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Kimura sentenced to probation, released

by Katie Kaori Hayashi

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Fumiko Kimura, who drowned her two children in a suicide attempt, was sentenced to a five-year probation period in a decision handed down by Superior Court Judge Robert Thomas on Nov. 21.

"Everybody seems to agree Mrs. Kimura is likely to experience punishment as long as she lives," Thomas said. "I feel that further incarceration would serve no useful purpose."

After hearing the sentence, some in the audience applauded and some wept with joy. Most were Japanese and Japanese Americans.

Kimura, 33, was released the night of sentencing. Although sentenced to one year in prison in addition to probation, she was given credit for 10 months already served at the Sybil Brand Institute for Women and time off for good behavior.

She was immediately placed in a therapy program ordered by the court at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. The court also ordered her to receive psychiatric therapy three times a week after completing the program.

Kimura could have received a maximum of 13 years in prison because of her no-contest plea to manslaughter on Oct. 18. But Deputy District Atty. Lauren Weis didn't request a harsh sentence, saying, "Sending Mrs. Kimura to prison isn't beneficial for society."

"Fumiko Kimura was a very, very loving mother. Her children were her entire life. But she can no longer see her children growing. I really believe the pain and suffering Mrs. Kimura has inside of her is sufficient punishment," she said.

Weis hoped that Kimura could communicate better with her husband Itsuroku, whose infidelity allegedly triggered the incident, but who has been supportive of her since then. Weis also hoped that Kimura would become assimilated into American culture. Her impassioned speech made Kimura weep in the courtroom.

Sumiko Ono, a social worker at Little Tokyo Service Center, said she was moved by Weis's speech. She also felt "a sense of accomplishment because the judge acknowledged the support from the Japanese American community." More than 30,000 signatures were sent to LTSC from 24 states as well as Japan, she said.

Rev. Ren Kimura (no relation



Photo by Shuji Noguchi/Rafu Shimpo
Fumiko Kimura in courtroom with interpreter during an earlier hearing.

to the defendant), public relations chair for Fumiko Kimura Fair Trial Committee, said, "I was impressed by the humanness" of the court. He added that when he visited Kimura as a clergyman, she told him "she would like to contribute her life to society."

A probation report explained what happened to Kimura before her suicide attempt.

Kimura, who described herself as a typical Oriental wife and mother, learned that her husband had a mistress in November 1983. After that, she "felt immense guilt that she was a bad mother, an inadequate wife and was responsible for her husband's infidelity."

Her husband promised to break up with the mistress. However, a year later Kimura received a call from the mistress.

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Teachers' federation endorses JA redress

NEW YORK — The executive council of American Federation of Teachers (AFT), meeting Nov. 7-8, voted unanimously to support redress legislation in Congress.

According to AFT spokesperson Walter Dunn, West Islip Teachers Assn. member Robert Machida initiated the action. Under the headline "Seeking Justice for Japanese Americans," Machida appeared in the "People" column of "New York Teacher" in May.

Asked what follow-up the AFT resolution will have, Dunn responded that the organization's lobbying department will take the position to Washington.

The AFT has a nationwide membership of 750,000, of which 250,000 are registered in New York.

—New York Nichibei

Another 'English Only' rule debated

ALHAMBRA, Calif.—The city council, during a crowded and emotional meeting Nov. 25, refused to take action on a resolution declaring English the city's official language, patterned after one introduced in neighboring Monterey Park (see Nov. 29 PC).

Presented by a group called All We Can Afford, the proposal was a response to the presence of an Asian immigrant community that comprises about 25% of Alhambra's 70,000 residents.

"The proliferation of business signs in Chinese... is offensive to Americans because it is an attack on our culture," said Mark Lockman, chairman of the group. "They seek to cater only to Asians—a subtle form of discrimination against English-speaking residents..."

"Immigrants must adjust to the fact that Americans fiercely prize all of their national traditions—the English language being a key element... Let us not sell out our language to a bi-culturalist philosophy that alienates, divides and destroys our national identity."

Although he stressed that the resolution was merely "a stated ideal" and "a symbolic message," City Atty. Leland Dolley said it would violate constitutional protection of free speech and equal protection under the law as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Because the measure might prevent non-English speakers from communicating their grievances or ideas to the government, Dolley recommended that the council reject it.

Mayor Michael Blanco, in a prepared statement, said, "The city council feels that the resolution... may be misunderstood and tend to divide us rather than unite us. Instead, we'll continue supporting programs that facilitate cultural understanding and encourage both new and long-time residents of all backgrounds to work together for the betterment of our city."

He listed such programs as bilingual education to help young arrivals learn English; special training for city employees to facilitate better communication with immigrants; a volunteer translator program to help determine service needs; and translation of the City Services Card, a list of important city addresses and phone numbers, into other languages.

Stronger opposition was voiced by Barbara Hertz of International Committee Against Racism (INCAR): "The issue here is not English but racism, and this must be stopped because it is very dangerous."

Tom Alvarado, a local resident, said the resolution would "guarantee the sanctioning of

prejudiced behavior."

"I realize that Anglos are no longer a majority," said Robert Jones, another resident, "but this is no way to deal with our fears and discomforts."

Since the council would not take action on his resolution, Lockman said he might start a petition drive or resubmit the ordinance in a different form.

Lockman has had the support of Frank Arcuri, who is leading the drive to put a similar ordinance on next year's ballot in Monterey Park, another San Gabriel Valley city with a growing Asian immigrant population.

An altercation took place at City Hall between Arcuri, who attended the Alhambra hearing, and INCAR members who were holding signs reading "Don't let racism become the 'official language' of Alhambra."

Jerry Friedman of INCAR said that Arcuri was pushing INCAR members, inviting violence, and that he grabbed one of the signs and started rolling on the floor, calling for help.

Arcuri, who was escorted out by the police, said one of the INCAR members recognized him and called him a Ku Klux Klan member; he was then hit by one man and pushed by three or four others.

INCAR members, however, said they did not know who Arcuri was at the time of the incident.

—from a report by Rafu Shimpo

Reaction to Kirk proposal lukewarm

by Julia Matisoo
Hokubei Mainichi

SAN FRANCISCO—Many Asian American Democrats felt they had received a slap in the face when national party chairman Paul Kirk pushed a resolution through the Democratic National Committee last May removing formal party sponsorship of the Asian Pacific Caucus.

Some local AP Democrats

were still feeling the sting when Kirk announced Nov. 13 a proposal for the formation of a Democratic National Federation of Asian Pacific Americans (see Nov. 29 PC).

The new federation will be a "stronger, closer, more vital link to the Democratic Party than ever before," Kirk said at a reception at Dimasalang House, a local Filipino American housing project.

House bill gains 2 GOP co-sponsors

WASHINGTON—House redress bill HR 442 has gained three new co-sponsors, two of them Republicans, during the past month:

—Rep. Richard Cheney (R), Wyoming's at-large congressman, signed on Dec. 2 through the lobbying efforts of LEC legislative strategy chair Grant Ujifusa. Cheney is fourth highest in the House Republican leadership and chairs the House Republi-

can Policy Committee.

—Rep. George Gekas (R), who represents Pennsylvania's 17th district, became a co-sponsor Nov. 18. He sits on the House Judiciary Committee and Select Committee on Aging.

—Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D), who represents Indiana's 10th district and sits on the House Ways and Means Committee, became a co-sponsor Nov. 13.

Most of those at the reception—many of whom were active in the AP Caucus—took a wait-and-see attitude to his announcement; some were almost hostile to Kirk in their questions.

The Democratic Party had officially recognized a series of ethnic caucuses, the AP Caucus, formed in 1983, among them. The formation of caucuses led to complaints within the party that the party had become one of special interest groups. Some felt that this was one of the reasons for Democratic losses in the 1984 election. In May, the AP Caucus and three other caucuses were reduced to unofficial groups.

Kirk himself said at the reception, "The party I want to chair is not a party of caucuses."

Those who had been active with the caucus protested that it had been different from the others, having formed a regular network between AP groups in more than 20 states.

"We emphasize issues and are active in presenting issues to the party," said Thomas Hsieh, AP Caucus chair and member of the

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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—"The Elderly and the Law: An Update," with attorney Harvey Horikawa on conservatorship and other legal issues related to caring for an aging parent and Glen Higuchi, v.p. of Pacific Business Bank, on financial concerns in caring for elderly parents, will be presented Dec. 10, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Venice Japanese Community Center, 12488 Braddock Dr. Sponsored by Western Region Asian American Project (WRAAP). Admission is free, but preregistration is advisable. Info: Alan Oda or Emily Takeuchi, 478-8241.

"Asian Women and Spirituality" is the topic at L.A. Women's Therapy Center, 728 S. La Brea, #200, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. Center associate Soonja Kim-Raynor describes the presentation as a "safe opportunity" for Asian women to share feelings on their unique spiritual identity that comes from cultural ties and to get needed support and validation. Info: 458-7942.

Japanese United Information Community Exchange (JUICE) holds a Christmas lunch and meeting Dec. 9, noon-1:30 p.m., at Little Tokyo Service Center, 244 S. San Pedro, #411. Info: Bill Watanabe, 680-3729.

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., offers a series of workshops and demonstrations in preparation for Oshogatsu (Japanese New Year), including cooking, flower arranging, calligraphy, kimono, koto, and arts and crafts for children, Dec. 28-29. Free. For exact time and place, call Chris Iwanaga Aihara or Kathy Harada Carmel, 628-2725.

SAN FRANCISCO—Nisei & Retirement holds its fifth annual Christmas party Dec. 15, 1-5 p.m., at the JACL Bldg., 1765 Sutter St. Robert Mametsuka of Yasukochi's Sweet Shop will give a cake decorating presentation followed by hands-on participation. Roy Ashizawa provides musical accompaniment for carols. Info: Masako Iwase, 567-4697, or Lucy Adachi, 567-3982.

Two films by director Kihachi Okamoto on the effects of war, "Tokkan" and "Human Bullet," begin a two-week run Dec. 11 at Kokusai Theater, 1700 Post St. (at Buchanan). Info: 563-1400.

