Coast-to-coast protests by Asians greet 'Year of the Dragon'

Young Democrats pass redress measure

MIAMI—The Young Democrats of America (YDA) voted to support redress for Japanese Americans interned during WWII at their national convention August 7-11. The measure was presented by California Young Democrats, who had earlier adopted redress into their platform.

Calif. Senate appropriates $750,000 for JA museum

SACRAMENTO—The Calif. Senate passed a bill Aug. 22 to appropriate $750,000 for a JA historical museum in Little Tokyo in Los Angeles. The bill, authored by Sen. Art Torres (D-South Pasadena), would give the money to Los Angeles if the city comes up with $1 million in matching funds.

Immigrant restaurant worker found not guilty

BOSTON—Long Guang Huang is asking for additional guarantees against police abuse, including compensation for Huang and a civilian review board.

A coalition of Los Angeles-area Asian Americans staged a march in front of Mann's Chinese Theater in Hollywood on August 23.

Six Asians victims of California killer

LOS ANGELES—Six of the 14 known victims of the serial killer called the Valley Instruder have been Asian Americans, according to the L.A. Times. They were:

- William Doi, 65, shot in the head at his Monterey Park home on May 14. His wife was assaulted but survived.
- Doi grew up in a middle-income household, had lived in the area for 30 years, and worked as a postal worker. After his death, his family said they were not notified of the attack until weeks later.
- Doi left behind a wife and two children, and the family was devastated by the attack.
- The family is calling for a vigorous investigation into the attack, and for the community to come together to support each other.

The family of William Doi is seeking answers and justice for their loved one's death. They are calling on authorities to do everything in their power to bring the perpetrator to justice.

If you have any information that may help solve this case, please contact the police immediately. This attack has broken the hearts of a family who were already struggling with grief and loss. We must come together as a community to support them.

The family of William Doi is calling on the community to stand with them in their time of grief and loss. They need our help to bring their loved one's killer to justice.

The family of William Doi is calling for a thorough investigation into the attack on their loved one. They are calling for justice and accountability for the perpetrator.

The family of William Doi is calling on the community to come together in support of their loved one's family. This attack has devastated a family and they need our help to heal.

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Hosokawa honored by Denver Press Club
DENVER—Nearly 90 colleagues attended a luncheon honoring PC columnist and former Denver Post editorial page editor Bill Hosokawa Aug. 14. Hosokawa was named "Colorado's Outstanding Communicator" by the Denver Press Club in recognition of his 37 years as a Colorado journalist and "outstanding contributions to the art and science of communication." Hosokawa told the group, "This is the sweetest honor I have received as a professional newspaperman.

For the Record
The Vista Buddhist Temple Talk group and the Anado Milnusrists folk dancers will perform on Japan Day in San Diego, Balboa Park, 1:30 p.m., Sept. 8 and not Sept. 9 as was reported in the Aug. 16 PCC.

Ernest Harada, president of AAPAA and one of the stars of the film "Volunteers," and actress Mariko Tse were also among the protesters.

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Community Affairs

Seattle—"Executive Order 9066," a photographic exhibition of JA internment camps, including photographs taken by Dorothy Lange and Ansel Adams, is on display at the Wing Luke Memorial Museum, 414 0th Ave. The exhibit runs through Oct. 31.

Los Angeles—The "Festival of Martial Arts" will be held weekends Sept. 7-8 and Aug. 12-13 at the Kato Martial Arts Center, 5262 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles. Children and adults can learn traditional arts such as karate, kung fu, and jujitsu.

Colleen Tan of Asian Pacific American Legal Center of So. Calif. (APALC) said that one may potentially more damaging than the CAPE Coalition believed because of its realism. He said, the film "has an air of authenticity and that it's very realistic." He added that the White character is "a bit of a Chink" and that the White character is perceived as an Asian American by the audience.

Dragnet

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Fears of Violence

The Chinese Americans Alliance said that whenever something derogatory was said about Chinese in the film, "there was a big roar" of protest from the audience.

Craig Wong of Chinatown Progressive Assn. said the film "feels the fire" of anti-Asian violence by suggesting that "we're the violent race."

Responding to the argument that "Dragnet" is not different from "The Godfather," Stewart Kwon of APALC said, "We were not devoid of families and family values. We are the family that is annihilated by the mafia."

