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Judge Robert Takasugi speaks at the Little Tokyo Towers Day of Remembrance program in Los Angeles.

Solidarity stressed at L.A. DOR

by Robert Shimabukuro
LOS ANGELES—Stressing a theme of unity and cooperation, speakers at the Day of Remembrance program in Little Tokyo Feb. 23 reminded the over-400 in attendance of past history and the need to write their congressman, and called on people to recognize and support the struggles of other minorities faced

with similar mistreatment. The gathering, sponsored by the PSW JACL, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and the 100/442 Veterans group, was held at the Little Tokyo Towers following a candlelight parade commemorating the Feb. 19 issuance of E.O. 9066 in 1942. June Kizu of NCRR and PSW JACL Redress chair Ron Tsujii

spoke of the need to write congresspersons in support of H.R. 442 and S. 1053. The bills would provide a formal apology from Congress, set up an educational and humanitarian trust fund to educate Americans about the dangers of racial intolerance, and pay a token \$20,000 to each surviving internee in recognition of individual losses and damages, said Tsujii.

Kizu was very up-beat about the chances of the bills' passage, emphasizing the importance of solidarity and the need to attain justice from all three branches of government. Citing the recent advances in gaining co-sponsors for the bills in Congress, and the favorable court rulings in the National Coalition for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) suit and the *coram nobis* suit of Gordon Hirabayashi, she said, "it is critical to understand that the victories of each have been made

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News in Brief

Ex-police commissioner announces candidacy

SAN FRANCISCO—Architect and former police commissioner Thomas Hsieh formally announced his candidacy for a Board of Supervisor position Feb. 24 at a lunchtime parade. Hsieh, along with 150 supporters, marched from Chinatown to Union Square where they were greeted by city politicians and approximately 400 of his supporters.

Hsieh has served on the city's police, public utilities and art commissions and is presently an executive committee member of the Democratic National Committee.

'Yankee Samurai' director to attend U.S. premiere

SAN FRANCISCO—Katriel "Kay" Schory, producer/director of "Yankee Samurai," will attend the American premiere of his film March 15 at the Palace of Fine Arts. Schory will speak at the event hosted by Go For Broke, the National Japanese American Historical Society. The 50-minute documentary which aired in Europe last year covers the Nisei soldier and the WW2 camp experience of Japanese Americans. Schory, on leave from the Israeli army, took a year to shoot the documentary, traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe to gather footage for the production.

Ex-CIA man commits suicide after spy conviction

WASHINGTON—CIA analyst and convicted spy Larry Wu-tai Chin apparently committed suicide Feb. 21 only two weeks after his Feb. 7 conviction for passing classified information to China for over 30 years. Chin's attorney Jacob Stein had argued that his client had passed over the information in the hopes of helping to normalize relations with China.

Chin's widow, Cathy, in an interview with the International Daily News expressed "strong doubt" about her husband's suicide. According to prison officials, Chin was found with a plastic bag tied over his head with a shoelace. Cathy Chin questioned how the plastic bag or the shoelace was available to Chin. Prison officials declined to speculate.

Mineta questions 'abolition' of A/P Concerns office

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose) asked the chair of the House Committee on Education and Labor to investigate the abolition of the Offices of Asian and Pacific American Concerns and of Hispanic Concerns in the U.S. Dept. of Education. (see Dec. 6 and 13 PC). In response to earlier complaints and inquiries, Secretary of Education William Bennett had replied that the Offices in question had not been abolished. In a letter to Chairman Augustus Hawkins, Mineta wrote, "A simple phone call to these Offices will reveal that they no longer exist as functioning separate entities. Apparently, the single professional staff member of the Office of Black Concerns now answers the phone of all three Offices, and he claims to be the staff of each of the three Offices."

Mineta added, "These Offices have served an important role over the past several years, and I believe they should be continued. . . . I hope your Committee will be able to shed light on the facts of this matter."

H.R. 442 gains N.Y. co-sponsor

WASHINGTON—Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) signed on as a co-sponsor on H.R. 442 Feb. 28, reported JACL-LEC director Grayce Uyehara. Solarz, from New York's 13th Congressional district, is a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor and the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Solarz has been highly visible recently as the chair of the Foreign Affairs' subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs which had been conducting hearings on ousted Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos' holdings in the U.S.

Uyehara credited the work of Bob Moteki and Tom Kometani, both from the N.Y. chapter JACL, for Solarz' endorsement. Moteki and Kometani first presented the issue to the Brooklyn Independent

Democrats which then conveyed their support to Solarz.

Said Uyehara, "We are greatly pleased with the idea of seeking help to lobby members of Congress through local political parties and through the organizations which are represented in those districts."

Uyehara, who has worked closely with Moteki and Kometani added, "Their homework on the redress presentation and their willingness to follow through on the recommendations of the Brooklyn Independent Democrats brought the desired result."

Kometani has been asked to take over the position of Eastern Regional Redress Coordinator which had been held by Uyehara for the past four years.

Solarz is the 121st co-sponsor of H.R. 442.

Judge to return to private practice

PHILADELPHIA—Judge William Marutani of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas announced that he was stepping down from his post which would have expired in 1988.

Marutani, who said his resignation would be effective "hopefully by the end of the month," told the PC: "I just don't feel like I'm accomplishing very much. I want to go on to new challenges. I guess I'm just bored."

Marutani says that he originally took the job to dispel notions that Asian Americans could not be effective judges and to show that Asian Americans could be elected. "I feel that I've made my point. Hopefully, I've carried out my duties in a credible fashion."

Marutani was first appointed to the bench by Gov. Milton Shapp in 1975 to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kendall Shoyer. At that time, he was the first Asian American outside the Pacific Basin to sit as a judge of a court of record.

In 1977, he was elected to his position leading a field of 12 candidates with 194,000 votes.

Marutani, in commenting on the pressures which judges face, told the Philadelphia Inquirer, "As long as you have the political process of picking judges, there is no way you are going to have people who are completely free of political pressure."

Marutani emphasized that the lack of judicial reform did not enter into his decision to resign. He said that he plans to go back into private practice.

H.R. 442 hearings to be rescheduled

WASHINGTON—Grayce Uyehara, JACL-LEC executive director, was notified by Janet Potts, associate counsel for the Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations to which H.R. 442 has been assigned, that hearings on the bill previously scheduled for March 19 have been postponed.

Subcommittee chair Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) intends to reschedule the hearings as soon as some of the other issues before the subcommittee which are facing April 1 deadlines are out of the way. Congress will recess March 26-April 7.

Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) expressed his disappointment but added, "I have been assured by the subcommittee that the hearings will be rescheduled."

"Although scheduling difficulties have prevented the subcommittee from meeting the tentative March 19 target date, I want to stress the fact that Congress will hear the case for redress in the near future."

Uyehara added, "The JACL-LEC office will be in contact with the subcommittee office on a timely basis to ensure that the hearings for H.R. 442 are scheduled during this session."



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Community rallies around demoted community college president Fujimoto

by **Martie Quan**
Rafu Shimpo

LOS ANGELES—Nearly 400 friends and supporters gathered on Feb. 24 to mobilize their support in an attempt to reverse the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees decision to remove Dr. Masakazu Jack Fujimoto from his post as president of West Los Angeles College (WLAC).

In addition, the Asian Pacific Legal Defense and Education Fund (APLDEF) collected over \$2,300 to help Fujimoto. APLDEF is a non-profit community organization fighting against employment discrimination.

Fujimoto, president of WLAC for the past seven years, informed the crowd at the Venice Japanese Community Center that significant things have happened subsequent to the board's decision to remove him from the presidency. "Our efforts have paid off and presently negotiations are continuing," he said.

"Your voice was truly heard, because the die has not been automatically cast."

On Feb. 13, Fujimoto was summoned to the district office by Chancellor Leslie Koltai. Fujimoto expected Koltai to discuss

the findings of a three-week visit at WLAC, but instead was shocked by Koltai's recommendation for demotion or dismissal.

What then followed was the formation of an ad hoc committee to respond to Koltai's action. The committee then mobilized and garnered support for Fujimoto and asked supporters to send mailgrams or to speak at the Feb. 19 Board of Trustees meeting, which voted on Fujimoto's demotion.

