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 Gojo 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 a basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or condition of citizenship. Federal funds are not used directly in the discriminatory program or activity.

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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 Japanese Americans were in fact Japanese American disloyalty.

He argued that Hirabayashi's attorneys that the U.S. in 1941 had no evidence of possible espionage-related charges or Japanese-American disloyalty. Stone leaned on consular officials in the U.S. to recruit Japanese Americans as sources of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or condition of citizenship. Federal funds are not used directly in the discriminatory program or activity.

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

Ito added, "but I was just doing it for fun...I was never employed by the government. Ironically, I was tried in the same federal court-house in Seattle in which his name was raised in 1985. After a one-week trial he was acquitted of an espionage-related charge..."I was never employed by the National Security Agency, not Japanese-American as a source of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or condition of citizenship. Federal funds are not used directly in the discriminatory program or activity.

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Funding 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 endangerment.

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 bothchildren died.

At the preliminary hearings on March 28 and April 18, Judge Rex 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. Minayo (folk songs) were performed by the Ret inscription Takehama tradition of San Gabriel, Japanese folk dances by Kikita-kai of San Fernando Valley. Okinawan dances by Misako Sugitara and karaoke songs by the Valley Karaoke Group. Susuke Aoki, 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 Issel who sympathized with Kimura and liked old Japanese songs. Some came from as far away as Orange County. The committee donated $50 for Kimura. The committee has raised more than $3,000 so far.

Before the show, Yoshiko Yasamichi, 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, “Tsu-mi o niku kunede hito o niku masu.” (Hate the time but do not hate the criminal.

Ono said that Kimura was not only the Japanese woman in the L.A. area who had attempted to commit suicide last year due to her husband’s infidelity. 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, who assisted her in getting their articles turned in. “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 case.

For the Record

In the June 26 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 unsaved of faith and trust, and perhaps in terms of centuries I may subscribe to such hope. Maybe that parent-child suicide, Anne Frank’s words and was moved to save them.” In the column, it erroneously reported that Bill and Vivian Marutani contributed $500 to the LEC. The Marutani contributed $500 to their daughter’s redress fund in addition to $1,000 to the LEC. PC regrets both errors.

Joann Gekko accepts her award at AAJA reception held June 28 at the University of Washington State. The Journalists Association awarded $12,800 in college scholarships to 11 aspiring Asian American journalists at a dinner held June 28 at the University of Washington State. The Journalists Association awarded $12,800 in college scholarships to 11 aspiring Asian American journalists at a dinner held June 28 at the University of Washington State.
Remembrances of Brazil

by Violet de Cristofo

I would like to add my comments to the well-written article "Yogurt and Farming in São Paulo" by Misao Sakamoto in the Oct. 22 PC. Because the 1983 Pan American Convention will be held in São Paulo, it might be timely to relate some of the experiences my family and I encountered there following the convention.

In São Paulo we were met by Dr. and Mrs. Akira Yokoyama (Tokyo), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hirasuna (Fres no), Dr. and Mrs. Yoshio Fujimoto (Kobe), Mrs. Dorothy Fujimoto (S.F.), Mr. Leo Hayashi (L.A.), Mrs. and Mr. Fred Hirasuna (Fres no), Dr. and Mrs. Tayaudo (Los Angeles) and Mrs. and Mrs. Sakamoto (Pal 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 restaurants, shopping excursions and sightseeing. São Paulo offers surprisingly good food, many with international cuisine and Japanese dishes as delicious as the best Tokyo has to offer. The sushi and sashimi are comparable to what one might find in restaurants in Tokyo. And the Yakult representatives to the jeweler and we were fortunate to have the advice of the Yakult boys looking forward to enrolling in American schools in a few years when they earn a stipend for the university.

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

There really is 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., Senor Carlos Kasuga, is the Yakult/Mexico representative. Hope to see you at the PANA Convention!
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nessence, 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
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ed the South late in June of 1950.
From the North Korean point of
view, President Truman double­
crossed them when he ordered U.S.
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tions banner to go to South Ko­
rea’s aid.
The first month of the war was
unmitigated disaster for the Uni­
ted States and its hapless South
Korean allies. The North Korea­
ans, spearheaded by columns of
Russian-built tanks, won one bat­
tle after another as they raced
down to the South.
A month after the fighting
broke out my newspaper sent
me to Pyongyang, its first war cor­
respondent. A beat-up little C47
dropped me off at Taegu. I
began a cot in the press billet
in an old schoolhouse, and each
day we hitch-hiked to the Naktong
front.
I had missed the horror and car­
nage of World War II. But I saw it
in Korea. Cities shuttered. Vill­
ages burning. Long columns of
fleeing refugees. American dead
and wounded. The body of a G.I.
on a stretcher, his blond hair wav­
ing in the breeze, one of those
handsome faces unmarred, the
other side blown completely
down. 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 head blown off and
his brains oozing out on the ground.
Booted bodies floating down the
Naktong. Pus and screams be­
tween the rows of a soybean field
waiting to be picked up and burried.

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Placer County awards 4 scholarships
by Roy Yoshida
PENNY. 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 Unit H.S. in Auburn and daughter of Richard Alman and Joyce Uyeda Parks, won the 3000 JACL Academic Achievement Award. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and has a 4.25 GPA.

and treasurer of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). She par­ticipated as a varsity musicals and played on the varsity hockey team. A four-year member of the So­ropostin community service chair, she is the Soroptimist Sierra Nevada region’s outstanding S Club member for 1984-85. She plans to attend UC Davis as a biological science major with a career goal in law and politics.

Due to the closeness of qualifications of two applicants for the second place scholarship, the award committee decided to present a runner-up award 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 3.65 GPA, is a member of CSF, JACL Club and Spanish club, and was named Junior Statesman of America. He 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 $4000 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 Si­erra College as a business major with a career goal in finance. The four scholarship recipients and their parents were chapter guest at the annual scholarship fund dinner on June 8 at Placer Country Club.

Winners of Okei Memorial Achievement Awards, which are presented annually to outstanding Graduates of Gold Trail Ele­mentary School in Cal­ifornia First Bank of Roseville, and 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.

Assisting Kiyo Alman on the scholarship committee are chapter president Funaye Miyamoto, Jim Makimoto, Al Nitta, Bill Tsuji and Tad Yamashiro.