"The Kawari Kabuto," an exhibit of helmets from the late 16th to 19th centuries organized by Japan House in New York, runs Dec. 17-Jan. 26 at Asian Art Museum in Golden Gate Park. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tue.-Sun. Admission: \$3 (free Sat. before noon and first Wed. of the month). Info: 751-2500.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Yu-Ai Kai holds its 12th annual mochitsuki Dec. 21-22 at the Buddhist Church facility, 640 N. 5th St. Proceeds go to local senior citizens programs. Deadline for ordering mochi (\$1.75/lb.) is Dec. 19. Info: Yu-Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St.; (408) 294-2505.

Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St., holds its annual mochitsuki Dec. 28-30. Orders will be taken Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the church office, (408) 255-0367, beginning Dec. 9. Mochi is \$1.75/lb.; okasane, \$5/set; noshimochi, \$7 each. Equipment courtesy of M/M John Ozawa of Shuei-Do Manju Shop. Over 8,000 lbs. of mochi will be made.

PASADENA, Calif.—"Race, Racists and Rainbows: Minority Politics in California," a free lecture by political science professor Bruce Cain, will cover the results of a study conducted by Cain and Roderick Kiewiet on political attitudes of Asians, Blacks and Hispanics Dec. 11, 8 p.m., at Beckman Auditorium at Calif. Institute of Technology. Info: Dennis Meredith, (818) 356-6256.

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Nikkei newspaper index published

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Library announces publication of a Japanese American vernacular newspaper abstract-index.

The index contains abstracts of English-language articles from 15 Nikkei vernaculars in North America and 3 Asian American newspapers that cover JA news:

Canada Times, Chicago Shimpō, Hawaii Herald, Hawaii Hochi, Hokubei Mainichi (S.F.), Kashu Mainichi (L.A.), New Canadian, New York Nichibei, Nichibei Times (S.F.), North American Post (Seattle), Pacific Citizen, Raifu Shimpō (L.A.), Rocky Mountain Jiho (Denver), Tozai Times (L.A.), Utah Nippo, Asian Week (S.F.),

East West (S.F.), and International Examiner (Seattle).

Approximately two-thirds of the index covers Nikkei in Canada, Hawaii and the U.S. mainland. The remainder covers U.S.-Japan relations and Asian American news affecting Japanese Americans.

Local community announcements are not included. The sports section contains only regional championship games and JA professional athletes. The obituary section identifies the deceased by name, age, birthplace, and date and place of death.

The abstract-index was designed to provide fast, easy and

accurate access to Japanese American news. Entries are by subject, name, organization, and geographical area. Within subject groupings, entries are listed in chronological order.

The 1985 index will be published in two issues. The Jan.-June issue will be ready in late December and the July-Dec. issue will be ready in March 1986. The 1986 issues will be published quarterly. The subscription fee for 1985 is \$150. Due to the high production cost, the quantity printed will be limited to the number of subscribers.

The library collects and preserves materials pertaining to the Japanese in America. For more information, write to 1759 Sutter St., S.F. 94115 or call (415) 567-5006.

Whites becoming minority in Calif.

WASHINGTON — California's white population will lose its majority status over the next 25 years as Hispanics and Asians rapidly increase in number, the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau reports.

Non-Hispanic whites are likely to slip from 64% to 47% of California's population by 2010 and to 38.4% by 2030, according to the study "Population Change and California's Future."

Asians will grow to 12.5% in 2010 and 15.6% in 2030. Hispanics are expected to increase to 32.2% by 2010 and to nearly equal non-Hispanic whites at 38.1% by 2030. Blacks in California are expect-

ed to increase slowly compared to the other two groups.

(Hispanics, who are counted separately in this study, may be of any race.)

"California's identity is at a crossroads," the study concludes. "It is time for representatives from all groups—racial or ethnic, political, educational, religious—to meet together to ask: What kind of a California do we want in the 21st century?"

The report was written by UC Davis economist Philip Martin and Leon Bouvier, a demographer with Population Reference Bureau, a private, non-profit educational organization that

gathers and reports on national and world population trends.

The impending population shift should be viewed as something to prepare for rather than as something to resist, Martin and Bouvier wrote.

Using what they consider conservative fertility assumptions, the researchers anticipate that California's population will grow to 42 million by 2030, compared to 23.6 million in the 1980 census.

One-third of all immigrants to the U.S. settle in California, a trend that will continue to boost the state's Asian and Hispanic populations. Non-Hispanic whites will scarcely increase, due to low fertility, and blacks will grow only slightly.

Consequently, by the turn of the century the majority of school children in the state will be Asian and Hispanic, the report states, posing serious problems for educators.

Ethnic enclaves will help newcomers get started in the state, they comment, but the result could be to shut off employment opportunities for American-born workers in some areas.

By the year 2000, 12% of the state's labor force will be Asian and another 27% Hispanic, the report says.

—from a report by Associated Press



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OCA states positions on ethnic issues

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—During the Organization of Chinese Americans' board meeting Nov. 15-17, Andrew Chen, professor at Slippery Rock University, was re-elected president and resolutions were adopted stating that OCA:

—Opposes any constitutional amendment, state or local law, administrative action or executive order that would designate English as the official language of the U.S.

—Opposes any changes in,

amendments to or elimination of the existing executive order on affirmative action.

—Opposes any shifts in U.S. refugee admission policies or reductions in federal funding for refugee programs and services without careful review and community involvement.

—Supports S 1200/HR 3080, the Simpson-Rodino immigration bills now before Congress, which include legalization provisions for undocumented aliens and employer sanctions. OCA op-

Axing of A/P office criticized by Mineta

WASHINGTON—Calling the decision "shortsighted and unnecessary," Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) sent a letter Nov. 26 to Secretary of Education William Bennett criticizing his plans, an-

nounced in early November, to abolish the department's Office of Asian and Pacific Concerns and Office of Hispanic Concerns.

"I regret that you have chosen to make this decision," Mineta wrote. "Surely the one or two staff positions you will eliminate by this change does not justify it on economic reasons, which leads me to conclude that you have made an explicit decision to send a political signal of unconcern and disinterest in the rights and needs of minorities."

Mineta told Bennett that the offices provided a significant variety of services to minority students and teachers nationwide and that "the existence of these offices served as a symbol of the Dept. of Education's interest and concern for minority citizens."

He called on Bennett to reconsider his decision.

Refugees need aid

LOS ANGELES—Asian Refugee Mediators, a ministry of Agape Fellowship, is continuing its plea for furniture, clothes and other household items for refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia living in the L.A. area.

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poses elimination of the 5th preference category (for admission of brothers and sisters of citizens), restriction of the total annual immigration ceiling and the foreign guest worker provisions.

—Will establish a Civil Rights and Justice Watch to monitor and report on cases involving anti-Asian prejudice, discrimination and violence.

—Urges that Asian Americans be included in the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, Title III, for purposes of determining college minority enrollment and funding allocations.

The board also approved recommendations that qualified Chinese Americans be appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as representatives to Minority Business Development Authority and Small Business Administration.

Flemming receives award from ACLU

PORTLAND—Arthur Flemming, who served on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, received the E.B. MacNaughton Award, the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon's highest honor, at a Nov. 16 banquet at Benson Hotel.

The award was presented in recognition of Flemming's long record of advocating civil liberties. He was President Eisenhower's Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare (1958-61), president of Univ. of Oregon (1961-68) and of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. (1968-71); special consultant on aging to President Nixon (1972); U.S. Commissioner on Aging (1973-78); and chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1974-82).



Arthur Flemming

Since serving on the CWRIC, he has advocated redress for Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

The MacNaughton Award is named for the late ACLU national committee chair, 1st Bank of Oregon board chair, publisher of The Oregonian and president of Reed College, who died in 1960.

MOCHI

THE ISSEI... when they immigrated here many, many years ago from Japan, brought with them not only their high hopes, stoic courage and immense pride, but also their culture. Among other things, it included MOCHI, which was not only good to eat, but was also used as a centerpiece for very special occasions as a "Gift to the Gods." Usually, a small mikan sat on top of the Kazari-MOCHI.

Every house had the MOCHI display during New Year's and the day started with a bowl of o-zoni, which literally means "cook everything in it." Whatever, but it isn't o-zoni if it does not have a few pieces of MOCHI in it. The practice of eating o-zoni during the holidays still holds sway today in many Japanese American families.



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THE "DOUBLE WHAMMY" of devaluation of the dollar to the Japanese yen and the inevitable increase in prices since we were last in Japan (just two years ago), has placed a definite crimp in our spending.

Saw a nice sport shirt but it translated into \$60 U.S. and only neckties of fairly good material are priced in the same range. Better quality material in ties runs a hundred clams or more. Saw one fancy jacket of leather at the Keio *depato* which carried a price tag of a little over one grand, U.S. Can't imagine who would throw that kind of money for a man's leather jacket.

Consumer conspicuous consumption.

STILL A GOOD bargain is the public transportation system. Far less than what we pay back home in the States. And with cleaner, quieter rolling stock with no *rakugaki* (graffiti) either in the

cars or stations. In fact, no *rakugaki* anywhere. What a refreshing feeling that is from the oppressive pervasiveness we face in the U.S.!

Speaking of transportation, the LAX-Tokyo flight was via Singapore Airlines, our first. I must admit to some reservation over use of the airline of some Southeast Asian city-state. But such was soon dispelled once the Boeing 747 was airborne.

The service, the amenities, the food, etc. were of the high level that airlines once provided a few decades ago—before indifference and smugness set in.

The other international carriers would do well to sit up and take heed. None of the others match Singapore Airlines. (We've yet to fly JAL, so we can't make comparisons with *Nikkei*, but we can tender a word of advice: "Yudan *subekarazu*.")

But back to the lack of bargains in Japan.

THE OTHER EVENING, we took some folks out to *Chinameshi* where the tab per person came to \$25 U.S., without drinks. And that was buffet-style. There once was a time that it took a good week's hard work just to earn \$25. I wryly remembered buying a bowl of noodles in 1969 in Tokyo for 50¢ U.S. in a shop



where the local denizens enjoyed their pasta.

Udon continues to be a good buy here. There's a little shop off the Ginza, located across the street from the Canadian-Pacific Building that has been a regular stop each time I'm in Tokyo. They have one of the best *nabeyaki udon* ever.

WE WERE GUESTS for dinner hosted by frau Vicki's friends in Kyoto. It's a little place on *Oike-dori* next to the Kamo River. One reaches it by taking a small elevator to the fourth floor, then walking a narrow stairway to the fifth floor. There were no less than four chefs and only three

waitresses. I counted all the *seki's* (seats) and they totalled no more than 15 if the place were jam-packed, which it was not.

