Monument erected at WW2 camp site

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo.— A monument to Japanese Americans interned at this camp who fought for the U.S. during WW2 will be formally dedicated at ceremonies to be held this summer, according to former internee Bacon Sakatani of West Covina, Calif.

The monument consists of a boulder, set in cement, brought from mountains near Cody. A plaque attached to the boulder in August displays the names of 21 Nisei and a Caucasian teacher from Heart Mountain High School who were killed in action.

The plaque reads: “Dedicated to the more than 600 internees who left Heart Mountain to serve in the U.S. armed forces during WW2, and to the memory of the 22 Heart Mountainers who gave their lives for our country. “May the injustices of the removal and incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during WW2, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, never be repeated.”

Near the new monument is another one, erected in 1977, that designates the area as Heart Mountain Relocation Camp Memorial Park and details the layout of the camp that was home for 10,700 JAs from 1942-45.

The camp represents an important series of events in American social history, and it clearly illustrates both widespread war hysteria and racial prejudice…”

The site thus became entitled to some federal protection as well as a plaque designating it as a historic site. The new memorial was a joint project, directed by Chet and Mary Blackburn of Ralston, of the Heart Mountain High School Class of 47 and homesteaders of Heart Mountain.

The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 21. A benefit to help defray expense of the monument and dedication and to honor former internee Estelle Ishigo will be held May 8 at the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles. For information on both events, contact Sakatani at 210 N. Shadydale Ave., West Covina, CA 91790; (818) 338-8830.

Fujita gets negative ruling from county

LOS ANGELES—Pharmacist F. Fujita’s sex discrimination complaint against the county was dealt a blow Dec. 18 when the County Civil Service Commission unanimously agreed with a finding that women are not discriminated against in the County Health Services Department.

During hearings held in October, Fujita, using county statistics, charged that women make up 38% of county pharmacists but have never been promoted above the level of Pharmacy Supervisor I.

She further alleged that when she sought the position of Pharmacy Supervisor III in 1963, she was denied the job on the basis of a subjective rating by an administrator unfit to evaluate her performance; and that the prerequisite of two years as a Supervisor I was lowered to one year for a man who applied for and got the job, Wes Kamikawa.

On the basis of hearing testimony and closing arguments presented by attorneys for both Fujita and the county, the commission ruled that there was no sex discrimination.

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Southwest District JACL will hold “Redress—An American Promise,” a national kick-off dinner to raise funds for JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC) Jan. 17 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

Sen. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii) and Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) will be honored for their leadership in and contributions to the redress effort. All four have confirmed they will attend, according to dinner chair Toy Kanegai.

Mistress of ceremonies will be KCBS-TV news anchor Tritia Toyota.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used by LEC to finance and carry out the lobbying needed to secure passage of legislation, now pending in both houses of Congress, which would provide monetary compensation for Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

Tickets are $100 per person or $1,000 per table. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. A special silent auction will be held during the program.

For reservations or information, contact Toy Kanegai at (213) 338-8250 or Leslie Furutaka at (213) 677-7727. Special room rates are available for attendees from out of town.

Magazine’s ‘Japs’ statement rebutted

WASHINGTON—The New Republic has printed one of the letters of protest it received after stating in its Nov. 18 issue that “Jap” is not a slur.

In response to a letter from JACL national director Ron Wakahayashi protesting the title of a Sept. 2 New Republic editorial, “How to Gyp the Japs,” columnist TRB wrote, “Don’t be so stupefied. ‘Japs’ is not an ethnic slur, like ‘Niggers’ or ‘Kikes’… It is a national nickname, like ‘Yanks’ or ‘Brits’…”

Lisa Parola Moore (nee Tong) of Ann Arbor, Mich., rebutted TRB in a letter in printed Dec. 23: “Don’t you be so arrogant! As an Asian American, I have never found the use of ‘Jap’ to be anything other than an ethnic slur. In case you do not have access to a dictionary, here is what a few say: “Webster’s Unabridged: An abbreviation often used disparagingly.”


“Random House: Often disparaging, a Japanese.”

“One could argue whether or not your title ‘How to Gyp the Japs’ reveals the intent of the article (I think not), but I am more concerned with the tone of your response to Mr. Wakahayashi’s letter. It reveals an arrogance unbecoming of your offices. It is reminiscent of college newspaper editors overly taken with themselves and their intellect.”

In the Jan. 20 edition, Rabbi Norman Cohen of Hopkins, Minn., pointed out that the word “gyp” derived from “gipsy” and used “in much the same way as the horrendous phrase ‘to jew some- one’ can also be offensive.”
City adopts 'Official English' resolution

Efforts to make English the official language of two California cities have succeeded in one and failed in the other.

In Los Altos on Dec. 17, the city council passed by a 4-0 vote a resolution making English the city's official language in order to bring 'official recognition to the principle that a common language is necessary to preserve the basic internal unity required for political stability and cohesion.

The measure was introduced by Dinesh Desai, a naturalized U.S. citizen from India and member of U.S. English, an organization founded by former senator and longtime bilingualism opponent S.I. Hayakawa.

Desai, who feels an official language is as necessary as having everyone "drive on the right side of the road" said passage of the resolution will "help tremendously" in U.S. English's drive to put "end to bilingual education" by putting the resolution on the ballot in November. The group's ultimate goal is to have English declared the nation's official language.

Mayor pro tem Roger Ertz approved the measure, which he called "a way to head off outside groups that might force us to print our agendas in other languages."

Allan Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Advocates of California (APAAC), speaking in opposition to the resolution, said, "No one questions that English is already the official language of the United States . . . Asian Americans and Hispanics regularly fill waiting lists for English courses at community colleges and adult schools. There are simply not enough classes available."

"Resolutions or legislation making English official will not make it any more so. More resources to language training will. Asians and Hispanics don't need to be coerced, they need to be enabled." Seid charged that some proponents of the measure would use it "to end bilingual education, interpreters in court for non-English speaking crime victims or defendants, bilingual 911 emergency operators and Asian, Spanish and other language radio and television broadcasting."

The measure will promote "ill will and divisiveness," he said, "the very opposite of its stated intent."

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"Dedicated by the sons, daughters, and friends of the families who were detained in this camp, with the cooperation of the City of Monterey Park and the Crystal City Independent School District."

Taniguchi gave the opening remarks, his daughter-in-law Yasuko Taniguchi, the city's cultural affairs director, spoke. She noted the site of an internment camp in Austin, gave closing remarks. The elder Taniguchi, who survived the camps and lived in the U.S. until his death in May at age 89, was exiled to the U.S. because his family farm was near the city of Monterey Park.

Taniguchi concluded his remarks by saying, "At 89 years of age, I am able to witness the opening of this monument, which I have long awaited."

Other speakers included Mayor Elizeo Sánchez on behalf of the city, Supt. Rudy Iriondo, speaking for the school district; Zavalla County Judge Ron Carr; San Antonio Express News columnist Maury Maverick; and Tom Bemiy of Crystal City Assn.

Crystal City was one of several internment camps operated by the Department of Justice. Others sites included Santa Fe, N.M., Bis­ mark, N.D., and Missoula, Mont. Allens held at these camps were considered prisoners of war.

Crystal City was unique in that families could be reunited there and reside in separate housing units; inmates at other Justice Dept. camps were all males. In addition to Japanese Americans, a number of Latin American Nikkei, most notably from Pajaro County, were interned at Crystal City after they were rounded up and shipped to the U.S.

The camp site may be developed into a park commemorating significant events in the history of Crystal City.

Scholarships open to accounting majors

LOS ANGELES—The American Society of Women Accountants will award four scholarships ($2,500, $2,000, $1,500 and $1,000) to students who are majoring in accounting, have completed 60 semester or 90 quarter hours with a declared accounting major, and are attending an accredited college or university.

