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Yasui case can go to Appeals Court

PORTLAND—The *coram nobis* case of Minoru Yasui was given a new lease on life when U.S. District Judge Robert Belloni granted Yasui's motion to extend time for appeal on May 5.

This action will allow Yasui's case to be considered on its merits by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Yasui seeks reinstatement of his petition and formal hearings on his allegations against the government.

Yasui's conviction for violating military curfew orders directed against Japanese Americans was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1943. In 1983, he petitioned the District Court to vacate the conviction, alleging that the government had committed a fraud upon the Supreme Court by destroying, altering and suppressing material evidence relating to the loyalty of JAs. The petition was based on wartime documents recently discovered in the National Archives.

In January 1984, Belloni agreed to vacate the conviction but also dismissed the petition, refusing to consider the allegations of governmental misconduct. Yasui appealed the decision 36 days later. The Court of Appeals ruled



Photo by Robert Shimabukuro

FURTHERING THE CAUSE—JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi (left) accepts Human Rights Award from Mas Yonemura, board member of American Immigration Lawyers Assn., at May 16 luncheon (story on p. 3).

that because the case was a criminal matter, the appeal should have been filed within 10 days of the ruling. Yasui's attorneys, however, said they had considered the petition a civil case, which allows 60 days to file a notice of appeal.

Yasui was allowed to file an application for extension of time for appeal. Belloni, finding "excusable neglect" in the late filing, granted the motion.

A three-judge panel of the Appeals Court will make a ruling on the appeal in a few months. On hand for Belloni's ruling

were Peggy Nagae, Don Willner and Clayton Patrick of Yasui's legal team; Rod Kawakami, Mike Leong and Roger Shimizu, Seattle-based attorneys working on the Gordon Hirabayashi case; Terry Yamada, co-president of Portland JACL; and Chisao Hata, chapter redress chair.

Violence against minorities a serious problem, state commission concludes

SACRAMENTO—Hate violence "poses a threat to the peace and safety of our communities" in California, the Attorney General's Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence has concluded, and several steps, including a comprehensive civil rights statute, are needed to combat it.

Attorney General John Van de Kamp formed the commission in May 1984 in response to reports of violence motivated by bigotry, including the killing of Vincent Chin in Detroit in 1982 and the 1983 stabbing death of Thong Hy Huynh, a high school student, in Davis, Calif.

In carrying out its mandate to determine the nature and extent of hate violence and to suggest measures to deal with the problem, the 16-member commission held public meetings in Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego to hear testimony

from representatives of communities affected by the violence.

The commissioners were of diverse backgrounds; among them were John Saito, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, and Diane Yu, an Alameda County Superior Court commissioner and a board member of Asian American Bar Assn. and Chinese for Affirmative Action.

Van de Kamp discussed the findings and recommendations in the commission's 155-page final report at an Apr. 17 press conference in San Francisco.

"We have only to look at our newspapers to see that hatred and hate violence are very much at home in California," he said, citing anti-Semitic acts by a USC fraternity, incidents of "gay bashing" in San Francisco and Stockton, and an assault on two Blacks in Concord by a man dressed as a Ku Klux Klan member.

He established the commis-

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Board meeting runs smoothly

by Robert Shimabukuro

SAN FRANCISCO — The mood was upbeat with little dissension in open session and items moved swiftly through the agenda at the National JACL Board meeting May 16-17 at National Headquarters. The board finished its business and adjourned early Saturday evening.

Even the budget issue, usually a topic of heated debate, was settled rather smoothly. Secretary-treasurer Gene Takamine presented three budgets based on differing dues structures: (1) no increase in 1987 and \$2 increase in 1988; (2) a \$2 increase in 1987; and (3) a \$1 increase in 1987 and 1988.

He reported that both National and Pacific Citizen had requested an increase of \$2 each (a total of \$4 increase in dues). But after consultation with membership chairs of various chap-

ters, Takamine felt that a \$4 increase would hinder membership recruitment and recommended a budget based on a \$2 increase for the biennium.