The intimate (i.e. small) dining area was immaculate. The dishes were served one at a time in delicate portions in elegant containers. (Even this *inaka* boy can discern a class act.) Of course, I did not peek at the tab but me thinks it was at least triple per person than that *Chinameshi*. The hosts were not *kaisha* people, so no company slush fund covered the bill. (They were, however, from the medical profession and they apparently do at least as well here as the profession does back home.)

A GROUP OF US observed and "participated" in a tea ceremony at Beppu (in Kyushu). It is a sedate setting and beautiful ceremony—and while it may be that an *inaka* boy may be able to discern class, it's quite something else to participate with class. We did our best, not trying to be what we're not.

For my money, one of the most *johin* performances is that of a *koto* player, attired in *rihongi*, of course. I find *koto* music to be soothing in its elegant simplicity. The *shakuhachi* comes second.

And this, from one whose only claim to music is self-taught harmonica playing. Playing that even the wife can't stand.

Voyeurs and Exhibitionists

ONE THING
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Bob
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So there it was. Right there on national TV. A marriage proposal from Ahmad Rashad to the woman of my dreams, Phylcia Ayers-Allen. Not only that, she accepted, right there on national TV too. Ruined my Thanksgiving. How could that possibly be? Must have something to do with my cultural stereotype, I decided.

After all, I never disclosed to her how I felt about her. And she probably never heard of me. And it never even occurred to me to

propose to her in this column.

So what's this have to do with cultural stereotypes, you ask? Well, aren't we supposed to be afraid to take risks—you know, lay it all out, be vulnerable to attack, and, horror of horrors, open ourselves to public failure and rejection? And don't we know a lot of people like us who will sit back and comment on and judge others' life styles, plans, goals and try to learn as much as we can from other people's experiences rather than learning from our own mistakes? Aren't Japanese American males supposed to experience life vicariously?

So given my upbringing, with so much riding on my being a credit to my family, relations and race (it was made very clear early in life that any embarrassment brought by me upon the

family was also an embarrassment to all my parents' associates and the entire Okinawan, and by extension, Japanese peoples), it is no wonder that I was afraid to let Ayers-Allen know my intentions. What if she rejected me, right there on national television?

Notice that that fear didn't stop Rashad.

So, do you buy this line of reasoning? Do we let opportunities pass on by because we are afraid to take risks?

If, for the sake of argument, we were to divide people into voyeurs and exhibitionists, I would say that based on a very unscientific and personal poll, most *Nikkei* would classify themselves more as voyeurs than exhibitionists. We would much rather watch, absorb and comment than participate and expose our vulnerabilities.

If you buy this stereotype, then you don't have to look very far for reasons for the high outmarriage rate. Exhibitionists (and in this category I include performing artists, professional athletes, politicians, activists) can get along with other exhibitionists. They can perform for each other.

But there is no way a voyeur (and in this category, I include intellectuals, news reporters, commentators, critics) can exist without an exhibitionist. A voyeur has to have someone who will perform—someone to watch, judge, applaud, extol.

If most AJAs consider themselves to be voyeurs in this classification of people, then they have to look outside the *Nikkei* community for partners. Where are the *Nikkei* exhibitionists?

A few years back, the group

About Asian Men

I appreciated Bob Shimabukuro's column regarding Asian men (Nov. 1 PC). Some of his comments regarding Asian men are similar to ones I have heard and perhaps even said myself! The stereotype of the Asian male has caused erroneous assumptions, deprecating self-images, and much self-hate. Why did this happen? What are the underlying causes? Shimabukuro's column started the discussion but reached no conclusions. I would like to see more written on this subject.

I want to thank Shimabukuro for raising the issue and having the courage to write about it. I find his insights refreshing, hon-

est, and persuasive.

Thank you for his column.

PEGGY NAGAE
Eugene, Ore.

How to Lash the Liberals

The New Republic's insensitivity to Ron Wakabayashi's letter (Nov. 15 PC) is deeply troubling. Perhaps future editorials will address "How to Dupe the Dags" or "How to Whip the WASPs" and be defended in an equally feeble manner.

Regardless of his intent, the editorialist TRB should recognize the historical and continued significance of the slur "Jap" and its reprehensible nature. His failure to do so reflects either ineptitude or a distinct bias.

JOHN KIYAN
Berkeley, Calif.

The Vapors put out a song dealing with just this stereotype, "Turning Japanese." The fact that they got away with very little protest from the community says something about the community attitudes also.

Getting back to the topic at hand, one friend commented, "That's all right Bob, she [Ayers-Allen] was too tall for you anyway." Was that supposed to make me feel better?

Another added, "Well, it's all for the better. You wouldn't have been able to take care of her in the style that she's become accustomed to—her being a big TV star and all."

I had to answer her. "You missed the point. Her being a big

star and all—I was looking for someone to take care of me in a style I was unaccustomed to."

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The typesetter fund just topped the \$32,000 mark with a \$25 donation from Debbie Nakatomi. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. There's nothing like monetary reinforcement to let us know how much the readers appreciate the PC. Keep those donations coming.

The PC is still soliciting photos of interracial families for its Holiday Issue special. Send those in as soon as you can.

Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving. Less than a month till Christmas—how about a PC gift subscription for a friend?

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From Chicago to China

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



Catching up with the mail: T.S. Chihara of Purdue University sends along a clipping from the letters column of the Chicago Tribune (Oct. 26) offering a new insight into the late Orson Welles. The letter, written by Carl J. Cherry, not otherwise identified, recalled that Welles spoke at the Central YMCA College on LaSalle Street in downtown Chicago dur-

ing the 1943-44 school year.

"Many of the Central YMCA students were Japanese Americans who had been relocated in Chicago," Cherry wrote. "I believe their enrollment had been encouraged by the inspired leadership of Edward Sparling, president of the college. To this setting—a liberal college administration and a multiracial student body—Welles came to speak."

"Welles spoke fervently of the injustice done to Japanese Americans by their internment. He charged that California farm interests, anxious to be rid of their highly efficient Japanese American competitors, had created more pressure for internment than national security interests."

"That one speech delineated the man's dimensions far beyond those of the generally acknowledged consummate actor and creative artistic genius."

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The Wyoming Council on the Arts in Cheyenne is sponsoring an exhibit of watercolors by Sumiko Sakata O'Hashi of Laramie. The paintings will be on display through Jan. 3. Sumiko grew up near Douglas, Wyo., and in private life is the wife of Frank O'Hashi, Coca Cola's manager in Laramie.

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My brother Rube made his first trip to China recently and came back with, among other things, some observations about the way the Chinese feel about Japan. He writes:

"I sat next to a Japanese tour group leader at a program of acrobatics in Beijing and asked her if the Chinese treated Japanese tourists well. They do. I asked if they had forgotten the war and forgiven the Japanese. No, she said. They'll never forget nor forgive. The relationship is economic, pure and simple, and there is dislike beneath the surface."

"As we've seen in other countries we've visited, the Japanese tourists for the most part have taken over where the Ugly American left off. They flaunt their money just as much in Shanghai as they did in Honolulu or Florence or Vienna."

His observations find support in a column by Nobuo Yamamoto, Beijing correspondent of Japan's Mainichi newspapers. After reporting he found anti-Japanese

posters on the People's University campus, Yamamoto wrote:

"Today, I find an increasing number of Japanese tourists or those stationed in China adopting an arrogant attitude toward the local people. It may be because they do not respect the backwardness of the Chinese economy. There have been shameful cases in which Japanese students have been detained by the Public Security Bureau for two nights after beating up taxi drivers. I am really afraid that the Japanese are again becoming rude and disrespectful to others on the Chinese continent."

I've found that generally Japanese tourists keep a relatively low profile in the U.S. Am I wrong? If I'm right, why are they so different when they go to China?

Undesirable Culture

by Raymond Okamura

Now that the Fumiko Kimura case has been satisfactorily resolved, I can lift my self-imposed restraint and offer some comments which I did not dare make before for fear of prejudicing the defendant's right to a fair trial and equitable disposition.

The reduced charge of voluntary manslaughter, the plea of no contest (an equivalent of guilty), and the sentence of probation with psychiatric help were appropriate remedies for this tragic case, and I think nearly everyone can agree that justice has been served. I certainly bear no ill will toward Ms. Kimura and I wish her well in rebuilding her life.

My commentary, therefore, is not about Ms. Kimura as a person. Instead, it is more about the troublesome issues raised by her trial for us as Japanese Americans.

We talk a lot about preserving our cultural heritage, but the question is this: must we try to preserve everything which is deemed to be part of Japanese culture? What about those elements of Japanese culture which are in direct conflict with our American sensibilities and values?

What disturbed me the most about this case was reporter Katie Kaori Hayashi's depiction of the incident as a "parent-child suicide" and her attempt to justify

the drownings as "Japanese custom" and "an accepted cultural act" (Apr. 26 PC). The phrase "child suicide" made no sense and was an insult to a normal person's intelligence.

Simply put: it is impossible for an infant or young child to commit suicide. A child is incapable of understanding the nature of death and thus cannot give informed consent to dying. Someone else had to decide to kill that child. In this case, it was the mother in the process of attempting her own suicide.

Whether the child was killed with malice aforethought or out of love is not the point. That child had a right to life which no one—including the mother—had a right to take away. The problems of the mother are not necessarily those of the child, and a motherless child living in the U.S. does not face the same social discrimi-

nation which is practiced in Japan.

William Weatherall's analysis (Sept. 13 PC) was much more reasonable (at least more understandable to an American-educated person), and he correctly characterized the act in question as *muri shinju*, which is roughly translated as "coerced dying together." I personally prefer to call the incident an attempted suicide/child homicide.

I also agree with Mr. Weatherall's observation that parent suicide/child homicide is a universal act of human despair which takes place all over the world. The only thing different in Japan is that the Japanese tend to obscure the seriousness of such a

tragedy (and perhaps minimize the failures of society) with a mish-mash of sentimentality regarding the bonds of motherhood.

Which brings us back to the original question: must we as Japanese Americans uncritically accept, defend, and preserve what the people in Japan consider to be part of Japanese culture?

I think not. There are many undesirable aspects of Japanese culture which must not be transplanted to American soil. We can try to understand. We can sympathize. But we cannot condone those acts which violate our basic sense of right and wrong. And killing a child—for whatever reason—is clearly wrong.

