.

Sharon's classes had never been longer. She knew it was because she couldn't wait until that night to hear if she could have a surprise.

Finally the last bell rang. Sharon and her best friend, Lucy, walked to their lockers from science class. "I can't wait until tonight. Oh, did you tell? My aunt and uncle said maybe I could have a party!" said Sharon excitedly.

"Yes, Sharon, but only a hundred times," sighed Lucy.

Sharon giggled, "I'm sorry, I guess I just really want a party." "That's okay. I'd be excited too," said Lucy.

Sharon dialled her combination. "I have dance, so I can't walk home with you, Lucy." "Okay, but call me when you find out about your party. All right!" said Lucy.

"It's a deal. I'll talk to you later. Okay!" said Sharon. "I've got to go, bye." "Okay," said Lucy.

Sharon practically jumped down the hall to her friend. "Just wait until 3:30, Sharon, Lucy said to herself, and with that she walked home.

It was 3:30 by the time Sharon arrived at the dance center. As she walked up to the second floor, she hummed her favorite song, "Lucy Star" by Madonna. Sharon walked down the hall to room 203. When she got to the door, she noticed the lights were out. "That's funny," she said to herself as she opened the door. "Mrs. Correll is always early."

Sharon put her bag down and turned on the lights.

"SURPRISE!" said Mrs. Akune, pointing around. There stood almost every single person she knew. Her aunt and uncle, Mrs. Correll, her entire dance class, Lucy and just about everyone from school was there.

"Happy birthday, Sharon," a voice said from behind her. Sharon knew that voice. She turned around again. "DAD" she yelled. "Hello, darling. Thought I might drop by, for your party," said Sharon. "It's really Lucy's idea," Mrs. Akune grinned.

Sharon practically jumped into her father's arms. She was so happy to see him.

After Sharon calmed down, she went over and hugged both her aunt and uncle. Then she went over to Lucy. "I can't believe you knew about this all the time," said Sharon.

Lucy grinned, "I knew you loved surprises, so I asked your aunt and uncle if we could throw a surprise party for you." 

"Well, you were right! And I especially love that one," said Sharon pointing at her dad. "Lucy smiled, "Well, that was your dad's idea." Sharon grinned. This was the best birthday she had ever had. There were all her favorite foods like suki, miso soup and pizza. And cake and ice cream, of course.

Sharon was very happy but she needed to do one more thing. She walked over to her father. "Thanks for coming, dad. I missed you a lot.""
My uncle, after receiving his citizenship papers around 1900, instructed my dad that he would probably get his too, if he would only attend citizenship school. Being an "amateur," but serious, student of history, dad found the American history taught at citizenship school to be condescending and mildly offensive, but nevertheless, tolerable.

Featuring the limited and barely factual, this history class was more like an American anachronism which asked questions such as, "Who is the father of our country?" and other stimulating questions such as, "Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?" and "What were the original 13 colonies and why did they revolt against England?"

The "correct" answers, of course, were spelled out for the students in their textbooks, festooning all the hoary American history trivia one could stomach.

My dad, needless to say, often came home from these classes frustrated, complaining often about his teacher who didn't know anything other than what she read in that "dumb" book.

I generally viewed all this with a lot of amusement, since he was always advising me to listen to my teachers and show them a lot of respect, for as we all know, teachers were held in very high regard by my aunts from Okinawa and the rest of Japan.

About the third or fourth class, my dad came home looking pretty smug, just waiting for me to ask what happened. Being a doting son, but not knowing what to expect, I tentatively asked, "So how was class?"

"Why was the Civil War fought, Bob?"

Finding myself to be a straight man in a comedy routine, I again dutifully answered what was expected, "To free the slaves."

"Ha!" said dad. "Just what my teacher said."

"So what did you say?"

"Because the North felt that there was no way they could compete with the South as long as the South had free labor."

And I thought, "Oh no, here comes another unasked-for history lecture from dad."

But I was wrong. Instead, he laughed loudly, saying, "You should have seen the look on her face. She just sat there with her mouth open."

Realizing that my dad had the gift of exaggeration, I didn't know for sure what transpired in the class, but having given off-bet answers in class to stunned teachers myself, I assumed he was not stretching the truth very much.

Next week, dad came home, walked into the house with his moustache, and ranted about a poetry reading, he couldn't believe that the passengers could be so ungrateful. The passengers all looked at him and turned to the next passenger.

"Father," somewhat formidable, "you have the best father."

"What do you mean by that, Dad?"

"Because they don't think I'm a good father."

"But we think you are a good father, Dad."

"You think so?"

"Yes, Dad."

"And I thought you thought I was a bad father."

"No, Dad."

"And I thought you thought you were a good father."

"Yes, Dad."
**Books from Pacific Citizen**

As of JUNE 1, 1983
Some books listed previously are now on stock at the PC.

