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N.J. congressman adds name to list

WASHINGTON—Redress bill H.R. 442 has gained another co-sponsor, Rep. Bernard Dwyer (D-N.J.), according to Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.).

"Congressman Dwyer sits on the important Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdiction over government spending," said Matsui. "He is an intelligent, effective legislator."

Dwyer is one of five new co-sponsors who have signed up since a House subcommittee held hearings on the bill Apr. 28. The others were Reps. Pat Williams (D-Mont.), Barbara Kennelly (D-Conn.), Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), and Martin Olav Sabo (D-Minn.).

"The hearing on redress legislation has opened up a window of opportunity," declared Matsui. "The coming weeks could be key to the bill's success. Now is the time to step up our efforts to attract support for H.R. 442."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) said that Dwyer's co-sponsorship is "more good news as H.R. 442 gathers additional sponsors."

Dwyer was visited on May 5 by Eastern District JACL Redress Committee chair Tom Kometani of New Brunswick, who was in Washington to attend the annual awards banquet of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Mineta urges Chun to release two South Korean dissidents

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and 10 of his colleagues sent a joint letter to South Korean president Chun Doo Hwan Apr. 30, urging the release of two brothers imprisoned by the government.

Soh Sung and Soh Joon Shik, Japan-born college students critical of the Park Chung Hee regime, were arrested in 1971 for alleged involvement in a "campus spying group." Sung was given a life sentence and Joon Shik was given a seven-year term. Although Joon Shik's term expired in 1978, his imprisonment has been extended under the "preventive detention" law (see Nov. 8, 1985 PC).

"Many members of Congress have been encouraged by recent

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Photo by Sachi Yamamoto

BANZAI!—Actor Pat Morita and Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu break open a sake barrel during opening ceremonies for an exhibit on Japanese Americans at the L.A. Children's Museum (story on page 10).

Conferees examine possible causes of prejudice and violence against Asians

by Carole Hayashino

BERKELEY, Calif.—Discrimination is alive and well and growing in the United States, concluded participants in "Break the Silence," a conference held May 10 at Boalt Law School, UC Berkeley.

Speakers reported that murders, beatings, racial slurs and symbolic attacks on Asian Americans have risen dramatically in recent years. The day-long conference, sponsored primarily by JACL, Asian Law Caucus and Chinese for Affirmative Action, was attended by 200 representatives of national, state and local Asian American community organizations.

Conference organizers noted that the Vincent Chin case in Detroit brought national attention to the issue of anti-Asian violence. The unemployed auto worker who bludgeoned Chin to death with a baseball bat in 1982 was initially sentenced to probation and a fine, but community pressure resulted in the filing of federal civil rights violation charges. The killer was later found guilty.

In the wake of the increasing

frequency of attacks on Southeast Asian refugees, religious denominations organized networks and state and local governmental bodies held hearings to study the problem.

Accounts of the growing violence against Asians were carried in Asian American community newspapers and, by the end of 1985, in such major newspapers as the New York Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Examiner and San Jose Mercury as well.

The conference took place three weeks after the release of a report by the Calif. Atty. General's Commission on Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence and prior to the expected release of a 200-page report on anti-Asian violence by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) presented the keynote address. He was introduced by JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, who credited Mineta with providing national leadership in

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Debate held on English initiative

by Clifford Uyeda

SAN FRANCISCO — The proposed initiative to establish English as the official language of California was the topic of a forum held by Golden Gate JACL on Apr. 21.

Speaking in favor of the measure was Col. Stanley Diamond (ret.), director and campaign chair of the U.S. English organization. Diamond once served as special assistant to former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, founder and honorary chair of U.S. English.



Allan Seid

Diamond emphasized that the first obligation of being American is to learn English, but that the use of English in the U.S. is being eroded. He expressed his firm belief in the "melting pot" theory of American society and charged that the "mosaic" concept of America is dangerous and divisive.

"We can understand each other only if we can talk to each other," said Diamond. "A bilingual state prevents this." He warned that a society based on "ethnic nationalism" would be catastrophic.

He claimed public support for his concept by saying that three-fourths of California voters oppose bilingual ballots. (Proposition 38, an advisory recommending the elimination of bilingual ballots, was passed in 1984 by a roughly two-to-one margin.)

Psychiatrist Allan Seid, president of Asian Pacific American Coalition/USA (APAC) and a former commissioner of the Calif. State Board of Education, spoke in opposition to the initiative.

Seid claimed that the basis for unity in America is not linguistic, but a belief in the fundamental principle of democracy. Living in a multicultural, multilingual society creates tolerance, he said, adding that foreign language speakers are valuable resources to the country.

Responding to Diamond's claim of majority opposition to bilingual ballots, Seid said that the majority is not always right. He gave as an example the war-

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Stanley Diamond

JACL President Frank Sato on H.R. 442 Hearings

I believe the House hearing on H.R. 442 generally went very well. Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter Rodino and Subcommittee Chairman Dan Glickman are to be congratulated for their leadership in scheduling the hearing in the most effective manner.

Strong, positive statements by House Majority Leader Jim Wright, Joe Rauh, and our Nikkei delegation of Sen. Spark Matsunaga, Rep. Norman Mineta and Rep. Robert Matsui clearly offset the opposing views expressed by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, Rep. Samuel Stratton, Lillian Baker, David Lowman and others.

The opposition to H.R. 442 filed by the Justice Dept. represents their position, but I do not believe it represents the views of the President and the administration, based upon my discussions with the White House.

On balance, we have seen clear progress, but the task ahead will not be easy. The help and support of everyone is needed as never before as we strive for the final push.

More articles on H.R. 442 hearings on pages 7, 8 and 9.



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Odoi will try again to unseat Dymally

GARDENA, Calif.—Mas Odoi, 64, is attempting for the third time to win the Republican nomination for the 31st Congressional District.

Odoi, an electronics technician, last ran in 1984, when he was defeated in the primary by Henry Minturn, who subsequently lost to the incumbent, Democrat Mervyn Dymally.

"I feel that my country needs a minority person to speak up for America," Odoi told the Los Angeles Times. "I'm running against Mr. Dymally again because he seems opposed to everything that President Reagan is trying to do to bring out the inner greatness of the American people."

Also seeking the Republican nomination are Jack McMurray and Gary Boogaard.

The district includes Gardena, Hawthorne, Carson, Compton, Lynwood, Paramount and Bellflower. The population is 31% Black, 21% Latino and 8% Asian.

Fukawa reelected; Nishinaka retires

Following the Apr. 8 elections, one Central California Nikkei city council member has begun a second term while another has retired.

In Delano, City Councilwoman June Fukawa was reelected, receiving 885 votes.

The top vote-getter was Continued on Back Page



From left: Nancy Araki, Japanese American National Museum project coordinator; Bruce Kaji, JANM president; James Wood, chairman of L.A. Community Redevelopment Agency; and Frank Kuwahara, CRA commissioner.

JA museum receives \$1 million

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) passed a resolution Apr. 28 granting \$1 million in agency funds to the Japanese American National Museum.

The decision fulfills an informal promise made when the CRA budgeted \$1 million for the museum from the expected revenue of tax increment bonds.

"With the sale of the bonds, the CRA has the money to commit," JANM president Bruce Kaji said. "The pledge has become a reality."

The \$1 million meets the matching funds requirement for a \$750,000 grant from the State of California resulting from a bill introduced last year by State Sen. Art Torres. The CRA is currently applying to the state for agency management of the combined funds.

Both the city and state funds are designated for renovation and repair of the old Nishi Hongwanji Temple on Central and San Pedro in Little Tokyo, the proposed site for the museum.

"The \$1.75 million is a solid start for JANM," said Kaji, "but it's actually less than half of the amount needed to make the Nishi suitable to house a museum. In addition, we must still raise money for the actual exhibits and operating costs."

According to JANM project coordinator Nancy Araki, it will be several months before the funds are actually used. "We are now conducting long-term design and budget planning," she said. "We don't want to waste a cent."

The resolution on JANM funding was passed unanimously by the CRA's seven-member board of commissioners.

Heritage Week winners chosen

LOS ANGELES—Winners of the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Week poster and essay contest were congratulated at a City Hall ceremony on May 9.

Students from throughout the L.A. School District submitted entries centering on the theme "Contributions of Asian Pacific Americans: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." A panel of judges that included educators, artists and administrative representatives chose winners in four divisions: (1) kindergarten to 3rd grade; (2) 4th to 6th grades; (3) junior high school; and (4) senior high school. Those chosen were:

Posters

Division 1—Anna Intharathut (Mt. Washington), Jay Dvahastin (Mark Keppel), Phat Treemurung (Page); **Di-**

vision 2—Jon Khamlaksana (Ellington), Trinh Thuc La (Castelar); **Division 3**—Hy Tu (Nightingale), Linda Ahn (John Burroughs), Karen Robles (Village Christian); **Division 4**—Huan Minh Do (James Monroe), Kam Chung Hui (John Marshall), James Shinbashi (James Monroe).