Senior Legislature Report

by Mabel Ota

I was the lone Japanese American legislator who attended the fifth annual session of the California Senior Legislature, which was held the first week of October in the beautifully renovated state Capitol in Sacramento.

This year I was selected to be one of the four honorary escorts to Gov. George Deukmejian when he came to address the senior legislators during the opening ceremony. I chatted with him before and after his address and found him to be a warm and friendly person.

The senior legislators studied 121 bills and passed 47 for presentation to the state legislature and 13 for presentation to Congress. From this group of bills the top 10 state and top 4 federal bills were selected as priority bills:

(1) State Health Plan—providing medical and hospital coverage, funded by subscribers and state funds for all state residents who choose to participate.

(2) In-Home Services: Model Programs—proposes 10 projects be created to test the feasibility of non-institutionalized community-based Long Term Care-supported services.

(3) Senior and Handicapped Housing Act—would authorize issuance of tax-exempt general

obligation bonds to develop housing affordable to all low-income seniors and the handicapped.

(4) Health Preventive Care—state funding for more preventive care health education programs.

(5) Mobile Homes—arbitration of rent disputes between mobile home owners and landlords to avoid long court proceedings.

(6) Medicine—access to doctors' records so that patients will know of any malpractice or other complaints.

(7) Fund Bond Act Loans—to low-income seniors for dental, eye and hearing care not covered by Medicare, financed by general obligation bonds.

(8) Transportation—for elderly and handicapped, especially in rural areas where bus service has been curtailed.

(9) Homestead Exemption—extending homestead protection from liability judgements to \$100,000 for singles and \$150,000 for couples (the limit is \$30,000 and \$45,000 at present).

(10) Rent Control—statewide rent control for mobil homes; increases based on state consumer price index.

The 11th priority bill was introduced by me—the elimination of community college fees. There has been a drastic drop in com-



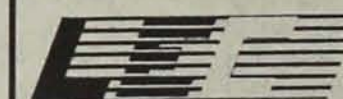
Mabel Ota with Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian at state Capitol building.

munity college enrollment since the imposition of the \$50 fee, especially among seniors, the poor, and minorities. Since the state lottery will provide extra funds for education, now is the time to drop those fees.

The top four federal legislative priorities were: (1) National Health Care Plan; (2) Separation of Social Security from the federal budget; (3) Federal program for senior housing; (4) Including eyeglasses, dental care and hearing aids in Medicare coverage.

Senior legislators will be looking for sponsors of these bills when the regular legislature convenes in January.

Seventeen bills named as priority bills by the 1984 Senior Legislature were passed and signed into law. We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to work to make California a better place for everyone.



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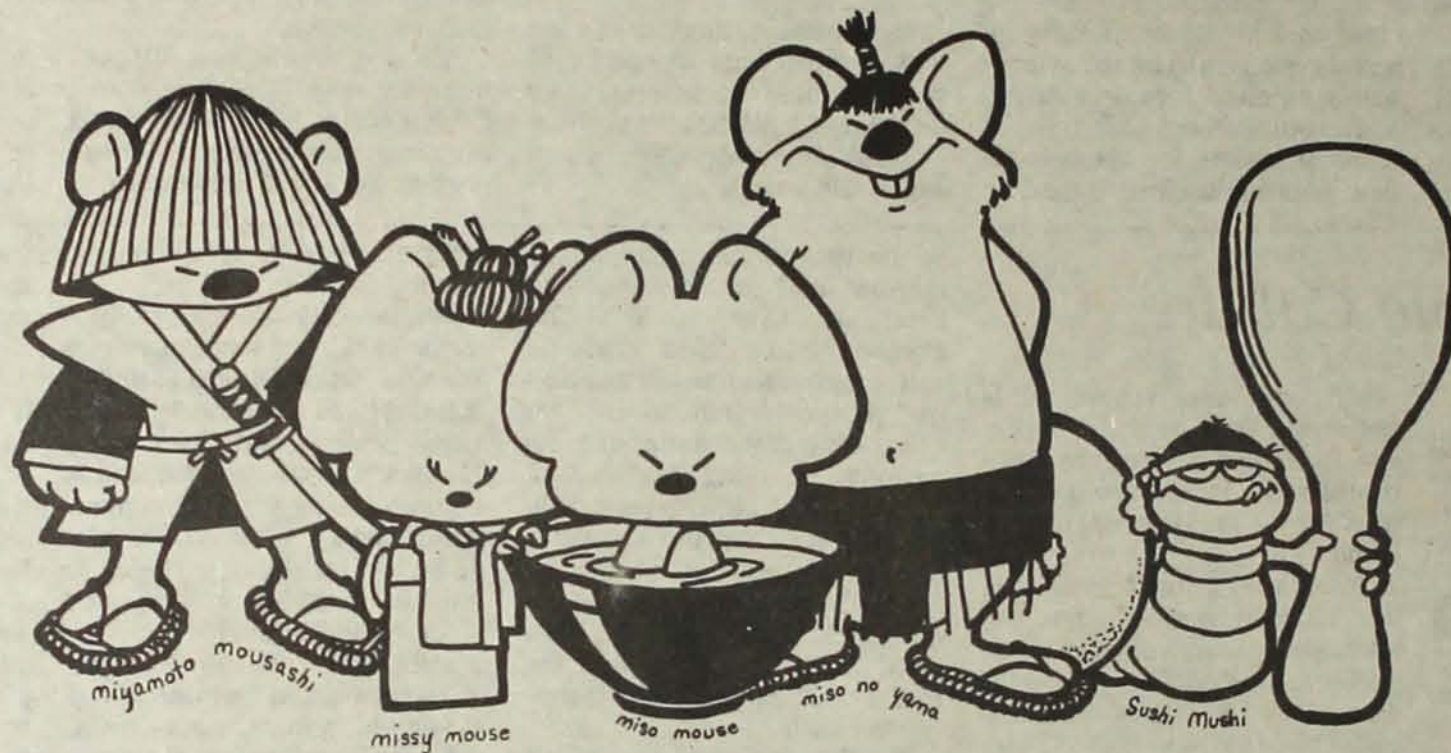
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William Hamada
JATC Director

'Tis Time of Thanks

As the clock ticks off the hours and remaining days of the year 1985, we reflect and give thanks to the members and many friends who supported our Travel Club with their participation in our JATC 1985 Tour Programs.

Since my retirement from an airline career a year ago, I have been asked to organize and operate tour programs for this Travel Club. We had families, couples and individual friends who loyally supported and booked our tours to a myriad of destinations sponsored by our Travel Club: Alaska Cruises, Ancient Cathay China; So. Pacific New Zealand & Australia, Hawaii, Orient Highlights to Japan, Bangkok, Singapore and Hong Kong, Spain and Portugal, London and Paris, Europe, Canada, Fall Foliage in New England and the Japan Expo (Tsukuba Expo).

Thanks to Harry Honda and the Pacific Citizen staff including Jane Ozawa for continually updating our JATC tours in the weekly ad, and Harry for contributing so unselfishly his valuable time to produce the quarterly travel section supplement and miraculously meeting the deadline. Hats off to column and story contributors, John Ball, Rafael Bouffard and Alyce S. Komoto, volunteer administrator on the weekend and our tour escort to Europe again this year. It was a successful JATC Tour Group.

And to JATC's good friend and supporter, Mr. Paul Bannai, who recently completed a brilliant political career in Washington, D.C. and upon his return, escorted a group to the Orient. We will see more of him in 1986, with the charitable contribution of his time and effort toward growth of our Travel Club.

Mr. Bannai is known locally in Southern California for being a successful businessman in real estate circles. He was city councilman in Gardena, a state assemblyman in Sacramento, and then President Reagan drafted him to the Nation's Capital to be No. 2 man in the Veterans Administration.

We sincerely express our thanks to the sponsors who continuously placed an ad in our Quarterly Travel Section to help pay for the supplement in the Pacific Citizen. Then, of course, our special thanks to Hank Sakai, JATC Chairperson; and Tyler Tanaka, President of Japan & Orient Tours, the two men who had the foresight to provide tours for Japanese Americans and friends who may enjoy the com-

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NEW ZEALAND: JEWEL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

A Journey Back to the Good Old Days

BY NICHOLAS REEVE
J & O Pacific Manager

A coach tour was stranded in the countryside with the driver doing his utmost to rectify the mechanical problem which was causing the unscheduled delay. Adjacent to the roadway was a typical sheep farm. Within half an hour the farmer's wife had the whole tour, consisting of 24 people, sitting around the farmhouse plying them with fresh lamb sandwiches and gallons of home-made beer. The mechanical

problem was solved within the hour, but because of the wonderful hospitality the coach did not depart for another three hours! For my friends Janet and Bob, who were on that tour, it was one of the highlights and in March they are returning for their fourth visit because they say it is like "a journey back to the good old days".

Remember those days? When your car did not need a smog check. When you could really taste natural cream in ice cream and fruit and

vegetables were bursting with crispness. Everything was cleaner, quieter and more relaxed. For some Americans those times are just a dim distant memory and their kids have never experienced it and probably never will. Luckily there are still some corners of the world where those good old days are alive and well. Such a place is New Zealand—the jewel of the South Pacific.