Ariane, a fashion model of Dutch and Japanese ancestry who made her screen debut as Ariane in "The Godfather," said that the film was "very intelligent, well educated, independent... and that we're the victims of definite misogynistic goals."

"The film is not a real depiction of the Chinese or Asian community, and the hiring of Asian Americans to monitor productions and help develop more positive portrayals.

MGM-UA, the studio that produced the film, released a terse statement Aug. 13, saying that "claims made against the film... and its makers are without validity... we encourage members of the Asian American community to view the film and to make their own judgments."

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As the congressional representative on the Board of Regents, he has been instrumental in promoting and developing the American Museum of History’s 1987 exhibit featuring the Japanese American Experience for the Bicentennial of the Constitution. He has taken time and energy to participate in JA events throughout the country, including JACL conventions.

As other Asian American ethnic groups are not represented in Congress, he has also assumed the duty of acting as their national representative in Washington, dealing with immigration problems, civil service, social security, racial violence (such as the Vincent Chin killing in Detroit) and political violence (such as the murder of Henry Liu in Daly City, Calif.).

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As the congressional representative on the Board of Regents, he has been an acknowledged congressional leader. The 6th Congress’ Washington Post’s David Broder wrote that Mineta is one of the few with the potential to be the next Speaker of the House. He has served on the Budget, Intelligence, and Science & Technology committees and the Aviation Subcommittee of the Public Works & Transportation Committee as well as the Democratic Policy and Steering committees. He has also assisted in leadership of the House as an assistant whip.

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Fear of the ‘Dragon’

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro

For the past few years, I’ve been wondering about my failure to favorably impress Asian women. I felt that something was lacking in my approach. Well, thanks to director Michael Cimino and screenwriter Oliver Stone of “Year of the Dragon,” I now know what was wrong. I wasn’t macho enough.

Asian women, I learned from the movie, find “racist,” condescending s.o.b.s’ very much. All the and all the that it invokes, is wrong. Uprooting people from their long-held communities, and confining them into unwanted “homelands” must have a particularly familiar ring to A.A.’s. And all the “reasons” to “justify” such use of force must—pluck a responsive chord among us.

As an American who treasures all the beauty of the rights contained in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, I am most aggrieved that my government rationalizes all that is occurring with the term “constructive engagement” (What does that mean?)

In LIGHT OF what is transpiring, and in view of the posture assumed by our government, and particularly mindful of what happened to us here, does the National JACL have an obligation to speak out? To make our views, as Americans, one can reasonably think of various contentions opposing such suggestions: We should not “interfere” in international affairs. We don’t know enough about all the “facts.” We may endanger the organization’s status. Or: It’s none of our business.

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CANNOT BE gainsaid that this is a difficult and sensitive issue. It is a difficult and complex question for one who heads the National JACL. Similarly, it will be a difficult question for our leaders who serve on the National Board. And it may be that after carefully—and hopefully, open-mindedly—reviewing all the facts and factors, the ultimate decision may be something other than issuing a statement decrying what is happening to millions in another land based upon racism.

At the same time, however, it is a principle deserving of sober consideration by the National JACL.

Time to Decide

BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

It is now 7 years since the National Council decided in Salt Lake City that redress was the single most important issue for the JACL. This has been reconfirmed in subsequent biennial Council meetings. The beginnings were slow and funds remained very minimal. However, in 1980 and 1982, fund-raising became a serious function of all JACL leaders at every level. For the most part, fund raising was successful and we have been able to sustain a viable redress program over the years to the present.

Then, after much discussion and serious consideration, the National Board decided that it was time for the redress program to take another form effective 1 June 1985. The JACL (44) LEC was activated for the purpose of responsible and effective lobbying in Congress. As with anything new, there has been a serious lag time in implementation as well as much confusion in the fund-raising process.

Without going overseas, however, and focusing solely upon the events in this, our own land, there are many crises, issues, and concerns that appropriately should be addressed by National JACL and forthwith.

The days of second-class mentality should be behind us. We must learn to think, speak and act as the first-class citizens that we are to be, that we are entitled to, that we should be.

THE FIRST STEP is to begin thinking like one.

To: A Civil Rights Organization

East Wind

Bill Marutani

THE EVENTS IN South Africa are very much in the news today, involving the effort of indigenous residents to overcome an official policy based upon racism. While I am not possessed of all the facts, and while one might rationalize the policies of the South African government, one thing is immediately clear: racism, and all that it invokes, is wrong. Uprooting people from their long-held communities, and confining them into unwanted “homelands” must have a particularly familiar ring to A.A.’s. And all the “reasons” to “justify” such use of force must—pluck a responsive chord among us.

