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Gordon Hirabayashi answers questions posed by reporters outside the federal courthouse in Seattle.
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'Military necessity' cited in Hirabayashi trial

by Stan Shikuma

SEATTLE—As the Gordon Hirabayashi trial entered its second week, the "Magic" cables, Japanese diplomatic messages intercepted and decoded by U.S. intelligence during WW2, emerged as the centerpiece of the government's defense against charges of misconduct in Hirabayashi's 1943 Supreme Court case.

Hirabayashi, who was convicted of violating curfew and internment orders during WW2, had his case reopened on the basis of recently discovered evidence that he says discredits the government's claim that its actions against Japanese Americans were justified by military necessity.

David Lowman, government expert on "Magic," testified that after reading the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians he was "astounded to read this report that there was no evidence of espionage or sabotage committed" by Japanese Americans on the West Coast.

Quoting from a letter to Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy dated February 1943, Lowman said the Japanese espionage operation, "including Japanese aliens, first and second generation Japanese and other nationalities, is thoroughly organized and working underground." Another document he quoted referred to Japan's desire to "maintain connections with the second generations" in the Army and in aircraft plants.

Rebuttal to 'Magic'

Under cross-examination, Lowman admitted that no "Magic" cables ever referred to any acts of sabotage by Japanese Americans, nor did they ever confirm espionage activities by Japanese Americans in the Army or in aircraft

plants. Lowman also acknowledged an FBI report showing only two Japanese Americans employed in West Coast aircraft plants in 1941.

Rodney Kawakami and Camden Hall, lead lawyers for Hirabayashi's legal team, said that while the "Magic" cables express an interest in recruiting Issei and Nisei, they never confirm that such an espionage net was ever established. Hall pointed out that one "Magic" cable marked "Top Secret" contained information on aircraft plants that had been printed 10 days earlier in the Los Angeles Times.

Hall also directed the court's attention to two other Japanese espionage networks based in Spain and Latin America. Lowman agreed that these two networks provided the only Japanese espionage activities inside the U.S. after Pearl Harbor and that none of the agents used were Japanese.

Charges of Espionage

Another government witness, William Hammond, was head of combat intelligence in the Western Defense Command under Lt. Gen. John DeWitt. He testified that reports of possible subversive activities by Japanese Americans would have been handled by counter-intelligence, in which he had little training and no responsibility.

After Pearl Harbor, Hammond said, he "thoroughly expected we could be attacked some way or another." Such an attack could only be "a small invasion, not a massive invasion," he said, acknowledging that the nearest known Japanese armed forces were 2,000 miles southwest of Hawaii.

Hammond said he personally believed that Japanese Americans were "the most likely source of signals" to Japanese submarines off the West Coast following Pearl Harbor. "We had numerous reports of electronic transmissions and flashing lights," he said, "but after the Japanese were removed from the coast, we had hardly any at all."

Many members of the largely Nikkei audience were incensed by the government testimony. "I'm surprised," said one man, "to hear that I'm part of a subversive gang. I want to see the record set straight. Am I a citizen with all the constitutional rights I'm supposed to have or not?" The testimony, he said, gave him little cause to believe the old prejudices had died out or abated in the last 40 years.

In addition to a defense based on military necessity and national security, the government is also arguing that most of the principal participants of the time are dead. However, U.S. attorney Victor Stone chose not to call as witnesses John McCloy or Karl Bendetsen, both intimately involved with the curfew and evacuation process.

Stone has also argued that Hirabayashi could have filed the complaint much earlier but failed to do so.

In support of this claim, Hanna Zeidlik, a prominent military archivist with the Department of the Army, testified on the location, completeness and ease of use of military records related to the case. She recalled spending nearly 200 hours over a two-month period looking at some 5,000 documents in six separate locations on behalf

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Ambassador Matsunaga emphasizes positive aspects of U.S.—Japan relations

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Echoing the words of his predecessor, the new Japanese ambassador to the U.S. defended Japan's trading policies and emphasized the positive aspects of U.S.-Japan relations in a speech given June 19 at the Sheraton Grande Hotel.

Nobuo Matsunaga, who succeeded Yoshio Okawara in late March, was the guest of honor at a dinner sponsored by the Japan America Society, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, and other organizations.

"I arrived at a rather difficult and delicate moment here," he said, referring to trade frictions between the two countries. "However...I am at the bottom, so there is no room to go down."

On a more serious note, he described the trade situation as being more positive than many

Americans believe it to be. "U.S. exports to Japan are growing steadily at 7.7% last year, while U.S. exports to Europe, Latin America and other major markets are still very sluggish."

"Many Americans do not know that...Japan is buying 70% of total U.S. exports of beef and that half of the [U.S.] citrus exports goes to Japan," he continued, adding that Japan is also taking steps to open its high technology market to foreign competition. As an example, he said that "we have slashed our tariffs on semiconductors to zero."

"The affluent Japanese market, second in size only to the United States, is one of American industry's most promising frontiers," said Matsunaga, "because it is a rich, quality conscious market."

He cited two contributing causes of America's worldwide trade deficit—the rising value of the dollar, which makes imports cheaper and exports more expensive, and the rise in U.S. consumer and industrial demand brought about by the economic recovery.

Economic interdependence between the U.S. and Japan was Matsunaga's main theme. "We have become major investors in each other's economic growth," he said, stating that Japan has invested \$11 billion in the U.S., creating 100,000 new manufacturing jobs, and the U.S. has invested \$8 billion in Japan, "contributing significantly to Japan's growth and diversification."

In 1984 there were more than 390 U.S.-Japan industrial cooperation agreements, he said, among them the Toyota-General Motors joint venture in Fremont, Calif. He

suggested that the two countries can expand the field of high technology "through competition as well as through cooperation."

Increased free trade and trading interdependence between the U.S., Japan and other Asian countries can provide "a solid foundation of political stability" in the region, he added.