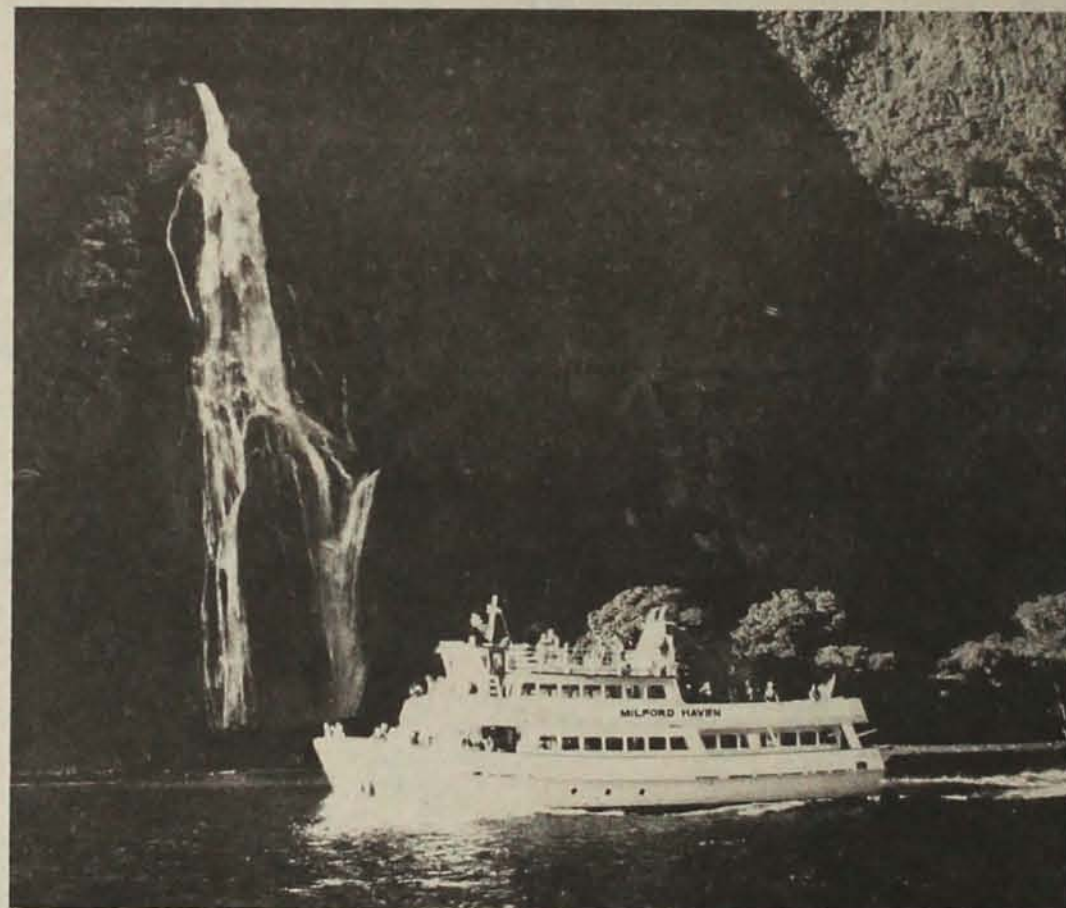
Astonishingly Spectacular Scenery
New Zealand is so blessed with

such an astounding array of wonders that it is difficult to describe it without using superlatives and hackneyed travel clichés. Without doubt the most remarkably diversified and spectacular scenery in the world exists in this small South Pacific nation, roughly the size of California. Ask anyone who has visited the South Pacific what their favourite country was and invariably the answer is New Zealand.

Snow capped peaks, crystal clear rivers with a proliferation of trout and salmon, majestic fjords where mile high mountains plunge vertically into the ocean, hundreds and hundreds of beaches untainted by man where you cannot see a light, or a footprint in the sand and the only sound is the gentle lapping waters of the South Pacific. And everywhere you look the greenness of the farmlands—as green as Ireland, beautifully contrasted with the whiteness of the sheep, which are literally everywhere. If all this is not enough to entice even the most world-weary traveller New Zealand has more, from forests thousands of years old teeming with flora and fauna unique to the country, to the fascinating thermal region around Rotorua where you can stand and watch boiling pools of mud, or dip one hand in an ice-cold mountain stream and place the other in a hot one sprung deep from the bowels of the earth.

New Zealand is one of the most alone places in the world, separated from other nations by thousands of miles of ocean. This seems to make the people unusually hospitable to visitors. Such is the friendliness of New Zealanders that to the visitor it seems as though this hospitality is a national duty. One is

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Milford Sound

Vancouver, B.C., to host Expo '86 starting May 21

BY W.Y. HAMADA

Approximately 165 miles north by northwest, as the crow would fly directly from Seattle, Washington, there is a magnificent clean city which will become the world's focal point during 1986. Situated only 25 miles across from the U.S. border, nestled at the foot of Grouse Mountain, across from the English Bay and Burrard Inlet, the city of Vancouver has spread out sparkling like a precious jewel with a population of little over one million. I've often visited this wonderful city during my 20 some years as an executive for C.P. Air. As one of Canada's major flag carriers with head offices in Vancouver B.C., it is no wonder that it has been appointed the official airline of Expo 86.

Vancouver, B.C. is Canada's westernmost major city and Canada's gateway to the Orient. The Pa-

cific Ocean's Japanese Black Current kisses its shores as it flows southward along the coastline from Alaska and British Columbia, onward along Washington, Oregon, California and down to Mexico, providing a very temperate climate all year round.

As we Southern Californians and many others jokingly express it, those living in the Pacific Northwest "grow web-feet", due to their constant exposure to rain. However, it's hard to describe the wonders of nature. When the rains subside and the sun glows, the rays from the sun transforms the area into "GOD'S COUNTRY"—snow capped mountains nearby sparkle; limpid lakes mirror the sky blue color; the surrounding tall green trees give off the refreshing pine fragrant scent; and the city suddenly becomes alive and dazzles in the light.

Amidst this panoramic setting, the city of Vancouver will play host to the world as one of the Twentieth Century's most spectacular World Expositions—EXPO 86. From May 21 to October 13 1986, more than 80 nations, provinces, states and corporations will present a marvelous showcase of exhibits and events to celebrate mankind's achievements in transportation and communication.

If you missed the Tsukuba Expo 85 in Japan this year, don't miss this opportunity for the world in '86.

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● **Orient Highlights - 16 days.** JATC Group Departures: Mar. 15 & Oct. 18. Monthly Departures: Sat. Jan. 18-Dec. 20. Visiting: Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Nara, Kyoto, Bangkok, Singapore & Hong Kong. Meals: 24 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$2,756 p/per/twin.

● **Seasons of Japan - 11 days.** JATC Group Departures: April 18, June 27 & Oct. 17. Monthly Departures: Fri. Jan. 24 - Dec. 12. Visiting: Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kashikojima, Nara & Kyoto. Meals: 18 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$2,120 p/per/twin.

Optional Extension - 4 days. Visiting: Hiroshima, Inland Sea, Osaka, Tokyo & Nikko. Price for option: \$897 p/per/twin.

● **Garden Tours of Japan.** JATC Group Departures: Oct. 22. Visiting: Tokyo, Nikko, Hakone, Kashikojima, Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Inland Sea & Takamatsu. 24 meals plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$3,197 p/per/twin.

● **Japan and Hong Kong - 15 days.** JATC Group Departures: April 5 & Nov. 1. Monthly Departures: Sat. Jan. 25-Dec. 13. Visiting: Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kashikojima, Nara, Kyoto & Hong Kong. Meals: 23 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$2,426 p/per/twin.

● **Orient and China - 15 days.** JATC Group Departure: Sept. 26, 1986. Monthly Departures: Friday Mar. 28 thru Oct. 23, 1986. Visiting: Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Kyoto, Beijing & Hong Kong. Meals: 24 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Portland, Seattle from \$2,709 p/per/twin.

● **Orient Splendors - 21 days.** Monthly Departures: March 27 - Oct. 23. Visiting: Tokyo, Beijing, Bangkok, Singapore, Bali & Hong Kong. Meals: 35 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$3,461 p/per/twin.

● **Blue Jade - 21 days.** Monthly Departures: Tuesday Sept. 2, Sept. 23 & Oct. 14. Visiting: Beijing, Xian, Nanjing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Guilin, Guangzhou & Hong Kong. Meals: 50 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$3,471 p/per/twin.

● **Ancient Cathay - 21 days.** Monthly Departures: April 7 - Oct. 20. Visiting: Tokyo, Kyoto, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Guilin, Shanghai, Xian, & Beijing. Meals: 43 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$3,376 p/per/twin.

● **Forbidden Cities - 23 days.** Monthly Departures: Sat. April 12 - Oct. 25. Visiting: Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Guilin, Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, Bangkok, Singapore & Tokyo. Meals: 47 plus in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$3,920 p/per/twin.

● **Grand Tour of the Orient - 26 days.** Monthly Departures: Thur. March 6 - Nov. 6. Visiting: Tokyo, Kyoto via Kamakura and Hakone, Seoul, Taipei, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Beijing & Hong Kong. Meals: 42 plus

in-flight. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle from \$4,264 p/per/twin.

● **Hong Kong Bargain - 7 days.** Daily departures Mon.-Thu. from West Coast Gateway City: March 16-May 30 and Sept. 16-Dec. 15, 1986. Features: Round trip air plus airport/hotel transfers. Five nights luxury accommodations at the New Kowloon Hotel. Half day guided tour of Hong Kong. Price: \$1,022 per person dbl occ. Note: Weekend departures (Fri-Sun) \$120 add'l surcharge.

● **Christmas Shopping—Seoul & Hong Kong Shopping Spree - 9 days.** JATC Departure: Nov. 28, 1986. Features: Round trip air plus airport/hotel transfers, 3 nights hotel - Seoul, 4 nights hotel - Hong Kong. 1/2 day guided city tour at each city. Escorted to fabulous shopping bargain areas. Price: L.A., S.F., Seattle, San Diego & Portland: \$1,078 p/per/twin.

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● **Expo 86 Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle - 8 days.** JATC Group Departure: July 26. Monthly Departures: Sat. May 17 - Oct. 14. Visiting: Seattle, Motorcoach to Vancouver, Expo 86 (includes 3 day Expo ticket), Ferry to Victoria, Butchart Gardens, and ferry through beautiful San Juan Islands to Seattle. Meals: 3 breakfasts, lunch and 2 dinners. Price from Seattle Airport transfer: \$740 p/per/twin plus airfare from your hometown cities.

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● **Niagara Falls & Ontario/Canada - 7 days.** Departures from New York: May 15, July 10 & Oct. 3, 1986. Visiting Adirondack Mtns., Ottawa, Thousand Island Cruise, Ontario Place, Corning

Glass Museums, and Pocono Mtns. Price from \$655 p/per/twin. Note: One night N.Y. hotel accommodations required prior to commencement of tour.

EUROPE

● **Grand Europe - 21 days.** JATC Group Departure: Sept. 14. Monthly Departures: Sun/Mon/Wed May 4-Sept. 28. Visiting: London, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Monaco, France & London. Meals: 27 plus in-flight. Price from London Airport transfer from: \$1,138 p/per/twin-plus airfare from your hometown cities.

● **Highlights of Europe-15 days.** Monthly Wed, Fri, & Sat departures April 19 thru Oct. 18. Visiting London, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. Price from London Airport, transfers with return from Paris. From \$745 p/per/twin plus airfare from your hometown cities.