For an application, contact Karen Krueger, co-chair of stu­ dent activities, at 559 Spring­ brook N., Irvine, CA 92714 or call (714) 773-2934 evenings. Deadline is Jan. 15.
NEW YORK — A Dec. 11 New York Times article with the headline "Chinese in U.S.: Question of Loyalties" has drawn a protest from Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) president Andrew Chen, who said the title "appears to be a cloud of doubt" about Chinese Americans.

The article, by Times staffer Fox Butterfield, was written in the wake of the arrest in November of former CIA analyst Larry Wu-Tai Chien on charges of spying for China. "The issue of whether Chinese Americans face a problem of divided loyalties is a deeply sensitive one," Butterfield noted.

Mass. Institute of Technology political scientist Lucian P. Yang is quoted as saying that Chinese Americans "are often under tremendous pressure by the government in China, and Taiwan. They can play on Chinese Americans' pride in China and make threats about their family members still in China. It's a dimension other Americans don't appreciate."

But Wu Chia-wei, head of National Assn. of Chinese Americans and president of San Francisco State University, says in the article that it is "totally unfair" to suggest that Chinese Americans are divided. "It's like the attitude toward Japanese Americans in WW2. I've been to China many times, and I've never sensed any kind of pressure other than that they wanted me to be an American friendly to them."

The article points out that according to former former State Dept. officials, "Chin is the first Chinese American they can recall who has been arrested as an agent for China."

Chin, in a Dec. 18 letter to the Times, said the headline was particularly inappropriate because the article's content "was just the opposite of its sensational title."

"What distressed me most is that when Chinese Americans have just emerged as important contributors to the social, economic and political structure of our society... the distortion and mistrust seem to be increasing in recent years. The headline... is a good example." Chin voiced fears that doubts about loyalty may discourage the hiring of Chinese Americans in positions providing scientific or technical assistance to Taiwan or China.

New Velina Houston play to premiere

SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American Theater Company presents "Thirst," a new play by Velina Houston. "Thirst" is a drama that examines the relationship between three daughters of a Japanese war bride who gather for a family reunion after the death of their mother.

The play is directed by Mitzi Abe and features Nadja Kennedy, Sharon Iwai, Emilya Cachapero, John Shin, Kathryn Roszk and Michael O'Brien.

Houston's previous play include "Asa Ga Kimashita" and "Tea," both of which dealt with experiences of Japanese women who marry U.S. servicemen. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-16; at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15-16; and at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Tickets: $5-$10.

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Demos retake Honolulu council seats

HONOLULU — In a Dec. 28 special election, Democrats regained the three city council seats left vacant when councilmen Torakai Matsumoto, Rudy Pacarro and George Akahane were recalled from office in Oct.

The victors and their Republican rivals were: Randall Iwase over Peter Britos, 4,120 to 791, in the 1st District; Donna Kim over Pacarro, 5,450 to 2,447, in the 7th District; and Arnold Mor­go­do over Ron Kimura, 6,690 to 2,526, in the 8th District.

Iwase, a deputy state attorney general running for office for the first time, outdistanced 8 fellow Democrats voting for the seat. Kim and Morgado, both former state representatives, also ran against a slate of Democrats as well as Republicans.

Democrats now have a 7-to-2 voting majority on the council. The ratio was 4 to 2 following the recall, but 5 votes are needed to pass legislation.

Matsumoto, Pacarro and Akahane, elected as Democrats, became Republicans June 6, giving the GOP a majority of 5 on the 9-member council. Democrats, including councilwoman Patty Mink, who had been ousted as council chair, campaigned for a recall of the three, charging that they had violated the public trust by switching parties in mid-term.

Appealing a Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that the City Charter forbids recalled council members from running for the seats they lost, Matsumoto and Pacarro sought to be placed on the Dec. 28 ballot. Their request for emergency relief was turned down first by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist and then by Justice John Paul Stevens.

Matsumoto and Pacarro are now seeking a full Supreme Court ruling on their case. In an effort to run in this year's regularly scheduled council election, they are also engaged in a legal challenge of the City Charter's provision that recalled council members are barred from holding elected or appointive office for two years.

The only legacy one should leave their children is Roots, Dignity, and Wings.
Winning in Losing

Bill Marutani

WE NISEI, PARTICULARLY, having been brought up with so much emphasis on "winning"—whether it be getting grades in school, competing in an athletic competition, or succeeding in business—that we tend to shy away from any venture that is not a "sure winner." The flip side of this ethical value (if it may be loosely called that) is that to attempt something, and then not win, is failure. Dismal failure. The concept of kugi very much lurks heavily in this equation. I know. Like many of you, I've been nurtured since childhood on all of this. And it's a handicap.

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, the current drive for redress. Of course, the chances of our realizing the goal are not anywhere near being a "sure winner." But then, our efforts also go to tell us, what in life that is worthwhile is easy? Invariably, the more worthwhile, the more important the goal is, the tougher it is. And so, if any one of us backs off because there is no guarantee we'll attain our objective of restoration of our dignity and the dignity of our nation, then we will have lost—by default. Much to the glee of those who proclaim that defeat befell us and our parents in 1942 was justified.

Now, this kugi.

WE ARE LAUNCHED ON a crusade to symbolically—and that all it realistically is, considering the enormity of what befell us, both qualitatively and quantitatively—right a grievous wrong. A correction, long, long overdue; but not too late. Restitution of dignity can never be too late. And thus the question comes to those JACLers who remain on the sidelines, who for all practical purposes, have joined the cause, is simple: Would you prefer that the cause fail and the record remain as it is? Will you be better off, will you have greater peace of mind, will the nation's honor be preserved—if the present cause should fail?

If your answers are "yes," go ahead, tell the world you're not interested. I, personally, respectfully suggest a re-examination of your reasoning.

ROCKING THE BOAT. Yes, that's another thing which we JACLers, or a goodly number of us, are reluctant to do. With the comment shikata ga nai we endure, even as grave wrongs go unre­ solved. Affecting our very dignity in so many ways, including a matter of our own self-respect. Yes, it's painful to articulate these hidden restitutions. But it's all too late. If we are afraid that we are too late to be left to drift, then perhaps we'd better begin padding our own boat. Even if it inevitably involves rocking the boat a bit, Paddle.

But THERE'S YET other positive concepts handed down to us from our parents. That's summarized in the praise of "Yo i yo i i mo i." "You gave it a good try." And hearing those reassuring words, even in losing, we can walk with our heads held up high. In "losing," we're not only not admitting defeat. Very much so. No haji. On the other hand, if one continues to quibble and find "fault" and therefore excuses himself/herself from supporting the cause, we shall have lost by default.

WE CAN WIN, win or lose. The choice is ours. Yours.

Dress for Success

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro

A while back, I wrote about the phone calls and letters received here from disgruntled readers (Oct. 29). A long-time JACLer had some words of advice: "Try placing an imaginary gold shield around your self with purple crystals and a dazzling white flame daily, and try blessing those— even if it is hard." For months afterward, I pondered what this tactic could possibly have meant. I mean, a gold shield with purple crystals and a dazzling white flame daily, and try blessing those— even if it is hard.

Executive director Wakabayashi would probably comment, "Bob, you look like a drag queen." EGO Ed. Mike Suzuki, who always has the good one-liners, would likely comment on the flame. "The heater in the office not working now, Bob."

President Frank Sato, as we all know, has often commented on the importance of appearance in looking "imaginary," and having polished shoes, neatly groomed hair, etc. What would he think? Maybe as long as my shoes were shined it would be all right—if I were shoes. Polished zoris, perhaps?

I realize that this advisor did say "imaginary," but I've tried imagining shields before.