He characterized U.S.-Japan ties as "the largest, closest and most diversified economic relationship of any overseas partnerships in the world."

Other speakers included California secretary of state March Fong Eu, former U.S. ambassador to Japan James Hodgson and L.A. consul general of Japan Taizo Watanabe.

Senate redress bill gains co-sponsor

WASHINGTON — Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) has become a co-sponsor of redress bill S 1053, according to JACL's Washington, D.C. office. He is the 27th senator to co-sponsor the bill, which was introduced by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) in May.

In a letter to JACL Washington representative Tim Gojio, Weicker stated that while the federal deficit is an "urgent national crisis," he feels that "at the very least our government owes an apology to those who were victimized during this era. This is not too much to ask of a nation which prides itself as a defender of civil liberties."



Japanese ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga receives a gift of California wine from California secretary of state March Fong Eu.
photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Japanese American communication styles focus of UC Santa Cruz conference

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—The San Francisco-based Center for Japanese American Studies holds its fourth conference August 16-18 at Kresge College on the UC Santa Cruz campus. The theme is "The Impact of Culture on Japanese American Styles of Communication."

Speakers and workshops will include: Reiko True on the Japanese American family; James Okutsu on Japanese American men and women; Karen Ishizuka on aging and dying; George and Mary Ann Kich on bicultural couples; Steve Shigematsu Murphy and Grace Wakamatsu Fleming on bicultural children; Aiko Oda on inter-ethnic relations; and Marian Okamura on the Japanese American personality.

Also featured are a reading of "The Wash," a new play by Philip Kan Gotanda about an older Nisei couple going through separation and divorce; "Fool's Dance," a film by Bob Nakamura and Karen Ishizuka, featuring Mako; and "Inner Legacy," Nancy Araki's multi-media presentation on basic Japanese values that affect how Japanese Americans behave.

Space is limited and reservations are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. Fee for the plenary and workshop sessions only is \$30. The total fee, which includes lodging, meals, parking permit, and use of meeting rooms, is \$90 for double occupancy and \$100 for single occupancy. Deadline is July 10. Contact: Yuki Kawaguchi, 2347 Manzanita, Oakland, CA 94611; (415) 339-3033.

Miyori cast as Yoko Ono in TV-movie

LOS ANGELES — Actress Kim Miyori has been cast in the role of artist Yoko Ono in an NBC movie about the lives of former Beatle John Lennon and Ono.

Miyori, best known for her role as Dr. Wendy Armstrong in the NBC television series "St. Elsewhere," was born in Santa Maria, California, and started her career as a dancer in Broadway's "Zoot Suit" and "Pacific Overtures." Her first television appearance was in "Cagney and Lacey." Miyori's film credits include "Zoot Suit" and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Mark Lindsay, an English stage actor, was awarded the role of John Lennon, only to be notified a week later that he was being dropped because his real name is Mark Chapman, the same as Lennon's killer.

Lindsay, who took his stage name when he received his equi-

ty card, said he was told that his name (Chapman) could offend Beatles fans and had already upset Ono.

Ono's spokesman Elliot Mintz was quoted in the June 28 Los Angeles Times as saying that it would be "an understatement to say that Beatles fans could be offended. Yoko has no ill feelings toward the person. It's just an unfortunate circumstance, but it would be totally inappropriate. When Yoko was informed about the name, obviously she was upset. That's a name she doesn't want to hear."

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Community Affairs

WEST COVINA, Calif.—The 17th Obon Festival of the **West Covina Buddhist Church** will be held July 28 from noon to 10 p.m. at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 West Puente Ave. Cultural exhibits, food, games of skill and chance plus a performance by the West Covina Taiko Group will be offered. Bon odori starts at 7 p.m. Information: Mrs. Marvel Miyata, (818) 337-9123, or Rev. Koen Mishima, (818) 960-1166.

LOS ANGELES — Clinical social worker Lynette Sim will give a seminar on the psychological, physiological and social aspects of Alzheimer's disease at the Washington Medical Center cafeteria, 12101 W. Washington Blvd., July 10, 1:30 p.m. She will present an overview of the disease and how it affects the people who take care of the affected person as well as the patient. Information: Denise Hubert, 391-0601 ext. 158, or Lily Ann Inouye, ext. 157.

A victory celebration and a special swearing-in ceremony for city councilman-elect Mike Woo will be held in Griffith Park on July 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Judge Ernest Hiroshige will preside at the special swearing-in ceremony starting at noon. The celebration, sponsored by **Friends of Mike Woo**, will follow the ceremony.

Pacific Asian American Women Writers-West announces the second in a series of Public Readings, July 13, 2 p.m., at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, second floor conference rooms, 244 S. San Pedro St. Writers interested in participating in this free reading should contact Sue Embrey, (213) 662-5012.

Tanabata, the Festival of Lovers, will be celebrated July 5-7 at the **Japanese Village Plaza**, 327 E. 2nd St. Tanabata celebrates the meeting of two star lovers, Shokuyo, a Verda Star, and Kengyu, an Altair Star, separated over 2500 years ago on opposite ends of the Amano gawa (Milky Way) and permitted to meet once a year on the 7th day of the 7th month. Information: (213) 620-8861.

NEW YORK—Enjoy an outdoor lunchtime concert with the Shunzo Ohno Quartet, July 19, 12:30 p.m. at Bryant Park, 42 St. and Avenue of the Americas. The free concert is sponsored by **Universal Jazz Coalition**.

"Three Asian Folk Artists," a video documentary of Mine Okubo, Motoi Oi, and Sahomi Tachibana, produced by Fay Chiang, with video artistry by Keiko Tsuno, will be shown at the **Basement Workshop**, 22 Catherine St., July 16, 7 p.m.