CRUISES

● **Mexican Riviera - 7 days.** Sat. Sailings (Princess Cruises): Jan. 1 to May 17, 1986. Board at Port of Los Angeles/Fly back from Acapulco. Ports of Call: Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa & Acapulco. Price from \$962 p/per sharing Inside Cabin.

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● **Alaska Inside Passage - 7 days.** JATC Sailing (SS Daphne): Aug. 1, 1986. Fly Round trip free to Vancouver from Portland/Oregon, Salt Lake City/Utah, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles/CA. Board at Vancouver, B.C. Ports of Call: Wrangell, Endicott Arm, Juneau, Skagway, Davidson & Rainbow Glaciers, Ketchikan and Vancouver, B.C. Price from \$1,290 p.p. sharing inside two lower. \$1,515 p.p. sharing outside two lower. Approx. \$100 savings p.p. during value season sailings.

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● **Caribbean - 7 days.** JATC Sailing (SS Costa Riviera): June 28, 1986. Fly round trip free to Fort Lauderdale from Portland/Oregon, Salt Lake City/Utah, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles/CA. Board at Fort Lauderdale (Free overnight accommodation provided for Friday arrivals). Ports of Call: St. Thomas, St. Croix/U.S. Virgin Island, Nassau/Bahamas and Fort Lauderdale/Florida. Price from: \$1,100 p.p. sharing inside two lower. \$1,300 p.p. sharing outside two lower.

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Fall Foliage

Dear Mr. Hamada:

Thanks for arranging for such an enjoyable tour of New England and Canada. You chose the right time Oct. 7-13, 1985 for us to see the brilliant colors of the fall foliage. My travelling companion picked up the colorful leaves in red, yellow, green and in between colors which she sprayed with hairspray and then pressed between a book. They are so pretty, she said she was going to arrange them in a picture frame as a reminder of our trip.

We started out with a bang by spending our first night at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Then the Hilton Hotel in Quebec and the Sheraton Hotel in Montreal had comfortable beds and lots of goodies in the bathroom (shampoo, bubble bath, shoe cloth, shower cap, soap, etc.). Tauck Tours is surely the Cadillac of travel agencies. Luckily, our bus had people who were all prompt and courteous so the tour leader praised us lavishly.

We took turns having dinner with different people but, being single, we preferred the company of a Polish lady who was traveling alone. Since she was a Catholic, we had a lot in common also and enjoyed the basilica in Montreal and the shrine at St. Anne de Beupre in Quebec. We lit candles and prayed for healing. Also we bought a little plastic bottle of holy water at St. Anne's.

We scoured the town in both Quebec and Montreal for souvenirs—mostly maple syrup and candy. We did look at furs which they told us was cheap but it was beyond our pocketbook. Since Quebec is so French, I bought a French dictionary which helped me in many a situation. If you know only a little French, be forewarned not to use it. In my limited French, I said "Que est que c'est?" and three fellows answered in rapid-fire French. I laughed and ran away saying "No comprendo," in Spanish.

It was a sad hour when we had to say good bye to all our traveling companions. Now I am reliving our trip by frequently looking at the pictures I took with my trusty box camera. And wistfully wishing we could start all over again on our fairyland-like trip through the beautiful countryside back East.

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AFRICA

● **Southern Africa - 22 days.** Monthly departures from New York: Feb. 7-Nov. 28, 1986. Visit: Johannesburg, Kruger and Botswana's Chobe National Parks for game viewing, pass through the Garden Route, Capetown, ride the world-famous "Blue Train", Pretoria and Victoria Falls. Land price \$2,998 p/per/twin plus air.

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SOUTH PACIFIC

● **New Zealand & Australia Pacific Escape - 15 days.** Monthly Departures: Sat. Jan. 15 - Dec. 27, 1986. Features: Professionally escorted. Round trip air fare from Los Angeles. City sightseeing at Auckland, Queens-town, Christchurch, Melbourne, and Sydney. Waitomo Glow Worm Caves, Rotorua-Whakarewarewa Tour, Milford Sound Launch Cruise. Waratah Koala Park. Sydney Harbor Cruise and other extras. Meals: 24 plus in-flight. Low Season departure price from L.A.: \$2,355 p/per/twin. Shoulder Season (March 22-May 10 and Oct. 25-Nov. 29, 1986) \$2,517 p/per/twin. High Season (Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, Dec. 6 - Dec. 27, 1986) \$2,828 p/per/twin.

● **New Guinea & Hong Kong-14 days.** JATC Departure: Oct. 11 (Sat), return Oct. 24 (Fri). Features: Roundtrip airfare from LAX or SFO, 5 nights Sepik River cruise with stops at native villages, guided tour of central highlands and native villages, guided tour of old and new Manila, guided tour of Hong Kong Island, three meals a day in New Guinea, American breakfasts in Manila and Hong Kong. JATC tour conductor with 15 or more adult members. Price: \$2,899 p/per sharing a hotel room or ship's cabin.

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FISHING

● **Baja Calif/Loreto - 4 days.** Midweek Departures: Jan. 10 to Apr. 30, 1986. Features: 3 nights at El Presidente Hotel. Round trip air from Los Angeles. Hotel transfers and tax. One full day Skiff fishing, all equip, bait & fishing license. Price from L.A.: \$245 p.p. dbloc.

● **Baja Calif./Los Cabo - 4 days.** Midweek Departures: Jan. 10 to Apr. 30, 1986. Features: 3 nights at Hotel Calinda/Aquamarina. Others same as above. 3 dinners. Price from L.A. \$279 p.p. dbloc.

● **British Columbia, Canada/River's Inlet - 4 days.** Departures: Fri. June to Mid Sept. 1986. Features: 3 nights lodging on Floating Barge. Round trip Amphibian/float plane flight from Vancouver South Terminal Airport to Rivers Inlet. (Fri. Morning departure with late Monday afternoon return). All beverages, meals at River's Inlet. Boats, bait and fishing license. Price from Vancouver: \$1,095 p/per/dbl occ plus air. Note: Monday morning departure from Vancouver with late Friday afternoon return schedule also available at \$1,265 p.p. dbl occ plus air. Not Included: One night accommodation at Vancouver required prior to embarking on fishing trip.

● **New Zealand-10 days.** JATC Departure: Nov. 11 (Tue), return Nov. 20 (Thu). Features: Based on six fishermen per charterboat. Bay of Islands big game, Bay of Plenty light tackle and Rotorua lakes and streams freshwater fishing. Round trip airfare from LAX, all transfers and transportation. 7 nights first class accommodation on a share twin basis (for deluxe accom, add \$550 p/per). Sightseeing in Auckland, Waitomo Caves and Rotorua. Price ex L.A. \$1,650 p/per. Non-fisherman deduct \$400.

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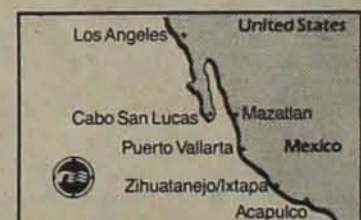
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constantly involved in conversation with the locals who want to ensure you are enjoying yourself and if you appear not to be, you can guarantee New Zealanders will bend over backwards to rectify things. The warmth and friendliness will never appear contrived, social interaction is like the people, down-to-earth and spontaneous. Conversation is easy as the vast majority of New Zealanders are British descendants and the national language is English. Approximately 300,000 of the 3.5 million people are Maoris, who are a delightful, fun-loving Polynesian people, remarkably similar to Hawaiians. The Maori culture permeates all facets of New Zealand society and gives the country a special South Sea Island flavour.

Sportsman's Paradise

It is not surprising to learn that New Zealanders are devotees of the great outdoors, for the climate and environment are ideal for outdoor pursuits. Fishing and golf are two of the more popular pastimes. The lakes and rivers, of which there are a multitude, are world renowned for the quality and abundance of

trout and salmon, and almost every tour of the country incorporates a visit to a trout and wildlife sanctuary. Ocean fishing has long had a worldwide reputation, made famous by American author Zane Grey who was a regular visitor to New Zealand's shores. New Zealand has more golf courses per head of population than any other country in the world. Because many of these courses are public and inexpensive it makes a round or two of golf easily accessible to the visitor. Because of the naturally undulating terrain golfing is always a challenging experience.

There are other more practical reasons for vacationing in New Zealand. The seasons are the exact opposite here with the warmest months being November through March. At Christmas time most people head for the beach! If the Northern hemisphere Winter is getting to you it is the ideal destination to shake off those Winter blues. In purely economic terms there has never been a better time to visit New Zealand as the U.S. dollar is approximately twice the N.Z. dollar, so you double your money as soon as you touchdown, which is a great way to start any vacation!



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS enjoy the Canadian summer skies in the Rockies. Pictured at the JATC deluxe Canadian Rockies Tour dinner and in front of the Chateau Lake Louise are (and not in this particular order) William and Fusae Hamada, George and Toyoko Ito, Kikuko Yamashiro, Hatsuko Mochidome, George and Yuko Wakimoto, Yukio and Ikuko Miyatake, Yasuo and Kiyoko Katsumata, Masako and Joyce Koda, Hidekazu and Kunie Chiyo (who hail from Kanazawa, Japan), Howard and Chiyeko Oshiyama, Fumio Yoshida and Ayako Raut.