Being an experienced and accomplished daydreamer ever since I can remember, I've imagined myself in all sorts of situations, especially when what was going on around me was painful and/or boring. (Of course, as we all know, this is not the case at Nat'l Board meetings.) And with all my experiences, I don't believe that imaginary shields would work. But thanks for the suggestion anyway.

Some columnists around here write these reviews of fund raisers. Which hotels have good food, which ones are bad, the table settings, the flower arrangements, etc. But no one comments on the clothes. People really do get dressed up around here. And those $500 plate dinners—definitely shoe polishing time.

Coming up Jan. 17 is the big JLC dinner with Sen. Inouye, and Mataunaga along with Reps. Mineta and Matsui. Hope to see you there. I'll be wearing my suit.

Letters

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Asians and GOP

I am delighted, along with many others, to see Asian Americans are more likely to accept a conservative lifestyle than liberal endeavors of the past and present ("Asians prefer GOP, survey suggests,” Nov. 29 PC.

I personally cannot understand why the Nisei have been heavily leaning toward liberalism when we don't believe in handouts at the expense of the people, the overburdened taxpayers. Issei and Nisei are all hard workers and have always been. Even through the tragic temporary adversity with time spent in camp, we came out as winners, economically and in terms of respect. This was a result of the traditional hard work and believing in personal achievements regardless of being rich, middle class or poor.

I can remember when Ronald Reagan was running for governor of California in the late '60s, he couldn't understand why a large percentage of the Nisei were liberals. Remember, we were all thrown into the detention camps by the liberal democratic party of the '40s. Franklin D. Roosevelt was instrumental in putting us in camp. He also started a socialistic platform placing taxes, savings, and their children.

Let's Go For Broke

Back in the '40s, the Nisei volunteered for the military to prove our loyalty to the United States. Although small in number, the 442nd RCT became the most decorated unit in the annals of military history, and hundreds of others went to the Pacific Theatre of Operations and saved untold lives with their skill in translating captured enemy documents. Now we are being asked to get behind the challenge of the redress program.

The bills in Congress for redress are asking for the sum of $100,000 to each evacuee still living who was incarcerated in concentration camps, euphemistically called evacuation camps, by the unconstitutional Executive Order 9066. To pay for the external public relations program to bring this matter to the attention of our Caucasian friends, particularly in states like Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, etc., past
Death of the Digest

For those of us in the writing business, the death of any publication is sad. Publications like magazines and newspapers are almost human in that they have birth, maturity and death, they fail. But if they come visiting regularly with news of the world about us.

PC Board's Views of PC

by Clifford Ueda

In December 1985 a survey was conducted among the PC Board members to see how they felt about the PC's performance. The present PC guidelines for operation were the product of many years of extensive discussions by the board.

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National JACL president Shig Nakamatsu has come up with a figure of $20,000, or $200 million. Conservative congressman Henry Hyde (R-III) and many others are starting to come to our aid. Congressman Hyde's staff with whom I have met, would like to become more familiar with redress. We need the wherewithal to clear the record.

I, for one, will do my share--

PHYLLIS F. SAKAMOTO

Redress Coordinator

Chicago, Ill

Back of the Bus?

I noticed a curious segregation of the nonfiction pieces in the Holiday Issue. Articles dealing with Caucasian-Japanese American families were up front in Section A while those concerning Black-Japanese American families and an interracial gay partnership were way back in Section B. Is there a hidden meaning in the layout? If Christine Kanai Hall, Velina Hasu Houston, and Sam Shimabukuro had been the editors, I wonder if they would have selected the same sequence for articles.

RAYMOND OKAMURA

Berkeley, Calif

Pullout Section B was just that, a pullout. Velina Houston was given the presiding pages, B-1, B-2, B-3. The first page of text in Section A (A-4) carried an article written by another Black-Japanese American, Yoko Nakamats. A brief summary of each article was included in the Table of Contents so that no article would be "buried." Contacted by phone, Sam Shimabukuro commented. "His (Okamura's) argument gives me a little skewed. I don't really understand the basis for the complaint." - Ed.

For the Record

- In the Holiday Issue listing of donations to the Pacific Citizen typesetter fund, the total for the preceding week should have been $3,226,972 rather than $4,336,872. However, the cumulative total of $3,226,972 was correct.

- The first page of Velina Houston's Holiday Issue article on "On Being Mixed Japanese in Modern Times" (p. B-3, third column), the taxi driver should have been quoted as saying: "Oh, you're Okinawan" rather than "Oh, you're American."

- In the press release on the Kagawa Centennial printed in the December 29 issue, the name of Friends of Jesus was incorrectly given as Seicho no Ie. The actual name is Jesus no Toto. The Japanese name, Seicho no Ie, is used with the Catholic Church. The New Republic's statement on "how JAP is used" is used ("How to Leal the Liberals," Dec. 6) was written by John Kim, not Kiyon, of Berkeley.

I do not know how the Japanese edition compared with the others since I couldn't read it. But given the high literacy rate of the Japa­nese, it is likely that the magazine was well read.

Wakamatsu has come up with a talk on nonfiction pieces in the National JACL president Shig Uyeda gave to one individual a "hint of the nonfiction pieces in the National JACL president Shig Uyeda gave to one individual a "hint of the lack of JACL news was due to the death of the magazine is a great loss for Japan, where faithful journalists have regarded it as a genuinely international family magazine, steadfastly turning us for information, healthy entertainment and enlightenment over these 40 long years."

The Japanese learned a great deal about America and Americans through JRD. They read a number of what Americans were doing. They gained an insight into middle American values, and felt a part of the American scene even if only a minor one. It was a shame to let a good little magazine die when it was serving a function that is difficult to separate the magazine from the people who read it. We should continue to do what we can to keep the U.S. and Americans in high regard. I would guess that the Japan Reader's Digest has more impact on the Japanese than any article we publish.

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Redress Co-Sponsors

In the Senate, redress bill S 1063 currently resides in the Governmental Affairs Committee and is presently going to the Post Office and General Services. It is chaired by Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) who is a strong supporter.

There is also a strong possibility that the Senate bill will be able to move before the Senate committee, through the efforts of those who are supportive of the bill. When the bill does go to the full Governmental Affairs Committee, it will meet some strong opposition from the leadership of that committee.

The accompanying lists are published as part of the end of the 99th Congress, first session report. The first list is the status profile for S 1063 and H. R. 442. The second list the committees for the House Judiciary Committee, the Senate Subcommittee and the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the subcommittee. These are the people who have co-sponsored necessary to move the bill forward.

Key Committee Members

Democrats

Republicans

Other Judiciary Committee Members

Democrats

Republicans

Notable Judges

Democrats

The following is a list of co-sponsors of redress bills HR 442 in both chambers and S 1063 in the Senate. Those listed without dates were co-sponsors when bills were introduced Jan. 3 by Rep. Jim Wright and May 2 by Sen. Spark Matsunaga, respectively. A date after a name shows when subsequent co-sponsor signed on.
SPOKANE JAs donate to LEC fund

SPOKANE, Wash. — On Nov. 19, with nearly 30% of Nisei families in Spokane participating, the goal of $5,000 from the Spokane area for the JACL-LEC fund drive was achieved. The fund drive team of Fred Munekoji, Harry Kadoya, Harry Honda, Roy Soejima, Dean Nakagawa, Satoshi Terao, Dr. Jim Watanabe, Ed Tsutakawa, Sam Nakagawa and Denny Yatsuha announced that a total of $5,067 had been contributed. A "victory" get-together was held Nov. 29, pursuant to resolution with team members and their wives.