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East Coast LEC strategy promoted

SEABROOK, N.J.—Mike Suzuki, EDC governor and LEC district keyperson, gave a rousing speech urging each chapter to do its part in the passage of redress bills during the 100th Congress, LEC chairman Min Yasui pinpointed legislative strategy, and regional redress coordinator Grayce Uyehara reported on coalition building efforts at the district LEC meeting held June 15.

Uyehara reported that the small number of Nikkei living on the East Coast necessitated the strategy of focusing on developing coalition support from other human and civil rights organizations.

Suzuki highlighted the meeting with a strong "can do" speech to the delegates assembled from the New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook and D.C. chapters. Suzuki also made an appeal to the 5 chapters in the EDC to increase the number of prime solicitors from the assigned 7 to 17.

Uyehara brought the meeting to a close by presenting 5 checks to Yasui from the Philadelphia chapter. The checks, totaling \$3,700, represented donations of \$1,000 each from Jack Ozawa, Tak and Yuri Moriuchi, and Grayce and Hiroshi Uyehara; \$500 from William and Vicky Marutani and \$200 from Sim and Betty Endo.

LEC, racial slurs covered by PNW Council

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Devoting the major portion of its deliberations to gearing up for the LEC fund drive and outlining chapter responsibilities, the Pacific Northwest District Council met for its quarterly June 9 meeting, hosted by the Mid-Columbia chapter, in a scenic setting by the Columbia River at the Hood River Inn. District goals were outlined, as well as questions clarified on the redress program during the full day's meeting.

Concerns were expressed about a smooth transition of the redress lobbying activities from JACL to LEC and whether adequate staffing was available for the LEC chair and its committees to be operative pending the fund-raising period. The following resolution was passed by the district council: "RESOLVED that the PNWDC urge the JACL National Board to make every effort to provide JACL support services and cooperate with the LEC, within the legal limits allowable, to assist the efforts for passage of the national redress bill."

Covering other matters, the district designated the Seattle chapter as its representative to apply for the \$250 grant available through the JACL/Minority Health Fair program for the Hibakusha medical examination project held in Seattle June 27-July 2.

"Operation Meiyo," a project initiated by Ken Nakano, district chair of the International Relations Committee, to "secure universal recognition of 'JPN' as the official abbreviation for Japan or Japanese in dictionaries, the media and in common usage" was presented to the Council. Nakano requested that 23 dictionary publishing companies in Japan

review their definition of the term "Jap," understand that it has a derogatory meaning, and consider adopting "Jpn" as the official abbreviation. Nakano cited two recent incidents which indicate continuing usage of the derogatory term: by U.S. Olympic wrestler Randy Lewis in referring to opponent Kosei Akaishi last year; and British prime minister Thatcher in referring to Japanese economic competitors in January.

On June 22, Nakano received a reply from the Meicho Fukyukai company of Tokyo, which publishes a pre-war dictionary used primarily for research. The company indicated their understanding of the discrimination problem encountered by persons of Japanese ancestry and said that they would comply with his request in any future printings.

National JACL Awards

Two national JACL awards were presented during the luncheon period by District Governor Denny Yasuhara. For his outstanding work in various international relations projects, Ken Nakano was cited, particularly for the successful carrying out of the Meiji Mura project, and presented a national recognition plaque. Sam Asai, president of the Mid-Columbia chapter, was presented a national certificate of recognition for outstanding membership recruitment in his Eastern Oregon area.

Tentative plans were laid for the fall district meeting to be held jointly with the Intermountain District at Jackpot, Nevada, on October 12-13. A pilgrimage to Minidoka as a highlight of the district meeting was discussed as a possible event to draw a greater number of both PNW and IDC members.



photo by J.K. Yamamoto

Dr. Fumio Doko, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Hiroshima Municipal Hospital and head of the medical delegation from Hiroshima (left); and Kaz Suyeishi, vice president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the U.S.

Hiroshima doctors examine U.S. hibakusha

LOS ANGELES—On its fifth biennial visit to L.A., a medical team from Hiroshima examined more than 100 local hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) at City View Hospital June 22-25. The doctors also made stops at San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver and Honolulu during their U.S. visit.

The examinees, some of them Kibei and others postwar immigrants from Japan, were living in Hiroshima or Nagasaki at the time of the August 1945 atomic bombings. Hibakusha suffer from a higher than normal rate of hypertension, liver and heart diseases, leukemia, and other disorders.

Unlike their counterparts living in Japan, the U.S. hibakusha do not receive free medical treatment and do not have access to doctors familiar with problems unique to a-bomb survivors. In

addition, some have difficulty discussing their physical and psychological problems in English.

The checkup given by the Hiroshima doctors includes a blood test, urinalysis, electrocardiogram and a gynecological examination. Although serious disorders are usually not found, in a few cases the doctors have asked patients to go to Japan for treatment, according to Dean Toji, one of the coordinating volunteers.

Coordinated by the Hiroshima Medical Assn. in Japan and the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors (CABS) in the U.S., the visit also had the local support of the L.A. County Medical Assn., Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Japanese American Medical Assn., and other groups. Another visit is expected in 1987.

—J.K. Yamamoto

Chapter Pulse

Torrance

TORRANCE, Calif.—Recipients of the chapter scholarships are Alice Teruda and Kim Takeuchi. They were presented with their scholarships at a chapter brunch in May.

Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—The MacKenzie River Gathering, a Eugene-based foundation which provides funding to non-profit organizations that promote social change, awarded the chapter \$1400 to set up a speakers bureau. Workshops designed to improve Nikkei public speaking abilities so that more public presentations can be made to educate the community about the Japanese American experience are being planned. For information, contact Sharon Hashimoto, P.O. Box 12681, or call 221-3305.