Essays

Division 1—no winners; **Division 2**—Tamara Premsirath (State Street), Bonny Woo (Castelar), Carrie Lui (Castelar); **Division 3**—Kiu Chung Tse (John Burroughs), Paul Gero (Griffith), Janet Sun Lee (Eagle Rock); **Division 4**—Joanna Africa (Franklin), Angelo Guerrero (Franklin), Lisa Tsui (Franklin).

The contest is sponsored by the Mayor's Office, Asian Pacific American Heritage Week Committee, Asian American Education Commission, and Asian American Educators Assn.

64,000 ex-internees still living

WASHINGTON—Approximately 64,000 of the 120,000 Japanese Americans interned during WW2 are still alive today, according to Library of Congress estimates released Apr. 25 by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.).

Most survivors are in the 55-65 age group, Mineta said, and the estimated number of survivors in 1993 is projected to decrease to about 54,000.

Mineta requested the data in preparation for the Apr. 28 hear-

ing on redress bill H.R. 442. "Approximately 4,000 of the internees have died since the redress bill was first introduced in 1983," said Mineta.

"I hope this bill passes quickly, before many more die without this stain on their honor removed."

The Library reached its estimates on survivors by applying national age and mortality figures to age distribution figures on the survivors.



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RECENTLY A READER of this column wrote us from the Emerald Isles: Ireland. Graciously, or diplomatically, his epistle started off with compliments. Then followed the "but." To quote from his letter:

"But I do, however, have a complaint. You seem to write with only a Nisei audience in mind since you sprinkle your column with transliterated Japanese words which you often do not translate, evidently taking it for granted your readers will know the word or phrase." His request: "Please give the translation." And he included copies of two "East Wind" columns, marking those Japanese words for which no translation was provided. *Sumi-masen*.

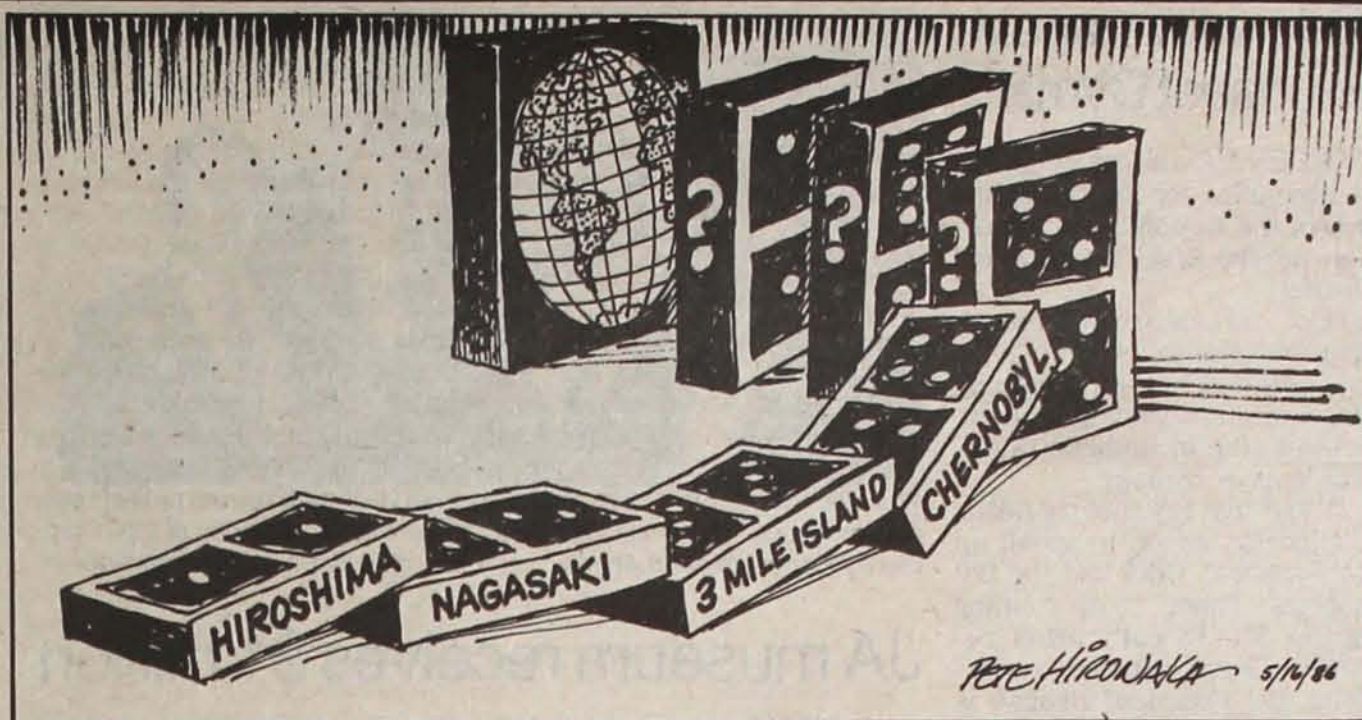
THIS IS NOT the first time such a complaint has been registered with

us. A while back, another reader took the time and trouble to write, voicing a similar complaint. And since there may well be others out there who are put out by this columnist's practice of not providing translations of all *nihongo* terms, perhaps it may be well for us to give an explanation.

Or at least try.

FIRST OF ALL, the reader in Ireland is absolutely correct: we do have the AJA reader in mind. Not exclusively by any means, but primarily so. And we think that is entirely appropriate. Were it otherwise, we might as well be writing for a non-ethnic publication.

Too, there are certain concepts, nuances, that only a *nihongo* term can convey adequately. Although we do not recall using the term, take, for example, the term *baka-shojiki* (a term I cannot find in my desk copy of the Japanese *jiten*). How does one translate that into English and yet retain its flavor? Translate that into "trusting fool"? "Naive trust"? Close, but just not quite. There's something missing. At very best, something gets lost in the translation. But that's true whenever, or very often, a concept is translated from a foreign word into English.



Or vice versa.

THERE'S YET ANOTHER (ulterior) reason why we "sprinkle" *nihongo* here and there in this column. We're by no means sure, but it is our hope that a number of AJA's, principally the young, find this column sufficiently of interest to read it once in a while. And we seek to tantalize them just enough that they might pull out a Japanese-English *jiten* to look up a word or two. Then maybe three or four. And soon begin looking up words strictly on their own. And soon,

even take an interest in learning *nihongo*.

As we said, we harbor an ulterior purpose.

WHEN OUR CHILDREN attained some maturity, they criticized their parents (and I'm one-half of the target) for "failing" to teach them *nihongo*. At that, my wife and I give knowing glances to one another. They have apparently forgotten how we forced them into a station wagon each Saturday and drove them miles to a *nihongakko* in the adjoining county to

try to get them to learn to read, write and speak *nihongo*. We might as well have been trying to force castor oil down their throats.

Speaking of throats, when we heard their belated criticism, I think both my wife and I were ready to seize one.

AND SO TODAY, through these columns we're sneaking in a bit of linguistic "castor oil." And, I might add, you need not be an AJA to take an interest in a *jiten*.

Oh, yes. *sumi-masen* means "forgive me." Please.

Facts and Figures

Recently a review of Katriel Schory's documentary "Yankee Samurai" was sent out to various publications by Go For Broke, Inc. The review was more of a commentary on the "fact" that 800 442nd RCT men died in the rescue of 200 men of the Texas Lost Battalion.

According to Bill Hosokawa's *Nisei, the Quiet Americans*, the 442 "suffered 814 casualties, including 140 dead" during the rescue mission. Go For Broke's own pictorial history lists the total 442nd RCT death count for the entire war at 680.

Now this is not the first time these figures have been mentioned by writers. The problem, of course, lies in the fact that the word "casualty" is sometimes confused with "fatality."

While not in any way trying to minimize the casualty figures or the sacrifices of the 140 that died rescuing 200 fellow countrymen, I thought these facts should be

ONE THING
LEADS
TO ANOTHER

Bob
Shimabukuro



pointed out. Figures that are tossed around casually have a habit of being thrown back at you.

The great air conditioning struggle is now behind us... hopefully. The arbitrator, Claude W. Bridges, ruled that the Pacific Citizen suffered \$3,210.41 worth of damages for the lack of air conditioning last summer and fall. I'm not sure how they figure these things out, but I wonder if it is possible to transpose this settlement into four years in a desert camp.

In Memoriam: Steere Noda

Steere Gikaku Noda, a respected politician, community leader and sports promoter in Hawaii, died March 29 at the age of 94 in Hale Puhama Mau, part of Kuakini Medical Center in Honolulu. The following eulogy was written by Arnold Hana, editor of the Hawaii Herald.