While negotiations are underway and no definite action has been taken, supporters met to plot a course of action.

"We are here tonight to tell Jack and Grace (Jack's wife) that we really do support them, that we really do care and that we'll do everything we can to see that justice is done," J.D. Hokoyama, executive member of APLDEF, said.

"Secondly, we are here tonight because we want to send a message to the Board of Trustees of the L.A. Community College District. We want to tell them that the Asian Pacific American community is maturing. We are no longer politically naive and that we will not be stereotyped as a community that will just let things happen.

"We are willing to stand up for our rights and when an injustice has been done, we will speak up and say that it is wrong and ask for restitution," Hokoyama continued.

Fujimoto said that there are so many projects that are being worked on at the college and require his help. He mentioned a program with Santa Monica College to divert some of their students back to WLAC and an arrangement with UCLA and other University of California campuses to automatically accept WLAC graduates.

He said there are many problems with the college such as declining enrollment and he has tried to figure out why. Fujimoto attributed the slow process of financial aid and the change of the academic calendar as factors affecting enrollment.

The Culver City City Council will propose a motion to ask the Board of Trustees to reconsider the removal of Fujimoto, according to Syd Kronenthal, director of human services for Culver City.

Those wishing to actively show support for Fujimoto may contact John J. Saito at (213) 626-4471, J.D. Hokoyama at (213) 743-4999 or Syd Kronenthal at (213) 202-5695 for further information.

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Pickets, questions greet Hayakawa at 'English as Official Language' forum

by **Edna Ikeda**

SAN DIEGO — About 25 people demonstrated in a pre-program picket organized by the San Diego Redress/Reparations Committee (SDRRC) and the Pacific Asians for the Rainbow (PAR) to protest the appearance of former U.S. Senator S.I. Hayakawa at an open forum on "English as the Official Language" Feb. 24 at the Ocean View United Church of Christ.

The forum, sponsored by Pacific Asian Voter Education (PAVE), a non-partisan political educational organization, was characterized by heated questions and comments from members of the Asian, black and Chicano communities as they discussed Hayakawa's proposed English amendment which

would require English to be used for official purposes, such as conducting business in City Hall, but would not apply in the home, or with religions and businesses.

Hayakawa told the crowd of approximately 80 people of the good fortune of this country's immigrants: "This is a country in which you have unbounded opportunities—all you have to do is learn to speak English and every door you can see through is open to you!"

He praised the U.S., calling it the "least racist society in the whole world" and added that "most countries in the world are racist... we are the incredible exception."

"Nothing stands in your own way except your own hang-

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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—Sansei choreographer and entertainer **Asha Hanada-Rogers** will be staging *The Pearl Fishers* Opera at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion March 11. It is being produced by Euterpe, a Los Angeles-based opera company and directed by Marc Jacobs. *The Pearl Fishers* was written in the 19th century by the French composer Bizet. Hanada-Rogers has incorporated elements of Asian and South Pacific dance forms for the opera which is set in the South Pacific.

"Register to Vote, It's Your Right" is the theme for this year's second annual **Korean American Coalition** dinner, March 13 at the Ambassador Hotel. Info: (213) 380-6175.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Challenges Facing Asian-Caucasian Couples," a workshop conducted by Ryo Imamura of the East-West Counseling Center in Oakland, will be held March 19, 7 p.m. at the Western Addition Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, 1550 Scott St. and Geary. All interested persons are welcome to attend. No charge. Info: (415) 346-9531, Tues-Sat.

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Artist **Carol Miura McCormack** exhibits "Executive Order 9066: A Japanese American Experience," a mixed-media show which reflects on the experiences of JAS, March 16-20, School of Fine Arts, Gallery B, Cal State Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd. Opening reception, March 16, 2-5 p.m.

REEDLEY, Calif.—The 50th anniversary celebration of the **Reedley Buddhist Church** will be held March 23 at the Church, noon to 8 p.m. Info: (209) 638-3525.

APA art and essay contest scheduled

LOS ANGELES—Students from kindergarten to 12th grade will have a chance to compete for cash awards in the 8th annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Week's Poster and Essay Contest scheduled for the week of May 7 through May 14.

The theme for the poster and essay contest is "Contributions of Asian Pacific Americans: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." The contest is planned to celebrate Asian culture during Heritage Week festivities.

Students submitting essays and posters for the contest must have them delivered by March 26 to contest officials. Top-winning entries will receive cash awards from Pacific Bell.

For contest applications or additional information, contact the mayor's office at (213) 485-3404.

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The **Huntington Library** and the **UCLA Dept. of Fine Arts** present a celebration of Japanese cultural art forms with: performances of Kyogen farces by the Theater of Yugen and Gagaku/Bugaku and San-kyoku by faculty and students of the UCLA Fine Arts Department; an Ikebana Ikenobo flower show by the San Marino League; lectures by landscape designers John Catlin and Lou Watanabe; and educational films, March 22-23, 1151 Oxford Rd. Info: (818) 405-2100. Ticket info: (818) 405-2273.

SACRAMENTO—The annual Spring Dinner/Dance of the **Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985** will be held April 26 at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 6:30. The 22-member VFW Post 8985 Ukelele Band will provide dinner entertainment. Dancing to the Mel-o-Tones from 8 p.m. to midnight. Reservations: Frank Yoshimura, 1511 Akron Way, (916) 428-6932; or Yosh Matsuhara, 427-3747.

SEATTLE—The **Northwest Asian American Theater** will have its fourth annual rummage sale March 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Proceeds will support the 1986-87 season of plays. NWAAT will sell clothes, books and furniture. Purchases and donations are tax-deductible. Info: 522-0783 or 329-6847.

SALINAS, Calif.—The **Poston, Arizona Block 213 Reunion Committee** has announced a reunion Aug. 30 at Toro Park. Friends and relatives of 213 residents are also invited. Former 213 residents are urged to contact Harry Sakasegawa, 612 Bautista Dr., and Helen Aihara Kitaji, 469 Cabrillo Ave. in Salinas, CA 93901 or Fusako Miyayama Nakai, 61 Irving Ave., Atherton, CA 94025.

HAWTHORNE, Calif.—The **Nikkei Widowed Group** will hold its Installation Luncheon at the Cockatoo Inn March 9, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On March 16, the Group will be attending the "Merry Widow" at the Long Beach Terrace Theater. Info: Henry, (213) 324-5194; Eizo, (213) 372-3592; Yukie, (213) 291-3312.

Filipino American communities rejoice at news of Marcos' departure from P.I.

Filipino Americans on the West Coast took to the streets to express their elation and pride at the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos and the ascendancy of Corazon Aquino, and travel agencies reported many inquiries about flights to the Philippines, but sentiments appeared divided in the Filipino American community in Hawaii.

In Los Angeles, a rally at the Philippine Consulate called to demand the resignation of Marcos Feb. 25, was quickly changed to a jubilant celebration as news

of Marcos' departure to Guam was announced. Ernie Deflin, who writes for the Philippine American News, said, "I'm ecstatic, speechless, euphoric. We have been waiting. Our prayers have been answered."

Many talked about returning to the Philippines. Joel Guinto, a San Diego resident told Los Angeles Times, "Now perhaps I can return to my country to start my life over again."

Travel agent Sylvia Cuenco said Filipinos are starting to call now for information about flights

to the islands.

Cecile Ochoa of the Philippine American Press Club expressed both pride and cautious optimism: "I feel at one with the Filipino people in rejoicing the departure of Marcos." But she also believed that there would and should be close scrutiny of policies that come out of the new government. "The most important priority of the new government is to establish national industries in the country—to create jobs—and revive the economy and treasury that Marcos had depleted."

"Right now, I feel great elation and at one with all Filipinos in our pride—pride in seeing what our people have accomplished."

In the Bay Area which has one of the largest Filipino populations in the U.S. and one of the most vocal in its opposition to Marcos, approximately 500 people gathered at Union Square Feb. 25 to hear President Aquino's sister-in-law, Lupita Aquino Kashiwaha speak at a rally held to celebrate the change in power. "I was so proud to be a Filipina and have the world see the people defending their mandate," she said. "To think people could stop tanks with their bare hands, and prayers and rosary beads. If anyone doesn't think prayer works, believe me, I know it works."