Homer Yasui is coordinating a "Matsutake Hiki" in the fall to introduce to "neophyte hunters" the terminology, history and unwritten rules about the game. A

bus will be rented for the day trip, limiting the number of people to about 40. A \$10 transportation fee will be charged. August 1 is the deadline for registering for this outing. Members only. Experienced matsutake hunters wanting to be squad leaders should call Yasui at 234-4714.

Monterey Peninsula

MONTEREY, Calif.—A symposium on redress and the Korematsu case at Morse Auditorium at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, 425 Van Buren, will be held July 27 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Speakers include national redress director John Tateishi, along with Karen Kai and Robert Rusky, both from the Korematsu legal team. Following the symposium, an informal wine and cheese hour is tentatively scheduled to provide a chance to talk with the guest speakers.

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Hirabayashi to tour East Coast

Fundraisers for Gordon Hirabayashi's recent court challenge of the WW2 internment (see page 1) have been set for three East Coast cities with Hirabayashi as keynote speaker at each event:

Washington, July 8—6:30 p.m., Stuart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave., N.E. Sponsored by Asian Pacific American Bar Assn. with support from JACL and Pan Asian Women's Assn. Donations of \$20 or more can be sent to Susan Lee, 2141 P St., N.W., Suite 804, Washington D.C. 20037. Info: (202) 376-8373.

Boston, July 9—Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Massachusetts Bar Assn., 20 West St. (\$10 admission); reception and showing of film "Unfinished Business," 2 p.m., Northeastern School of Law. Contact person for both events is Caroline Chang, (617) 223-6397.

"Unfinished Business" will also be shown at Univ. of Massachusetts College of Public and Community Services Student Lounge, 100 Arlington St., 1st floor, 7 p.m. Admission is \$15. Contact: Khinlin Johnson or May Takayanagi, (617) 661-6130.

Checks for all Boston events should be made out to Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund and sent to Ms. Johnson at 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140. Participating groups include Asian American Lawyers Assn. of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Asian American Forum, Asian American Resource Workshop, American Friends Service Committee, and JACL.

New York, July 10—Dinner party, 5 p.m., for donors of \$50 or more; "New York Celebrates Seattle," a community-wide event, 7 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Ave. near 24th St. Admission is \$5, with no charge for students or seniors.

The East Coast speaking tour is being coordinated by Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Checks for New York events are payable to AALDEF and can be sent to AALDEF at 99 Hudson St., 12th Floor, New York, NY 10013. Contact: Toyo Obayashi or Phil Tajitsu Nash at (212) 966-5932.

terly meeting will be held at the Reno Hilton, Aug. 9-11. Reno chapter president Bud Fujii asks those wishing to make hotel reservations to call the Hilton toll-free at 800-785-7000 by July 18. A pre-registration package may be purchased for \$15. A late show, "Rhythm on Ice," starring Vic Damone, will be offered for an additional \$7. Send checks and registration to Henry Hattori, 1750 Tyler Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431.



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A Look at 'Model Minority'

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approve includes, of necessity, the power to *disapprove*. It's a two-edged sword; the pat on the head can become a blow to the head. It's very much like allowing yourself to be placed under the suspended sword of Damocles with the other guy holding a pair of scissors. A precarious, schizophrenia-inducing way of existing.

Enough to cause one to worry about "rocking the boat" lest the scissor-bearer be displeased.

IT'S OUR HOPE that AJA's won't beam with pride when someone or some group approvingly pins the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval of "model minority" on AJA's. There are a number of reasons why we say this. For starters: there is implicit in this unilateral act of approbation a superior-inferior relationship, somewhat akin to being patted on the head and told what a good boy you are.

Patronizing. And by the way, who elected that other person to the status of passing judgment on you and me?

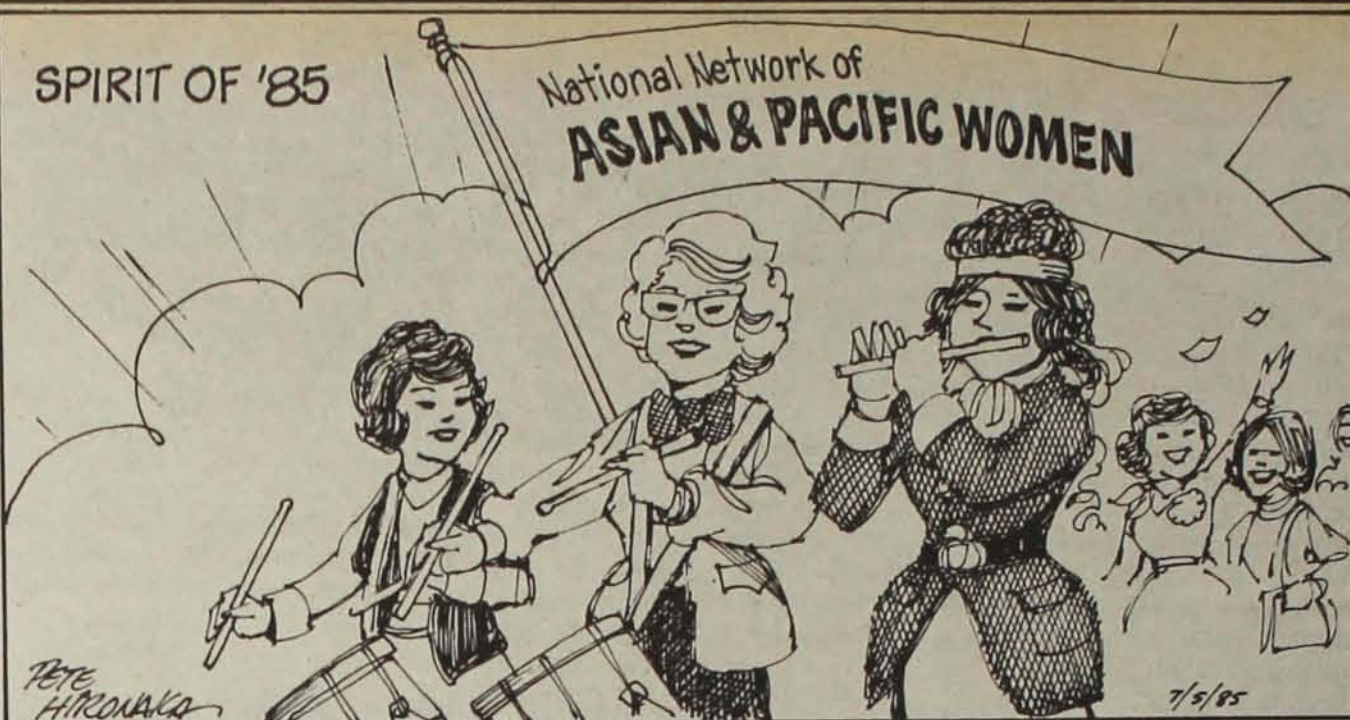
TO THOSE FEW who may thrive on this subservient role of being patted on the head, it should be pointed out that the power to