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A Blessing in Disguise?

FROM THE FRINGY PAN:

Bill Hosokawa

Among the complaints voiced by some Japanese Americans is the undeniable charge that few of any them have made it to the board rooms of America's corporations. That's where the power lies, and some Japanese Americans plead the existence of subtle discrimination so long as they are denied places in the high-echelon corridors of corporate management.

I tried that argument recently on a non-Asian friend. His first reaction was that I must be kidding. I told him I didn't necessarily buy the argument, but some Japanese Americans who might be described as thinkers and activists did.

"How much do you overachievers want?" he asked in genuine astonishment. "You already have the highest income and educational levels of any ethnic group, and now you're chasing discrimination because your people haven't made it in one generation to president of General Motors, Bank of America, Exxon, General Foods and General Dynamics!"

Then he went on to point out that Japanese Americans make up less than one-half of one percent of the American population (0.5%) and that minuscule number has managed to do pretty well even though they can't claim Lee Iacocca as one of them.

My friend can make a fairly good argument. It's difficult to admit, but it's true. We've got to get our feet off the threshold. We're still living in the shadow of Pearl Harbor, and I don't think we've ever really recovered from that. We've got to get over that. We've got to get our act together.

Women's Concerns

Sexual Harassment

by Sandi Kawasaki

Asian women are still stereotyped as exotic and passive. Partly, this is due to an image perpetuated by TV and movies, but it is partly because of our own actions. In the past, the positive stereotype-as coined by white America—"Asian women are loyal and they don't make trouble"—has been a major factor in employment and housing, but now it may have turned against us.

Peggy Joslyn, a first generation Chinese-American, went from Bank of America to the vice presidency of the General Bank of Commerce in L.A.'s Chinatown. There she was harassed by her Asian supervisor with sexual comments, like being introduced as the Sex Vice President, and was constantly barraged with subtle sex jokes.

Six months after she was hired, Peggy was fired for incompetence only a week after receiving an excellent rating. After a few weeks of feeling inadequate and degraded, Peggy sued the bank for sexual harassment.

Another case is that of In Chong Kerr, a Korean immigrant. She was the sole supporter of her family, as her husband was a full-time student and she was sending money to Korea. On Chong began working as a library aide in a community college in San Francisco. On her first day, her Caucasian supervisor fondled her and finally assaulted her. Fearful of losing her job, she did not report it. But, after one year of abuse, she filed a suit.

During the investigation procedures, her attorney learned that several other immigrant Asian women were similarly assaulted. It is interesting to note that these victims did not volunteer to testify and would only do so if subpoenaed. In citing these two cases, I conclude that immigrant women are more susceptible to sexual harassment because they are not aware of their rights and the laws protecting them individually in the long run.

Redress

If JACL could trade all the words of advice and criticism given to the leaders from both members and non-members for green money, there would be no budget crisis and JACL could probably fund everyone's heart desire. We never lack for words, only the green to do the necessary. If I could rely on full-time student experience, I don't expect much, but it would be nice if a lot of people contacted their respective districts and expressed their desire to voice their thoughts about the program and fund-raising effort.

If you have concerns about the possible cut in redress staff, please, let's hear from you. We need to know if our concerns are significant or not. Does anyone really give a damn about what's going on?

Rights and Redress

FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL:

G. Tim Gojo

I was having lunch the other day with John Nakahata, a law student from Indiana University. He brought up the subject of the recent redress program for Japanese Americans. One of the topics of discussion was the relational scheme established by Prof. Wesley Nakano, chairman of the Hohfeld Commission. He was quoted in a seminar article appearing in the 1913 Yale Law Journal, titled "Some Fundamental Legal Conceptions As Applied in Judicial Reasoning." My discussion with John prompted me to examine the article and its implications for Japanese Americans.

By applying a Hohfeldian analysis to the Japanese American internment cases, it is possible to diagram and explain some of the constitutional dangers which the cases engendered. The following should serve to stimulate discussion and thought in this area.