Rev. Lloyd Wake of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco reiterated Ochoa's cautious optimism. "We rejoice partly because of our Filipino brothers and sisters who have been in political exile here," he said. "But whatever the government, it faces great problems. The

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Filipino teacher awarded \$257,000 in employment discrimination case

MINNEAPOLIS—The Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission ordered the Minneapolis public schools to pay a Lourdes Ciesielczyk \$257,000 in back pay and punitive damages for failing to hire her as a teacher, the Minneapolis Star and Tribune reported Feb. 20.

The commission ruled Feb. 19 that the school district discriminated against Ciesielczyk, a Filipino, on the basis of race and national origin in denying her a job as an elementary teacher.

City civil rights commissioner Mary Emma Hixon said that it was the largest award the commission ever ordered.

The Commission also ordered the school district to hire Ciesielczyk, and report for the next five years to the commission on its hiring of Asians. The commission said the district, despite a substantial enrollment of Asians, makes no specific efforts to recruit Asian teachers.

School district attorney Fre-

derick Finch said the district probably will appeal the ruling to the courts. Principals had opposed the hiring of Ciesielczyk for a full-time job because as a substitute teacher she couldn't maintain discipline, he said.

Ciesielczyk has a bachelors degree in education from Philippine Normal College in Manila and has taught nine years in public and parochial schools in Los Angeles. She has taken graduate courses at UCLA, Mount St. Mary's College and Pepperdine University in California.

She first applied for jobs as an elementary school teacher in 1975 and was interviewed in 1976. The award includes \$188,000 in back wages from 1976 when Ciesielczyk filed the complaint, interest and \$6,000 punitive damages.

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U.S.-Japan Relations (Part 2)

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



WE HAD OCCASION to comment previously on the subject of "U.S.-Japan Relations." (see July 26 PC) We questioned how uninformed AJA's could intelligently address the subject and make any informed judgments, other than relying upon self-designated "experts" who seek to panic us into embracing the "issue." Which raises the threshold query: Precisely what is the issue that has such an impact upon AJA's as to justify JACL expending time discussing an amorphous subject? JACL is supposed to be a civil rights organization. Does the so-called "U.S.-Japan Relations" subject present such a civil rights problem that justifies expending our limited time, and even more limited resources, to addressing an unarticulated "problem," often to the exclusion of honest-to-goodness, compelling civil rights issues?

And we have other questions.

AS WE SEE it, this subject focuses upon economic considerations, namely the perceived trade imbalance and the continuing growing deficit between Japan and our country. Now, if the JACL were a business organization, or a chamber of commerce, it would be entirely appropriate for it to be involved. But it is not such an organization. Or hopefully not. And as for those who are interested in the subject, it is entirely proper for them to be concerned and to involve themselves—as individuals. And were I in that posture, I would not hesitate to so involve myself. But not involve a civil rights organization.

WE'RE NOT OBLIVIOUS to the *in terrorem* argument that some put forth that animosity directed toward Japan because of the deficit imbalance operates as a backlash against AJA's, at least among bigots, including "respectable" people. The Vincent Chin killing in Detroit is one of the most dramatic manifestations of this. But acknowledging this fact of life, we're by no means convinced that the "solution" is to "explain" the deficit imbalance to our fellow Americans, hoping that thereby the backlash might



be ameliorated. On the contrary, by getting involved in such public relations, we can only make ourselves vulnerable to being labelled as apologists for Japanese interests and Japan.

AT THIS POINT, we wish to emphatically make clear that by no means do we reject, even slightly, our pride in our cultural ethics and heritage. I'm damn proud of being an American of Japanese ancestry, and all that stands for. I have no intention of being dislodged, even by implication, from that firm stand. But my ancestry does not, and cannot, make me responsible for Japan's

economic activities any more than any other past actions of Japan, including WW2. And I refuse to be maneuvered into a position whereby I "explain" the current deficit imbalance on the theory that my civil rights depend on it. And this reasoning applies with greater force to a civil rights organization which the JACL is supposed to be.

I AM TROUBLED by the apparent persistence among a segment of JACL seeking to continue "U.S.-Japan Relations" as a project for this civil rights organization. Apparently, the powers-that-be are setting aside substantial

time at the upcoming national convention to discuss this subject. And those of us listening, if such a presentation is to be had, will not have any information, facts or reasons why it is important as a civil rights issue. As all sit silently by.

I WOULD NOW ask that a responsible voice tell me, us, specifically—not in generalities, not with *in terrorem* predictions—why this is a civil rights issue that merits the attention of JACL, a civil rights organization. I make this column available for such an exposition.

I'm willing to learn.

HAYAKAWA

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ups.... If you let that hold you back, you are being racist because you are bringing in the racist issue."

Stressing the importance of a common language in a democracy, he stated, "How do you get consent of the governed if they don't know what is being talked about?"

Many in the audience were concerned with the impact of this proposed amendment. A woman from the black community inquired: "If you start with English as the Official Language, where will it end? I feel like it's just another freedom that will be taken away."

Glenn Horiuchi of SDRRC and PAR challenged Hayakawa's premise that everything would be fine if everyone could speak English. "Well, I think you've got things backwards.... Vincent Chin was murdered in Detroit because he looked Japanese and

no one bothered to ask him if he spoke English.... All they knew was that he looked like a Jap and he was taking away jobs from the good old white American boys. Now tell me, what is this question about English?"

Dennis Kobata, also of SDRRC and PAR, said, "My grandfather was welcomed here by having to wait 50 years before he could legally become a citizen in this country!"

Leo Chavez, research assistant at the Center for U.S.-Mexico studies at U.C. San Diego, felt that Hayakawa's proposed amendment would actually reduce participation in the government, especially by older people and those stuck in jobs which prevent them from learning English. "Basically, you've allowed yourself to be used by individuals and groups that tend to be anti-immigrant," he told Hayakawa.

Hayakawa contended that the non-English ballots have not helped people because many who request them can't read any-

way, regardless what language they are printed in.

Furthermore, he argued that bilingual classes have been ineffective, producing nearly two decades of high school students who graduate without learning English.

Hayakawa added that the original intent of bilingual education was to permit the use of a child's native language as a means of teaching English. However, with the current shortage of teachers who can speak both languages, he felt that most of today's bilingual classrooms are not really bilingual.

"The latest move on the part of bilingual education is to say that six years in the bilingual classes are essentially monolingual before they get transferred to English only," he said.

Rosalia Salinas, a bilingual education teacher, countered with, "I think it's unfortunate that [Hayakawa's] been spreading untruths. I defy him to define a classroom in this county or state that keeps children in a monolingual, other language classroom for six years without teaching them English.

"Quite the opposite. Our children are taught English from day one.... You're doing a disservice by saying that bilingual education keeps children in their first language."

Hayakawa said that he meant that children were being retained longer in other classes before they could enter English-only classes.

He added that he does support learning of languages for educated people, noting that there is a shortage of civil servants who can speak other languages.

Letters

No Sympathy, But...

I am writing to express concern about the way in which tours to the Republic of South Africa have been withdrawn by JATC. It appears that all one has to do is point out the evils of apartheid. If only reality were so simple, so black and white!

I have no sympathy for apartheid and oppose it strongly. However, the South African government is not going to eliminate all aspects of apartheid overnight regardless of external pressures. One way to get a better understanding of the situation is to visit South Africa and talk to its citizens, both black and white. A tour provides an opportunity for discussions and to see, in a limited way, the problems faced by that nation.

Certainly, tour expenditures provide income to hotels, restaurants, South African Airways and other local business firms, virtually all of which have black, colored and/or Indian employees. Are we necessarily doing the victims of apartheid a favor by reducing their economic opportunities?

I might add that for those interested in game viewing, I would recommend a tour to Kenya or Botswana over those to South Africa, primarily because one sees more game. However, for anyone who is interested in getting further insight into apartheid and South Africa, a tour to the southern tip of Africa would certainly be worthwhile. Fortunately, tours to South Africa are available outside of JATC sponsorship.

KENJI OKUDA
North Vancouver, B.C.