We often find ourselves using the term "pioneer" when describing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions toward the betterment of our society. While the term is always used appropriately, it can take on a broader meaning in some cases than in others.

We would have to rely upon the highest possible connotation of the term to describe the late Steere Gikaku Noda. Following are just a few highlights from the life of this remarkable gentleman.

Noda was born in 1892 at Ewa Plantation, less than a year after his parents arrived from Kumamoto-ken. He grew up on a vegetable farm in Nuuanu, attending Royal School and Mid-Pacific Institute (then known as Mills College) as well as Japanese language schools. By the time he graduated in 1911, Noda had already begun to make his mark, embarking on a life that was to be filled with "firsts."

Sports Enthusiast

He was only 13 years old when he formed the legendary Asahis baseball team, reputed to be the oldest baseball organization west of the Rockies. Noda himself was blessed with great athletic ability, possessing speed, a strong arm and an incredible .579 batting average.

Off the field, Noda was the first Nisei to be employed by the federal government, working for the

Internal Revenue Service as a clerk and interpreter. Moving to district court as a clerk/interpreter, Noda became the first Nisei to be employed by the judicial system. In 1916, he became the first Nisei to enlist in the U.S. military, serving in the Hawaii National Guard.

Political Career

In 1924, Noda received his license to practice law in Hawaii. From there, he was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives in 1948, serving five consecutive two-year terms. In 1950, he was a delegate to the first Hawaiian Constitutional Convention. And, in a special statehood election, he was elected to the State Senate in 1959. He also served as a director of Pioneer Savings and Loan from 1953-1966.

International Friendship

All the while, Noda never lost his enthusiasm for sports. Back in 1915, he had taken his Asahis to Japan, beginning what was to be a lifetime of promoting sports as a vehicle for fostering international friendship and understanding. In addition to promoting the exchange of numerous amateur baseball games between Hawaii and Japan, Noda was also credited with promoting sumo, amateur wrestling, boxing, Hawaii-Philippines and Hawaii-China baseball tours, and professional baseball teams such as the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Yomiuri Giants, among others.

His community affiliations were equally numerous, including special emphasis on the Boy

Scouts of America, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Honolulu Chapter of JACL, which he helped found.

Humility and Honesty

But lest this become just a list, and a partial one at that, it is important to note how Noda filled these many roles. From his early role with the IRS and the court system, he was known as a champion of immigrant rights. And, in spite of his lofty political and social status, he was known for his humility and honesty. It says much that in spite of such a lengthy career in the public spotlight, he was widely loved and respected, never deviating from his personal slogan, "*Pa'aka waha hana ka lima*" (Shut the mouth; work with the hands).

Given a life as eventful as his, it seems fitting that, even in his passing, Noda's story remains amazing. In his last few weeks, as he grew weaker, family members related that he spoke more and more about dying. They implored him to "hang on" as his granddaughter, to whom he was very close, was a contestant in the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Steere G. Noda passed away about 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, the exact time when organizers noted the Cherry Blossom Pageant had ended at the NBC Concert Hall. A short time earlier, his granddaughter, Lenny Sae Yajima, had been crowned the 34th Cherry Blossom Queen.

Noda is survived by sons Steere and Richard, daughters Edna Oba and Lillian Yajima, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. His wife Alice (nee Teshima), whom he married in 1913, died in 1964. — Ed.

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Very 'Punny'

FROM THE
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What's funny to one person may fall completely flat to another. Even though I was aware of this, I invited readers to submit examples of Japanese American ethnic humor in response to a request from Dr. Tetsuden Kashima of the University of Washington.

The result, as I had feared, was not encouraging, but there were a few good stories which I'm pleased to share. They seem to fall into several categories. One has to do with language errors, which are incomprehensible unless you understand Japanese.

For example, Richard M. Kawamichi of St. Louis tells of a Japanese immigrant who asks his friend how to say "national bank" in English. In Japanese, it's *koku-ritsu ginko*, and his friend provides a literal translation of the characters: "That's easy—country (ko-ku), stand (ritsu), silver (gin), go (ko)."

There's a not dissimilar one from Toby Hirabayashi of San Jose. A Caucasian friend asks Mr. Kato how long he's been in the States. Kato thinks in Japanese: *Ashigake juunen narimasu*, mean-

ing "It's been 10 years since I set foot on this land." But it comes out in literal translation: "I hang up my leg ten years."

And Ken Sato of Seattle tells of an Issei who comes home after a bad day on the job exclaiming "*Ki ga ki de nai*." His young son turns to his Caucasian friend and explains, "My dad said 'a tree is not a tree.'"

That reminds me of the youngster who said that delectable Japanese dish *chawan mushi*—a kind of custard steamed (*mushi*) in a bowl (*chawan*)—was called "bowl bug," which is not illogical since *mushi* also means "insect."

Then there are one-liners. Jim Watanabe of Spokane asks: What's five *fu* and five *fu*? Answer: *Tofu* (to also means "ten"). Watanabe also remembers one that went around the Minidoka WRA camp: What did Mickey Mouse say to Minnie Mouse? Answer: Minnie, *do ka?* (how are you?).

Ned Sato of Seattle suggests the seasoning preferred by the Japanese flasher is *sho-yu*. And Esther Suzuki of St. Paul recalls that when her son was about 4 years old he said the hot water in the bathtub was "hotsui, hotsui," a combination of the English "hot" and the Japanese *atsui*.

Fred Harada of Phoenix tells a story applicable to any ethnic group. An Issei goes back to Japan for a visit and is asked by some boys if he speaks English. "Of course," he replies. "In America even the little kids speak English."

The Japanese are fond of puns and many are possible in a language rich with similar sounds but different meanings. Paul Kusada of Madison, Wis., has a story which, in somewhat cleaned-up form, goes like this: A farm boy is told to cut the tall grass but he finds a skunk has been there recently, so he skips the chore. His father asks, "*Kusakatta ka?*" That could mean "Did you cut the grass?" or "Was it stinky?"

In a similar vein, Jim Watanabe asks: If a horse and an apple had a race, which would win? Answer: The horse ate the apple and *uma katta*, which could mean either "it was delicious" or "horse won."

No one sent along the one about the Issei lady who was having trouble with her eyes, a story Mary Masunaga told me, so I'll repeat it. A doctor examined an old lady and told her she had cataracts. "No, no," she protested. "I have Rincolin Continental."

The entry I liked best was an observation from Nikki Sawada Bridges, relayed by Joe Oyama of Berkeley, to the effect that *ikura* (salmon eggs used in making sushi, and also meaning "how much") isn't the same as *hamachi* (a fish, yellowtail, also a sushi ingredient). How much. Get it?

Thanks also to B. Hara of Covina, Calif., a podiatrist who can see the funny side of things despite his profession of working on painful feet; Cliff Honda of Reseda, Calif.; Leon Uyeda of Westminster, Calif.; and Jiei Nakama of Guadalajara, Mexico. I'm sorry I couldn't squeeze in your entries.

Dangerous Legislation

The idea of making English the official language of California appears innocuous and acceptable to a majority of voters. The opponents warn that such an initiative only legitimizes intolerance toward recent immigrants and works contrary to the pluralistic view of American society we presently hold.

The Golden Gate JACL board members were appalled at what they heard from Stanley Diamond of U.S. English at a forum the chapter sponsored Apr. 21 at JACL National Headquarters (see story on page 1).

What first appeared like an innocuous initiative was revealed to have hidden issues. Ethnic organizations such as JACL were seen by Diamond as attempting to separate themselves from the majority. The U.S. English spokesman completely failed to understand the reasons for the existence of ethnic organizations. His group was attacking anything that is not "American" as defined by the group.

The real danger in the initiative is the license it provides for the elimination of the rich multicultural society we call America and the substitution of a rigid, unforgiving, monolithic dream of the sick past in which everyone must conform with the wishes and position of the majority. Democracy is judged by how it treats its minorities. As one Golden Gate member stated, the

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initiative goes against the civil rights of American citizens.

English is already the official language of the United States. There is no need to legislate this fact. The official language of a state is not like an official state flower, tree or bird. It is a dangerous license for intolerance and racial prejudice. The rich, multicultural society will be threatened by bigotry in the name of unity.

The U.S. English advocates are already crying out against "foreign" street names and billboards. Will foreign language schools be the next target? Then, what else will be forbidden in the name of a monolingual society?

As one Golden Gate chapter board member remarked, "I came to the forum with an open mind. Now I have absolutely no doubt about my position. The U.S. English constitutional amendment initiative is a dangerous threat to the tolerance and diversity of society which have made America great."

Navajo, JA Relocations Differ

by William Shimasaki

We, living in Flagstaff, have many friends among both the Navajos and the Hopis. Some of the writers in recent issues of PC have been misinformed about the relocation of the Navajos and are disseminating the misinformation.