THERE ARE OTHER similar concepts unknowingly adopted by minorities as being desirable goals which are inherently demeaning. "Gaining acceptance" as a goal is one of them. We've often observed the pitiful spectacle of a minority gathering where the theme of the group was ways to gain acceptance. Pause to examine the mechanics of this concept, this goal; you'll readily discern that it, too, involves a superior-inferior relationship. Ask yourself: who is to do the accepting? You? If not, who designated that other person to be in the position of accepting (rejecting) you and me?

YET ANOTHER GOAL that AJA's are often urged to attain is

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one labeled "equality." We are urged to seek equality. Again: Equal to whom? To Black Americans? To Chicanos? Then, *who*? And, yes: Who designated that person or group as the model for us to emulate? Since AJA's have a higher educational level, have among the lowest crime rates, and have combined family incomes that are among the highest—then for AJA's to become "equal" to that model group, we'd have to cut down on our education, commit more crimes, and

do less work.

Then, we'd be "equal."

A PERNICIOUS CONCEPT in this "model minority" gimmick is the unspoken result of seeking to put one minority against another. The old "one-bone-for-two-dogs" trick. For in addition to some self-anointed super group setting itself up as the final arbiter of the worth of AJA's, the reverse connotation is that there exist one or more "non-model minorities."

I don't like being "used" by

anybody, do you? And I have no "bone to pick" with other minorities who are supposed to be my antagonists.

AS A CHILD in the schoolyard, there used to be a joke that even we knew was a joke. It went something like this: "Let's you and him fight."

All too often, some adults seek to perpetrate juvenile jokes. And they may seek to "butter you up" first with an approving pat on the head.

Don't fall for it.

PERSPECTIVES: by Jerry Enomoto

Unwanted Praise

In the days when I was privileged to serve as national president of JACL, I was sometimes moved to write about issues in a way that earned me more critics than fans. Most such issues were those that stirred strong emotional reactions. If I was guided by anything it was the feeling that one of the responsibilities of leadership was to "tell it like it is"—at least from my perspective.

A few weeks ago I opened the May 31 edition of the PC and stared at the face of Clarence M. Pendleton, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The views attributed to Pendleton in the accompanying article were no surprise because I had read them before and seen him espouse them on television. What added a personal dimension this time was his choosing to "praise" Asian Americans as a "model minority" while insulting other minorities for their alleged shortcomings.

I have heard this stuff before

and never failed to be angered. Angered and saddened when it comes from the mouths of minority Americans. As one Asian American, I feel personally insulted to be the object of praise from this Black American who has been called by many Blacks a lackey for the Reagan Administration. To coin an old cliché, if you have friends like this you don't need any enemies.

Make no mistake about it, the presence of Pendleton and his ilk on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission makes a mockery of the very civil rights principles that body was created to uphold. In recent years I have found myself very close to the Black community and have felt more than an academic understanding of its historical problems. Any Black who uses the platform of a responsible public position to call affirmative action programs a "new racism" is misguided at best and a fool at worst, a dangerous fool.

I will not bore you here by reciting the oft published goals and principles upon which affirmative action programs have been established and defended by our courts. While I was serving as director of the California Dept. of Corrections, our affirmative action program was sued as "reverse discrimination." Action by the Court of Appeals and the California Supreme Court vindicated the program as legal and constitutional. I have more than an academic interest and experience in this area.

Despite my reaction, I would not have been moved to write this had I not read the report in the June 21 PC about U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi and his decision to decline reappointment to the State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. I regret that Bob so decided because I know that had he remained he would have been more than a "non-effective antagonist." Nevertheless, my respect for his integrity and willingness to "tell it like it is," regardless of controversy, has been reaffirmed.

I once read an editorial that commented, in part, "Where does the Reagan Administration get these people?" with reference to an appointee. There have been many indications that this administration, if not hostile to civil rights, certainly has not been an advocate—witness the example of William Bradford Reynolds.

Fortunately, some of these individuals, after their covers have been pulled by some outrageous statements or acts, have resigned or been removed. We may be lucky in Pendleton's case, but I am not hopeful. The fact that some minorities, sadly including Blacks, apparently accept or support his point of view perhaps partly explains why we are even talking about a Clarence Pendleton in 1985.

Letters

A Negative Label

The recent statement by Clarence Pendleton, Jr. of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission referring to Asian Americans as a "model minority" has me disturbed.

As a person who works within the minority communities, including the Mexican American, Native American and Black community, I feel that comparing minorities is racist and divisive and stereotypes a particular group within a label. The notion of "model minority" implies that other groups are bad, or unworthy of the government's perception of worthy models.

Secondly, this label has me concerned because if I don't fit the requirements for classification as a "model minority," then what does that make me? A failure? What about the many problems encountered by Asian Americans in society today? Our collective successes cloud our human problems.