Hohfeld argues that a clear understanding of legal problems requires a clear knowledge of legal terms, which is obtained by examining the correlative and opposite relations which such terms bear to one another. For example, if the term "right" is best understood by examining its jural correlative and opposites, and not through a formal definition. Hohfeld provides that the jural correlative of "right" is "duty," and that the jural opposite of "right" is "no-right." Thus, if person A possesses a right against person B, then, correlatively, B is under a duty towards A. Additionally, the term "privilege" under Hohfeld's system is the jural opposite of "duty," and the jural correlative of "no-right."

These terms are enough for the purposes of this discussion, although Hohfeld does discuss the relations among several other legal terms.

Hohfeld argues that when a court determines that there is a right or no-right in a particular case it must interpret a constitutional provision, then what the court is really determining is whether there is or is not a violation of the right in the case. Suppose that A brings in a court to claim that B has wronged him, and that B violated his duty towards A. In this case, the court determines that in fact A had no right against B, then B has a privilege to engage in such conduct. As such, when Japanese Americans brought court cases against the federal government in 1944, and the court determined that the Japanese Americans have no right against the federal government (as was done in Hirabayashi, Yasui, and Korematsu), then what the court has really done is determine that the federal government is privileged to engage in such action.

It is such governmental privilege which many concerned Japanese Americans are trying to address in the current redress movement (including the coronal and class-action lawsuits). As such, the redress legislation currently before Congress. An important aspect of these proposals is to have the recognition from all branches of government involved in the evacuation and internment (judicial, executive, and legislative) that there is no privilege for such racist actions, and to further recognize that the federal government owes a duty to all Americans not to violate their hard-earned constitutional rights.
Chapter Pulse

Orange County
SANTA ANA, Calif.—Kent Wong, staff attorney with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, will speak on the state of the chapter at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. His topic will include the rise in racially-motivated violence against Asians and barriers confronting Asians in today's world.

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Selanoco
ORANGE, Calif.—Selling terry cloth and won ton, the chapter again will participate in the Japanese GINZA section of the Orange International Street Fair at the Traffic Circle on Chapman in the city of Orange, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. This is the chapter's biggest annual fund-raiser. Those wishing to participate are asked to call Gary Sakata at (213) 925-9000, or Frank Kawase at (213) 528-7694.

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Chinese American Parent and Teachers Assn. of So. Calif. She was also appointed to the student's Advisory Board of CSULA. In addition, she has been active in United Way Region II, San Gabriel Family Services Center, So. Calif. Asian Pacific Legal Center, and L.A. United Methodist Urban Foundation.

Florin
SACRAMENTO — The annual fall benefit dance will be held on Sept. 29 at the Florin Buddhist Hall, 8-12 p.m. Admission is $7/person; tickets may be obtained from Florin JACL members or at the door. Music by Mel Torme, general chairman of the event is James Abe. Proceeds will be used for local JACL projects.

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Three high school delegates to the 1985 California Boys State in Sacramento were elected to the following posts: Brent Alan Koba of Chula Vista, state treasurer; Todd Nakatomi of Culver City, state controller; and Bryan Negishi of So. Pasadena, Federalist Party secretary. Noguchi also attended Boys Nation, held July 19-26 in Washington, D.C.

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A/A candidates vie for King County seat

SEATTLE—“My priority is to get King County involved in the Asian American community on a day-to-day basis,” Bob Santos said, explaining why he felt he would be the best person for the position of King County Council. “Bob Santos is vying for Council Position 5 with three other Democratic candidates this fall.”

Santos, former executive director of International District Improvement Center, was one of the speakers at an August 14 candidates’ forum at Seattle University, organized by Asian Americans for Political Action (AAPA).

On July 30, the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus of Washington also held a candidates’ forum, attracting about 30 people to the Bush-Ash Century Center to hear candidates for the major races.

“The forums provide education and information to the community,” said Martha Choe, AAPA president. “It allows the community an opportunity to listen to how these candidates’ positions affect the Asian community and provides an opportunity for the candidates to become aware that a community has a constituency.”

Besides the King County Council candidates, those running for King County executive, Seattle mayor, Seattle City Council and Seattle Port Commission were on the agenda. The candidates explained their views to approximately 60 people at the forum, discussing issues ranging from health care to international trade with Pacific Rim countries.

Several candidates mentioned capturing the Asian market as a way to boost the area’s economy. That would definitely affect the Asian community, according to Cheryl Chow, who, along with Santos, Ron Sims and Bob Stowers, is seeking to fill the King County Council position being vacated by her mother, Ruby Chow. The council district extends from Capitol Hill to Renton.

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