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CIVIC RECEPTION—JACL v.p. Rose Ochi and Los Angeles city councilman Gilbert Lindsay share a light moment at opening reception for the "Japanese American Experience in California" exhibit at L.A. City Hall on July 12.

JACL supports new congressional civil rights legislation

WASHINGTON—At a press conference held on the front steps of the U.S. Capitol, the JACL, along with other civil rights organizations, announced its support for the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985.

JACL Washington representative G. Tim Gojio presented a statement endorsing passage of this bill at a rally organized by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The rally was held July 2, the 21st anniversary of the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The Restoration Act has been introduced in response to the 1984 Supreme Court decision in the Grove City College case, under which an institution receiving federal money could discriminate against an individual on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, disability or age, so long as the federal funds are not used directly in the discriminatory program or

activity.

Thus, for instance, a college or university could discriminate against a woman or a Japanese American in the math department although it receives federal monies in the Student Financial Aid Department.

The statement reads, in part: "America has always taken great pride in defending the rights of individuals. This sentiment is one of the underlying principles of the U.S. Constitution. Unfortunately, this government does not always live up to the high ideals and beliefs in that great document. There are always people who... will profess belief in equality, but are unwilling to practice that belief... Sometimes the lawmakers or the courts have heeded their arguments and denied the values embodied in the Constitution, and have turned their backs on those most in need of its protection."

"Japanese Americans coming to the shores of this nation in the late 19th century inherited a terrible legacy of anti-Asian hostility and discrimination. The Japanese... came to this country seeking greater freedom and economic opportunity for themselves and their children. Instead, they found themselves second-class citizens in a nation professing equality..."

"Nonetheless, these Issei... made this country their home, and raised their children, urging them to be 'good Americans.' Their daughters and sons... retained a great faith in the basic ideals of America..."

"Such faith and determination was sorely tested when this nation interned... Americans of Japanese descent during WW2... Never were the protections of individuals voiced in the Constitution so desperately needed. Never were such rights so wantonly trampled."

"Despite being wrongfully labeled as disloyal... Japanese Americans served nobly and heroically both in Europe and the Pacific... Many of those who fought and died... came from the Japanese American detention camps..."

"Now we, along with many other concerned Americans, are seeking to right the injustices of the past. Legislation is pending now in this Congress which would finally provide a meaningful apology to those who were interned..."

"The JACL, the oldest and largest organization representing the interests of Americans of Japanese descent, by official action at its May board meeting, endorsed passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. It is our strongly held belief that federal monies should not be used to finance discrimination at any level. This is the least that is owed to the citizens of this nation."

WW2 accusation still haunts Nisei attorney

by Frank Abe

SEATTLE—Kenji Ito, a former Seattle attorney, was surprised to learn he'd been described as a one-time spy for Japan in last month's trial pitting Gordon Hirabayashi against the U.S. government (see last week's PC). "That's a lie," he said. "That shows you what kind of a case they have, doesn't it?"

Justice Dept. attorney Victor Stone leaned on the appearance of Ito's name in a decoded diplomatic cable as evidence that the Japanese had successfully recruited a Japanese American as a source of sensitive information prior to Pearl Harbor.

Stone introduced a select number of the approximately 116,000 intercepted and deciphered messages code-named "Magic" by U.S. counter-intelligence chiefs. He argued that his evidence undermined the contention of Hirabayashi's attorneys that the U.S. in 1941 had no evidence of possible Japanese American disloyalty.

Retired codebreaker David Lowman, who worked 28 years for the National Security Agency, testified that a June 1941 cable from Tokyo ordered Japanese consular officials in the U.S. to recruit Japanese Americans as sources of war information. When asked if he could conclude that any Japanese Americans were in fact recruited, Lowman replied, "Magic names a half-dozen or so names."

A former counter-intelligence officer, retired Lt. Col. Jack Her-

zig, later testified that the Japanese may have tried, but that nothing in the cables or any other intelligence reports shows they succeeded. He also dismissed five of the six names to which Lowman referred as those of Japanese consular employees, not Japanese Americans.

Ito Singled Out

That left one cable dated May 11, 1941, in which a consular official in Seattle notified Tokyo that in order to make contacts with organizations opposed to America's entry into the war, he was "making use of a second generation Japanese lawyer by the name of Ito."