Assimilation is an expensive price to pay for equality. We are only fooling ourselves if we think we have it made, or better than other ethnic groups. Mr. Pendleton would have us believe that. Working with diverse ethnic groups has taught me that minorities are not a problem, as the government has made us believe, but an asset to the richness of America.

The real problem can be found in the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, which is cutting their role like Reagan is cutting the budget. Mr. Pendleton shows that there are still "Uncle Toms" in the plantation owner's white house.

I, for one, am one Asian American who wishes that the American public would quit swallowing the

government's baloney like "the blind leading the blind."

THOMAS OKAZAKI
Arcata, Calif.

Wrong Word

In the June 7 PC you printed my letter about Hyster's ad campaign, including these lines: "Hyster's other activities, however, such as blaming the closure of a Portland plant on 'unfree and unfair' Japanese trade practices, appear to have inspired anti-Asian sentiment in the community and should be made to bear some of the blame." My original sentence ended thus: "...the community, which should be made to bear some of the blame." A small difference, but a great change in meaning.

CHRISTINE FROECHTENIGT
Honolulu

Talk Does Some Good

In answer to Sean Kientz's letter "Stand Up for Rights" (June 14 PC), I sympathize with his grief about his family's internment, his anger that redress is "just talk," and also the fact that he was not taught in school about the internment.

I remind him that every action for good or evil starts with "just talk." That is how the action for internment started—talk of suspicion, talk of fears and anger.

But Sean can do some talking too, and perhaps bring some action for good. I know, because I did some talking and some writing in six newspapers to make people aware.

What is now Walerga Park in Sacramento was Walerga Assembly Center, where Americans and aliens of Japanese descent were ordered to gather before being sent to Tule Lake internment

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No Big Deal

Excuse me if, on this day following the Fourth of July, I fail to become overwrought over the Library of Congress' decision to recall the Ansel Adams wartime photographs of Manzanar in the "Born Free and Equal" exhibit.

In some quarters what the Library of Congress decided to do with the photographs entrusted to it by Adams is being equated to censorship of material that is embarrassing to the government if not the nation. If that were true, it would be a matter of utmost concern and worthy of page one treatment in Pacific Citizen as well as the nation's press.

But the facts don't seem to bear out the headline "Manzanar photo exhibit recalled by government."

What the Library of Congress had done, so far as we can tell, is to ask for the return of the particular prints now being exhibited when the current exhibit in Philadelphia ends in September. The Library of Congress has offered to make duplicate prints for future display and, in fact, will cooperate with the Fresno Metropolitan Museum in having high quality reproductions made by printers who worked with Adams.

If this is the case, why the fuss? I don't know.

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



Ansel Adams doesn't need this kind of publicity to preserve his reputation as an artist with film and camera. His black and white scenes, particularly of Yosemite, are breathtaking in their beauty and power and have won him a lasting place in the history of photography.

Undoubtedly it is the Ansel Adams reputation that draws people to the "Born Free and Equal" exhibit, and that's just fine because the general public needs to be made aware of what Evacuation camp life was like. Unfortunately Adams' photographs from Manzanar are hardly exceptional.

The "Born Free and Equal" exhibit came to the Denver Art Museum a few weeks ago and, to put it bluntly, it was a disappointment. His sweeping panoramas, for example a broad shot of the

camp with the mountains in the background, were eloquent. But many of the photographs were hardly more than snapshots. The most moving part of the exhibit was the juxtaposition of quotations from the nation's historic documents promising Americans life, liberty and the right to pursue happiness, with pictures of imprisoned Japanese Americans.

But as to the photography itself, there are hundreds of equally or perhaps more telling shots in the national archives taken by unsung photographers like Gretchen van Tassel, Charles Mace, Tom Parker, Francis Stewart, Glen Ogle and Carl Iwasaki. Pat Coffey, Otto Haegel and Hansel Meith made scores of dramatic photos for Life Magazine. Margaret Bourke-White was among Farm Security Administration photographers who helped document the Evacuation itself. In addition, there are the photographs of life in Manzanar taken by Toyo Miyatake, an inmate himself, with a home-made camera.

The Evacuation is richly documented photographically and more exhibits like "Born Free and Equal" should be encouraged. At the same time, while we must be ever alert to condemn censorship, there is no need to be taken in by press agency.

Journey to Japan

by Kris Ikejiri

In early April, a delegation of Sansei were guests of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan for a six-day trip to Japan. The LDP's International Bureau has expanded its program of sponsoring delegations worldwide to visit Japan to meet various officials and to personally see Japanese politics, society and culture.

It needs to be clarified that this was not an "official" JACL program. No National JACL funds were expended on the delegation's travel or lodging expenses.

The LDP asked the JACL to recommend six Sansei who are currently involved in community affairs and who would probably remain involved in the community. All of us are in different professions:

Mike Honda, school principal in San Jose; Mike Mitoma, president of an independent bank in Carson; Debbie Nakatomi, who works for the community affairs division of the CBS affiliate in Los Angeles; Beth Renge, stockbroker with Dean Whitter in San Francisco; John Tateishi, JACL redress director; and I, attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. By more than happenstance, all of us are members of JACL, but we did not represent ourselves as a JACL delegation.

Two years ago, I went to Japan with my father and maternal grandmother and visited relatives in my ancestral prefectures of Fukuoka and Hiroshima. There I experienced the Japan of my heritage. This time, I experienced the Japan of my present and future. I saw how Japan is presently affecting my life in the U.S. and saw the opportunities that exist for a person willing to learn the complexities of U.S.-Japan relations.

The delegation met with numerous members of the Diet (legislative branch), some of whom hold simultaneous positions in the executive branch. We also met with representatives of the business community and held several press conferences. Aware of the many time demands on politicians, I expected these meetings to be perfunctory courtesy calls of a brief exchange of greetings, a picture, and out the door in five minutes. Instead, the meetings were extensive and involved substantive discussions, with lunch and dinner meetings lasting hours.