The community appears to be deeply committed to the cause of redress, despite the fact that many in Spokane were not informed. Spokane was not located within the Pacific Command Defense Zone. Since only 100 Nisei reside in the city and 1,500 in the entire county, the fund drive was an outstanding effort, said Yasui. Added President-elect Sharon Saito, Spokane-area Nisei "are a very remarkable, supportive people and redress fund raising effort simply reflects that." Other past community and chapter projects have included: construction of a $1.5 million housing project for the elderly, the first nationally for chapter members to join the roster of redress sponsors. During dinner, Salt Lake City chapter president Betty Kubota presented a $1,000 check from Mitsugi Kasai to LEC chair Min Yasui during joint IDC-PNWDC meeting in October.

Redress: A Patriotic Act

The President of the United States, in his speech on Nov. 14 given at the White House before his trip to Geneva for the first meeting between an American President and a Soviet Premier in six years, said, in part:

"...Americans, detest war, we love freedom and stand ready to sacrifice for it. We love freedom not only because it’s practical and beneficial, but because it is morally right and just. The rights of the individual and the rule of law are as fundamental to peace as arms control. A government which does not respect its citizens’ rights is not likely to respect its other international undertakings."

These words most precisely describe the JACL-LEC’s continuing struggle to petition our government to redress the loss of freedoms resulting from the issuance of Executive Order 9066 during WWII.

Redress is not a Japanese American issue: it is an American issue. Like President Reagan, LEC believes that the pillars of this great nation rest on individual freedom, human rights, national self-determination, and respect for the rule of law. Therefore, the redress fight is both just and moral.

JACL is meeting its responsibility of citizenship by rectifying the grievous mistake committed by our government. Unless we take this step, the removal of a group of people on the basis of their ancestry lies around like a “loaded weapon” for use at another time.

Because it is the American way, LEC will continue the struggle to seek passage of the two bills, S. 1085 and H.R. 442. It is morally right to continue with this effort to correct an injustice which happened over 40 years ago because it is immoral to fail to take responsibility.

It is immoral to turn our faces away from the foundations of our great democracy so that no other group of people will ever take our laws lightly and make decisions for government action based on ancestry. By supporting this particular fight we who “love freedom and stand ready to sacrifice for it” are our own protectors, as those who go out on the battlefields to fight for free people everywhere.

Therefore the JACL-LEC as we press on to seek redress through passage of the legislative bills in Congress this year. By this means we have a greater commitment to our national goals of peace and redress for grievances. More than ever, LEC today needs your support, commitment and active participation in the bills. This is the American way. What have you done before the window of opportunity for the Japanese American community to complete this major task?

Sen. Spark Matsunaga, sponsor of S. 1085, last year has also established in Congress the office of U.S. Poet Laureate and has written his own thoughts in verse. This poem sums up what JACL-LEC is doing:

To seek out the wrong is only half the task; To make it right is the tougher half.

hiring an LEC executive director and to commence full lobbying activities in Washington, D.C. The efforts were unsuccessful. Only slightly more than $40,000 were raised by that date.

Fortuitously, however, Gayree Uyehara of West Chester, Pa., had recently retired from her school administrative position and “volunteered” to take over the responsibilities of Executive Director on an interim basis. Funded by LEC legislative strategies chair Grant Ujifusa of New York, LEC vice-chair Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, and former Shig Nakamukasa of Chicago and other LEC board members, has been doing a magnificent job of mobilizing resources and efforts to enact redress by Congress. Substantial and significant progress has been made to advance the redress bills in congressional committee, and in winning greater overall support in both the House and Senate.

Harry Kajihara, as LEC’s fund-raising chairman, has continued
NCWNPDC Director's Report

by George Kondo

The year-to-date report from the Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District was presented to the National Board of Directors at its biennial session. The report can be summarized in a few words—"business as usual."

There has been no outstanding event taking place during this period, depending on the interpretation of what is outstanding. All the activities of the NCWNP chapters are outstanding.

Our regularly scheduled quarterly meetings were held with better than 90% attendance by the chapters. This is when the delegates determine the policies and programs of the district. Not enough credit can be given to these dedicated JACL members whose voices determine our course of action. Like the mainland JACL membership, we are all not sleet nor snow—and add distances—impede their attendance at our meetings.

1986 saw five of our chapters celebrating their 50th anniversaries. The district commemo- rated and celebrated this century of dedication and service, despite WW2's years of adversity, to the Pacific organization and service to the Japanese American community.

As redress is the National JACL's first priority, all of our chapters have satisfied in full the first two-year pledge. In the current year, over two-thirds have met their commitments and we are confident that the balance of the year will see the majority of their pledge in full by year's end.

As for the fundraising for the Legislative Education Committee, all-out efforts are being made by the prime solicitors. However, the LEC fund drive is being met with resistance because of the district's commitment to the JACL Redress program and the difficulty of supporting an additional fund drive.

We underrowed the expenses of two Sansei to attend the 1986 Nishimoto, held recently a well-attended conference; this turned out to be a treasure trove. Consequently, we are comfortable with the feeling that with this class of Sansei the organization will be in capable hands at all levels. With our chapter having the Nishimoto set for their next leaders. Many of our chapters have already installed Sansei as their presidents and committee chairs to encourage this trend. We are ready to place alongside our "Business as usual" that reads "Under New Management."

Are we plagued with problems? Perhaps. The Internal Re­course Service audit, which we understand will be satisfactorily resolved by able representation in Washington, D.C., is one.

Two of the chapters is having internal problems. Is the issue a matter of personalities? So far they have been approached for advice or to mediate. We hope that clear heads will prevail and that this problem will be settled to everyone's satisfaction.

Also were we in error when the district acquired chapters with little or no participation in the JACL Redress program as to actively participate in the District Council? With due respect for a chapter in this situation, this condition tends to jeopardize its status as Chapter in Good Standing. Should chapters circumpen Board. This program will undoubtedly be continued and should give other PSW leaders a golden opportunity to expand their horizons.

The results of the district's survey on prime interest areas were reported by Bill Kaneko of the Ma­rina Chapter. The question posed was "With the exception of the national budget, what do you feel the JACL should pursue at the national, district and local level?" The responses were tabulated and it is stated that 36 of 15 members (90%) for the national and district levels were redress and human and civil rights. At the local level, the most important issue was a vote between redress and human and civil rights and community service.

The following resolution was passed by the District Council:

"The definition of the Pacific Southwest District is hereby revised within the Pacific Southwest Dis­trict of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to include full accounting of revenue and expenses attributable to the National JACL's redress efforts to date. WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has a tremendous amount of experience and has a potential line item bud­get of proposed expenditures by the Legislative Education Committee (LEC). IT IS RESOLVED that this District shall withhold all future redress pledges until such time as a satisfactory accounting and acceptable budget are received and approved by either the LEC or the House of Delegates of the JACL."

MDC Governor's Report

by Thomas I. Haru

It is with great expectations that I write as JACL Midwest Dis­trict Governor for the 1985-87 biennium. I attended my first National Convention in September and presided at my first District Council meeting in October. I believe that I have developed already an ap­propriate perspective for the work of the new cabinet.

Are the problems delineated above serious? We think not. We feel that the solution that these problems will be found.

To recapitulate, NCWNPDC is shipshape. In addition to complying with the directives from the National organization, our immediate and future plans are to fully utilize the brains and braun of those who have now come of age. Turn over the helm of our ship to the Sansei to ensure ourselves a safe voyage into the future of JACL.

The Women's Concerns Committee, as reported by Mary Nishimato, recently held a well-attended workshop on cultural barriers of Asian immigrant women. Many discussed the Asian mail order bride serv­ice, media portrayals, the socio­economic forces prompting the move to America and the psychological forces involved, as well as how cultural and legal is­sues are involved (e.g., Fumiko Kimura—a case of attempted suicide). The event was co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific Women's Network of Los Angeles. Another workshop that touches on concerns of women approaches age 55 and above is the planning stage for May 17, 1986. This will be co-sponsored by the district's Aging and Retire­ment Committee.