Coverage Applauded

As a former Board Member of the Washington, D.C. chapter, I have been a regular reader of the PC for the past couple of years. During that time, I have continually been impressed by the articles J.K. Yamamoto has written concerning issues of importance to Japanese Americans. In articles such as "English Only: Danger Ahead" (Jan. 24 PC), he has gone beyond informing readers, to broadening their awareness and increasing their sensitivity to important social and political issues.

One need only recall the Vincent Chin incident as evidence that a matter affecting other Asians can have an important impact on Japanese Americans. Nevertheless, I sense in Yamamoto's article a frustration that some JACLers do not realize the importance to them of issues affecting other Asians or other minorities.

It is a frustration that I sometimes share as one who has attempted to get JACLers to play a more active role in such Pan-Asian groups as the Asian American Voters Coalition and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council. Both of these organizations have pledged their support to redress and the Heritage Council has even backed up that pledge with a \$1,000 monetary contribution to JACL.

It is clear that JACL's redress efforts are reinforced by the support of outside organizations and individuals. It is equally clear that such support cannot be obtained unless Japanese Americans perceive themselves as part

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A Society On the Move

FROM THE
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Tokyo, Japan
"This," said my colleague who was visiting Japan for the first time, "is a wealthy country and these are well-to-do people. For an American, it is a humbling experience to go abroad and find other nations that are doing so well."

Humbling indeed. Each morn-

ing we would walk by the Imperial Hotel cashier's office and learn from the figures posted on the wall that our American dollars were worth less than the day before. Then we'd walk over to the coffee shop, crowded with as many local people as foreigners, for a \$7 continental breakfast (small orange juice, rolls, coffee).

Our hotel rooms, single, were 24,000 yen a night, more than \$125, plus 10 percent service charge, plus tax. Those are New York prices—granted the service was far, far superior to what one can expect in New York—but disconcerting nonetheless. (In New York one finds printed warnings in hotel rooms about keeping

doors triple-locked to foil thieves. In Japan the warnings are about earthquakes.)

Japan's prosperity is visible on the streets. People are well dressed and look well-nourished. You're likely to encounter a dozen men standing six-foot-plus during a half-block stroll near the Ginza and I saw a number of women who must have been close to 5' 9". Furs are seen everywhere. Luxury items are prominently displayed in store windows. Taxi meters start at 470 yen—\$2.50. Judging from the number of restaurants, coffee shops and bars, the national pastime would seem to be eating and drinking. This is a purely subjective observation, but the Japanese seem to regard their 1,000-yen notes (about \$5.25) about the way we regard our dollar bills, and 100-yen coins (about 53 cents) like quarters.

During ten days in Japan we saw only two derelicts, one in Hiroshima and one in the outer Palace grounds in Tokyo. When we mentioned this to Carol Ludwig of the U.S. Embassy, she said she's seen a small colony of street people hanging out at one of the railway stations, not bothering anybody, just trying to keep warm. (The last time I was in Washington, D.C., we ran into a major evening traffic jam caused by a large band of street people setting up camp atop warm air vents.)

Ambassador Mike Mansfield is looking very well, thank you. He still serves coffee personally to callers at his Embassy office, puffs away on his pipe, tackles his duties with gusto, and is convinced more than ever that the next century will be the century of the Pacific despite some serious U.S.-Japan trade problems. In

other respects, he says, relations between the two countries have never been better.

If you're a Japanese American, chances are you'll encounter Barry Saiki sometime during your stay in Japan. Saiki is a sort of one-man chamber of commerce, trans-Pacific facilitator and general, unofficial factotem on U.S.-Japan affairs at the grass roots level. He seems to know who's in town on what mission, and who to see to get something done, and we were much indebted to him during this last flying trip.

If you've never been to Japan, or haven't been there for a while, plan to go. It's a dynamic society on the move, changing swiftly, a society bound to have much greater clout in world affairs once the people get over the idea that they are still struggling to overcome the effects of defeat in war.

A People Forced to Move

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Intra-Tribal Schism

A full understanding of the division that exists within both the Navajo and the Hopi tribes between the so-called "traditionalists" and the "progressives" will go a long way toward a better understanding of the Navajo-Hopi "land disputes." This intra-tribal split is present within almost all American Indian tribes.

The traditionalists are not only the tribal elders but many younger members who are primarily dedicated to preserving their respective traditional cultures and their way of life. The progressives' vi-

sion is more focused upon the development of their ancestral land through modern technology. The impact of the latter upon the land, a phenomenon which is being observed throughout the world in varying degrees, is magnified many folds in the confinement of the Indian reservations.

The Tribal Councils were created by non-Indians some half a century ago so that contracts can be signed by bodies which claimed to represent the tribal people. Selections to Tribal Councils were engineered by those who also represented the coal and energy companies. Thus was created a sharp schism between those who wished to preserve the traditional Indian way of life and those who were in positions to most benefit from land and energy developments.

The Navajo-Hopi dispute is primarily between the Tribal Chairmen and attorneys for the tribes

over legal title to the land, mineral and water rights, and future development plans. The real power behind the eventual decision lie with the local political figures; in Arizona it is Senator Barry Goldwater. Goldwater's favorite has been the Hopi Tribal Council. He has manifested hatred of the Navajo Tribal Council. Thus was born the Public Law 93-531 in 1974 which mandated the Navajo relocation from their ancestral land. The Hopi Tribal Council position is: "The law is the law. Let it be enforced."

Among the traditionalists, there is Navajo-Hopi unity. They agree that no one should be relocated. The only settlement they say they would accept is the repeal of the Act (PL 93-531). The surviving authors and sponsors of the 1974 Act, however, desperately do not want Congress to reconsider the Act.

With the approaching deadline for relocation (7/7/86), the subject has attracted wide media attention (Times, Newsweek, N.Y. Times, etc.) They focus on the historical problems between tribes living next to each other, as among nations throughout the world, but are silent on the part the U.S. government has played

in the dispute. They do not mention the coal and energy companies' roles. The media treats the destruction of traditional cultures as merely unfortunate side-effects of progress. The traditionalists do not accept this.

President Reagan became involved at the request of Senator Goldwater, and dispatched Judge William Clark to resolve the dispute. The talk collapsed, and Judge Clark is now recommending that the entire matter be reconsidered by Congress.

Congressional Action

Congressmen Morris Udall (D-AZ) and John McCain (R-AZ) are now sponsoring legislation that could end the relocation nightmare. The bill calls for the Hopi to return 356,000 acres to the Navajos so that Navajos can stay on the land with their families and their livestock.

In return, the Hopis would receive 356,000 acres to the south of the reservation where no Navajos are now living. In addition, the Hopis would receive money from the Navajo coal mining and electricity-generation projects.

Senator Barry Goldwater is once again the key person. If he supports the Udall-McCain Bill, it

will almost certainly become a law. If he opposes the bill, its chance for passage is practically nil.

The Hopi Tribal Chairman has already said he does not like the bill. He may try to stop it.

Day of Remembrance

At the NCCR sponsored ceremony commemorating the "Day of Remembrance," held at the Christ Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, representatives from the Big Mountain spoke on the forced relocation of Navajos. A 73-year-old Violet Ashike spoke of her grandmother's forced march of hundreds of miles across the New Mexico desert in 1864 to be incarcerated at Fort Sumner. A young Navajo, Danny Blackgoat, gave a heart-rending account of his struggle from deep depression to his spiritual well-being through crusading for his people's cause.

Volunteer support work for the Big Mountain people is being conducted with grass-roots contributions from throughout America at:

Big Mountain Legal Defense/
Offense Committee
2501 N. 4th St.
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of a broader picture and participate in building coalitions with those who share their concerns.

Articles with the scope of "English Only" can be instrumental in expanding JACLers' perspectives and encouraging their wider participation in the social and political community, redounding to the benefit of JACL.

In fact, under editor Bob Shimabukuro's leadership, the entire thrust of the PC has changed to embrace diverse and sometimes controversial views. I welcome this shift in editorial coverage, as the PC has often challenged my own thinking on issues.

I know that the PC has been criticized lately for not focusing more on Japanese American or JACL matters. While articles relating strictly to JACL issues obviously deserve prominence in a newspaper published by JACL, I believe news with a broader focus is equally deserving of coverage. I applaud the work of Shimabukuro and Yamamoto and hope that the PC will continue to enlighten, sensitize and

challenge me and other JACLers in the future.