We met with officials such as Susumu Nikaido, LDP Vice President; Speaker of the House of Representatives Michita Sakata; Kiichi Miyazawa, chair of the General Council of the LDP, former Foreign Minister and a potential Prime Minister; Mayumi Moriyama, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Wataru Hiraizumi, Director General of the International Bureau of LDP and former Minister of Transportation. We felt honored that these people of great responsibility and influence would take so much time with a delegation of Sansei.

We found our hosts to be informed and inquisitive. They were knowledgeable about the political situation in the U.S. I was asked questions about senators Danforth, Hatfield and Helms, and

about Lee Iacocca's autobiography, which was the number one bestseller in Japan. Many of our hosts had either lived or been educated in the U.S. They asked very perceptive questions.

With increased trade tensions between the U.S. and Japan just prior to our departure, the discussions focused on the trade relations between our two countries. Our delegation's point of view was to emphasize that, as Americans of Japanese ancestry, we had specific concerns about the tensions between the U.S. and Japan because they can be manifested by racism against persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S.

The Japanese explained that as a country poor in natural resources, Japan must import raw materials and export manufactured goods. In such situations, a trade imbalance naturally occurs.

They also noted that Japan is a unique market and that the majority of U.S.-made goods such as cars (too big and steering wheel on the wrong side), refrigerators (too big and wrong current) and beef (not enough marbling for their aesthetic tastes), are not geared for that market. The Japanese demand high-quality goods, beautifully packaged, traits that they perceive U.S. goods in Japan currently lack. However, they emphasized that they are reexamining their policies in the spirit of cooperation with the U.S. in continuing the good relations between our countries.

The Japanese acknowledge that the U.S. is number one in the world and repeated with pride Ambassador Mike Mansfield's statement that the bilateral relation between the U.S. and Japan was and would remain the most important in the world. The word "bilateral" must be emphasized. It must be a dialogue, not mere dictation from one of the parties.

A way to facilitate this dialogue is for more Americans to become educated not only in the Japanese language, but also in its current politics and current culture. I use the adjective "current" because many people believe that the Japan of 1985 is the Japan of the novel *Shogun*, of the Meiji Period or of 20 years ago.

Floyd Shimomura explained in a series of articles in the PC why JACL should be involved in U.S.-Japan relations. There are those who believe that JACL, as a civil rights organization, has no business in foreign affairs. This trip showed me that those views are parochial and myopic. We are inescapably tied to the currents of U.S.-Japan relations because of our ethnic heritage. Given that reality, we need to position ourselves so that we can promote our interests effectively.

The Japanese leaders we met are far-sighted and cosmopolitan, and realize the importance of cultivating long-term relationships. The insights and memories they gave me will last a lifetime. I hope to somehow build on this opportunity. The LDP is to be commended for its foresight and willingness to invest its resources for returns not immediately tangible. We can all learn from them the need to look at the total and long-term picture.

For the Record

The appearance of a portion of an old receipt form on page 2 of the Travel Section in the June 29 PC was an error beyond the control of the Travel Section and PC editors. Persons wishing a corrected copy for their records may write to the Japanese American Travel Club, 250 E. 1st St., #912, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

LETTERS

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camp. I attended all the Park Dept. meetings from the planning stage in 1979 to the building stages in 1980-81, along with JACL and county officials, and I talked and wrote about the park's progress each week.

It brought action, involvement and money from garden clubs, schools, and individuals that might not have been aware otherwise.

Early on I had talked to the principal of the elementary school and found they were anxious to participate in the plantings and ceremonies. Their 5th grade history book had 13 lines of print on the internment (Pearl Harbor, 11 lines), but their teacher "just talked" and gave them information and the incentive to help, and they did.

Walerga Park is designated as California State Historical Landmark No. 934. Now, four years later, plantings by garden clubs, and memorial plantings, are still going on under the direction of the Park Dept.

Talk is the way to bring action for something good.

THELMA BURNSIDE
Sacramento

Blood Isn't Enough

RIGHT ON is what I say to J.K. Yamamoto's article "Not Quite a Bridge" in the May 31 PC.

An Alternative Redress Plan

by Richard H. Mayemura

Since joining JACL over two months ago, what I have primarily heard about is monetary compensation. All I want to know is, why monetary compensation instead of other forms of reparations? I know that in 1976 the JACL redress committee stated that "The issue is not to recover what cannot be recovered. The issue is to acknowledge the mistake by providing proper redress for the victims of the injustice, and thereby make such injustices less likely to recur."

This still does not answer my question; in fact, it muddies it. If redress is not to recover what cannot be recovered, then why monetary compensation? In addition, if redress is to serve as a deterrent by making future injustices less likely to recur, aren't there more substantive ways to safeguard civil rights, such as having more minorities in leadership roles?

It reinforces my letter to the editor of PC, published in most part February 8.

I think it is dangerous and a disservice to both the U.S. and Japan to have people whose only credentials are having racial Japanese blood flowing through their veins or knowing a particular specialty such as poetry or just liking Japan pontificate about U.S.-Japan trade relations.

If the experts—and they can be white, black, yellow or Japanese Americans—wish to speak on U.S.-Japan trade relations, so be it; but let us not ascribe expertness just because of Japanese blood.

This does not negate private opinion, but it emphasizes the notion that you should know something about the subject.

YEIICHI KUWAYAMA
Washington, D.C.

This brings me to a suggestion based on an idea by my brother David. I would like to recommend that we do seek reparations but in the form of a presidential apology and the establishment of a community trust fund to develop leadership amongst Japanese Americans in all fields, through workshops and job programs. Further, such a leadership fund could be extended, at our option, to help serve other minority groups. This will not only help us build stronger bridges with other minorities but will be a major aid in promoting all minorities to leadership positions—and this is the true safeguard of all people.