A high priority item of the Ethi­cally Concerned Committee continues to be the North Hollywood-West Hollywood. Led by the Ma­rina Chapter and NCCP, several Saturdays have been devoted to picketing the front of the businesses bringing public awareness and con­sciousness to the use of this derog­atory term.

The district's Leadership De­velopment program, chaired by Roy Nichols, has proven to be invaluable. Four representatives from PSW have attended the Na­tional Board meetings and this opportunity has given Ken Inouye, Cathy Higashiga, Mary Nishi­moto and George Ogawa first

Pacific Southwest District Board or District Council." Elections were held for PSW's board for the next biennium. The offices are: President: Ken Inouye (Selano), Governor; Linda Haru (Pan Asian), Vice Gover­nor; Cathy Higashiga (Ter­rance), Secretary; and Arthur Ni­shikawa (San Diego), Treasurer. Board Members elected to serve are: Audrey Par­kinson (Los Angeles), Meriko Mori (Greater Los Angeles Singles), Miyoko Sen-

With 120 co-sponsors in the House, only 80 more representa­tives need to be persuaded to support redress. Both Reps. Nor­man Mineta and Robert Matsui have been wonderfully helpful in these efforts.

In the Senate, because of the work of Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), two senators from Hawaii, Sens. Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, through their tremendous ef­fort, that S.1053 can be brought onto the full Senate floor in the not-too-distant future. At the present time, 28 senators have indi­cated support for S.1053, mean­ing that only 23 more votes are needed to achieve passage of re­dress in the Senate.

In aiding these efforts are co­Kentai of Los Angeles, and her daughter, who is working on the LEC fundraising dinner to be held on Jan. 17 at the Hotel Roemer. The four Nikkei members of Congress will be honored and thanked for their very important redress work to raise funds for the final push to enact redress in Congress.

All of the foregoing efforts are not only in support of the JACL and LEC. The 15-member board of LEC is composed of seven representatives of Na­tional JACL Board and eight members elected at large. With adequate funds made available, and with the continuing efforts of hundreds of highly-principled people, redress can be achieved!
Chapter Pulse

Seattle


Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE—Peter Irons, pro­fessor of political science at UC San Diego and author of Justice at War, will be featured speakers at the chapter's inaugural ban­quet, Jan. 12 at the Country Gar­dens, 911 W. Layton Ave. Cock­tails begin at 5 p.m., with the in­stallation of 1986 board of direc­tors and program at 4, and a prime rib dinner at 6. Cost: $10.75. Non-members welcome. Info: Margaret Igawski, 281-0666; Lily Kataoka, 601-1430.

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Cressey Na­kagawa was elected for a third term as president at the De­cember meeting of the board. Vice-president of programs Yo Hironaka, treasurer Doug Nakata­ni, recording secretary Naomi Yamaguchi, corresponding secre­tary Vicky Mihara, vice presi­dent of membership Frances Moroka and delegate Steve Oka­mo round out the slate of offi­cers. Greg Murakami will serve as newsletter editor.

Sequoia

PALO ALTO, Calif.—The Third Annual Crab Feast will be held Feb. 1 at the Buddhist Temple Hall, 2751 Louis Rd. Entertain­ments include: fresh craked crab, homemade spaghetti, garden fresh salad, toasted french bread, bev­erages, desserts. Price: $12.50 for adults, $6 for children 6-12, no charge for children under 6. Info: David Omi, 964-7655; David Yoshi­da, 854-1982; Harry Hatafusa, 493-8802; Al Nakai, 322-6125; Tats Hori, 498-6735.

Contra Costa

BERKELEY, Calif.—Spencers Fish Shop will provide the setting for the Feb. 8 installation dinner, starting with no-host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a lobster or steak dinner at 7. The program will include installation of president Yoshio Tokiwa, vice-presidents Ernie Iyama and Natsuko Hayashi, treasurer Haya­o Oda, recording secretary Bar­bara Hayashida, corresponding secretary Fumiko Sato, and newsletter editor Esther Takeuchi.

Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS—The installation dinner for 1986 chapter officers is set for Jan. 18, 7 p.m., at Imperial Garden Restaurant, S. Mary­land Pkwy. and S. Sahara. Cock­tails will be served at 6. Cost: $11. Officers to be installed are: pres­i­dent George Komure, vice-pres­ident Wayne Tanaka, treasurer Sue Reame, recording secretary Norma Wagoner, and corres. secre­tary Janet Sakahara and Ta­zuko Thornton. Info: Fred Fukuto, 382-3742.

Diablo Valley

CONCORD, Calif.—The chapter installs its officers and board on Friday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m., at China Pavilion Restaurant, 2000 Diamond Blvd. Cost: $15 per per­son.

Selanoco


Gilroy

GILROY, Calif.—Chapter officers for 1986 president Dr. Eric Naga­reda; vice-presidents Allan Kawau­fuchi, Atsushi Obata and San Yamahara; and co-directive secre­tary Eleanor Ni­izawa and Alice Kado; treasurers Lily Kawafuchi and June Mura­oka; insurance administrator Se­tsuo Hirahara; building custodian George Ogawa; official dele­gates Missao Nizawa and John Ka­do. The installation dinner and dance will be held at Gilroy Elvis Lodge, 2786 Hecker Pass Hwy. A no-host cocktail hour precedes at 6 p.m. Music (recorded) will be provided by Tom and Nadine Yamamoto, in­structors for the Santa Clara Val­ley JACL Dance Club.

East Los Angeles

CITY OF COMMERCE, Calif.—At­orney Douglas Masuda was re­elected chapter president for 1986. Cabinet and board mem­bers assisting Masuda will be Dean Aihara, Milton Noji, Angela Kato, Byron Baba, Mable Yoshida, Lisa Hayashida, Ron Kato, Denny Yasuhara, George Komure, Tom and Nancy Nishiyama, and Elise Kagehiro; recording secretary Toyo Foundation; cor­responding secretary Katie Ko­zumura; publicity chair Miki Hikido; and alternate delegates Hide Morinaka, George Komure, Tom and Nancy Nishiyama, and Kimi Morinaka to be installed at the event to be held at the Community Hall.

Sen/ator recalls lessons of relocation

WASHINGTON—Sen. Bob Pack­wood (R-Ore.), in a Dec. 10 Wash­ington Post interview, recalled being taught about the WW2 in­terment of Japanese Americans by his father, a Republican who was liberal on civil rights: "I remember him reading and showing me very firmly the unfairness of the relocation of the Japanese in WW2. It was brought home to me when kids were just suddenly

gone from school, thought I didn't really grasp it until he explained. "Especially during my high school years he drove it into me however, serving a military family, and that was the reason our Bill of Rights was coded," Packwood said.

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The competition is for JACL members ages 16-19. Those in­terested in participating in the district and national contests should contact their district of­ficer, 1986 Speech & Forensi­quarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115; (415) 981-2229.

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tested in a Dec. 18 letter to Ben­nett from JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi and national youth director David Nakayama. Nishiyama has made "very kind remarks about the achievements of Asian Americans in education," the two pointed out, and "the need to ensure "that the words of support have actual substance."

With the tremendous expan­sion of population that Asian Pacific Americans are experienc­ing, it seems that the reduction of two staff positions dedicated to that special circumstance… sends our community a message that this administration really does not recognize or support the record of achievement to date. Please reconsider."

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Redress Legislation
Dec. 6, 1984—New York State Senate unanimously passes resolution endorsing redress.
Dec. 17, 1984—Cambridge City Council unanimously passes resolution endorsing redress.
Dec. 27, 1984—Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) states he prefers a "national monument, a museum or a scholarship fund" over monetary payments to former internees.