LE GRANDE EUROPE TOUR members pause in front of Rome's Coliseum for the JATC group picture. They are (and not in the order as pictured) Henry and Mary Hattori, Sparks, Nev.; Barney and Masaye Sato, Los Angeles; Naoshi and Yukiye Suzuki, Monterey Park; Tom and Mary

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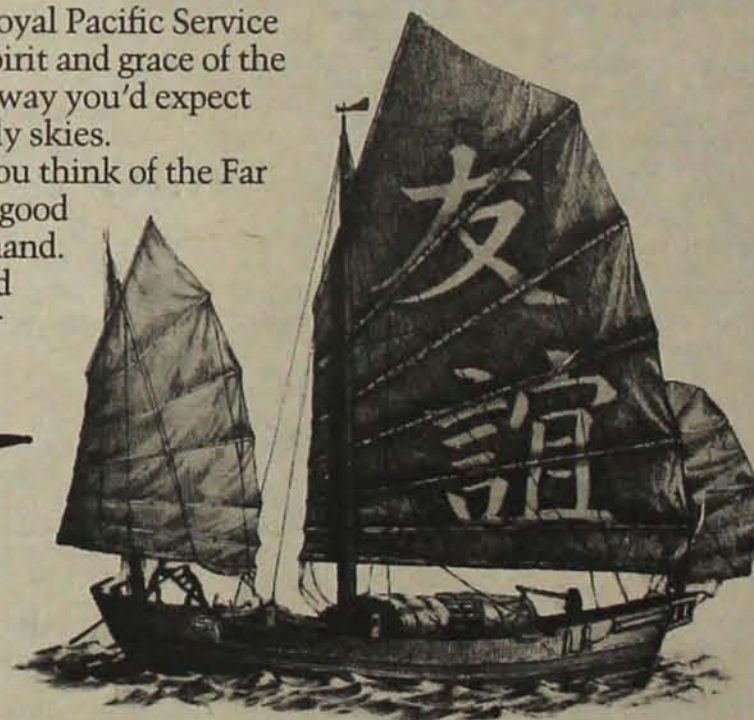
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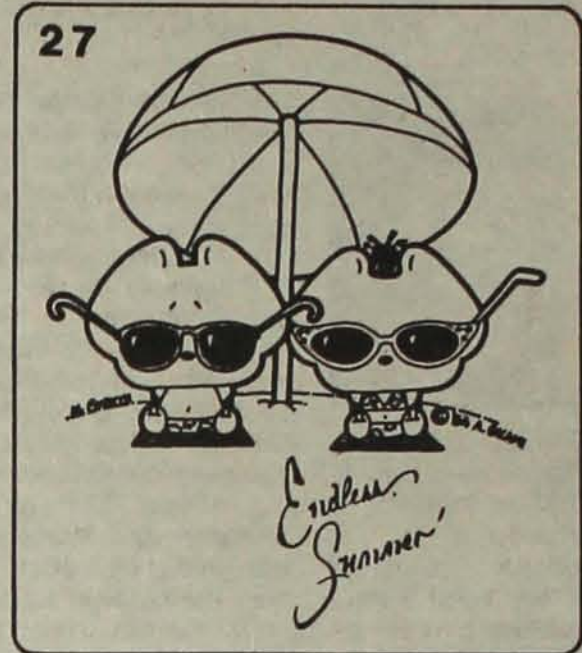
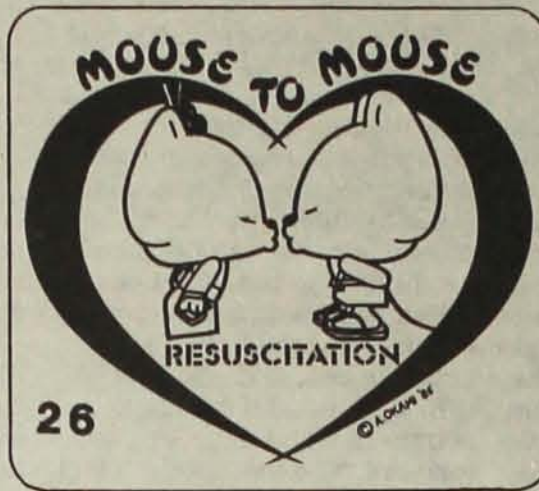
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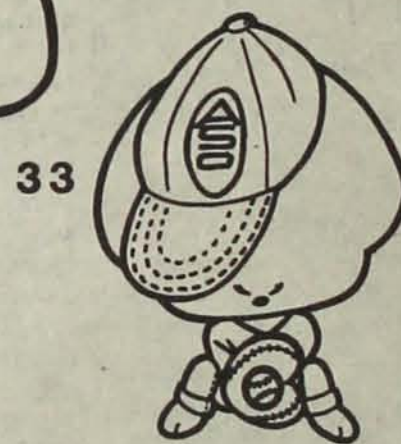
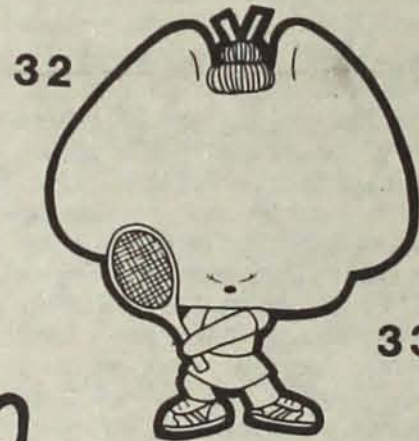
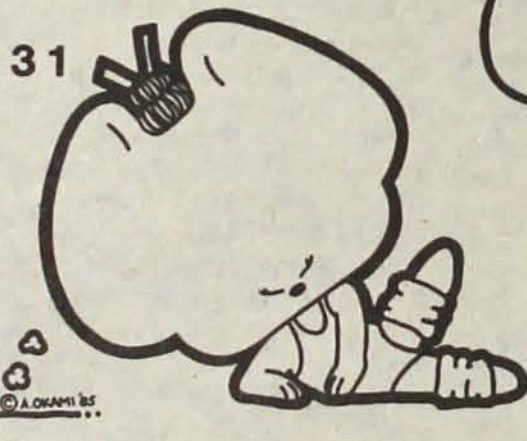
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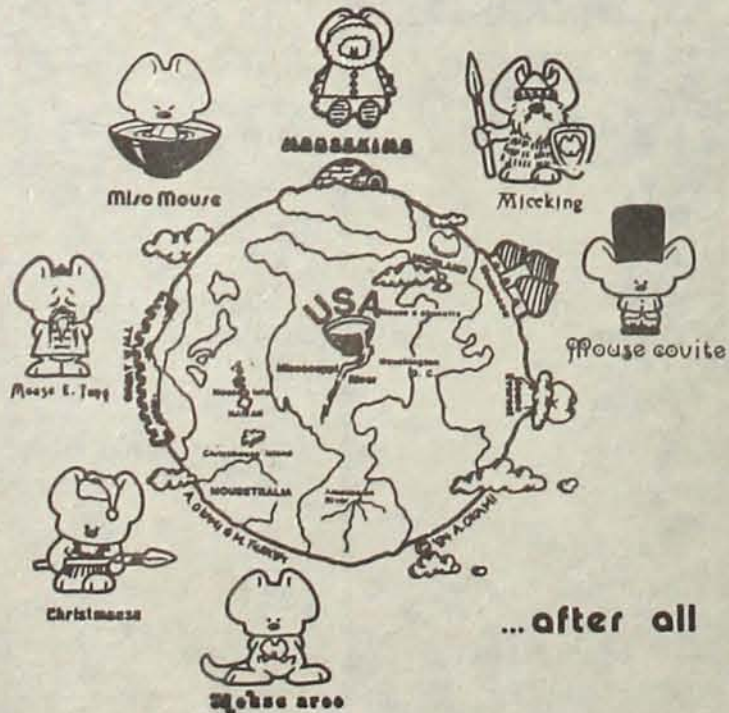
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Recent additions to the growing list of co-sponsors to H.R. 442 are the results of lobbying by JACL constituents in the districts. The work accomplished by these people has been impressive because we now have Republican co-sponsors. Getting Republican support helps to make the redress issue non-partisan.

H.R. 442 is to right the deprivation of liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness without trial or hearing. The story of the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans must be taken throughout this land to all who believe in justice and fairness.

The lobbyists who were successful in their endeavor took

our story out to the community and to the members of Congress (MC) and found there are people who believe redress is an American issue.

Lobbying Results

Thanks to the carefully executed lobbying by Dr. Robert Shu Yasui of Williamsport, Pa., a member of the Philadelphia chapter, we have added Rep. George Gekas (R-Pa.) of the Judiciary committee, representing district 17. The district's southern end starts in Harrisburg and goes north to Williamsport, the home of Little League.

Dr. Yasui has been practicing in Williamsport since his graduation from Temple Univ. Medical School in Philadelphia. Though members of his family were sent to the relocation camp from the Portland stockyard center, Yasui managed to get out before he had to report to camp.

After our short session on lobbying on Oct. 27, Yasui spoke at a luncheon of the community leaders the following week. He took copies of 100 sample letters

and a handout sheet which explained the redress issue. His friends took on the issue and began to write letters immediately to Rep. Gekas. He was able to get letters written by a chairman and a member of the county Republican committee, by judges, doctors, attorneys, ministers, bishops of the Methodist Church, and a neighbor who had Gekas over for dinner the previous week.

In other words, Yasui used all of his contacts, professional, political, civic and personal.

In 1984, I had a 35-minute appointment with Gekas' legislative assistant, who informed me that the Japanese American redress issue was an important one which should have the support of Gekas but he had not received one letter from a constituent.

This year, letters went out from Williamsport and from Harrisburg; his co-sponsorship of H.R. 442 shows that support is possible even where there is a miniscule JA population. The effort has to be coordinated and the individual has to believe in redress with a zeal. Yasui will not qualify for redress compensation if the bill should pass. His focus is on upholding the Constitution.

Yasui has promised that he will now start on the two Pennsylvania senators. His daughter, who is with the Neighborhood Film Project at the International House on the campus of Univ. of Pennsylvania, tells me that I have made an activist out of her father. He is even taking this issue to parties. His goal is to get 200 letters from individuals in Harrisburg and Williamsport to Rep. Gekas. It's no wonder that on Nov. 18, Gekas became a co-sponsor.

Other Grassroots Lobbyists

Fred Hirasuna was right when he wrote that it was the efforts of the local constituents who were finally able to get Rep. Charles Pashayan (R-Calif.) from district 17. Pashayan is the first California Republican to come on board as a co-sponsor. Press releases from the offices of Reps. Matsui and Mineta inform the public when co-sponsors come on board as H.R. 442 supporters and say little about the people in the community who have

worked hard.

I reviewed the clearinghouse information where chapter redress coordinators send reports on letters written to and contacts made with either staff or MC. This information is sent to Midwest regional director Bill Yoshino in Chicago. Recently, there has been very little information sent to Yoshino and we have asked coordinators to see that this program is restored.

We do know that during the 98th Congress and the present 99th Congress, Tom Shimasaki of the Tulare County chapter spearheaded the drive to gain Pashayan's support by getting JACL members of the Fresno area to meet with Pashayan on a regular basis.

The feat of getting Pashayan's support should be credited not only to Shimasaki's leadership and commitment but also to Hirasuna, Hiro Mayeda, James Nagatani and June Tokawa.

We're glad this team did not give up but kept up their contacts whenever they had the opportunity to meet with Pashayan to tell about the injustice of being sent to the American-style concentration camps when there was no military necessity for the action. All we want is for people to accept the concept of fairness.