DANIEL M. MAYEDA
Washington, D.C.

Misplaced Emphasis

It is gratifying that several Monterey Bay Area cities, realizing its import, have given the Japanese Americans resolutions of support for the Day of Remembrance (DOR). But it is unconscionable that the organizers of the ceremony at the Salinas Community Center lost sight of its significance and decided to honor JA veterans instead.

The DOR recalls the signing of E.O. 9066 by President Franklin Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, and the resulting evacuation and internment of West Coast JAs because of the wartime anti-Japanese hysteria. . . .

The DOR is a reminder to all Americans that internment camps are still both a possibility and a reality today, and it stands as a sentinel against future wholesale violations of the civil rights of any minority by the U.S. government. But, it is not a day to honor veterans or recall past military glories!

WILFRED DE CRISTOFORO
Salinas, Calif.

A Fund That Needs to Move

by Mas Hironaka, chair
1000 Club Life Memberships

As usual JACL is having problems with finances. This is a constant problem, not peculiar to JACL, and certainly not a hopeless situation. In fact, we would like to present a program that would alleviate some of the problem.

Thousand Club (TC) rates for life membership increased from \$500 to \$1,000; however, there were few takers at the new rate. But investments of these funds were actually raising sufficient returns making it feasible to return the rate to \$500. This was accomplished at the last National Convention in Honolulu. TC Life memberships will be \$500, at least for the rest of the Sato Biennium.

We wish to complete the drive for TC Life memberships before the Chicago Convention. The

funds raised will be placed in the Special Trust Funds at Headquarters. We will only dispense the interest derived from investing the money in the fund.

Consequently, the fund will never be depleted and will provide a constant supply of funds so badly needed. We are asking all chapters and members, as well as the TCers, to help in recruiting life members. It would be extremely important to JACL and our national budget.

We feel that there are many loyal JACLers who would be willing to join us as life members to help JACL; spouses of life members could also become life members. In addition, the thought of making no more membership payments, ever, is quite appealing. The payments are tax-deductible. If we can recruit 2,000 life members, it would provide significant income to JACL, and would

continue benefiting JACL every year. This fund will forever continue to grow and will always be there to alleviate some of the pain in raising funds.

The life member will always be considered a member of the various chapters, for we feel that the chapters are the backbone of the National. For this biennium, the National Board has consented to 20% of the annual income to go to the chapters, but not to exceed the amount of the regular TC rebate. (\$500 invested at 11% interest will mean \$44 for National and \$11 for the chapter annually.) We intend to introduce a rebate resolution at the Chicago Convention so that the chapter rebates will be permanently in place.

Please join us as we have only until the Chicago Convention to take advantage of the reduced rate. The over 100 present members have some \$60,000 in the trust fund. I urge you to consider this membership—Life 1000 Club.

Volunteer Commitment

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Uyehara



I only wish Pete Hironaka's cartoon in the Feb. 21 PC showed all of you waving from the windows of the trains to show that we are all on track. The staff in the office, Colleen Darling and Rochelle Wandzura, said they should have been waving from the caboose; but it would have been more appropriate to have them up front in the steam locomotive stoking the fires.

As I have said before, this office is still not set up for the kind of operation we just concluded this week. We have just mailed 240 packets, (packet no. 4), to all who are working on lobbying for H.R. 442 and S. 1053. It is a tremendous uplift to receive letters and calls of encouragement from people who are coming on board to help us.

This week we heard from Herb Sasaki of Hattisburg, Miss. who has been asked to see Rep. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), while Gene Doi of Stone Mountain, Ga. said he will get an appointment with Rep. Pat Swindall (R-Ga.).

There have been several offers of help to get our targeted subcommittee member, Rep. Harley Staggers (D-W. Va.). Mote Nakasako is working with his contacts among the national veterans organizations to line up constituents. Tom Kometani has found a Methodist minister who earlier had a church in West Virginia and has contacts in Keyser. Sharon Maeda of Radio Pacifica is also using her network of acquaintances. And we thought West Virginia was next to impossible for us.

We are thankful for the kind of grassroots effort which is slowly but surely developing all around the country. The Stone

Mountain contact came through Howard Ando (Phila. chapter) who wrote to his aunt after I spoke to the chapter about the need for contacts in the South. We need the votes on the Judiciary committee lined up within the next month.

In the Selanoco chapter a team made up of Gene Takamine, Susan Kamei, Clarence Nishizu and Carol Kawaname has started a full court press on William Danne-meyer. We congratulate Nishizu for becoming a member of Danne-meyer's Committee of 100.

From Sharon Hashimoto and Chisao Hata, co-vice-presidents of the Portland chapter, has come their redress strategy which has a brief description of lobbying and educational activities to which they are devoting their energy, time and commitment. They plan to go past the environs of Portland to see what they can do to implement a state-wide lobbying effort to secure votes for the two redress bills. They are right on target!

Wouldn't you know, just when we get weary of the amount of work which needs to be done, we hear from all these wonderful, committed people who are willing to coordinate the letter writing and to set up appointments to talk with their members of Congress to request their support of redress. It is the right issue for these times; all around the world people who believe in democracy and the rights of individuals are rising to be heard.

JACL-LEC is most appreciative of all the redress workers who take the time to let us know they appreciate our efforts to communicate with them and to share their redress plans at the district level.

The Fine Folks of Selanoco

There is not enough that can be said about some of the outstanding members of this local chapter in the Pacific Southwest. I realize that this is my home chapter but they have recently done things of such quality that I feel that they should be made known to the general membership.

Selanoco (which stands for South East Los Angeles North Orange County) has recently participated in a fund-raising event that will net over \$8,000 to the LEC. This event, chaired by Peter Ota and Pat Kawamoto, had over 250 people in attendance. This money coupled with other money he donated makes Ken Inouye a prime solicitor. Two other members, Susan Kamei and myself, as participants in the planning of the LEC PSW fund raiser which netted over \$37,500, are also prime solicitors. This means that as of this date our chapter has three and one-half paid-up prime solicitors.

The Selanoco chapter's Holiday Issue ad team, chaired by Evelyn Hanki and including perennial ad-solicitor Clarence Nishizu, gathered the largest number of HI ads, resulting in over \$6,000 raised; this sum was divided 50-50 between the Pacific Citizen and the chapter's Presidential Scholar program.

On the lobbying front, Hiroshi Kamei, Carol Kawanami, Clarence Nishizu and I went to lobby our local Congressman Danne-meyer; the result was a very favorable meeting. Other members of the chapter and helpers



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Gene
Takamine

such as La Palma Councilwoman Norman Nomura Seidel and Villa Park Mayor Carol Kawanami worked hard to plan the meeting and get the appointment.

Our chapter is proud of Ken Inouye, the Pacific Southwest Governor and the outstanding work that he has done.

This is a group of people dedicated to the success of not only the JACL and LEC but so many civic pursuits that it is mind-boggling. They have raised all of the money for the redress pledge and were eager to raise further money for the LEC. This spirit of cooperation and commitment is one that inspires the young people and renews the old-timers in this chapter. There is a feeling of direction that in no small way is the result of president Frank Kawase's leadership.

There are many such outstanding chapters in the PSW and throughout our organization; it is to those other hardworking boards and members that a word of encouragement and congratulations is in order. This is an organization of many unsung heroes and at this time I thought I would give some in one fine chapter some recognition.

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Ventura County

VENTURA—Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) spoke about his involvement and efforts in the redress effort and the importance of keeping justice alive before an audience of over 100 people at the Ventura County chapter's installation dinner Feb. 15. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was unable to attend as scheduled.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Cranston and Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn for their work on the redress issue. Also in attendance were Alisia Nunez-Gonzalez from State Sen. Gary Hart's office; Maria Lopez from Assemblyman Jack O'Connell's office; Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi; Dorothy Maron and Dr. Manuel Lopez from the Oxnard City Council; and guests from the Santa Barbara, San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles chapters.

Ken Inouye installed the officers (see Feb. 7 PC).

Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Intermountain Governor Hid Hasegawa installed the following officers for the Idaho Falls chapter at the installation dinner Feb. 13: president, Shoji Nukaya; 1st vice-president, Todd Ogawa; 2nd vice-president, Tom Ogawa; treasurer, Yuki Harada; secretary, Fumi Tanaka; social co-chair, Harumi Nukaya and Sally Yamasaki.

San Gabriel Valley

SANTA ANITA, Calif.—A \$10 ticket will buy a buffet lunch plus admission to the chapter's Day at the Races, a benefit for the Scholarship Fund and the Redress/Reparations Fund, at the Santa Anita Race Track, Infield Area #17, April 12.

Children will be admitted free; lunch will be \$7.50. Lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m., while post time is at 1 p.m. Send a self-addressed stamped envelop with check before Apr. 2 to: Deni Uejima, 566 E. 5th St., Azusa, Calif. 91702.

Eden Township

SAN LORENZO, Calif.—A four-session cooking class sponsored by the Eden Township JACL will begin each Monday starting April 7 at the Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St., 7-9 p.m. Talented local culinary individuals will demonstrate their expertise in sushi making, Chinese cookery, chicken preparation and dessert making.

The cost is \$25 for the four sessions or \$8 for a single session, payable in advance. Make advance reservations by March 29 to Janet Mitobe, 581-4400 or 582-4483; or Ada Wada, 357-7991.



Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) receives certificate of appreciation from Ventura chapter president Yas Umeda at the VCJACL installation dinner.

Florin

SACRAMENTO—Florin JACL and Florin Area Japanese American Community will observe its third Recognition Night and Time of Remembrance March 15 at the Florin Buddhist Hall, 8320 Florin Rd., beginning at 6 p.m. Issei, who have been asked to bring camp memorabilia, will talk about their experiences, and will be honored, along with Sacramento and Placer JACL officers. Plans for the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. Tom Nakashima, Jr. will be toastmaster for the evening. Tickets may be purchased from Florin chapter members for \$5.

The Go For Broke exhibit, "East to America," will be on display at the Hall, open to the public, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15 and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 16. There will be no charge during these times.

The exhibit, "A Japanese American Experience," will be on display at the Elk Grove Unified School District board room March 10-14 before moving to the Buddhist Hall for exhibition March 15-16.

Gardena, South Bay

TORRANCE, Calif.—The Gardena and South Bay Chapters will hold a joint installation dinner, March 16, at Ichabod Crane's Restaurant, 2801 West Sepulveda Blvd. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by

dinner at 6. Cost: \$20/person. Info: (Gardena) Jon, 327-7790 or Deena, 323-3354; (South Bay) Ted, 325-6721 or Collette, 329-5432.

Marina

CULVER CITY — The Marina chapter will hold "Games People Play," a pot luck dinner followed by a variety of parlor games at Lakeside Village, 15000 Summer-time Lane, March 29, 6:30-midnight. Cost: \$4, chapter members; \$5 guests. Info: Debby Oishi, (818) 702-0400 or (213) 473-9518.

West Valley

SAN JOSE—TV hostess Serena Chen shared some of her humorous experiences during the course of her interviews with various people, complimented the JACL on its activities, and advised Asians to take a higher profile so that the public would become more aware of the problems and concerns of Asians in the Bay area at the chapter's installation dinner.

A potluck and bingo social welcoming new members is planned for March 15 at the clubhouse beginning at 6 p.m. Lee Ann Nakagawa (269-0110) chairs the event.

Tom Shimazaki, 1916-1986

by Meriko Mori

The Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter joins the family and friends in mourning the loss of Charter Member and friend Tom Shimazaki, Feb. 18. Services performed by Rev. George Nishikawa and Dr. Harry W. Adams, were held Feb. 21 at the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church.

Shimazaki, a graduate of UC Berkeley, was an engineer at Rockwell International and an active member of singles organizations such as, Nisei Singles, We Are One, Nikkei Widowed Group, One Again, and Parents Without Partners Bridge Group.

Under Tom's leadership, the GLA Singles emerged as a new PSWD chapter with 200 members. His untiring efforts con-

tributed to the overwhelming success of the First National JACL Singles Convention in May 1984 in Gardena.

Tom has left us a legacy of major accomplishments for the GLA Singles chapter. How fortunate for us that, with sincere dedication, he shared his own personal understanding of loneliness and the responsibilities of singlehood with us. His spirit of accepting new challenges in a very calm and responsible way will always be a model for us.

We shall miss his laugh and smile. And most of all, we will remember him as a beautiful human being.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers to Anne, Danny, Lois and sisters, Kiku Shimazaki and Shinko Obata and relatives.



Carrie Okamura (Orange), Gregg Wood (Venice-Culver), Shirley Chami (Marina), Miyo Senzaki (Pasadena), Cathy Higashioka (Torrance), Mabel Ota (Wilshire), Karl Nobuyuki (GLA Singles) are about to be sworn in during the joint installation dinner Feb. 22.

Joint Installation

LOS ANGELES—Over 400 people waited patiently through introductions, dinner, speeches from seven chapter presidents, remarks from PSW Governor Ken Inouye and candidates for JACL president Harry Kajihara and Rose Ochi, a raffle, and a mass installation of 66 officers, before the promised dancing to The

Music Company began, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm at the joint installation dinner/dance Feb. 22 at the LAX Hyatt as couples of all ages took to the dance floor from the very first number.

Officers of the Greater L.A. Singles, Marina, Orange, Pasadena, Torrance, Venice-Culver and Wilshire chapters were

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National JACL Program Director Shigemura announces resignation

SAN FRANCISCO — National JACL program director Lia Shigemura on Feb. 27 announced her resignation effective March 31 stating simply, "I just want to explore different career areas and opportunities."

Shigemura was instrumental in putting together the JACL Asian Mail-order Bride Catalog Report for the Women's Concerns Committee, and the Health Fair program, as well as securing funding from Chevron for the Speech and Forensic Competition. In addition, Shigemura was project director for the much-acclaimed film "A Tale of Nisei Retirement," by Emiko Omori done for the Aging and Retirement Committee.

Executive director Ron Wakabayashi said about Shigemura, "I think Lia has been one of the most valuable resources this organization has had. Those who have worked with her know how hard she worked and how much she accomplished. There is a little ambivalence on my part: on the one hand, we're going to miss her a great deal. At the same

time, I think that this will be a good move for her; she's leaving a position having established relationships over the years which should sustain and help her in the future."

Irene Hirano, chair of National JACL's Women's Concerns Committee echoed these sentiments. "Lia has made a tremendous contribution to the organization in the area of program development and implementation."

"The excellent work that she done in the WCC, in particular her research on the Asian Bride Catalog issue has helped to bring the issue to the forefront and to publicize concern for the problem."

"Her efforts have helped realize a greater discussion of women's issues and the greater involvement of women in the organization."

Vice-president for membership Rose Ochi added, "The organization has benefited from her tenure. I've seen her grow professionally and I wish her well."



Torrance chapter pres. Cathy Higashioka honors Torrance councilman George Nakano with plaque at joint installation dinner. Nakano founded the chapter four years ago.

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sworn in by PSW regional director John Saito.

The following officers were sworn in:

GLA Singles (listed in Feb. 14 PC);

Marina (listed in Jan. 31 PC);

Orange: Carrie Okamura, president; Ray Higa, vice-president; Diana Nishi, secretary; Ben Shimazu, treasurer; Dr. Luis Kobashi, parliamentarian; Warren Nagano, ex-officio; Betty Oka, membership; Roy Uno, editor; Jo Ann Kaneshige, Ways and Means; Nanami George, Ways and Means; Arlene Mitani, programs; Michael Okura, programs; Ken Hayashi, redress; Gloria Julagay, board member;

Pasadena: Miyo Senzaki, president; Frances Hiraoka, vice-president; Sally Tsujimoto, vice-president; Ruth Ishii, secretary;

local JACL chapters or by writing to the N.Y. chapter, 7 West 44th St., N.Y.C., NY 10036. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the award fund may send a check to the N.Y. chapter JACL-Schaar Award fund, at the same address.