In the documents submitted as a government exhibit, Ito's name was blanked out by the clerk who declassified the cable, but the government corroborated the name by reference to an Army intelligence report that repeats the names in the original, uncensored cables.

When contacted by Seattle radio station KIRO, Ito said he couldn't figure out how the Japanese in 1941 thought they were using him. Ito, who is 76, still practices law out of an office in the Little Tokyo section of Los Angeles.

Presenting Japan's Side

Ito said that in 1941 he was well known as a debater for the University of Washington who would often be invited to speak before such groups as the Seattle Rotary. On those occasions, he said, he would be asked to take a rhetorical posi-

tion in favor of the Japanese invasion and occupation of Manchuria.

"I'd engaged in debates, some with a professor—I think his name was Pollard, of the University of Washington—whom I'd debated over the radio. That's all there is to it. I was never employed by the Japanese consulate, never compensated by Japanese official sources in any way."

"Maybe some people in Japan thought that I was serving their cause when I did these things," he added, "but I was just doing it for my own satisfaction, and because I felt that both sides of the question should be presented in a matter as important as this, and certainly there was nobody to defend or to even set forth Japan's position in those days."

As for his position on the Japanese military, Ito said he "was not in favor of everything that they were doing" but that "it was necessary for Japan to expand, I felt, in order to obtain raw materials from other countries in order to survive."

Ito claims it never occurred to him that his public speaking could raise suspicions about his loyalty to the U.S., although he acknowledged being the object of "slandering remarks" by other Japanese Americans who "probably thought I was disloyal."

"I was not apologetic. I was expressing myself as an American—of Japanese ancestry, of course—who knew something about Japan and Japanese history."

During WW2, Ito was accused of being an agent of the Japanese government. Ironically, he was tried in the same federal courthouse in Seattle in which his name was again raised in 1985. After a one-week trial he was acquitted of an espionage-related charge—failure to register as an agent of a foreign power—on April 1, 1943.

In his cross-examination of Herzig, attorney Stone contended that the mention of one Japanese American's name in a secret Japanese cable cast suspicion on all Japanese Americans at that time.

"I'm very much flattered, but it doesn't hold water," Ito said. "It doesn't justify evacuating 120,000 Japanese from the West Coast, just on account of what a single person said publicly in connection

with Japanese-American relations or Japanese-Chinese relations. They're certainly resting their case on a slender thread."

Ito also revealed that until now he'd been ambivalent on the issue of redress. But he added, "Now that I know how determined the government apparently is to try to harm the Japanese Americans, I'm all for redress so we can get to rock bottom and determine once and for all our position."

"Some have taken the position that Japanese Americans have been fully vindicated and considered loyal Americans on par with the general population, so why bring it up? But after this conversation, [I see] it's still an unsettled issue and we should get to the bottom of this."



Visual Communications executive administrator Linda Mabalot (2nd from left) and Atlantic Richfield Foundation communications director Albert Greenstein display a

\$5,000 award given VC by ARCO for development of photographic archives. Looking on are VC board president Doug Aihara and VC development director Nancy Araki.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

by
Frank Sato

Redress is the act of righting a wrong.

The federal government was wrong to relocate and intern Japanese Americans during WW2. This is not simply a statement of fairness and emotion; it is the reasoned judgement of an independent, congressionally mandated commission.

After two years of extensive hearings and studies, this panel recommended in 1983 that:

(1) Congress adopt a joint resolution, to be signed by the President, which formally apologizes for this "grave injustice."

(2) Those convicted of violating wartime curfews be pardoned by the President, along with other ethnic Japanese who refused to obey racially discriminatory laws.

(3) Japanese Americans be allowed to apply with federal agen-

cies for restitution of jobs, status or entitlements lost during the war.

(4) Congress establish a special foundation for educational and humanitarian purposes related to this wartime injustice.

(5) Congress establish a fund for personal redress amounting to \$1.5 billion, for payments of \$20,000 to each surviving internee, with the remaining money used for public educational purposes.

Now it is up to the JACL and the community to see that the recommendations of this commission are enacted into law by Congress and the President. There is a basic constitutional principle at stake.

Personal justice denied to some by reason of race denies to all the equal justice guaranteed as a constitutional right. We are a nation of laws, and law-breakers are punished by fines or imprisonment. The proper redress when government itself violates our Constitution is financial reparations.