**RECENT ARRIVALS**

**The Lost Years:** 1942-1946. Edited by Sue Kitamoto-Stein. **Features:** "Why It Happened Here" by Proctor, "1942," a picture of the West Coast of the U.S. in 1942, poems and stories of 1942, etc. **Softcover:** $20.00

**Little Tokyo: 100 Years in Pictures:** By Issei Morita. Amending of images of Little Tokyo's past, present, and future. **Softcover:** $12.00

**Prisoners of Yosema:** By Lou Rowlet, based upon the base experiences of a US Marine in Prison Camp 9 during the time of the US's occupation of Japan. **Hardcover:** $16.00

**CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

JACL in Quest of Justice. By Bill Himonese. The JACL Story—Not only its members and its chapters, but also the JACL story as part of a larger movement, and the group's ability to survive discrimination.

Thirty Five Years in the Frying Pan. By Bill Himonese. The JACL story as a result of the Pacific War in a bracing manner, with background material and interviewing.


**Students to be awarded**

by Roy Yoshida
PENNY, Calif.—Placer County JACL's annual scholarship fund raising dinner has been slated for Saturday, June 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Pacific Buddhist Church, according to Lee Kusumoto, community service chairman. Cost of the dinner will be a donation of $5 per person.

Amy Tokumori, general chair person for food, said the menu will include vegetables, rice and the customary trimmings. She will be assisted by Kyoto Hamakasa, well known chef of the Roseville JACL.

The three chapter scholarships to be presented this year are: JACL-Thomas M. Yego, Sr. Award ($500); S/Sgt. Massi Sakamoto Award ($300); and Placer JACL Award ($200).

Victor Robinson, head of the establishment of the SAIKI

Club

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and compared notes subsequent to evacuation. He helped Dr. Chishino and the children to adjust to life in the camps. Takemoto attended Grandis H.S. and will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and includes among her awards, Student of the Week, Bank of America Math and Science. Most Valuable Gymnast and Alameda County Fair Student Art Competition. Her activities include Spanish Club, Gymnastics Team, Senior Food Drive, Art Club and JACL.

**Portland**

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President Michael Ishii is currently completing his freshman year at Oberlin College as a music major.

A formal recognition was given by Seattle JACL to Hachio Tamesa in grateful appreciation for the late JACL leader's fund raising in memory of his son, Minoru Tamesa. Tamesa recently celebrated his 101st birthday—an event which was also recognized by the chapter.

**Tri-Valley**

SAN RAMON, Calif.—Sharon Kamegai and Tina Takemoto are the winners of the 1965 chapter scholarships. Kamegai attends Granada H.S., is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and is listed in Who's Who Among American Students. He is active in the French Club, Interact, Speech and Debate, Spanish Club, Art Club and JAYS. Takemoto also attends Granada H.S. and will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and includes among her awards, Student of the Week, Bank of America Math and Science. Most Valuable Gymnast and Alameda County Fair Student Art Competition. Her activities include Spanish Club, Gymnastics Team, Senior Food Drive, Art Club and JACL. Goodwin

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A formal recognition was given by Seattle JACL to Hachio Tamesa in grateful appreciation for the late JACL leader's fund raising in memory of his son, Minoru Tamesa. Tamesa recently celebrated his 101st birthday—an event which was also recognized by the chapter.

**Tri-Valley**

SAN RAMON, Calif.—Sharon Kamegai and Tina Takemoto are the winners of the 1965 chapter scholarships. Kamegai attends Granada H.S., is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and is listed in Who's Who Among American Students. He is active in the French Club, Interact, Speech and Debate, Spanish Club, Art Club and JAYS. Takemoto also attends Granada H.S. and will attend UC Berkeley in the fall. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and includes among her awards, Student of the Week, Bank of America Math and Science. Most Valuable Gymnast and Alameda County Fair Student Art Competition. Her activities include Spanish Club, Gymnastics Team, Senior Food Drive, Art Club and JACL. Goodwin

**Portland**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ryan Tsuchi­　　mura from Parkrose H.S. received the 1965 JACL scholarship at the annual graduation banquet held at the Red Lion May 5.

Tsuchimura, a 4.0 student, belongs to many clubs and organizations within the school, including the German Club and the National Honor Society. He is a member of the track team, and captain of the Parkrose varsity tennis team.

He will be attending the University of Washington and will major in pre-med.

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People

Dr. Bob Suzuki, dean of graduate studies and re­search at Cal State Los Angeles, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Northridge. The Portland-born physicist, a graduate of Cal Tech and UC Berkeley, was chosen from four finalists and starts work in July. He has taught education and engineering at several universities and was assistant dean of administration at the University of Massachusetts’ School of Education.

Awards

Dr. Haruko Morita, principal of the L.A. Unified School District for 22 years, was presented the mayor’s AFFLE (Appreciation for People Who Make Learning Valuable) Award at a May 29 City Hall ceremony.