In one such article, "Forced Relocation—1986" (March 14 PC), it was the writer's opinion that relocation of an ethnic group should never be allowed to hap-

pen again. It is commendable to profess such sentiments in view of the experience that we have had.

Navajo Compensation

However, the relocation of the Navajos cannot be equated to that of the Japanese Americans from the West Coast. The Navajos had essentially been encroaching on Hopi land since 1882. Moreover, to compensate them for moving from their homes in Hopi territory, they were given bonuses if they relocated voluntarily, and if not, they were given land in compensation for the land that they were squatting on.

Furthermore, they were furnished middle-class housing in such cities as Flagstaff and Winslow. There were several reported cases of relocatees selling for cash the houses that were given to them and moving back to the reservation.

A capsule history of the problem is presented here.

Background of Dispute

On Dec. 6, 1882, President Chester A. Arthur issued an executive order establishing the Moqui (Hopi) Indian Reservation. Encompassing some 2.5 million acres, the 1882 reservation was intended "for the use and occupancy of Moqui, and other such Indians as the Secretary of the Interior may see fit to settle thereon." The basic purpose of the ex-

ecutive order was to protect the Hopis from encroachment.

Encroachment by Navajos

At that time there were approximately 1,800 Hopis living there, mainly in villages in the south-central portion. There were some 300 Navajos living on the reservation as well.

By 1888, because of the increasing encroachment of the Navajos on the Moqui reservation, the U.S. Army was sent out to advise the Navajos that they were encroaching on the Hopi. The Navajos were told to move out but were not forced to move.

In 1924, the Office of Indian Affairs expressed the official view that the Navajos had some rights of use and occupancy on the 1882 reservation.

Joint Use Area

In April 1943, 600,000 acres of the original 2,500,000 acres were formally designated as Land Management District 6 and were to be for the exclusive use of the Hopis. Navajos living within the lands were asked to resettle outside of the Hopi designated lands.

The Hopis did not accept this division and opposed Navajo use or occupancy of land outside of District 6; legal proceedings were initiated. The court ruled that all of the 1882 land outside of District 6 would be designated as the Joint Use Area (JUA). Both the Navajos and the Hopis shared in the benefits from the use of surface rights and the sale of subsurface rights in the JUA.

For all practical purposes, joint use on a full and equal basis

proved a failure due to the constant bickering between the Navajos and the Hopis.

To compensate the Navajos for the loss of the land caused by the relocation from the Hopi designated lands, 250,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land were acquired without cost to the Navajo tribe. They were also authorized to acquire an additional 150,000 acres of private lands. These lands were acquired by the State of Arizona from private holdings and placed in trust for the Navajos.

Coal Resources

Among the new lands selected by the Navajos were 35,000 acres in northern New Mexico that are rich in coal resources. They are now negotiating with the Public Service Co. of New Mexico for the development of the coal resources and the construction and operation of a generating plant.

By terms of Public Law 93-531 (1974), the Navajo and Hopi Relocation Commission was established to deal with this problem. The first family was relocated in 1977. It is presently estimated that about 2,600 families will receive relocation assistance. It must be stressed that this population is extremely mobile as

livestock is the main source of income because the land is not suitable for farming.

Resettlement Exercise

The program is essentially a resettlement exercise that encompasses the acquisition of replacement housing, as well as the maintenance of cultural and family stability. As of the end of 1985, approximately 400 Navajo families were actually occupying homesites in the Hopi Partitioned Lands. Almost 900 families were relocated by the end of 1985.

In December 1985, \$22,680,515 was provided by Congress to construct homes and related facilities for relocatees in the new lands. Bonus payments totaling \$6,551,000 were made for relocatees who moved voluntarily. A total of \$73,279,000 has been allocated to date for relocation housing. Including administrative costs, a total of \$106,446,514 has been allocated to date for the relocation process.

The table below gives unit costs for the 400 families that have relocated voluntarily and the balance of the 2,200 families affected.

This is a far cry from the relocation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast!

UNIT COSTS PER FAMILY

Type of funds	Amount	Families	Unit costs
1. Bonus Payments	\$6,561,000	400	\$16,402
2. Relocation Housing	73,279,000	2200	33,308
3. Discretionary Funds	7,595,000	2600	3,075
4. Commission Operations	19,011,514	2600	7,312
Totals	\$106,446,514		\$60,097

Source: Official Briefing from Navajo-Hopi Relocation Commission, November 1985

PC Policy Statement

Letters to the editor which can be conceived as campaigning or letters of endorsement will not be published. Such letters will be accepted only as a paid campaign advertisement.

3 districts select forensic winners

Three districts have chosen students who will take part in the National JACL Speech & Forensic Competition to be held at the Chicago convention in July.

• The Pacific Southwest District JACL competition was held May 10 at the Airport Hyatt in Los Angeles.

In the prepared speech category, Jeff Suzuki of Selanoco Chapter, speaking on "Deterrence or Jingoism: Nuclear Buildup in the U.S.," took first place and Mike Tatsugawa of Downtown L.A. Chapter, speaking on "American Parallels to South African Apartheid," took second.

In the extemporaneous category, Lisa Itamura of East L.A. Chapter, speaking on how she would persuade a congressman to vote for redress, was in first place and Suzuki, speaking on what the JA community will be like in 50 years, was in second.

Judges were Torrance City Councilman George Nakano, L.A. Superior Court Judge Madge Watai, and Garvey School Board member Judy Chu. A total of 10 students participated.

Also addressing the gathering were National JACL president Frank Sato, PSW governor Ken Inouye, PSW Leadership Task Force chair Irene Hirano, and PSW Speech Contest Committee members Mary Nishimoto, Cathy Higashioka, Ed Goka and Bill Kaneko. This event marks the first time a PSW speech contest has been held since 1968.



PSW speech contest winners (from left): Jeff Suzuki, Selanoco Chapter; Lisa Itamura, East L.A. Chapter; and Mike Tatsugawa, Downtown L.A. Chapter.

• Yumi Sera of Fowler Chapter was declared the winner of the Central California District forensic competition held on Apr. 20 at Arthur's Restaurant in Selma.

Runner-up was Mike Takata of Tulare County Chapter.

The topic chosen by both speakers was "The Impact of Wartime Internment of Japanese Americans on Succeeding Generations." Speech instructors Al Pietraforte and Milton Wohl were the judges. The contest was organized by Dr. James Nagatani.

• The No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District competition was held during the District Council quarterly meeting on May 4 at Dinah's

Shack in Palo Alto.

In the extemporaneous category, the winner was Kim Suehiro, a freshman at UC Berkeley, who spoke in favor of making English the official language of the U.S. She represented Sequoia Chapter.

The winner in the prepared category was Sheila Sakakura, a student at Linden High School, who represented Stockton Chapter. Her topic was "Human and Civil Rights in the 1980s and Beyond."

Judges were Steve Okamoto, Ron Watanabe and Alice Nakahata. The forensic competition committee was chaired by John Yamada.

Chapter Pulse

Florin

SACRAMENTO—Florin Chapter's 1986 scholarship winners are: **1st Place**—Jonathan Okamoto of John F. Kennedy H.S., who will attend UC Santa Barbara majoring in business; **2nd Place**—Seiji Richard Fujimoto of Valley H.S., who will attend Arizona State University majoring in art; **3rd Place**—Katherine Oda of Elk Grove H.S., who will attend UC Davis majoring in pediatrics.

The scholarship committee was headed by Nellie Sakakihara, assisted by Dori Fossgreen and Twila Tomita. This year

marks the 20th year of the chapter scholarship program.

Lake Washington

BELLEVUE, Wash.—Lake Washington JACL has scheduled a program on retirement, featuring the video "A Tale of Nisei Retirement" and Dr. Chisato Kawabori, regional director of the U.S. Administration on Aging, on June 7 at the Bellevue Ramada Inn, 105th NE and Northup Way near SR 520. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, program at 8. Cost: \$13 for dinner and program, \$2 for program only. Info: 885-9654 or 747-2589.

Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento JACL community awards banquet will be held May 30, 6:30 p.m., at Hoi Sing Restaurant, 7007 South Land Park Dr. The following 1986 scholarship recipients will be honored:

Sacramento Chapter JACL: Michael Matsumoto, Rio Americano H.S.; **Alice Matsui Memorial:** Nell Shimasaki, Luther Burbank H.S.; **Anna Kawahara Memorial:** Kathy Kubo, John F. Kennedy H.S.; **Dr. Goichi "Joe" Kawahara Memorial:** Katherine Aoki, Rio Americano H.S.; **Sacramento Bowling Assn.:** Lisa Shoda, Del Campo H.S.; **Nisei Post 8985 VFW Memorial (Harry Kohaya, Kazuo Kanai, Mrs. Hisayo Seno, Frank Oshita):** John Inouye, C.K. McClatchy H.S.; **Lion Dr. Akio Hayashi, Senator Lions Club:** Kelli Koshiyama, Rio Americano H.S.; **Roy M. Kurosawa Memorial:** Mary Curler, Cordova H.S.; **Nisei Post 8985 VFW Memorial (Dr. Ma-**

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CJAA to participate in JACL program

SAN FRANCISCO—Calif. Japanese Alumni Assn. (CJAA) announced at its Apr. 23 board meeting that it will participate in the 1986 National JACL Scholarship Program.