In the Selanoco chapter's newsletter, President Frank Kuwase eloquently expressed the compelling reasons for supporting redress and also the difficult

challenges facing us:

"Many Japanese Americans want to lose their Japanese identity and redress is a constant reminder of their identity."

"Many JAs don't want to create a scene and redress demands that you create a scene and be recognized."

"Many JAs don't like to support underdogs or unpopular issues and redress is an underdog and unpopular issue."

"Many sanseis don't remember the relocation camps or weren't even born, and redress is righting a wrong that occurred over 40 years ago."

"Many JAs are optimistic about the future and redress is a constant reminder that relocation may happen again."

"I often wonder why I'm for redress. My basic answer is that a wrong has been committed and the only way to right a wrong in the USA is monetary compensation."

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Your financial support is critical to help us carry on. In Washington, D.C. there is guarded optimism that right will prevail. Somehow, someday, we know we cannot fail, but we need funds from all JACLers, all Japanese Americans and Americans at large.

The JACL/LEC fund drive is in process—whatever amount you can share in the cause will be appreciated.

Redress is another crucial program we seek to add on to a long list of achievements by the JACL over the last 55 years. Let us unite in the cause. Let us move forward together.

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Fundraising for Kimura continues

by Katie Kaori Hayashi

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The Fumiko Kimura Fair Trial Committee (FKFTC) is working actively to help Kimura, who is charged with two counts each of first degree murder and child endangering.

On January 29, Kimura, 32, a Japanese national, walked into the Santa Monica surf with her 4-year-old son and 6-month-old daughter in an attempted parent-child suicide after discovering that her husband of six years had had a mistress for three years. Kimura and her children were pulled out of the water by onlookers, but both children died.

At the preliminary hearings on March 28 and April 18, Judge Rex Minter of Santa Monica Municipal Court decided to try Kimura in Superior Court. The pretrial hearing scheduled for June 14 was postponed to July 15 because Kimura's attorney, Gerald Klausner, needed more time for preparation.

On June 14, Miyako Desai, petition chair for FKFTC, handed in

petitions for clemency with 4,067 signatures to the new deputy district attorney, Lauren Weis, who had taken over the case because former D.A. Louise Comar moved to San Luis Obispo.

Since May, 2,000 copies of a petition on Kimura's behalf, donated by Rev. Ren Kimura, director of human services at San Fernando Japanese Community Center, have been circulated in Little Tokyo, San Fernando Valley, Gardena, East Los Angeles, Ventura County and Orange County. Desai said that the petition campaign will continue until the end of Kimura's trial.

The first Kimura fundraiser was held June 23 at the S.F. Japanese Community Center because Kimura had lived in the area. *Minyo* (folk songs) were performed by the Retsuchie Takehana troupe of San Gabriel, Japanese folk dances by Kikuta-kai of San Fernando Valley, Okinawan dances by Mitsuko Sugiura and *karaoke* songs by the Valley Karaoke Group. Sumiko Ono, steering committee

member of FKFTC and social worker at Little Tokyo Service Center, hosted the three-hour show.

More than 120 persons attended. The majority were Issei who sympathized with Kimura and liked old Japanese songs. Some came from as far away as Orange County and some donated \$50 for Kimura. The committee has raised more than \$3,000 so far.

Before the show, Yoshiko Yamaguchi, steering committee member of FKFTC and social worker at S.F. Valley Japanese Community Center, appealed to the audience for support of Kimura using a Japanese saying, "*Tsumi o nikunde hito o nikumazu*" (Hate the crime but do not hate the criminal).

Ono said that Kimura was not the only Japanese woman in the L.A. area who had attempted to commit parent-child suicide. She added that she had received a call from a woman who, like Kimura, believed she had been betrayed by her husband and was looking for a place to die. The woman regained composure after talking with Ono several times by phone.

"A telephone call... could have saved Kimura, if she had done so before the incident," said Ono, adding that the isolation of Japanese women in the U.S. has surfaced as an issue because of Kimura's act.

For the Record

In the June 28 PC, a line was misplaced in Bill Marutani's column entitled "Anne Frank." The first part of the third paragraph should have read as follows:

"I only wish that I shared such unreserved faith and trust, and perhaps in terms of centuries I may subscribe to such hope. Maybe that's why I was so touched by Anne Frank's words and was moved to save them."