Ruth Deguchi, treasurer/redress; Aki Abe, membership; Mack Yamaguchi, publicity/Blue Shield; Harris Ozawa, Auditor; Fred Hiraoka, scholarship; Tom Ito, 1000 Club; Mikko Dyo, historian; and board members, Yas Tanaka, Yuri Tanaka, Jim Tanaka, Ruth Tanaka, Anna Oishi, and Jiro Oishi;

Torrance: Cathy Higashioka, president; Junko Chuman, vice-president; Toshiro Dojiro, vice-president; David Uyekawa, vice-president; Sophie Kutaka, secretary; Glenn Oshima, treasurer.

Venice-Culver: Greg Wood, president; Richard Saiki, 1st vice-president; Tak Shishino, 2nd vice-president; Richard Saiki, scholarship; Betty Yumori, membership; France Kitagawa, insurance/historian; Fred Hoshiyama, delegate to National;

Wilshire: Tut Yata, president; Mabel Ota, vice-president; Alyce Takami, secretary; Alice Nishikawa, official delegate; board members, George Takei, Ruth Fukui, and Ruby Chuman.

West Los Angeles

WEST LOS ANGELES — Two new chapters are being spun off the West Los Angeles chapter in March. A meeting has been called for anyone interested in starting a chapter comprised of 20-30 year-olds on March 9. Those interested should contact Lorraine Kuda, (213) 822-8852 or Phyllis Murakawa, (213) 822-1144 days, 822-7470 eves. The purpose of a separate chapter is to nurture leadership skills of the "younger set" in a more "contemporary" context.

A meeting has been set for March 14 to form another chapter for those over 30 years old. It will be philanthropically oriented, but leadership skills will be also be nurtured. Call Murakawa for details. The eventual goal is for members of these groups to feed into the parent West Los Angeles chapter.

District Beat

NCWNPC

Tateishi Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO — Final arrangements are being completed for the dinner honoring former redress director John Tateishi to be held in the Sauternes Room of the Meridien Hotel, 50 Third St., on March 22.

There is to be a no-host reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner. Charge for the dinner is \$30/person; those wishing to pay \$50 or more will be designated patrons.

During the past eight years, Tateishi has served as JACL redress chair and redress director. He was given much of the credit for the passage of the bill creating the Commission on the War-time Internment and Relocation of Civilians.

The dinner is sponsored by the NCWNP District Council as a tribute to Tateishi for his efforts on behalf of all Americans. For reservations, send check payable to JACL NCWNP DC, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, 94115.

Speech Contest

SAN FRANCISCO—The NCWNP District competition will hold a preliminary competition to select two finalists in each of the two divisions (prepared informative/persuasive and impromptu/extemporaneous) of the National JACL Speech and Forensic Competition on April 26 at the National headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.

The finals will be held at the next quarterly district council meeting hosted by the Sequoia chapter May 4. Winners will have an opportunity to participate in the National competition in Chicago on July 25. (see Feb. 14 PC for details) The district will award plaques to the first and second place contestants in each division. Info: John Yamada, 2125 170th Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546 (415 278-6145); or Allen Kato, 2400-39th Ave., S.F., CA 94166 (415 665-5146).

Award named after N.Y. activist

NEW YORK—As a way of honoring its former chapter president and executive director, the New York chapter JACL will be awarding the first Ruby Yoshino Schaar Biennium Playwright Award in 1986. The cash award will be offered to a playwright who best reflects some aspect of the Japanese American or Japanese Canadian experience and whose manuscripts demonstrates "dramatic excellence," according to Haruko Brown of the Award committee.

Schaar has been an activist dedicated to the struggle for the self-realization of Americans of Japanese ancestry. She has also served on city and state Human

Rights Advisory Boards to insure the protection of the rights of all.

A former concert singer whose promising career was abruptly terminated by the outbreak of WW2, Schaar became a noted voice instructor. She encouraged and taught aspiring artists to pursue their talents in the theater.

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California Assemblyman calls for interethnic dialogue, cooperation

LOS ANGELES—Assemblyman Gray Davis (D-L.A.), labelling the growing rise of anti-Asian American incidents as a "black mark on the soul of Los Angeles," today called for public officials and community organizations to increase interethnic cooperation and dialogue in the community.

"Los Angeles has become the new Ellis Island," said Davis. "However, what is quite disturbing," noted Davis, "is a recent trend of violent acts directed against Asian-American residents in Southern California. It is a black mark on the soul of Los Angeles."

Davis' remarks were delivered while he presented a California Legislature joint rules committee resolution to the Southern California Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews during Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week (Feb. 16-22). The resolution authored by Davis and co-authored by more than 60 state legislators, commends the National Conference of Christians and Jews for their 58-year effort of encouraging interracial, intergroup and interreligious relations.

"In many ways, Asian-Americans are the Jews of the East. Demographic studies show that,

along with Jews, Asians are the most upwardly mobile group in the country and this is highly commendable," Davis said. "They are an example of societal success in our pluralistic environment."

"But whereas the Anti-Defamation League tells us that in 1985 vandalism and violence against the Jewish community continued a five-year downward trend," continued Davis, "the opposite is true toward the approximately 700,000 strong Asian American community in Los Angeles."

"According to the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the Los Angeles County on Human Relations racial violence toward Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Philippine and Indochinese immigrants in Los Angeles County has increased by 90% since 1981,"

said Davis. "In 1981 there were 20 reported cases of violence against Asians in California. In 1984 there were approximately 200. That is a significant and alarming increase."

Davis called for an aggressive commitment by public officials and community organizations to increase interethnic dialogue. He also urged the media to use restraint in depicting negative and inaccurate stereotypes of Asian-Americans.

"Los Angeles has become one of the world's great cities as a direct result of its multi-ethnic tapestry," declared Davis. "Let's not destroy this image as a result of ugly incidents of racial violence and prejudice. If violence can be perpetrated against one group it can occur against all groups."

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AQUINO ELECTION

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country and people have been raped. Eighty to 85 percent (of the population) are below the poverty line."

In Seattle, Cindy Domingo of the Committee to Support Cory Aquino and Philippine Democracy reported that "as it got closer to Marcos' ouster, more people came out for Aquino. At the last demonstration before he relinquished control, there were many more new faces—the veil was lifted, and more came out."

Domingo, whose brother Silme was murdered together with Gene Viernes allegedly by Marcos operatives in the U.S. in June 1981, said she was "very happy" about the turn of events. The Domingo-Viernes civil suit against the Philippine government was scheduled to be heard in April 1987.

Domingo said that she was "very optimistic since President Aquino has said that there will be justice for victims of the Marcos regime—the whole picture has changed."

Both Domingo and Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo in San Francisco expressed reservations about Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, who defected to the Aquino camp and demanded Marcos' resignation. The two were very much a part of the Marcos government, said Domingo.

The scene was slightly different in Honolulu as a crowd of 150 Marcos supporters gathered outside Hickam Air Force Base unfurling a banner proclaiming: "Welcome, Pres. and Mrs. F. Mar-

cos. We Love You. Please Live With Us." The group chanted "Mabuhay Marcos!"

Gov. George Ariyoshi and his wife Jean greeted the Marcos entourage at Hickam. Ariyoshi called on the citizens of Hawaii to accept Marcos as a resident if he decided to stay.

Others were not so warm. State Sen. Duke Kawasaki introduced a resolution urging that Pres. Ronald Reagan and Congress deny Marcos sanctuary in the U.S. Honolulu mayor Frank Fasi has said that the city will not provide security for Marcos and has suggested that Marcos buy or lease a portion of Coconut Island, a small island off the northeast coast of Oahu.

The Filipino community, the third largest ethnic group in Hawaii, is split over whether Marcos should be granted sanctuary in the islands. Belinda Aquino, a Univ. of Hawaii political science professor, said tensions in the Filipino community,

75 percent of whom are from the same region in the Philippines as Marcos, have been high and Marcos' "presence here will increase those tensions." Some have expressed fears that Marcos will attempt to set up a government in exile in Hawaii.

The American reaction to the turn of events in the Philippines drew some negative comments. Ochoa said, "I was disappointed in the reaction of many American officials who seemed more concerned with the status of the bases [Clark Air Force Base and Subic Bay Naval Base] than of the Filipino people."