As a participant in the JACL program, CJAA has given out \$23,000 during the past two years.

Awards of \$2,500 each will be given to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at any of the University of California campuses.

A maximum of \$20,000 will be divided equally between undergraduates and graduates. No awards are offered for entering students.

Info: George Kondo, (415) 921-5225.



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CONVENTION EVENTS:

CHICAGO TODAY BUS TOUR
Sunday, July 20—1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
WINDY CITY NITECAP
Sunday, July 20—8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
KICK-OFF RECEPTION & DINNER
Monday, July 21—6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
CHICAGO CUBS/SAN DIEGO PADRES BASEBALL GAME
Tuesday, July 22—3:00 p.m.
WOMEN'S CAUCUS LUNCHEON
Wednesday, July 23—Noon to 2:00 p.m.
MIKE MASAOKA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DINNER
Wednesday, July 23—7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
"TREASURES OF TODAI-JI" EXHIBIT
Thursday, July 24—5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
SPEECH & FORENSIC COMPETITION
Friday, July 25—2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
SAYONARA BANQUET & BALL
Friday, July 25—5:30 p.m. to Midnight

WORKSHOPS:

Monday, July 21
ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE—3:00-5:00 p.m.
WOMEN'S CONCERNS—3:00-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22
AGING & RETIREMENT—2:00-5:00 p.m.
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT—2:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23
U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS—2:00-5:00 p.m.
NIKKEI PARENTING & BICULTURAL VALUES—2:00-5:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 24
REDRESS—3:00-5:00 p.m.

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Yamada Travel Service in Chicago is the official convention travel agency and United and American Airlines are the designated carriers.

By special arrangement, Yamada Travel is able to offer conventioners an **additional 5% discount** on United Airlines' Super and Ultra-Saver fares, **subject to availability**.

Call toll-free now for airline reservations at these discounted JACL convention fares!

YOUTH PACKAGE:

JAYS will also meet in Chicago the week of July 20-25. A special program includes mixers, workshops, a trip to Great America Amusement Park and Chicago River boat cruise, plus the "world's best" pizza at Gino's East and a performance at the Second City Theatre. The youth registration fee and Sayonara Banquet and Ball are included in the package.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

The convention hotel is the Hyatt Regency Chicago, at 151 East Wacker Drive. Special JACL rates are \$75 for a single or double, \$85 for a triple, and \$95 for a quad. Call Hyatt Reservations at 1-800-228-9000, advising attendance at the JACL National Convention (Convention Code No. GC-JACL). Reservations must be made by June 20 to be assured of these special convention room rates; requests after June 20 will be on a space available basis.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Each person attending the convention must fill out a **separate** registration form. The registration fee admits holders of convention badges to all business sessions, workshops, and the Speech and Forensic Competition.

Indicate your choice of the entire package (or individual events) and the special events by circling the fee amounts on the form.

To take advantage of the early registration discounts, **reply no later than June 1**.

Make checks payable to JACL 1986 NA-

TIONAL CONVENTION and send registration forms and payment of all fees to:

Registrar
JACL 1986 National Convention
5415 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Cancellations received by June 15 will be refunded 100%; 50% by July 15; no refunds thereafter.

For further information on the convention, write to the Registrar, or call (312) 728-7170 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF "EARLY BIRD" DISCOUNTS!! REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION BY JUNE 1; MAKE YOUR HYATT REGENCY ROOM RESERVATION BY JUNE 20. DON'T DELAY!!

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE					
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Chapter		District			
PLEASE CIRCLE AS APPLICABLE		Delegate Alternate Booster Other (specify)		Chapter President District Officer National Board National Staff	
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CONVENTION PACKAGE:		Before \$180	After \$210		
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:					
Registration		30	35		
Windy City Nitecap		25	30		
Kick-Off Dinner		40	45		
DSA Dinner		35	40		
Treasures of Todai-Ji		25	30		
Sayonara Banquet Ball		55	60		
SUB-TOTAL		\$	\$		
SPECIAL EVENTS:					
Caucus Luncheon		\$20	\$25		
Chicago Today Bus Tour		15	20		
Chicago Cubs Game		15	20		
SUB-TOTAL		\$	\$		
YOUTH PACKAGE:		\$126	\$141		
TOTAL:		\$	\$		

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (312) 728-7170, 9 AM to 5 PM CENTRAL TIME.

Window of Opportunity

The bill known as the Civil Liberties Act of 1985 was introduced on Jan. 3, 1985 by House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Texas). H.R. 442 started with 99 co-sponsors; it now has 130.

Thirty-three proponents and opponents of the bill testified at the marathon hearing held on Apr. 28 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations. Subcommittee chairman Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) ably and fairly showed his leadership and

LEC UPDATE:

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his experience as Assistant Majority Whip in hearing "all sides of the redress issue."

With the window of opportu-

nity open as wide as it will ever be for the redress issue, JACL, through the Legislative Education Committee, must actively and swiftly build on the momentum if we are to see the day when the bill to right the injustice is passed in Congress. This day will not come unless enough of us care about rectifying the tragedy of denial of constitutional rights which happened to 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

This means each one of us must talk to our friends and to people in the community who believe that justice is for all Americans and ask them to write or talk to their congressman.

We urgently request that you take some time to do the following: (1) Write to Chairman Dan Glickman, Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, B351-A Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515. Thank him for the hearing and ask him to move H.R. 442.

(2) Write a similar letter to Chairman Peter Rodino, Committee on the Judiciary, 2137 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

(3) Write to President Ronald Reagan, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20050.

(4) Most importantly, write to your congressman if he or she testified or sent written testimony in support of H.R. 442 during the House hearing. The proponents were Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (D-Ha-

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A Good Hearing

REDRESS UPDATE

by Minoru Yasui
Legislative Education Committee

cord would be kept open for three weeks, and that a hearing would be held on the Aleut portion of the bill, subcommittee and committee action on this bill will be held in abeyance for the immediate future.

During this interim, supporters of redress have the opportunity and obligation to "ride the fair winds" and to sign on more co-sponsors for H.R. 442 while the momentum is with us. If this can be done in significant numbers, we would predict that both the subcommittee and the full House Judiciary Committee would be willing to consider favorably the essential elements of H.R. 442.

With faith in the right and the justice of our cause, we believe that H.R. 442 can pass!



Hearings on H.R. 442 held on Apr. 28 before the House subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations went well. Proponents of redress were greatly heartened by effective testimony presented by supporting witnesses. Indubitably, a favorable momentum has been established for thoughtful consideration of the bill.

Inasmuch as Chairman Dan Glickman indicated that the re-

LEC Fund Drive Update

by Harry Kajihara
JACL-LEC Fund Drive Chair

Eleven months into the three-year JACL-LEC Fund Drive, the hard work of many prime solicitors, multiple prime solicitor chapters, PSWD LEC Fund Raising Dinner Committee, and non-JACLers who have donated money has resulted in the drive raising nearly \$175,000.

The following 26 chapters have become multiple prime solicitors: PNW—Seattle (\$2,915), Pu-yallup (\$400), Lake Washington (\$300), Portland (\$112); NCWNP—Stockton (\$1,180), Diablo Valley (\$2065), Florin (\$3,110); CC—Clovis (\$2,145), Delano (\$376.40),

Fresno (\$4,695), Sanger (\$992), Tulare (\$150); PSW—Marina (\$100), Selanoco (\$9,000), GLA Singles (\$1,393), San Fernando Valley (\$4,935), Pasadena (\$640), Carson (\$250), San Gabriel Valley (\$400), Orange County (\$331), Riverside (\$1,985), Las Vegas (\$1,121); MP—Houston (\$200); MW—Cleveland (\$3,405), Detroit (\$905.77), St. Louis (\$150).

Prime Solicitors Needed

JACL-LEC needs more prime solicitors and multiple prime solicitor chapters to obtain contributions from JACLers and non-JACLers. Please remember that the Fund Drive is planned over a three-year period. The

plan is based on the possibility that JACL-LEC may have to conduct the lobbying phase of JACL's redress pursuit into the 100th session of Congress. If the bills pass earlier, so much the better.

Second Year Begins

The second year of the Fund Drive will start with an LEC Bay Area Fund Raiser dinner in San Francisco June 13. The dinner will be organized by the American Fairness Committee under the leadership of Cressey Nakagawa, president of the San Francisco JACL chapter.