In the July 5 PC, it was erroneously reported that Bill and Vicky Marutani contributed \$500 to the LEC. The Marutanis contributed \$500 to their chapter's redress fund in addition to \$1,000 to the LEC.

PC regrets both errors.

Frying in L.A.

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro



A while back I interviewed for a job—the type of job that every community organizer probably has applied for at some point in time, a minority advocacy job for a bureaucratic entity: governmental, educational or church oriented.

These jobs attract a certain type of person, generally someone with a Masters in Social Work (MSW) who has worked with minority communities—"do-gooders," liberals with a counseling background. Long hours, low pay, but it looks good on a resume.

Having neither a formal background in counseling (but having done a lot of hand-holding in my time) nor an MSW, I was nevertheless working my way through the interview fairly well, despite my lack of knowledge of counseling and sociological terminology, when the question was posed, "What kind of experience have you had in crisis management?"

I didn't have the slightest idea what that meant, other than combining the two words, "crisis" and "management." So I quickly collected my thoughts and replied, "My whole life has been one of crisis management. A crisis a day keeps the doctor away, you know." And then I related my life history (the parts full of crises). The interviewing panel enjoyed my answers and were kept laughing. However, it wasn't what they were looking for. They didn't buy it. I didn't get the job.

For a long time after, I won-

dered what "crisis management" (CM) was, and how one acquired experience in CM if just living didn't provide that. Obviously, trying to work 2 jobs, cook, keep house, attend school assemblies and PTA meetings, tend a sick child and juggle a tight schedule to accommodate numerous sociopolitical and family obligations did not qualify.

After running a restaurant for a few years and daily finding creative ways to pay off bills without any cash, I thought perhaps I was gaining much experience in CM. But I was still uncertain.

However, I now know what it is. It's just another term for being the editor of the PC. Hardly a day goes by without something happening.

Right now we're in the midst of a heat wave in L.A., no air conditioning in our new office, the typesetting machines are complaining bitterly about working in 90+ degrees (even our new "Rolls Royce" typesetting machine) and everyone is calling and asking when their article or announcement is going to be printed. This is no crisis a day, this is a crisis per hour. In 90+ degrees. And 60% humidity. I really don't blame the machines. I feel like joining them on the picket line.

Seriously, though, when I was interviewed for this job by Hank Sakai, he guaranteed that it would be an exciting challenge. Well, that it is and more.

One last note, any of you MSW types out there who can tell me what CM is, please write. I'm still trying to find out.

AAJA scholarships awarded



Joann Gekko accepts her award at AAJA reception. Of 11 winners, she was the only one to receive two scholarships.

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Journalists Assn. awarded \$12,800 in college scholarships to 11 aspiring Asian American journalists at a reception held June 28 at the Times Mirror Building. Chosen from among more than 50 applicants throughout the country, the winners are:

AAJA Scholarships: (\$1,300)—Seiko Sato, University of Washington, Seattle; (\$1,000)—Catalina Camia, USC, and Sau Ying Chu, California State University, Fresno; (\$500)—Leslie Doi, Konan University, Kobe, Japan, and Peter Pae, UCLA; (\$250)—Kristine Kimotsuki, UCLA, and Heidi Chang, UC Berkeley.

Times Mirror Scholarship (\$2,500)—Laralyn Sasaki, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University at Athens, and Frank Buckley, USC.

KCBS-TV Scholarship (\$1,000)—Joann Gekko, USC, who also won a \$1,000 AAJA scholarship; Benihana Scholarship (\$1,000)—Tim Kawakami, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Speakers at the reception, which was hosted by the L.A. Times, included Benihana owner Rocky Aoki, who will donate \$2,000 to the scholarship fund next year; AAJA president Tritia Toyota and executive director Karen Seriguchi; Suzanne Campi, Times Mirror; and Frank Gardner, KCBS-TV.

AAJA, which raised its scholarship funds at last year's benefit dinner, has awarded \$18,000 to 30 students in past years.

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the term in my *jiten*. *Hyakusho* is written with two characters: *hyaku* ("one hundred") and *sei* (the *kun yomi*) meaning "surname" or perhaps "nature." *Sei* itself is a combination of two characters: *onna* ("female") on the left side and *ikiru* (to "live") on the right side. So a mechanistic breakdown of *hyakusho* may be "the lives of one hundred women." Actually, the definitions include "farmer"—which is comprehensible—as well as "peasant," which is probably closer to the experiences many of us have had.