"Family Tree"

In response to how to "fix up the family tree" (back page, PC May 31), each box in the Genealogy chart should list the name of the husband and wife, followed by the siblings and their spouses. As charted, there is only room for the first or any two siblings per generation.

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The Fund-A-Rama held on April 20 was a huge success. Approximately 400 people were served Hawaiian dinner. Over $2,000 was made to sponsor the chapter’s 1995 activities.

San Mateo
SARATOGA, Calif.—The annual chapter tennis tournament will be held September 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at West Valley College.

Eden Township
SAN LORENZO, Calif.—The annual community food bazaar and family fun games and raffle will be held at the Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., June 8, 5-10 p.m. and June 9, noon to 9 p.m. Food and games will be available beginning the first week in July. There will be a limited number of entrants so submit your entry forms early. Information: Yosh Deguchi, (408) 295-0647, or Sayeko Nakamura, (408) 367-0002.

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Kimura pleads innocent at arraignment

by Katie Kaori Hayashi
SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Fumiko Kimura, a Japanese national who attempted parent-child suicide at Santa Monica Beach on January 29, pleaded not guilty to two counts each of murder and felony child endangering. The May 17 arraignment at Los Angeles Superior Court was over within 15 minutes.

Kimura, who allegedly became despondent after learning her husband had a mistress, walked into the ocean taking her 6-month-old daughter and 4-year-old son with her. Bystanders pulled Kimura out of the water, but her children subsequently died.

Defense attorney Gerald Klausner requested that Judge David Fitts reduce the $100,000 bail, but the judge refused on the grounds that Kimura might commit suicide if freed.

Fitts did, however, grant Klausner’s motion to hold a pretrial hearing on June 14. Klausner said that he made the motion partly to determine additional details.

Some members of the Fumiko Kimura Fair Trial Committee appeared in court. The support group chose its official name at its second general meeting on May 10 at the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) in Los Angeles.

The steering committee consists of: Bill Watanabe, executive director of LTSC; Sumiko Ono, a social worker at LTSC; Yoshiko Yamaguchi, a social worker at San Fernando Japanese American Community Center; and Walter Tanaka.

The fundraising chair is Yaeko “Suki” Forman and the public relations chair is Ken Kimura (no relation to the defendant), a minister and director of a human services program at San Fernando Japanese American Community Center. Miyako Desai is in charge of petitions.

The chief members of the committee expressed their desire for supporting Kimura. They noted that parent-child suicide, known as shinju, is viewed as a culturally taboo topic in Japan, where it is treated as manslaughter rather than murder.

Tanabé, temporary chair of the steering committee, said, “The purpose of this group is not to determine whether Fumiko Kimura is innocent or guilty, but to ensure her right to a fair trial ... we want to educate Americans about her.”

Ono said that as a social worker, she “could not overlook Fumiko Kimura’s tragedy. I don’t disagree that she killed her children ... but through this case, I, as an immigrant, want to learn how American justice treats a cultural act.”

“The United States consists of various national groups, and each has its own culture,” said Yamaguchi. “I don’t want Kimura’s act to be judged by American standards. I want Americans to understand cultural differences and respect other cultures.”

Tanaka said that when he attended the second preliminary hearing, he found that the Japanese ability of officer Mitch Kato, who interrogated Kimura while she was under emotional stress, was poor; “I really doubt if she understood her constitutional rights. After that, I became concerned about her being punished by the law.”

“In my 25-year American life, many people helped me when I was in trouble,” said Forman. “By helping me, Fumiko this time, I am just returning their kindness and showing my thanks to the people who helped me.”

Perhaps, a Nisei, Fumiko’s shinju is still a mystery,” said Ren Kimura. “She committed murder ... but her act wasn’t done by malice or hatred. She did it according to Japanese custom. I am not trying to dismiss the case, but I want for leniency for her. I want Americans to understand her motive. I feel real compassion for Fumiko.”

Desai said that she lives near Kimura’s San Fernando Valley home. “If I had known her and had been friends with her, Fumiko might have asked advice of me and we wouldn’t have committed shinju. I don’t have any objection to her being punished by American law, but I want the court to consider the fact that she committed shinju because of mental illness and cultural conditioning.”

AA woman appointed H.S. principal

LOS ANGELES — Recently appointed as principal of Reseda High School in San Fernando Val­ ley, Carol Ogawa is the first Asian American woman to serve as a senior high school principal in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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A graduate of Manual Arts High School and USC, Ogawa taught math at Adamis and Wilkinson junior high schools and Gardena High School. She went on to be­ come head counselor at Gardena, assistant principal of Virgil Junior High School, and LAUSD’s coordi­ nator of instructional planning and development for junior high schools.

She is a forceful advocate of participatory management, a style of leadership in which admini­ strators, department chairs, and other faculty members, parent members, and, in many instances, student representatives express their opinions on important issues fac­ toring the school.

Ogawa lives in Rancho Palos Verdes. Her husband Kazuo is math advisor for the senior high school division of LAUSD.

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