Jan. 3—HR 442, Civil Liberties Act of 1985 (named for 42nd Regimental Combat Team) is introduced in House by Rep. Jim Wright (D-Texas) with 99 co-sponsors. Like its predecessor, HR 10073, a 1942 law which was used as an exhibit in Poston, Ariz., who sits on Judiciary Committee member, co-sponsors HR 442. Rep. Charles Pashayan (R-Calif.) has paid in his entirety.

July 13—JACL, LEC, National Coalition for Redress/Legislation and Japanese American Citizens Alliance, meeting in San Francisco, agree to support each other's efforts.

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Nov. 28—Executive council of American Federation of Teachers, meeting in New York, votes unanimously to support redress bills.

Dec. 16—Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) becomes second new R's co-sponsor.

Coram Nobis Cases
Jan. 25—U.S. government attorneys request more time to respond to Gordon Hirabayashi's coram nobis petition, filed in January 1983, charging the government with suppressing, altering and fabricating evidence attesting to the loyalty of JAs during WWII.

Mar. 28—Yasui, Korematsu and Mineta are granted judgmental disposition of their cases.

May 27—At a joint program in Orange County, representatives of JACL, NCRR, NCJR and coram nobis effort participate in "summit" with groups from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Orange County to discuss redress strategy.

July 9—Auburn Chronicle editorial calls for the passage of HR 442.

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November 29—Inmate LEC board members Min Yasui and James Taniguchi reredited, Jerry Esamoto re­places David Nakai and Mollie Fujikawa are named by JACL to succeed Yosh Nakashima.


April—Rev. Robert Morron (R-Wash.) says he will co-sponsor HR 442 after meeting with Jewish community leaders.

May—At national JACL Board gives LEC full responsibility for redress lobbying.


May—At national council meeting of Federation of Reconciliation, meeting in Berkeley, resolution endorsing redress bills is adopted by acclamation.

May—LEC is formally activated to begin lobbying activities.

June—Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) and Rep. Jim Wright (R-Texas) introduce HR 443.

July 1—Mexican American Citizens Alliance (MACA) and Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) become members of NCRR, NCJR and coram nobis effort urge mutual support and cooperation.

July 9—Rep. Frederick Boucher (D-Va.), who sits on Judiciary subcommittee, votes in favor of Administration and Law Governor.

Kurt Bendetsen, major figures in internees were allowed to testify.

July 8—Bendetsen tours Wash­ington D.C., Boston and New York to raise funds for his organization.

Sept. 24—Attorneys for NCJR and U.S. government present their cases before District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Sept. 28—NCJR files its final brief.

Nov. 25—NCJR and coram nobis plaintiffs (from left): Gordon Hirabayashi, Minoru Yasui and Fred Korematsu.

Class Action Suit
July 13—William Hobri, Ellen Car­son and Lloyd Wake of National Coun­cil for Japanese American Redress (NCJR), which seeks redress through class actions filed suit in 1983, partici­pate in redress "summit" with groups seeking passage of redress bills in Congress. All groups agree to support both efforts; NCJR proposes introducing enabling legislation in Congress to allow lawsuit to proceed, suit was dis­missed in May 1984 on grounds that statute of limitations had passed.

Oct. 5—Attorney Peter Irons, speak­ing at joint redress seminar, says two of 3 opposed and 29 Democrats agree to support and cooperate. Seattle Lawyer and Ruth Ginsburg, have excellent civil rights records and may therefore be sympathetic to plaintiffs.

Remembrances of JA
WW2 Experience
July 8—Sumiko Wada, who died and was buried in Manzanar, was cremated for the sole benefit of the family.

Feb. 10—American Indians living in Poston, Ariz., site of WW2 camp, host a reunion at First Baptist Church, with JAs who were interned there.

Aug. 27—"Day of Remembrance" program held in San Jose, Calif.

Sept. 18—Memorial to symbolize internment, created by ceramic artist Yoshio Taylor and poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi, is unveiled at Sacramento Cウンty Fairgrounds.

Berkeley City Council votes to designate Feb. 19 the anniversary of Presi­dent Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to evacuation and internment as a Day of Remembrance and to commemorate JA city em­ployees fired during WW2.

City of Seattle makes final payments to three survivors: Hidetora Kobayashi, Sumiko Haji Kuriyama and Ruth Ka­zama—who were fired from their city jobs in 1942 because of being Japanese.

Law authorizing payments was passed in 1994.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously passes resolution declaring every Feb. 19 a Day of Remembrance.

Day of Remembrance programs also held in Salinas, Calif., and Chicago.

Feb. 25—Calif. Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird is guest speaker at San Francisco Day of Remembrance.

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March 4—New York Times reports Karl Bendetsen, who advocated and oversaw WW2 internment as a War Dept. and Western Defense Command official, is a key advisor in Reagan's Administration's "Star Wars" program and has easy access to President.

March 7—Univ. of Calif. regent Yori Wada says he considers internment "evil" but opposes redress because many older JAs have died and U.S. "has repaid in the kind of lives we live." March 16—"Born Free and Equal," an exhibit of Manzanar photos taken by the late Ansel Adams in 1943, goes
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14-19-JACL NAAC leaders met in a special White House briefing for Asian American women; speakers include Bruce Chapman, San Francisco JACL President. A two-day conference of National Network of Asian and Pacific Women is held in conjunction with this event.

May

21--Coalition for Asian Pacific Americans for Redress, a group spokesperson said the party's DNC member.

May 22-17-Continuance of Japanese American "Redress" movement will be made of "Born Free and Equal," Part of the exhibit, the Adams photos includes a woman who would later be elected City Librarian of Library of Congress. Curator Emily Medos, speaking on Japanese Americans.

July--Pasadena, Calil-based Inner Circle Productions announces plans to produce 19 or 20-hour TV mini-series on "On JA World" experience, "called on O. J. Trial," for possible 1987 broadcast.

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19th--Bill Griffith in San Francisco for editing achievement.

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Table 27--Manzanar National Historic Site, a former incarceration center for Japanese Americans, is declared National Historic Landmark by National Park Service. Secretary of the Interior held a ceremony held during Manzanar Pilgrimage.

Apr. 28--Seattle Times asks, manag­

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| Nov. 1     | A major Democratic outreach campaign directed at newly naturalized Asian American citizens is announced by Sens. Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) and Alan Cranston (Calil). Calil Assemblyman Mike Hoos, and L.A. councilmen Mike Hoos and Zev Yaroslavsky, running.
| Dec. 11    | Calil Institute of Technol­

Jimmy Carter's visit to Japan, meet with Nakasone and other leaders of Japan, and that there will be no evidence of "nonsense" and that he will not go to Japan, saying "Japan does not have a nuclear policy." Mineta and Rep. GeorgeECH

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1985 Chronology

Anti-Asian Violence

delphia and Logan section. During past year, a Vietnamese student’s neck was broken and his skull damaged. Reiko Gaspar of JACL testifies about hostility toward Asian Americans.

Juliana Mark-Le of Chinese Resource Center says Asians have found their reports of incidents ignored by police. Councilwoman Joan Spector initiated hearings. Mayor Wilson Goode’s response is an increasing number of violent incidents and declare attacks were not racially motivated.

Dec. 3, 1984—Lisa Manibog, daughters of Monterey Park, Calif., say a local Filipino newspaper is allegedly assaulted by a Highway Patrol officer and two sheriffs’ deputies.

Jan. 5—Four white men are arrested for attempting to break into home of Chinatown area.

Jan. 5—John Cullen and Kate Cullen, living in Grand Ledge, Mich., with intent to commit murder. They have previously been arrested for murder.

Jan. 25—Washington Post reports that a largely Korean Buddhist congregation in Baltimore because of harassment. Windows and doors have been shut out at hours when mailboxes have been stolen several times, cars have been parked in neighborhood.

Jan. 11—Chinese immigrant Pei Lin Lou is stabbed and his face is slashed and his neck is severely injured and is still in critical condition.