ALL OF THIS comes about because of my mind drifting back to my youth as I putter about in my vegetable garden. As I'm stringing the peas (*kawa-kui-mame*), I recalled working at Taketa's farm in O'Brien (State of Washington) stringing the growing peas all day, from sunup to sundown. Under a hot blazing sun, walking on scorching soil whose heat came right through the tennis shoes (we didn't call them "sneakers" back in those days). I remember working the hoe or a hand tiller all day at the Tsuruzaki farm in Auburn—with that same scorching sun beating down

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all day. Wherever it was, it was work, work, work, with no letup. No one hour lunches either.

AND SO, TODAY, as I lovingly tend my vegetable garden, the back beginning to ache much sooner than it used to, one will discern a faint smile on my face: here I am, laboring in dirt, weeding, tilling, watering, and so forth, violating the pledge that I made so many times as a youth laboring in the farm fields, "Never again!" And then I remember a song I heard while in college, the title of which was: "How Ya'

Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm, After They've Seen Paree?" (Well, if that isn't the title, those are the opening words to the song.) The corollary to that is: "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy."

And hence, my vegetable garden.

IT ISN'T MUCH of a garden, at least in terms of size. "Postage stamp" might be an apt description. But we have *nasubi* (Japanese eggplants), *kyuri* (Japanese cucumbers), tomatoes

(cherry and beefsteak), celery and some odds 'n ends such as cantaloupe and midget watermelon. Years back I insisted upon spading the entire garden, tough as it was; something about good exercise. But when the aches came on, we invested in some motorized equipment and that postage stamp gets a real working over. Even when it doesn't need it.

I ONLY WISH I had that motorized equipment to do the weeding back in White River Valley.

And how.

Remembrances of Brazil

by Violet de Cristoforo

I would like to add my comments to the well-written article "Yogurt and Farming in São Paulo" by Misao Sakamoto in the Oct. 26 PC. Because the 1985 Pan American Nikkei Convention is to be held in São Paulo, it might be timely to relate some of the experiences my friends and I encountered there following the 1983 PANA convention.

After the fruitful Lima Convention, a few of us extended our trip to Iguassu Falls, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. Traveling with me were: Mrs. Dorothy Fujimoto (S.F.), Mr. Leo Hayashi (L.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hirasuna (Fresno), Dr. and Mrs. T. Mayeda (Denver), Mr. and Mrs. M. Sakamoto (Palo Alto), Mr. Frank Sakata (Watsonville), and Mr. and Mrs. Akira Yoshida (L.A.).

In São Paulo we were met by the Yakult representative there and escorted to first-class restau-

rants, shopping excursions and sightseeing. São Paulo offers surprisingly good restaurants, many with international cuisine and Japanese dishes as delicious as the best Tokyo has to offer. The sashimi and sushi are comparable to the *oishii* preparations in Japan. Much of the tuna and other fish caught in Brazilian waters is shipped by air to restaurants in Bangkok, Japan and Korea.

At a Japanese restaurant owned and operated by a former Japanese actress we had the choice of many separate dishes, superbly prepared and served with excellent sake. At a sushi bar in another part of town we were served clam-miso soup and various fresh fish nigiri sushi in a decor that gave the illusion of being in Tokyo. And the Yakult representative ushered us to a spectacular Japanese restaurant with a beautiful Japanese garden for our "farewell dinner."

Leather goods are of good quali-

ty, abundant and reasonably priced, but the highlight of the trip to Brazil has to be shopping for locally mined gems and precious stones, especially emeralds, garnets, aquamarine, tourmaline, topaz, amethyst and citrine. Good-quality rings range from under \$100 to over \$1,000 and, with the devaluation of Brazilian currency last year, prices are about a third less than in the United States, making jewelry shopping a unique adventure in the world's treasure chest of gemstones and jewelry.

But, as always, when one is not a jewelry expert one must know the jeweler and we were fortunate to have the advice of the Yakult representative, who escorted us to the best and most reliable shops and was able to get us a good discount on everything we bought. Thus, we were treated to the sight of Nikkei married men, traveling alone, buying lovely jewelry for their wives even though they had never done so previously.