Domingo echoed that sentiment stating, "Given the past record of the Reagan administration, [the American reaction] did not surprise me. It disturbed me that the Philippine people's victory was turned into a Reagan diplomatic coup by the American media and American officials."

—from AP, Los Angeles Times, and Hokubei Maimichi reports

Singles group formed in Orange County

DANA POINT, Calif. — A new singles group which will emphasize creating a setting of friendliness in a non-threatening situation is being formed in Orange County, according to Grace Masuda, founder of the group.

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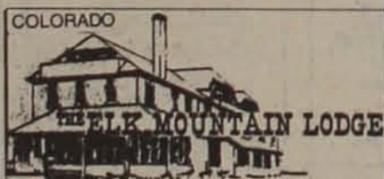
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Kenichi "Kenny" Uyeda, 67, of Torrance, Calif., died Jan. 11 at his home. He had been ill since suffering a stroke 2 months before. He served as a Torrance planning commissioner 1966-84, as secretary of L.A. Regional Forum on Solid Waste Management, as v.p. of L.A. Assn. of Planning Officials, and president of Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute. He operated his own landscaping business and was a member of Gardena Valley Gardeners' Assn., North Torrance Lions Club, El Cami-

no Lions Club, Okayama Club of So. Calif., and Koyasan Buddhist Temple of L.A. Services were held at Koyasan on Jan. 16. Uyeda is survived by w Alice, s Douglas, d Decilynn Sueko Hama, b Akinori "Ike," sis Miki Mayeda and Kayo Tsuruda, and three g.c.

Dr. Masaharu Seto, 73, of Sacramento, died of a heart attack Dec. 15 at Sutter Hospital. Seto was a member of the Sacramento County and El Dorado County medical assns. He

was a member of the V.F.W. Nisei Post No. 8985, JACL 1000 Club for 29 years, V.F.W. Nisei Post Gold Club, Sacramento Nisei Old Timers Bowling League, Tohoku Jin Shinwa Kai, Southland Racket and Swim Club, and the first Japanese Baptist Church. Services were held at the Sac. Japanese United Methodist Church Dec. 19. Seto is survived by w Hideko, d Patricia Hashimoto, m Uta Seto, bro. Haruo, Joe and Louis, sis Ann Hirana-ka and Dorothy Mitchell, and two g.c.

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possible only by virtue of the groundwork laid by the cumulative past achievements of the entire redress/reparations movement... Every gain made by one part of the movement complements the continuing effort of the other."

NCJAR spokesperson Joyce Okinaka reported on the latest Appeals Court ruling and the suit itself (see story on N.Y. DOR program). She also said that attempts are being made to bring NCJAR chair William Hohri to Los Angeles before April to explain some of the aspects of the suit.

Recalling Our Past

Three keynote speakers spoke on behalf of the theme for the evening's program, "Recalling Our Past, Bridging Our Struggles, Building Our Common Future." U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi recalled the past, emphasized his commitment for redress, and criticized former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa for his continuing defense of the incarceration.

"It would be a betrayal of my moral responsibility if I do not give my all to prevent a repetition of that egregious government invasion [of constitutional rights]," he said. "To do less is the real act of treason to the peoples of the world."

Bridging Our Struggles

Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Gardena), drew on his personal and political experience, as he talked about redress and Congressional attitudes toward the Marcos government. Dymally felt that although he does not know the Republicans on the Administrative Law and Governmental Relations Subcommittee (where H.R. 442 presently sits) very well, he did believe that he would have an opportunity to talk to Rep. Howard Coble (R-N.C.). Dymally is on the board of trustees of a black college which Coble represents.

Said Dymally, "The fight [to win reparations] must go on and must come from you. You must give the inspiration to the move-

ment, you must stretch your hands across this country to bring in other groups to join in the fight. It is a just cause, it is a noble cause, it is one that you will win."

Building Our Common Future

L.A. City Councilman Mike Woo counseled the gathering that in order to build a common future, "we need to recognize our common past. The internment order was possible only because of a shortness of memory which afflicts many Americans." This shortness of memory, he said, enables us to think that our experience is unique and has nothing to do with whoever the latest newcomers to this country happen to be.

Woo was recently in the center of controversy when he introduced a resolution making Los Angeles a sanctuary city for Salvadorans and Guatemalans; the resolution was rescinded after pressure from Federal immigration officials and the possibility of an initiative forced a compromise.

"There are many different forms of discrimination and exclusion. We must recognize the thread that connects all of us," said Woo. He emphasized that many immigrant groups suffered similar treatment, relating anecdotes told to him by Jews, Blacks, Asians, and South and Central Americans. He concluded, "In order to build a common future, we have to recognize our common history. Only in that way will we prevent these kinds of atrocities."

Ron Baca of the Mexican American Political Assn. said that all 56 chapters of his organization were in solidarity with the redress/reparations movement. Baca, also a member of the El Comite de la Raza, pledged his organization's whole-hearted support for redress/reparations and promised to take that message to their communities.

Native American elder Roberta Blackgoat asked for support in their fight to avoid government-ordered relocation. Public Law 93-531 authorizes the relocation of 10,000 Navajos from Big Mountain, Arizona (where they have lived for 500 years) to nearby towns and cities by July 1986.

DOR rekindles interest in redress

by Yuri Kochiyama
New York Nichibei

NEW YORK—An array of moving speakers and cultural presentations before a packed house evoked concern and rekindled interest on the issue of redress/reparations for Japanese Americans at the 1986 Day of Remembrance held at Hunter College Feb. 22.

Setting the tone for the event by giving purpose to "remembering" was National Council of Churches representative Rev. Franklin Woo, a civil rights activist/leader in the Asian American movement. Woo capsulized camp statistics, personalized some painful WW2 recollections, recalled other infamous national and international acts, and counseled on the positive aspects of "remembering" as a continuous process for renewal and re-forming.

He also admonished his listeners to "remember all its citizens, old and new, especially those who had been cast off by conquest, by racism and by bigotry."

He reminded those in attendance that "Executive Order 9066 was a systematically well-thought-out rational act following the logic of 'national security' which has become more sophisticated in the Western World and its satellites over the last four decades."

William Hohri, chairperson of the National Council for Japanese American Redress since 1979, provided interpretation of the recent Appeals Court decision, and thanked the New York supporters, naming all the \$1,000

Blackgoat said that she felt much stronger after listening to all the speakers and reiterated the theme for the evening, "building our common future, bridging our struggles—this brings good feelings to me."

Lenora Hill of the Los Angeles Big Mountain support group explained that the relocation was being accomplished to accommodate coal and uranium mining interests and asked for help in repealing P.L. 93-531.

donors on the East Coast. He gave special recognition to Nicholas Chen, Michi Weglyn, and Aiko and Jack Herzig for their immense help in counseling and research and to the continuous public education by former Nichibei editor Takako Kusunoki, present Nichibei editor Teru Kanazawa, and attorney/columnist Phil Nash.

Hohri said that the recent court ruling permits the reinstatement of the suit which was blocked by the statute of limitations. Although given the 'go sign,' he added that the government may request a re-hearing or appeal to the Supreme Court. If, however, they proceed to trial, Hohri said "we intend to include those excluded as well as those detained under E.O. 9066, and those (mainly Issei) interned under other statutes and powers, from both coasts, from Hawaii, and from Peru."

Sumi Koide, JACL New York chapter redress chair, presented the JACL contribution to redress, the lobbying effort which re-

sulted in the Commission on War-time Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the 1980 hearings, and the present strategy regarding H.R. 442 and S. 1053. She reminded the audience of the need to garner more support from N.Y. congresspersons, especially Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-13th district) and Rep. William Green (R-15th district). [Solarz became a co-sponsor of H.R. 442 Feb. 28.]

Miriam Friedlander of the New York City Council, stated that "our country is catching up with its own conscience. We all have to be their conscience. That it took 45 years to admit that they put people in the concentration camps is something to celebrate."

Attorney Marc Iyeki of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund gave a well-rounded update on the coram nobis cases as well as the Federal Appeals Court decision.

Cultural presentations included Bob Miyamoto's film, "Gaman," featuring drawings by Betty Chin and vocals by Nobuko Miyamoto; and a piano solo, "Susumu," by jazz artist Sumi Tonooka.

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