Jan. 9—Field Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service meets with New York City Chinatown legal community to discuss document incident of racial violence.

Jan. 22—James Friedmott, convicted in 1984 of violating a restraining order, is found guilty in stabbing death of Thong Hy Huynh, a Vietnamese fisherman.

Dec. 17, 1984—in front of Penthouse’s New York office, a crowd of 50 (of whom are arrested) protests photos in the magazine depicting Asian and Black women in bondage and hanging from trees.

Jan. 4—Idaho State Sen. Waller Var­

by (Grand View) says, in reference to selling beef to white, “When you start dealing with those slant-eyed, you’d better get used to it because that’s what the states that they ‘don’t mean it as degrad­ing’ and that ‘All you can do is get along with the good friends.’ He is criticized by Poca­
tello Blackfoot JACL.

Jan. 7—A boy, 8, is found in front of a

17-store in Kent, Wash., is re­

worded by vandals to read “Get gools and sin.” A man is hit by another vehicle and said to have happened again—two percent milk $1.59 a gallon.

A negative reaction from Asian Americans results when white actor Joel Grey is cast as an el­

derly Korean in the film "Rome Williams." The film’s producer states that none of the Asian actors tested were suitable for the role.

Feb. 12—New York Asian American: "We’re not big enough. We’re not rich enough. We’re not even prominent enough to merit a response."

Feb. 25—WAXON-TV in Southfield, Mich., announces that it is dropping segments of "Prime Time L.A."

Feb. 13—In a Washington Post inter­

view, Sen. Paul Trifile (D-Va.), discuss­

ing Vietnam war, says “Asians have

no value for life.” The statement is blasted by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), JACL President Frank Sato, and a number of other Asian American Pacific groups. Trifile says he was mis­

quoted, but Post reporter Myra Mac­

Pherson says quote is accurate and

suggests that clipping be collected.

March 20—Dias Asian for Racial Equality (DARE), formed to combat the recent rise in racism, holds meeting in which recent incidents are discussed and preventive steps are suggested.

March 21—House Judicial Subcom­

mittee on Criminal Justice holds hear­

ing on HR 1711, a bill that would re­

quire FBI to collect statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice. Bill is sup­

ported by co-sponsor Rep. Norman Mi­

neta (D-Calif.) and opposed by Reagen­

enomic officials, who say statistics are difficult to compile.

March 22—Four Cambodians are as­

saulted by a group of white youths while walking on Boston’s east side.

July 5—Sanctuary’s community and county Human Rights’ Fair Housing Commission begins collecting data on incidents of harassment of minorities.

July 25—House unanimously passes “ Hate Crimes’ Statutes.” Act, Coopera­

ion of Japanese Americans and JACL announce plans to work with Judge

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without possibility of parole to 25 years

by State by State of Appeal.

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Apr. 25—In Boston, Long Guang Huang is found not guilty of solicit­

ing and assault and battery on a police of­

icer. Police detective Francis Kelly, facing charges of excessive force in the

case, is immediately suspended.

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May 9—Newly formed Committee to Support Long Guang Huang demands

him to be investigated and suspended.

May 22—Hua, Hung Tran and Chong Chung, ethnic Chinese from Vietnam, are terrorized by about 30 white males who break into their Bos­

ton home; eight are arrested. Hung and witnesses say he was walking down street when white males confronted him.

May 7—Two Cambodians are as­

saulted by a group of white youths while walking on Boston’s east side.

May 1—Sacramento’s city and county Human Rights’ Fair Housing Commission begins collecting data on incidents of harassment of minorities.

July 25—House unanimously passes “ Hate Crimes’ Statutes.” Act, Coopera­
Civil Rights


Jan. 30—President Reagan says some Asian Americans are making economic gains, but longer needed because they have accomplished their goals. "They’ve got to keep the pace up if the cause still exists."

Feb. 8—William Bradford Reynolds of Justice Dept’s Civil Rights Division says court-ordered job preferences for minorities and women are out of date.

March 5—U.S. Commission on Civil Rights chair Claire Sterlin says black leaders are themselves racists who refuse to help Reagan create a "color blind" society. Angry at his remarks, NAACP, NOW, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund and other groups called on Reynolds to resign.

Apr. 5—Federal Communications Commission rules that "racist and anti-Semitic" broadcasts on several stations are protected by First Amendment free speech rights. Case involves Kansas radio station that aired anti-Mexican campaign urging voters to cancel out another group of stations, including Vietnamese.

May 16—During Los Angeles visit, Clarence Pendleton says he agrees with perception of Asians as "model minorities," and promises to "put emphasis on areas relying on their own strength to succeed rather than "protesting loudly" like other minorities and demanding government help.

May 30—6th Circuit Court of Appeals rules in favor of school in Michigan where students arrested in 1969 confrontation with then-school president S.I. Hayakawa and ordered reinstatement of students' transcripts and payment of $127,000. Hayakawa calls decision "ridiculous" because mass arrests were "completely constitutional."

June—U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi deprecates reapportionment by Calif. State Advisory Commission to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Judge says Pendleton’s major objective is "to abolish civil rights."

July 5—JACL and other civil rights organizations announce support of Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1980, introduced in late May. Senate Judiciary Committee’s 1984 Gove Committee, under which a college program can continue if it doesn’t require members to take an oath affirming that another program in the same college practices discrimination.

July 31—Secretary of Education William Bennett’s statement that he "can count on a lot more minorities and women in government positions" does not mean that he foresees them in higher offices in the near future, reports Carol E. Greider.

Aug. 26—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif) testifies at Senate hearing that the Education Dept’s Office of Asian and Pacific Concerns and Office of Hispanic Concerns were segregated from one another, excluded from original language of Higher Education Act Reauthorization bill and was not announced by Rep. Sala Burton (D-Calif) and will continue to be counted as minorities when receiving federal funds.

Discrimination Cases

Dec. 19, 1984—Preliminary hearing held in suit over Del Mar, a Filipino American who charges that he was called a “Jap” and was denied membership in club by the owner, Sherman Chavoor.

Dec. 25—Hawaii chapter of NAACP, NOW, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, and other groups called on Robert Lounsberry to apologize for a statement he made Sept 29 in response to JACL inter­ference with its "Year of the Dragon".”

Jan. 31-Feb. 2—Philippine delegates at assembly of Asian American United Methodists in San Francisco say that their group is underrepresented among board members and nominees.

Feb. 2—In federal court, Law School dean, resigns in protest of the school’s refusal to hire a Chinese-American, and subsequently, when faculty members had insisted that she was kept off the candidate list because she is Asian-American.

Feb. 16—Speaking at JACL Inter­mountain District meeting, Betty Watanabe, teacher at Sharpertown High School in Houston, says she will pursue her case against school district through court. Her speeches against political action rather than evicting Blacks.

March 19—At a publicity hearing, local NAACP president and "steered” Vietnamese refugees were raised the money for their monument without using public funds and that Japan is "racist."--end--

March 20—Agric. Secretary Robert Loubens argues for a state aid program for fruits. In March 25, in refer­ence to Japanese: "Talking about the slant eyes, I still don’t trust them...

Nov. 12—Bay Area Coalition Against “Year of the Dragon” holds protest in San Francisco against a 20th Century Fox film still in production, "Big Trouble in Little China," which coali­tion members say may encourage political action rather than the courts. Her job is in danger because she is Asian-American.

Nov. 18—in response to JACL na­tionwide meeting, Speaker Betty Watanabe, a teacher at Sharpertown High School in Houston, says she will pursue her case against school district through court. Her speeches against political action rather than evicting Blacks.

November—Asian American Re­sources and Information Center is awarded $10,000 by Mass. Council on the Arts & Humanities to produce a videotape on images of Asian Americans in Massachusetts.