Another advantage is that Brazil is designated as one of the "Beneficiary Developing Countries" by the United States and a wide range of Brazilian products are admitted duty free.

Yakult/Japan is a business conglomerate specializing in various health and nutritional foods and drinks. Besides yogurt, soft drinks from fruits and vegetables, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, woolen textiles and instant foods, it is engaged in land development and housing.

Yakult/Brazil, one of its subsidiaries, successfully engages in dairy farming, fruit growing and manufacturing of yogurt and other dairy products.

Mrs. Fujimoto and Mr. Hayashi accompanied me to the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Macahico

Funds Still Needed

On behalf of LEC, thank you to all donors who brought the Concerned Americans Redress Pursuit (CARP) cash position to

Tisaka of São Paulo. Mr. Tisaka is now the chairman of the organizing committee of the PANA III Convention to be held in that city July 25 to 29.

The two very bright and studious teen-age Tisaka boys are looking forward to enrolling in American schools in a few years when their parents hope to visit this country.

There are many Nihonmachi in Brazilian cities and the Brazilian Nikkei make their own miso, shoyu and other products formerly imported from Japan. In São Paulo the exciting Japantown is known as Liberdade, and Mr. and Mrs. Tisaka hosted a luncheon for us at a fine restaurant in this area.

There really is much more than coffee in Brazil. In Rio de Janeiro a visit to the real Copacabana Beach with its incredible white sand is a must, as is a trip to Sugar Loaf and Corcovado for spectacular views of what is considered by many the most beautiful city in the world.

Many Brazilian Nikkei have done well economically and are always hospitable to the Nikkei from North America. Those attending the 1985 PANA Convention will find that a four-day visit to Brazil is not quite long enough.

The president of the Pan American Nikkei Assn., Señor Carlos Kasuga, is the Yakult/Mexico representative.

Hope to see you at the PANA Convention!

\$22,000 in one month. By August 2, LEC must reach the CARP cash position of \$66,000 to stay on target. If the 48 prime solicitors can each raise \$1,000, the goal can be obtained. Incidentally, we need many more prime solicitors. Two hundred more is not excessive. Concerned JACLers, please rush to your District LEC keyperson and volunteer yourself as a prime solicitor.

Your LEC Fund Drive chair sees some JACL leaders of the present and past not having climbed on board to support fundwise JACL's number one priority pursuit. If the leaders don't buy into the pursuit, isn't it difficult to ask the grassroots?

Your LEC Fund Drive chair has not tapped the Sanseis and Yonseis for money because his personal feelings were that Niseis were in a better position to donate, having taken care of most of their financial obligations, like sending their kids to school, paying off most of the low interest home mortgages, etc. However, perhaps the Sanseis and the Yonseis could divert \$25 or \$50 now and then by cutting back on some of their favorite fund-consuming activities for a very worthy cause—redress.

The clarion call is loud and clear! Redress pursuit needs money. Forty years from now, when our progenies read about what the Concerned Americans did on the redress pursuit, don't we want to leave a historical record which we can look at with pride?

HARRY KAJIHARA
Oxnard, Calif.

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War Was Hell, And Still Is

Forgive an old man for reminiscing, but it seems proper this month 35 years after the United States first got an inkling that it was not invulnerable.

You will recall that Communist North Korea, taking at face value Secretary of State Dean Acheson's statement that the Korean peninsula was not within our immediate sphere of interest, invaded the South late in June of 1950. From the North Korean point of view, President Truman double-crossed them when he ordered U.S. troops under the United Nations banner to go to South Korea's aid.

The first month of the war was unmitigated disaster for the United States and its hapless South Korean allies. The North Koreans, spearheaded by columns of Russian-built tanks, won one bat-

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



tle after another as they raced deep into the South.

A month after the fighting broke out my newspaper sent me to Korea as its first war correspondent. A beat-up little C47 dropped me off at Taegu. I claimed a cot in the press billets in an old schoolhouse, and each day we hitch-hiked to the Nakdong front.

I had missed the horror and carnage of World War II. But I saw it

in Korea. Cities shattered. Villages burning. Long columns of fleeing refugees. American dead and wounded. The body of a G.I. on a stretcher, his blond hair waving in the breeze, one side of his handsome face unmarred, the other side blown completely away. The body of a North Korean soldier who appeared to be no more than 14 years old, a first aid kit clutched in his lifeless hands, the top of his skull gone and his brains oozing out on the ground. Battered bodies floating down the Nakdong. Fly-covered bodies between the rows of a soybean field waiting to be picked up and buried.