Rep. Raymond McGrath (R-NY) from the 5th district became a co-sponsor Sept. 20. We know that members of the New York chapter were in contact with McGrath's district office. They were Lily and John Kiyasu and Robert Machida.

In the 98th and 99th Congress, lobbying was done in the 10th district of Indiana with Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D-Ind.) under the leadership of Shirley Nakatsuka and followed up by other Hoosier chapter members. He agreed to co-sponsor Nov. 13.

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) from the 5th district was contacted by Pat Okura of the D.C. chapter in September 1984. At that time Hoyer stated he would support the bill.

We realize there is a problem in writing a report on the success of some of the individual contacts made by JACL chapter

members. The problem is that we will commit the mistake of leaving out someone who worked equally hard at lobbying MC. The purpose of sharing this kind of information is to encourage grassroots lobbying which needs to be activated all over the U.S., especially where there are chapters and interested supporters for the redress issue.

The Washington LEC staff will be contacting more of you to ask you to see your MC when they are back in the district between sessions. This is a critical time to step up the grassroots lobbying. We ask those of you who live in the districts of members who are on the House Judiciary Committee to procrastinate no longer. You can make the difference in getting H.R. 442 out of the Judiciary Committee to the full House.

Coalition Building

LEC Legislative Strategy Chair Grant Ujifusa and I met with Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights (LCCR) and later with David Brody of the Anti-Defamation League to discuss how their organizations can help JACL-LEC with our lobbying efforts on H.R. 442 and S. 1053. Both

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organizations have made a commitment to assist us.

LCCR is an umbrella organization for 165 civil and human rights organizations. The organization will send a letter to MC expressing support for the two bills; the letter will be signed by Neas and by Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, who is also presently president of the LCCR board. Information on the two bills will be sent to the LCCR organizations.

What we hope to develop is a support system composed of interested supporters from the community who can accompany JACL lobbyists on visits to MC at the district and state levels.

H.R. 442 Hearings

Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), chair of the Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Gov't. Relations, where H.R. 442 presently resides, has announced that the subcommittee will in all likelihood schedule hearings on the West Coast and in Washington sometime early next year after the second session of the 99th Congress has convened. The makeup of the committee shows a roster of new members besides Glickman. Of the 10 members on the subcommittee, seven are new members who have not participated in the hearings for H.R. 4110. The hearings will consequently serve as an important educational adjunct for H.R. 442.

We have been informed from the visitation made by Ralph Neas, David Brody and Joe Rauh, legal counsel for LCCR and a member of the LEC board, that Glickman supports H.R. 442.

Chapter Pulse

Florin

SACRAMENTO—Florin JACL's installation is set for Jan. 13, 6 p.m. (cocktails) and 6:30 (dinner) at Frasinetti's Winery Restaurant, 7395 Frasinetti Rd. George Kondo, No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District regional director, will be installation officer. Info: (916) 635-2815.

Officers being installed are George Miyao, pres.; Bill Kashiwagi, v.p.; Tosh Fukushima, treas.; James Abe, ways & means; Mary Tsukamoto, Redress/LEC; Alfred Tsukamoto, historian; George Furukawa, insurance; Glenn Taniguchi, official delegate; Paul Takehara, youth leader and newsletter editor; Tommy Kushi, membership; Kenneth Ozawa, 1000 Club; and Nellie Sakakihara, scholarships.

French Camp

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The chapter's annual Christmas party for children, featuring Santa Claus (Tom Foundation), takes place Dec. 21, 7 p.m., at French Camp Community Hall. Planners include Lydia Ota, Katie Komure, Toyo Foundation, Fumiko Asano, Nancy Natsuhara, Dorothy Ota, Pam Yamasaki, Kimi Morinaka, George Komure, Florence Shiro-mizu and Tom Natsuhara.

A potluck dinner/dance is planned for Dec. 20, also at the Community Hall.

Mile-Hi

DENVER — The community New Year's Eve party will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Buddhist Temple. Donation is \$12/person. No host bar, refreshments and party favors are among the offerings. Music by Allen Watanabe. Tickets: Ed Nozawa, 466-3030; Tom Masamori, 237-3041; Kent Yoritomo, 936-4362; Joe Sakato, 428-0888; Joe Hayashi, 989-9246.

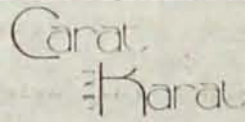
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who said she had been betrayed by Itsuroku and would kill him and commit suicide. A source said the mistress was angry that she had aborted Itsuroku's baby even though Fumiko gave birth to a baby in June 1984.

"I could not ignore her threats, and from that point on, I could not sleep well," said Kimura, according to the report.

Ten days before the suicide attempt, the mistress visited Kimura and her husband to end the

relationship with Itsuroku. After that, Kimura's depression worsened.

"On the last day, I was thinking about my past life with my parents, and with my husband, and particularly of the time when my mother denied me and when my father introduced me as the daughter of a relative," said Kimura, according to the report.

She said she felt she was hated by her family and took her children with her when she walked into the ocean in January because they would be hated as an extension of herself.

Asian elected to Teamster position

SAN FRANCISCO—Jan Sunoo, Teamster business agent for Retail Delivery Drivers Local 278, was returned to office Nov. 19 when he ran unopposed for his second three-year term.

The only known Korean American Teamster official in the U.S., Sunoo has been active in Asian American community issues such as the Vincent Chin case and in labor issues such as the Watsonville cannery workers' strike. He was union shop steward for seven years at United Parcel Service.

"I hope more Asians will get involved in the labor movement, because most immigrant workers don't have any representation," he said.

Sunoo is board chair of Asian American Federation of Union Members and a lecturer in the Labor Studies Dept. at S.F. Community College.

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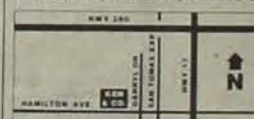
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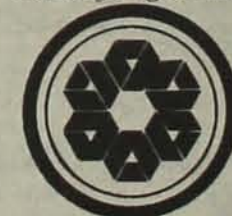
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She is survived by d Ellen Oyster of Birmingham, Ala., & Joyce Takahashi Doi of Davis, Calif.; sis Shizuko Kawamoto of Hiroshima & Hatsumi Kato of Weaverville, Me.; gc Kathryn Doi of N.Y. & Douglas Doi of Camarillo, Calif. Contributions can be sent to Berkeley Methodist United Church, 1710 Carleton St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

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DNC executive committee. "We have testified before regular hearings and have been involved with organizational issues in the party."

"When Kirk stated that all caucuses are unofficial, he put us into limbo. The question is, is the caucus really a deep-rooted system within the party? If so, why pick on us? As a newly emerged minority—and this party represents all minorities—that's wrong."

"I hope [the federation] is not set up to suffice for the mission of the caucuses," said Mabel Teng, No. Calif. chair of the AP Caucus, in a telephone interview. "But I think that is what it's for."

"We feel that eliminating the caucus was a slap in our face. This is another slap because... We want more power and political representation, which is not there in the federation."

Sandy Ouye Mori, one 25 people Kirk appointed as at-large DNC members, said the overall concern is how Asian Americans can participate in the party in a meaningful way.

"We've established a network with the AP caucuses," she said. "How can the existing network be included in the new structure so that all the past work doesn't go down the drain?"

"It's not clear to me how this will connect with the Democratic Party. If this federation can be a mechanism of implementation, then fine. The proof is in the pudding."

Hsieh also reserved judgement. "The concept is to develop real clout, to develop Asian Pacific American officials. The concept is great if it can be put into action."

"He [Kirk] made no plans, set up no structure. He made a proposal. You cannot knock a proposal. We will have to wait and see what evolves."

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi expressed guarded optimism. "All of us are disap-

pointed with the dissolution of the caucus, especially since it was different from the other caucuses. Kirk recognizes the difference. I'm hopeful that the federation concept allows the same kind of answers as in the past."

"What Kirk was announcing was the beginning part of a process. I think it's premature to be disappointed. The fact that the national chair came to address an Asian audience means that they are making a demonstration of outreach and that there is some commitment there."

Marina Hsieh, a Hastings Law School student who is active in the party, mentioned the support the federation has from Sens. Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui of California, and Fofu Sunia of American Samoa.

"It's got good support, and that's what's important," she said. "I think it was a challenge to us and that is fair. The caucus needed to make some changes. Maybe the vehicle is no longer the caucus."

"The fact that he [Kirk] came out at all, that he made this announcement to us in person, that is wonderful. Kirk's appearance said, 'Look, I'm giving you something else which will be better.' I think that's very important."

After the caucus was made an unofficial group, Mineta was one of several Asian American Democrats who communicated to Kirk the need for a broadly-based membership organization to continue the work of the caucus.

Following Kirk's announcement, Mineta said, "My concern has always been to provide maximum opportunities for Americans of Asian ancestry to participate in the political process. To the extent this helps—terrific."

Roger Lindberg, administrative assistant to Matsui, said the idea of the federation is not to just have a small group of Democrats within a caucus making decisions. "We want to try to show all Asians that they can be involved



Issei nurseryman Kazumasa Hayakawa (second from right) presents check for \$8,489 from himself and his wife Takako to Japanese American National Museum board treasurer Buddy Mamiya. Also on hand are museum project coordinator Nancy Araki and Ron Takahashi, Hayakawa's grandson. The Los Angeles-based JANM received nearly \$10,000 in donations last month.

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Visitations will be conducted at the S.F. Unified School District's Intake Center and at a newcomer or bilingual program school site.

Pre-register by requesting registration forms from CABE Conference Headquarters, 300 Seneca Ave., Rm. 4, S.F. 94112; (415) 239-0295, by Dec. 20. On-site registration is also possible.

JACL plans national speech competition

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Leadership Task Force, appointed by President Frank Sato, has planned a speech and forensic competition in 1986 for JACL members ages 16-19.

The National Board accepted the recommendation of the Task Force to become involved in this activity, which places emphasis on verbal communication as an important element of leadership ability.

The competition will have two divisions: prepared informative/persuasive speech and extemporaneous speech. The preliminary phase of the competition will be held in participating JACL districts in spring/early summer. District winners in each speech division then go to the final phase of the competition at the 1986 JACL National Convention in Chicago in July.

Districts will establish committees to organize their phase of the competition and communicate the specifics to the chapters. Individuals interested in participating or assisting in the district or national competition should contact Lia Shigemura at JACL Headquarters, (415) 921-5225.

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