Dec. 5—West Hollywood city council holds public hearing on JAPS­er hair salon. Representatives of NCHR and JACL support passage of an ordinance prohibiting businesses from using slurs; attorney for JAPS­ers says that the AAA code would violate free speech rights.

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after 10 years of eligibility for promo­tion. An administrative complaint on behalf of Tom Ohgi and other Asian American individuals is filed.

Oct. 25—Settlement reached in Jes­sie Furukawa case. As part of agree­ment, Furukawa has not been formally dis­closed, but Furukawa says she is pleased with outcome.

Nov. 8—James Rozens, former em­ployee of Tushiba America in Tustin, Calif, files suit against the Japanese company, alleging discriminatory treatment against Americans in its hiring prac­tices.

Other Major Stories of 1985

Action Against Apartheid—Asian American take on front of South American embassy in protest against Israeli government’s decision to ban a peace demonstration. Congressional resolution to merge the school’s special education programs by giving local schools more autonomy draws concern from several Asian Amer­i­can organizations, who say such a move would encourage districts to abolish bilingual education programs as a "cheap" way to avoid court-ordered job preferences for minorities and women.

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In his youth Kamiyama was an outstanding basketball player, despite his short stature. But perhaps his best-known trademark was a friendly grin for everyone he met.
Here is a six-year update of the roster of JACL chapter presidents, which last appeared in the April 4-11, 1980 New Year edition. This year's roster had been an annual reference for 20 years from 1955 — on the occasion National JACL celebrated its 25th anniversary. (Corrections should be submitted to the JACL office.)

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Organized Oct., 1946
Shiho Ota

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Organized Dec. 15, 1944
George Sakaguchi

**Detroit**
Organized Jan. 1, 1944
Kazuo Watanabe

**Denver**
Organized March 1, 1944
Ken Sakai

**Downtown Los Angeles**
Organized August 19, 1943
Takakichi Fujii

**East Bay**
Organized Sept. 30, 1939
Dr. James Nagatani

**Fowler**
Organized Aug. 1935
Tadaki Tani

**Fresno**
Organized May 30, 1892
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Organized Jan. 22, 1937
Kazuo Watanabe

**San Francisco**
Organized Dec. 10, 1943
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**San Gabriel Valley**
Organized April 15, 1945
Jack Takahashi

**San Jose**
Organized Dec. 15, 1937
Yoshio Yamaoka

**San Luis Obispo**
Organized Dec. 3, 1944
Richard Uchida

**San Diego Valley**
Organized Dec. 18, 1943
Kazuo Watanabe

**San Francisco Bay Area**
Organized Dec. 15, 1944
Yonezo Takeshita

**Southern California**
Organized Sept. 10, 1943
Reiichi Takahashi

**Spokane**
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Shiro Yamaoka

**Taft**
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Yasuo Oka

**Tampa**
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Yonezo Takeshita

**Trenton**
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Tadaki Tani

**Toronto**
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sidew ines in November, hearing officer Mark Burstein concluded that there was no evidence of discrimination. "It was an open door, in the sense of the numbers,... the evidence was all there."

She was equally shocked by Burstein's proposed remedy—to have Kumikawa, Fujita's current supervisor, revise her score on the Disputed Appraisal of Promotability. She could not believe it. Kumikawa applied for the same job that she, as a woman, had not been considered for. She fought the discrimination against her and against Kumikawa. She was not going to let it happen to her. She would not let it happen to Kumikawa. "I have never heard of a more inappropriate remedy," she said.

The finding was accepted by civil rights activist Keith Abbott, Ernest Goodman, George Nogima, Tom Salata and others. An all-female panel of judges accepted the proposed remedy as well.

Although the commission gave Fujita a favorable ruling in the 1960 discrimination case, she alleges that the county "never corrected the discrimination problem by establishing affirmative action goals and timetables. After my first case, I have to return to the Civil Service Commission to re-evaluate discrimination problem," she said.

The L.A. County Commission for Women made the same observation to the Los Angeles Superior Court in a Dec. 11 letter to Supervisor Ed Edelman.

Fujita told the Pacific Citizen that the commission will not make a final recommendation until it has considered the objections filed by attorneys at the New York office. In the month. If the final result is negative, she may seek other avenues, such as Superiors Court or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

by Manzen

Plip.. plup.. plop. Plip.. plup.. plop. Plip.. plup.. plop. Plip.. plup.. plop. The staccato of the mochiko sticks reverberated in the air as Tak Arai, joyfully, watching the enthusiasm and the gaiety of the people in the room. And the hot, white rice was jumped with visible vapors of joy, unexpectedly, gleefully anticipating its transformation.

It was electric.

The good smell of cooked rice was everywhere filling the room, the smell and the sounds mingled and blended into a Oneness that was pure joy.

The hearty beat of the Japanese music laughed gaily and prompted a merrier beat. And immediately the joviality of people at One Kura was felt. One Kura was felt.

Tak Arai was a young man. But then again, he was not an old man neither. He just felt old. He had spent most of his life here. He could not imagine his life without it. He had spent most of his life here.

"Hi! Tak! How's it going? Boy, sure is a white bang, huh?"

"Hi Nobé. Yeah! Have you pounded yet?"

"Oh sure. Catching my breath right now... then I'll give it another go."

Nobé laughed for an apparent reason. It revealed his enjoyment. "By the way, thanks for taking care of the steam oven, neh?"

"Oh, that's OK, Nobé. I'm enjoying it. Boy, I think everyone's getting a big bang out of it. Sure is fun, no lie. Must have been a lot of work putting it together, huh, Nobé?"

"You're different," they thought and they meant it as a compliment, to him, it was a barrier, a barrier separating him from everyone else. He resented it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it. He fought it.

The mochi is endless. Year in and year out. Don't see how you do it. Hop in and you do it. Hop in and you do it. Hop in and you do it. Hop in and you do it. Hop in and you do it. Hop in and you do it.

"Sure have to hand it to you, Nobé, no lie."

"Oh, I don't know. It's not really much compared to all the things you have to do. Things. Besides, this is just a one-shot deal. Start in, work on it for a while, and then, boom, it's over. Maybe a month, a month and a half, and there's the work. And the stomach."

"Like you do. Nobé. I like to help out more, but I'm so darn busy at work I just can't find the time."

"I can't even get around to all the things I used to do. I'd better get it pretty soon, though, or my wife'll really scalp me. Once things quiet down a little, I'll help out more."

"Sure," Tak said. "But, I sure have to hand it to you, no lie."

"You're in everything! Where'd ya find the time?"

"I don't know, just find the time. I guess."

The words truck Tak like a blow. There it was again. He turned and walked slowly to the storage room. And there it was again. "You're different!"

"Yes, but why are you Chairman?" Tak prodded.

"They couldn't get anyone else."

"But why did you take it?"

"Aw, come on, Tak, you're getting too deep for me. I don't know. Maybe... Whups, it's turn to pound again. See you, Tak... and thanks again," with that, Nobé hurried away. As an afterthought, he turned and said, "Anyway, Tak, you're different."

"The words struck Tak like a blow. There it was again. You're different!"

Kats had said this too, and so had Sakai. And both were his closest friends; they each worked and helped with the same interest and energy as Tak.

Was he really different? Different from other people?

How could he be! He wasn't different. He couldn't be! He was just the same. The same as anyone else. He wasn't! He tried with his mind with these two little words. And made them push out all other thoughts.

Over the many years, Tak had developed a sensitivity to that particular phrase. People had always told him,

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Oddly enough, the hall was still electric, charged with the jubilation of people. And the sound of the mochi sticks pounds a distinct tattoo. The sound breached the doors of the storage room and entered... and died in the sprawling figure sobbing there.

Chikara Mochi
A Short Story

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