For some of you, my suggestion may seem incongruous. For as Bob Shimabukuro pointed out to me, I am promoting the development of leadership, yet one of the roles of leadership is to try to change public attitudes. This is true. However, another role of leadership is to guide those same attitudes to their end. Leadership is neither solely liberal nor solely conservative. Leadership is guidance. And instead of guiding us through the skeletons of the past, we can undertake to serve ourselves by serving our future through such a leadership fund.

When that occurs, people such as Judge Takasugi, Ellison Onizuka, Pat Morita, Senator Inouye and others will not be looked upon by the Japanese American community solely as role models, but as pioneers. Pioneers of a community of Japanese Americans who will help in leading this nation and pioneers of a people who could look ahead with even greater hope because of those of you made the decision to develop our future.

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Community

Lisa Masaya Kawamura was selected as 1985 Seattle Japanese Community and Cherry Blossom Festival Queen on May 11 at the Seattle Westin Hotel. She and her royal court will represent Seattle at L.A.'s Nisei Week Festival and S.F.'s Cherry Blossom Festival. She majors in graphic design at Univ. of Washington.

Religion

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## A Carful of Heroes

Dipping into my mailbag, I find that responses are beginning to trickle in for my "hero" question. The name appearing most often on people's lists is Min Yasui. From Betty Waki in Houston, "I used to have many [heroes], but most have fallen from grace. Only Min has continued to inspire me." From Gary Glenn in Cambridge, Mass., "How many other living human beings could face off against an audience of cynical New York City law students, tell the story of his arrest, incarceration, and subsequent lifetime battle for the cause of redress, and come away with a standing ovation?"

Glenn also included Jacques Cousteau, Ralph Nader and Leonard Bernstein as people he admired.

From New York, a fellow journalist, wishing to remain anonymous, cited Michi Weglyn, Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Aki Kurose, and "my grandmother." Non-Asian Americans listed were attorneys Arthur Kinoy and Nadine Taub, and Chilean poet Pablo

### ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob  
Shimabukuro



Neruda was also mentioned. Grandma is in some pretty high-powered company.

Kathy Robinson of Selanoco chapter had a long list which included Yasui, along with WW2 vets who served in the Asia/Pacific front; Patsy Mink, Tritia Toyota, Irene Hirano, Senator Inouye and Rep. Mineta were also included.

Japanese samurai heart-throb Ichikawa Raizo was named by Shirley Omori, while June Tanoue from Portland came away from sessions with the Dalai Lama very impressed.

But, Tanoue added, "having heroes/heroines...are so alien-

ating in a way—they separate us from them and might keep us from turning into our own special kind of heroes and heroines."

What we're trying to do is get a composite picture of who our readers view as "positive" and what are the qualities in people we find admirable. So far, we are getting a totally different picture than what U.S. News and World Report painted. It's definitely reassuring to me. But keep those replies coming.

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Meanwhile, back in the city of angels, I'm slowly learning my way around. The freeways are a definite culture shock. So many cars. But there are some advantages. I've decided that driving on the freeways here is the closest I'll ever come to feeling like Magic Johnson leading a fast break, finding the open lane, and driving to the basket. The only difference, of course, is I cannot pass the ball to anyone. It's me against a million other drivers, all looking for the open lane, all

trying to fast break. No defense strategists here. All offense.

There is another difference, really. If someone cuts in front of Magic, he's charged with a blocking foul. If someone cuts in front of me, it's injury or even death time; which means that there's not much fast-breaking on my part. Just fast braking. When caught up in a chicken game at 70 mph, I generally swallow my pride and give in. Except against Jaguars, Mercedes, and Ferraris. They give in all the time. Those drivers have a lot more at stake than me, a Toyota Corolla driver.

I'm sure anyone coming down here notices the number of cars. And the lack of parking spaces. And the overwhelming number of car washes. Do-it-yourself car washes where you put in 4 quarters to soap your car, 4 more to rinse it off, maybe another 3 to

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It struck me as odd at first, but after three weeks down here, I noticed this black film coating my car. And to think, this is what I've been breathing. Made me wheeze just thinking about it. These past few weeks have been incredibly bad air-wise.

Getting back to car washes, I rarely washed my truck in Portland. The only time I did was after St. Helens blew a whole lot of ash into Portland. It's like that every day here. I keep looking for the volcano that blew up around here. Must be all those fast-breaking machines erupting on the freeway.

## HIRABAYASHI

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of the government in preparation for the trial. She did not have experience obtaining FBI files, she said.

Previously, Dr. Peter Irons and Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga had attested to the difficulty of finding and obtaining copies of documents, some of which were not known to exist prior to 1980. Irons had gone to six different locations and examined 20 different collections in research for his book on the internment cases, *Justice At War*. Herzig-Yoshinaga had searched in a dozen different locations in her private research and in work for the CWRIC.

Both felt that the necessary documentation, some of it classified until very recently, could not have been pieced together any earlier, contrary to the government's claims.

In testimony on his own behalf, Hirabayashi said that he was still personally handicapped by the feeling that he was not a full American citizen. "This same cloud," he concluded, "hangs over all 120,000 Americans affected. As long as this precedent stands, it could be used again. The precedent is very much alive."

The in-court portion of the trial ended June 27, following testimony of the last witness, archival researcher Jack Herzig. Closing arguments will be written and submitted to the court by both sides this summer. Judge Donald S. Voorhees is expected to hand down a written ruling in October.

At the end of the court proceedings, Hirabayashi thanked his team of attorneys, who have donated over \$400,000 in free legal services. In addition to Hall and Kawakami, the team includes Kathryn Bannai, Arthur Barnett, Dan Ichinaga, Gary Iwamoto, Craig Kobayashi, Michael Leong, Sharon Sakamoto and Benson Wong.

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