Here and there I ran across Nisei, retread infantrymen from the 442nd, and interpreters rushed to the front from occupation duty in Japan because most adult Kore-

ans spoke Japanese.

A correspondent doesn't have to wait out the night in a foxhole. I flew with the Air Force and sailed with the Navy. They gave me a room on the Valley Forge, a carrier which had a laundry and ice cream machines and bottomless coffee urns. On dive-bomber missions I shared the fear that is the pilot's daily companion, but in the air the war seemed far until the under-wing rockets took off with a whoosh.

All that was 35 years ago and between then and now we've had another war in which our vulnerability was demonstrated beyond doubt. We've had superpower and non-power confrontations beyond number. The entire fabric of our social structure has been changed vastly for the better, partly due to

the wars that exposed the sham and hypocrisy in our claims of democracy.

When I went off to report the war, No. 1 son Mike wasn't quite 10 years old. I told him he was the man of the house, and it was his responsibility to look after his Mom and his 6-year-old sister Susan, his 2-year-old brother Pete and his baby sister Christie. He did a good job.

They were somewhat older when, a decade and a half later, I went to Vietnam to look in another war that in many respects was even worse than Korea. Today, those little kids are all grown up and have children of their own. I hope none of them has to go fight a war, be in a war, or even report on one. That's what I hoped when I came home 35 years ago. I still do.

More Money, More Members

by Henry S. Sakai

Continuing from last week, former JACL national treasurer and Pacific Citizen board chair Sakai expresses his concerns about what is happening (or not happening) in JACL at the national level.

Finances and Membership

Membership is lagging from last year by 5 to 10%. If that continues, it will have a significant impact on both JACL income and Pacific Citizen subscription income. Expenses at National are running higher this year and income is lower. Part of this is caused because JACL is still maintaining the redress program. Redress funds have dropped off and very little outside funds come in, so membership is the primary source.

I was hoping, having written to several Board members, that the National Board would take some

decisive action at the May meeting to reduce spending and, more importantly, take some action to stimulate membership recruitment the second half of the year and try to avoid a shortfall. I understand the treasurer did sound the alarm and made a plea, but it fell on deaf ears. Since LEC is starting to take over the redress campaign, we can eliminate the JACL part and utilize those people on the LEC side. This would probably save \$100,000.

If I recall, part of the national director's "Action 85" plan specified increasing membership 5% a year and the VP of membership had as her biennium goal 25%. I can guarantee this won't happen without any plan or action. In '84 they implemented the contest and incentive programs that I had proposed before and picked up about 3%.

I'm concerned not only about the National budget but also that of the PC. Since I have volunteered to help PC board chair Dr. Cliff Uyeda oversee PC's finances, PC is having a struggle because advertising income has been slow and a drop in membership subscription will hurt. However, we are taking action to try and increase advertising income and non-membership subscriptions.

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Fundraising

JACL is notoriously poor at organizing and raising funds, and although a lot of talk has gone by about getting corporate funds, other than the \$10,000 from Chevron for health fairs, I don't think we get anything else. It seems that

fundraising and membership are a low priority for the national director or National Board. Even the fundraising campaigns we do attempt are usually poorly planned and implemented without follow-through, so they are only partially successful.

In 1983 the 1000 Club chair announced without any planning a Mike Masaoka Fellows Fund in honor of Mr. JACL. An excellent idea, but poorly planned, and some of the Board members questioned whether we should go ahead. But since it was already announced in the PC by 1,000 Club chair Frank Sakamoto, he asked members of the National Board to help get it off the ground. The ways & means chair would then develop and implement the program.

I think one member became a \$1,000 Fellow and about ten of us signed up as Sustainers for \$200 a year for five years. However, as far as I can see the program never really got implemented and nothing has been done since. So in-

stead of the \$500,000 to \$1 million that the ways & means chair predicted, they have less than \$20,000.

In fact, the only thing I've heard about the program is a notice that I received a couple weeks ago saying I didn't send in my second payment in 1984. That's true. I can't see paying into a non-existent program, so I've stopped payments until something is done to get the program going to do justice in calling it a Mike Masaoka Fellow. If that's all they're going to do, maybe they should name a Fellows fund for each past president and maybe each fund would get a couple thousand dollars.