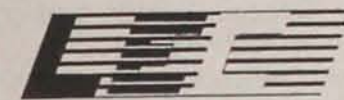
There are also people who have already donated toward the second year of the Fund Drive, which begins June 7. Sumiko Kobayashi (\$200), Philadelphia chapter; Tomio Moriguchi (\$500) and Ruth/Ben Woo (\$100), Seattle chapter; Miyuki/Homer Yasui (\$1,000), Portland chapter. Early contributions are most welcome.

The Nikkei members of Congress are optimistic. They say that the possibility of the passage of redress legislation never looked better. Whether it be the 99th session or the 100th session of Congress, I personally feel that the light at the end of the tunnel is beginning to glow brightly.

JACL has become the organizational spokesperson for the legislative approach to redress. As such, JACL bears a heavy responsibility. Moneys must be raised to fund the JACL legislative redress pursuit to the very end. Could we JACLers think of doing anything less? I don't think so.



THREE GENERATIONS FOR REDRESS—Henry Dady of New York (center) and Jason Osajima present checks and pledges totaling \$3,500 for LEC to B.J. Watanabe, prime solicitor. Dady's \$2,000 contribution is the largest individual donation received to date. Jason's contribution includes donations from grandparents Shig and Joanne Watanabe and parents B.J. and Ron.



JACL Legislative Education Committee Fund Drive Report

No. 7, May 7, 1986

Targeted Donation by May 7, 1986 ... \$322,667.00
Donations Received:
Staff ... \$172,374.88
Pac Northwest ... \$23,047.34
No. Cal-WN-P ... \$18,361.00
Central Cal ... \$10,680.40
Pac Southwest ... \$6,783.37
Intermountain ... \$1,835.00
Mtn-Plain ... \$3,050
Midwest ... \$23,465.77
Eastern ... \$25,052.00

Prev. Bal.: ... \$113,186.88
Donors (3/7/86 to 5/7/86)

LEC Donations

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\$1,000 and over
Las Vegas JACL, PSW Dinner Comm. (\$37,500); San Jose JACL Dance Club; Selanoco JACL (\$8,000); Homer & Miyuki Yasui.

\$500 - \$999
Ruth Hashimoto, Takeyo Imori, Tom Murakami, Roy/Frances Takeda.

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Inada, Harry/Marilyn Inouye, Fumi/Henry Irinaga, John/Lillian Ishii, Akira Jitsumyo,

Alan Kamei, Aki Kanada, Mieke Kanagaki, Kiyoshi Kasai, Harry/Harriet Kawahata, Frank Kikuchi, Isami Kimoto, George/May Kimura, Steven/Kathleen Knight, Richard / Grace Kono, Franklin Koriyama, George/Ai Koshi, Hisaye Kozuki, Tommy/Sue Kumashiro, Hiro/Day Kusaka, Jean Kushi, Kenneth/Janet Long, Michael/Lynn Lueck, Hana Masuda, Henry/Dorothy Masuda, Kenneth Masumoto, Stan/Mabel Matsumoto, Steve Matsushino, George/Hatsuko Matsutani, Tosh/Yachiyo Matsutani, Lloyd McCullough, Larry Meeks, Kuniaki Mihara, William Miller, Evelyn Mitral, Wataru/Sachi Miura, Yoneko Miyakawa, Joe/Suzu Morimune, Tom/Edna Morodomi, Carl Mune, Dorothy Nakagawara, Aiko Nakahara, Martha Nakamoto, Mark Nakamura, Frank/Shigeo Nakao, Jack/Sumi Nakashima, Alan/Christine Nakazawa, George/Hime Nichols, Ed Nishimura, Masami Oda, Clarence Ogawa, Terry Ogawa, Wesley/Hannah Ogawa, James Oshima, Booklet Project,

Noboru/Harumi Sasaki, Vincent Sato, Randolph Shibata, Patrick Shibuya, Ben / Lois Shimomura, John/Emiko Shinagawa, William Sidell, Albert/Sally Suezaki, Bill/Agnese Suzuki, Lawrence Taira, Harry Tajima, Roy/Mary Takai, George/Lillian Takayama, Ben/Fumiko Takeshita, Dan/Mary Takeuchi, Ronald/Esther Takeuchi, John/Patricia Umino, Shoji Uota, Bill/Mary Ann Utsumi, Yukio/Yasuko Wada, William/Midori Wedemeyer, Ray/Ruby Yamada, Miyoshi/Aiko Yamanaka, Noboru/Chizuko Yamanaka, Jim/Betty Yamasaki, Lucille Yokota.

This Report ... \$59,188.00
New Balance \$172,374.88

PRIME SOLICITORS

Target: 250
Appointed to Date: 80
KP: Key Person

Pac Northwest (15): Lloyd Hara \$100.00, Ed Horra, Cherry Kinoshita \$4,200.00, Kaz Kinoshita, Marsha Long \$898.00, Harvey Watanabe \$695.00, Michi Maeboji, Tomio Moriguchi \$1,050.00, Sam Nakagawa \$2,617.34, Bob Sato, \$2,025.00, Jim Tsujimura \$625.00, Terry Yamada, Denny Yasuhara \$2,635.00, Homer Yasui \$4,475.00, Seattle Chap JACL \$2,915.00, Pu-yallup Valley JACL \$400.00, Unknown \$100.00, Lake Washington: \$300.00, Portland Chapter JACL: \$112.00.

No Cal-WN-P (24): Ken-ichi Bunden, Violet de Christoforo \$1,395.00, Jerry Enomoto \$1,215.00, Moli-Fujioka \$1,786.00, Mike

Hamachi, Tad Hirota, \$2,300.00, Frank Iwama, James Murakami, Judy Niizawa, \$2,400.00, Harry Sakasegawa \$150.00, Ben Takeshita \$400.00, Henry Tanda \$525.00, James Tando \$475.00, Tony Yokomizo, Cliff Uyeda \$950.00, Kimiko Kientz \$50.00, Unknown, George Ushijima, Harry Iida, Mary Tsukamoto \$185.00, Sumi Honnami, Stockton JACL \$1,180.00, Diablo Valley JACL \$2,065.00, Florin Chap JACL \$3,110.00, David Yamada, Yosh Nakashima \$5.00, George Furukawa, \$170.00.

Central Cal (6): Peggy Sasashima Ligggett, Tom Shimazaki \$1,639.00, Hiro Mayeda \$683.00, Clovis JACL \$2,145, Ben Nagatani \$376.40, Fresno JACL \$4,695.00, Sanger Chap JACL \$992.00, Tulare Chap JACL \$150.00.

Pac Southwest (14): Miki Himeno, Mas Hironaka \$3,550.00, Harry Kajihara \$2,343.37, Junji Kumamoto \$630.00, Rose Ochi \$1,430.00, Mary Ogawa \$525.00, Willie Takano \$1,285.00, Frank Watase \$1,250.00, Marina JACL \$100.00, Selanoco JACL \$9,000.00, Unknown \$100.00, Greater L.A. Singles JACL \$1,393.00, San Fernando Valley JACL \$4,935.00, Pasadena JACL \$640.00, Carson JACL \$250.00, KP: Ken Inouye \$1,000.00, San Gabriel V JACL: \$400.00, Orange County JACL: \$331.00, PSW Dinner Comm: \$37,500.00.

Intermountain (1): Hid Hasegawa, Mitsugi Kasai \$1,835.00.

Mtn-Plain (1): Min Yasui \$2,850.00, Houston Chap JACL \$200.00, Las Vegas Chapter \$1,121.00, KP: Paul Shinkawa.

Midwest (10): Shig Wakamatsu \$4,714.00, Frank Sakamoto \$600.00, Art Morimoto \$890.00, Tom Tajiri, Paul Igasaki, Charles Waller, Thomas Kaihara \$200.00, Hiro Mayeda, Jack Nakagawa \$2,000.00, Thomas Tokushisa \$375.00, Henry Tanabe, Tak Tomiyama, George Suzuki, Alan Hida \$2,926.00, Henry Tanaka \$3,005.00, Roy Ebihara \$100.00, Tom Nakao \$300.00, Kaz Mayeda \$3,075.00, Dr James Taguchi \$4,225.00, St. Louis Chapter \$150.00, Detroit JACL Chapter \$905.77.

Eastern (9): Tom Kometa-ni \$2,325.00, Takashi Moriuchi \$1,000.00, Lily Okura \$5,155.00, Jack K Ozawa \$2,250.00, Mike Suzuki \$4,250.00, Grayce Ueyhara \$7,022.00, BJ/Ron Watanabe/Osajima \$2,025.00, Grant Ujifusa, Charles Nagao \$1,025.00.

Staff (1): Ron Wakabayashi, \$100.00.



PITCHING IN—Members and friends of Las Vegas JACL presented a \$1,121 check to LEC chair Min Yasui on March 28. Representing the more than 40 donors were chapter president George Goto (left), chapter secretary Norma Wagoner, and chapter redress chair Wayne Tanaka. Yasui gave an update on the redress campaign during his visit.

Following are excerpts from testimonies at the Apr. 28 House hearing on redress bill H.R. 442, continued from last week.

Constitutional Issues

A panel on constitutional issues offered testimony from Edward Ennis, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); William Robinson of the American Bar Assn.'s Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities; and Eugene Rostow, a professor at National Defense University.

Ennis was on the staff of Attorney General Francis Biddle at the Justice Department on Dec. 7, 1941. Shortly after, he was assigned to head the newly created Alien Enemy Control Unit. In his opening statement, Ennis said, "History has shown that war is seldom a congenial time for civil liberties; and that in time of war, truth is frequently the first casualty."

Ennis fully supported financial compensation "for the victims of so massive an injustice as the wartime internment."

American Bar Assn.

Robinson spoke on behalf of the over 320,000 members of the American Bar Assn. The organization's House of Delegates in 1984 passed a resolution urging Congress to provide appropriate legislative recognition to those denied equal justice. Robinson argued that "willful historical inaccuracies and intentional falsehoods" were contained in the final report of Gen. John DeWitt.

Robinson concluded that the prospects for full relief through litigation are still speculative and time-consuming, and asked that Congress provide appropriate redress, including monetary compensation.

More Highlights of H.R. 442 Hearing

Eugene Rostow, former dean of Yale Law School, wrote as early as 1945 in the Yale Law Journal that the wartime opinions of the Supreme Court on the Japanese American cases were a disaster, and urged then that "the basic issues should be presented to the Supreme Court again, in order to obtain a reversal."

He disagreed with Rep. Sam Stratton (D-N.Y.), who testified earlier that the suffering from the relocation was the same as all other deprivations which occur during wartime. It is not enough that Congress simply apologize for the evacuation, said Rostow, because the evacuation was unconstitutional—a special deprivation of rights which deserves special treatment.

Opponents' Panel

Testifying against the passage of H.R. 442 were writer Lillian Baker of Gardena, Calif., and former National Security Agency official David Lowman.

Baker faulted the report and conclusions of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), stating that the Commission's research was sloppy and used only secondary sources. Waving sheets of paper, she said she had lists of names of people who were documented as disloyal.

Baker contended that the removal of those people of Japanese descent was not racist, for the order affected only those on the West Coast, and said that hundreds of Japanese residing in the 44 other states unaffected by the order voluntarily came to reside in the WRA centers. She said the

evacuees' lands were leased, not lost, for the duration of the war.

'Doubtful Loyalty'

Lowman's testimony focused on 1941 and 1942 intelligence reports which warned of massive disloyalty and espionage operations, controlled by the Japanese government, on the West Coast. He said the reports indicated that more than 25% of all JAs—about 30,000—were of doubtful loyalty and that some were serving in the U.S. armed forces or working in factories for subversive purposes.

Main Sponsor Speaks

House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D-Texas), prime sponsor of H.R. 442, testified that the relocation and internment constituted violations of basic constitutional rights, and said he was proud to be associated with this legislation. This issue is what America is all about, he said.

Wright refuted Lowman's remarks about those who were of "doubtful loyalty" and discussed at some length the issue of the "potentially disloyal." The law does not accuse a person of potential disloyalty, he said. "It's whether he or she has violated the law."

Wright did not accept Baker's conclusion equating dual citizenship with disloyalty. He said that the Emperor's claiming Japanese Americans as citizens of Japan does not alter the fact that they were citizens of this country. He also could understand why some of the internees did not volunteer for the armed forces.

Arguments Rebutted

The JACL and LEC panel of

Frank Sato, national president; Minoru Yasui, LEC Board Chair; and Grace Uyehara, LEC executive director testified on remedies, particularly the compensatory payment remedy. This recommendation of CWRIC has drawn the most objections. Sato summarized JACL's many years of work on redress and closed by saying that Elliot Roosevelt had called the relocation of Japanese Americans the biggest mistake his father ever made as president, and that he would like to see redress made to these people.

Yasui, who departed from his prepared testimony, said, "I am an American and a lawyer. I know that a wrong has been done. In this country, the way a wrong is righted is through compensation."

Uyehara refuted the assertion that the American Japanese Claims Act of 1948 made amends for the damages of exclusion and detention. She said the Act was settlement for a small portion of real or personal property losses that was not a fair settling of accounts and provided nothing for the deprivation of liberty.

The payment of \$20,000 will not open up a flood of similar claims, for this payment is to be made only to those individuals who actually suffered the deprivation of freedom, she added.

Subcommittee chair Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) asked the panel about the number of JAs who support the redress provisions. Uyehara answered that polls of the community showed an overwhelming majority to be in favor of compensation. Glickman also asked whether there should

be different categories of eligibility among the aliens. Sato said this change would be misguided.

Yasui, in response to a question about barring further judicial action if a bill is passed, said that he would not like to see any possible future remedies foreclosed.

Masaoka Testimony

Mike Masaoka, former JACL executive secretary and Washington representative, testified on behalf of Go For Broke, Inc. He submitted a 72-page document summarizing the background and history of the Japanese American experience.

Masaoka offered amendments which would also provide compensation for those who were confined in camps not designated as relocation camps, and those who "voluntarily" evacuated at the urging of DeWitt.

War-time photographs refuting statements that there were no guard towers, armed military personnel or barbed wire fences around the camps were submitted to the subcommittee by Masaoka.

'Political Opportunism'

Karl Bendetsen, former Chief of the Wartime Civil Control Administration and Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division of the Western Defense Command, testified as an opponent of H.R. 442. He quoted from the 1984 testimony of Ken Masugi of Claremont (Calif.) College, who said the CWRIC report was full of "historical inaccuracies, moral posturing and political opportunism."

When asked for figures to back up his statement that many JAs came to the camps voluntarily from throughout the U.S., he gave no answer. Asked about his state-

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Testifiers included (from left) Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki of Lafayette, Calif., LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara, and JACL president Frank Sato.

REDRESS HEARING

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ment that there was no mass internment, he replied that internment was the Justice Department's procedure used only with aliens. He also stated that there was no loyalty review process.

Panel of Evacuees

Testimony was heard from a panel of former internees consisting of Mary Tsukamoto of Sacramento, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki of Lafayette, Calif., and Robert Moteki of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Tsukamoto presented her painful recollection of the days before the Florin community's break-up to depart to four different relocation centers. She described Florin as a once-thriving, close-knit, strawberry and tokay grape growing community which had to abandon the berry crop at the peak of the harvest season. She said the community she knew died on May 29, 1942.

Togasaki related her family's experiences. Her father and brother operated a large import/export business which supplied many Japanese stores on the West Coast. She and two of her sisters were physicians; another sister was a registered nurse. She said that her father and brother

lost their business because of the internment and that neither she nor her sisters could establish practices until after the war.

Moteki recalled the emotional experience of a 10-year-old boy who was imprisoned in an American concentration camp, the devastation of his feeling of self-worth and the impact of camp life on his father.

Redress Organizations

Philip Tajitsu Nash of Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund in New York, Tim Gojio of Wash. Coalition on Redress in Seattle, William Hohri of the Chicago-based National Council for Japanese American Redress, and Miyo Hayashi of Japanese American Redress Committee in Chicago also testified in support of redress.

Nash departed from his prepared testimony and spoke in response to previous testifiers who spoke in opposition to H.R. 442 and the Commission's report. The waving of lists by Baker was more reminiscent of Joe McCarthy than of reasoned testimony, he said. Nash pointed out that there is no statute of limitations on treason, and if any traitors can be found,

charges should be brought against them.

He also said that surveys done in the Japanese American community show that more than 90% favor redress.

Closing Remarks

In closing the hearing shortly after 6 p.m., Glickman said that it was unusual to have a hearing of this length in one day, but that he wanted to focus on the hearing without having breaks for members who had to vote in the House.

The record of the hearing will be kept open until May 19 so that any others who have a pressing need to submit testimony can do so. Another hearing will be scheduled for Aleut internees.

Glickman said that the bill needs 218 votes in order to pass. "I don't want to take a bill to the House that will be defeated."



Photo by Sumiko Kobayashi
Former internee Mary Tsukamoto being interviewed by TV reporter.

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Museum director Jack Armstrong noted that the first “Ethnic LA” exhibit, which was put together with the help of a Mexican American advisory committee, had just ended two weeks earlier. He called the JA exhibit “another big step forward” that would “build bridges of understanding among kids from different communities.”

The exhibit includes displays on notable achievements by JAs and on aspects of Japanese culture that have been retained by the JA community. Advisory committee chair Lani Sakoda said that “trying to design one room that would reflect a typical Japanese American atmosphere” was “a real interesting and difficult task.”