What's the message? It's that National (board and staff) should do better planning, implementation and follow-through; otherwise forget it. Every past fund drive that didn't do as well as it should have can be attributed to these reasons, not because the potential wasn't there. Hopefully LEC will have greater success...

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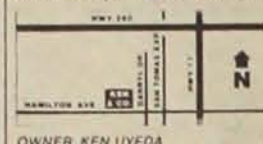
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pursuits of professional opportunities.

Tokuda was selected because of her strong commitment to community service. As a member of a major Bay Area news team, Tokuda serves as an important role model for minority youth. She takes the time to talk to students about her background and broadcasting.

Tokuda volunteers a lot of her time to assist charity fund raising events and she personally financed a scholarship program from 1982-1984 at San Francisco State University for low-income minorities and women studying broadcast journalism.

She is currently president of the Northern California chapter of the Asian American Journalist Association.

In addition to her anchoring responsibilities, Tokuda works on news series. In 1983, the California Associated Press Television-Radio Association awarded her series on drunk driving, "None for the Road," first place in the category Best Newswriter.

"Work, Jobs and the Japanese" won for Best Mini-series. Tokuda's series on Japan was also awarded the 1984 Thomas More Storke International Award of Excellence by the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Tokuda was born and raised in Seattle, Wash., and graduated cum laude in 1972 from the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in political science.

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Placer County awards 4 scholarships

by Roy Yoshida

PENRYN, Calif.—Recipients of this year's Placer County JACL and JACL-administered California First Bank of Roseville scholarships, and of the Okei Memorial Achievement Awards, have been announced by Lee Kusumoto, JACL community services chair.

Karen Kiyo Alman, 17, a graduate of Placer Union H.S. in Auburn and daughter of Richard Alman and Joyce Uyeda Parks, won the \$500 JACL-Thomas M. Yego, Sr. Award. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and has a 3.25 GPA.

Alman served as student body treasurer, student activities and copy editor of the school yearbook,

and treasurer of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). She participated in spring musicals and played on the varsity hockey team.

A four-year member of the Soroptimist service club, she is the Soroptimist Sierra Nevada region's outstanding S Club member for 1984-85. She plans to attend UC Davis as a political science major with a career goal in law and politics.

Due to the closeness of qualifications of two applicants for the second place award, the scholarship committee decided to present two runner-up awards of \$200 each, displacing the third place award.

Tatsuo Dan Morimoto, 17, a graduate of Placer Union H.S. and son of Kay and Sadako Morimoto, was presented the JACL-Sgt. Masa Sakamoto Award. He has a 3.61 GPA, is a member of CSF, Key Club and Spanish club, and was named Junior Statesman of America. He plans to enter Sierra College this fall as a science major with a career goal in medicine.

Dorothy Kiyomi Hirota, 17, a graduate of Del Oro H.S. in Loomis and daughter of Tom and Hitomi Hirota, was presented the Placer JACL Award. With a 3.63 GPA, she is a recipient of the Del Oro Cum Laude Academic Award, and a member of science club, homecoming committee and the vice-principal's office staff.

She served in the Roseville

Community Hospital Junior Auxiliary and Placer Young Buddhist Assn. and was hostess at the JACL annual Goodwill Dinner. She plans to attend Sierra College as a business management major seeking an upper-level managerial position.

James Dean Takahashi, 17, honor roll graduate of Del Oro H.S. and son of Milton and Setsuko Takahashi, was awarded the \$200 California First Bank of Roseville Scholarship. He received two Academic Achievement Awards as well as a Del Oro "Number One" award from Principal Alfred Nobili. He excelled in wrestling, football and boxing, and was named wrestling team captain and most improved wrestler in his senior year. He plans to attend Si-

erra College as a business major with a career goal in financing.

The four scholarship recipients and their parents were chapter guests at the annual scholarship fund dinner on June 8 at Placer Buddhist Church.

Winners of Okei Memorial Achievement Awards, which are presented annually to outstanding graduates of Gold Trail Elementary School in Gold Hill, El Dorado County, were Ray Cabazuela and Karen Figges. They were awarded trophies as top scholars of their class and their names will be engraved on a plaque at the school.

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