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Also taking part in the opening ceremony were Sue Antebi, president of The Inner Circle, which provided major funding for the exhibit; Mary Worthington, the museum's director of exhibits and programs; and Morris Pynoos, president of the museum's board of trustees. Festivities included a performance by Kinnara Taiko and origami demonstrations by Daniel Nakamura.

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ANTI-ASIAN

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fighting discrimination against Asian Americans.

Mineta urged conferees to continue to work together to educate the public, noting that racism "in its most basic and familiar form surfaces as the failure of a few Americans to distinguish us, their fellow citizens, from Asian nationals."

As an example, he referred to the Apr. 28 House hearing on redress bill H.R. 442, during which "one senior member of Congress testified that although he was opposed to redress, he spoke Japanese and had many friends in Japan."

Mineta urged the audience to be proactive as well as reactive. "We cannot react only after violent acts have occurred. We must erase the attitudes and prejudices that fuel violent acts. We must make sure that the current trade tensions never escalate to an explosion of racial animosity... we must make forever unacceptable anything less than our full rights under the law and our Constitution... We have a responsibility to speak out with firmness and outrage."

Growth of Violence

Dr. Allan Seid of Asian Pacific American Coalition traced the historical roots and development of anti-Asian violence and discrimination. The socio-economic and foreign policy forces which existed in the past are still operating today, he commented.

Stanford Law School professor Bill Hing said that the dramatic increase in the Asian population coupled with the economic downturn in the U.S. is one major factor in the resurgence of anti-Asian violence. Basing his figures on the 1980 census, Hing stated, "Today, three out of five Asians is foreign-born. In 1960, the majority were American-born. The increase in population has been substantial. As of September 1985, our population is estimated at 5.1 million, compared to 1.4 million in 1970."

The speakers felt, however, that the increase in numbers alone does not account for the increase in acts of racial violence.

Other factors mentioned included negative perceptions of Asians resulting from international trade conflicts and media stereotypes.

Wilma Chan of Chinese Progressive Assn. pointed to movies as a source of negative perceptions, saying that the repetition of a narrow range of caricatures molds the general public's image of Asians. She cited the 1985 film "Year of the Dragon" as an example of negative stereotyping.

The relationship between racial and sexual stereotypes and violence against Asian women was discussed by Asian Law Caucus director Peggy Saika. While violence can result from attitudes toward Asian women perpetuated by the media and the military, she said, another area of concern is domestic violence that occurs within Asian American communities. According to Saika, increasing numbers of such cases have been reported in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area and New York.

'Model Minority'

Ironically, the image of Asian Americans as a "model minority" was identified as a contributing factor in the growth of negative sentiment. The perception of Asians as successful in education and business has generated a backlash, said conference presenters.

Census figures show that Asians have a higher median family income than the national average. But further analysis of the data would yield a different picture, suggested UCB Asian American studies professor Amado Cabezas, who said that Asian families have a higher number of workers per household and work more overtime hours than the national average.

Another variable Cabezas presented was the population distribution of Asians, who are concentrated on the West Coast. The West Coast population as a whole has a higher income than

the national average, he said.

At the same time, said Cabezas, a comparison of persons living in the same area and with comparable education and work experience will show that Asian American income levels are below those of their white counterparts.

Because Asian Americans are viewed as overrepresented in institutions of higher learning, they have been omitted from financial aid and special admissions programs—to the detriment of disadvantaged immigrant groups, according to conference speakers.

Symbolic Attacks

Henry Der, director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, characterized the movement to make English the nation's official language as an attack on the Asian community. He accused U.S. English, the lobbying group chaired by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, of creating greater division and animosity in American society.

Five states have adopted English as their official language, and California may have such an initiative on its November ballot. Community organizations fear that the measure would have an adverse impact on bilingual education and other services that utilize languages other than English.

Wakabayashi stated that he had no quarrel with the concept of the U.S. as an English-speaking country, but that the concept would exist with or without the initiative. "The danger in the initiative is its symbolism, discriminating against language minorities, newcomers," he said.

The low numbers of Asian Americans in decision-making governmental positions was also seen as a problem.

The conference concluded with an afternoon of workshops allowing further discussion of the issues presented in the morning. Organizers announced that a follow-up meeting was scheduled to develop future strategies for dealing with anti-Asian violence.

Nikkei members of Congress circulate JACL report on anti-Asian violence

WASHINGTON—Sens. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii) and Reps. Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui (both D-Calif.) have sent copies of the JACL report "Anti-Asian Violence in the United States" to members of Congress.

In a letter to their colleagues, Inouye and Matsunaga wrote, "We believe that the findings of the report should serve as a compelling reminder of the ugliness of any and all forms of racism in our society. Hopefully, we will all resolve to do whatever is necessary to preserve the American ideal for all Americans, regardless of race or ancestry."

Mineta and Matsui, in a letter to their fellow House members, wrote that "the recent rise in anti-Asian sentiment and violence is at least in part rooted in ignorance."

"The findings of the JACL re-

port lead to the incontrovertible conclusion that anti-Asian activity is on the rise," said Matsui. "Distribution of the report will serve to heighten public awareness of the problem and highlight possible solutions."

Mineta said that the report "accurately illustrates the emerging issue of violence involving Asian Americans. The Asian American community has continued to voice their alarm at the rise of violent incidents and climate of anti-Asian sentiment. We in Congress must continue to insure that the civil and human rights of all Americans must be upheld."

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi expressed appreciation for the "continued leadership" of the four Nikkei in Congress. "Their efforts in this issue should be acknowledged and applauded by our community," he said.

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time expulsion and incarceration of Japanese Americans, which he labeled "tyranny of the majority."

Bilingual ballots have brought about participation in the political process by those who otherwise could not have participated, he said.

Diamond's statement that U.S. English supports bilingual education was challenged by members of the audience. He made it clear that he was referring to ESL (English as a second language) classes, which are con-

ducted entirely in English, as opposed to bilingual education, in which the student's native language is also used.

Diamond admitted that the language of the initiative is very broad and that local legislators would be the ones to provide the details of interpretation and implementation. There is also a provision enabling local citizens to sue the state "to enforce" the measure.

California is the key state in U.S. English's nationwide campaign, he said, because of its large population of recent immigrants.

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Concerns about Asian representation raised at hearing on L.A. redistricting

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) will soon file a brief in federal court in order to give an Asian American perspective on the current controversy over the redrawing of the city's council districts.

Redistricting is seen primarily as a Latino issue because of a suit filed against the city in November 1985 by the Justice Dept., which alleged that the city's 1982 redistricting plan diluted the voting power of Latinos by dividing the downtown-area concentration of Latinos among seven council districts.

The suit orders the city to redraw the boundaries; the city council has agreed to do this by the end of July. The Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDEF) became a co-plaintiff in the suit in March and has submitted its own remapping plan.

In April, the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and attorney Ron Low, representing China-

town-area plaintiffs, also became involved in the suit.

At a City Hall hearing held on Apr. 21, statements were presented by APALC, Pacific Southwest District JACL, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Korean American Coalition, Confederation of Philippine-U.S. Organizations, Nayong Pilipinas, and Asian Pacific Legal Defense & Education Fund.

APALC's position was that "the Asian Pacific American communities of interest should not be ignored in the process of redistricting... communities of interest should not be fragmented as they are now."

These communities include the Chinese and Vietnamese population between Silverlake and downtown, the Korean pop-

ulation along the Olympic corridor, the Filipino population along Temple St., and the Japanese population in Little Tokyo.

"By dividing the Asian population... into 6 districts, the electorate of Asians is kept down to no more than 5% maximum in any one district" despite the fact that Asians make up about 10% of the county's population, stated APALC director Stewart Kwoh.

"Any proposed plan that divides these communities... would dilute the voting strength of a significant and growing ethnic group in contradiction to established laws and principles."

Representatives of MALDEF, NAACP and the Chinese American plaintiffs announced at a May 1 press conference that they will seek a plan that is beneficial to all three communities.

Kwoh told the Pacific Citizen that APALC's legal brief will probably be filed by May 16.

SOH BROTHERS

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indications of greater political tolerance by the government of South Korea," the letter reads. "We hope they will be followed by other measures to strengthen political freedoms and promote the democratic principles to which both our nations subscribe."

"In that regard, we urge you to review the cases of Soh Sung and Soh Joon Shik and to give serious consideration to releasing them

from prison... Such an act would be favorably received by the American people, and thereby contribute to the continued amicable relations between our two countries."

Joining Mineta in signing the letter were Reps. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), Jim Leach (R-Iowa), William Gray (D-Pa.), Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), William Lehman (D-Fla.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.), and Howard Berman (D-Calif.).

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cilman Winslow "Windy" Mata with 1,032 votes.

In Reedley, retiring City Councilman Ron Nishinaka delivered a farewell speech to colleagues and city staff at a recent council meeting.

When first elected in 1978, he

promised his wife that he would serve no more than eight years.

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