Takamine also mentioned that PC intended to take its own budget to the convention floor and fight for an increase, which is necessary to cover increased postage costs. PC Board Chair Clifford Uyeda added that at present, subscription costs amount to almost \$12/year. JACL members presently pay \$10/year per household for subscriptions.

After a lengthy deliberation over the three budget proposals and a fourth based on a no-dues increase, EDC Governor Mike Suzuki moved that the board recommend plan (2)—a \$2 increase for 1987. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Gary Serota of SRS Group Consultants, Inc. reported on the results of the test run of direct mail

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A/P students' needs assessed

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—A plan of action to deal with problems faced by Asian and Pacific Islander students in California schools was made public by Supt. of Public Instruction Bill Honig at a May 12 press conference.

The plan was jointly developed by the Calif. State Dept. of Education and its Advisory Council on Asian/Pacific Islander Affairs. The council held hearings from September to December of 1984 in Los Angeles, Torrance, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Ana, Fresno, San Diego and Sacramento and submitted its report to Honig in October 1985; Honig's response to the report was completed in March.

Victor Nakamoto, a board member of Alum Rock School District in San Jose, chairs the council. "I do want to give credit to Bill Honig for establishing the council," Nakamoto told reporters at Castelar Elementary School in Chinatown. "It's the way to provide that community linkage, to provide information or input to him as to what are the needs of the Asian/Pacific Islander students out there... so that we can take action."

Nakamoto said that the perception of Asian students as generally successful obscures "the fact that we do need help for those diverse groups."

The council's findings and recommendations dealt with problems in the areas of language, curriculum, personnel, support services, and violence against Asian Pacifics in the schools.

Language Problems

"We're very concerned about... English language acquisition, verbal skills of Asian Pacific youth," said Honig. "They seem to be doing very well on the sci-

entific side and the mathematics side, but... we need to work on the verbal side."

For foreign-born students, it is important to "see that our bilingual programs work effectively," he said. "We have some good examples in this school here, where the students learn the language after two or three years, get the support and get out into the regular program."

Lily Lowe Ogden, Los Angeles regional chair of the council, emphasized that the scope of problems faced by students with little or no English ability is great. "We have over 23 languages being spoken by students who fit into the Asian/Pacific Islander group-

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Victor Nakamoto, chair of Advisory Council on Asian/Pacific Islander Affairs, with Supt. of Public Instruction Bill Honig at Los Angeles press conference.



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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Journalists Assn. holds its 1986 national scholarship awards reception June 13, 6-8 p.m., at the Harry Chandler Auditorium of the Los Angeles Times Bldg., 202 W. 1st St. (parking entrance on 2nd St. between Broadway & Spring). This year, AAJA will award more than \$10,000 to high school and college students pursuing journalism careers. Info: Karen Seriguchi, (213) 389-8383.

"Identity: Asian Americans Speak Out," a photographic essay by Meibao Nee, will be part of an exhibition, "Only L.A.: Contemporary Variations," at L.A. Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdale Park, 4804 Hollywood Blvd. Opening night is June 10, 6 p.m.; the exhibit runs through July 20. Nee will discuss her work June 21, 3 p.m. The exhibit deals with children and grandchildren of Asian immigrants. Info: (213) 465-4581.

SAN FRANCISCO—Unbound Spirit, resident dance company of Asian American Dance Collective, presents

the work of choreographers Carole Murota, Alleluia Panis, Anna Sun, Jill Togawa and June Watanabe June 1, 7 p.m., and June 6-7, 8:30 p.m., at New Performance Gallery, 3151 17th St. (at Shotwell). Tickets: \$8 advance, \$9 at the door, \$6 for AADC members and seniors. The works show the dancers' interpretations of the Asian American experience. Info: (415) 552-8960.

SAN DIEGO—Buddhist Temple of San Diego's annual bazaar will be held June 1, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., at the temple grounds, 2929 Martin Luther King Way (formerly Market St.). There will be a food festival, games, and a drawing with proceeds going to the temple building fund. Info: 239-0896.

RICHMOND, Calif.—The Sakurakai Health Fair will be held June 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Contra Costa Health Dept., 38th and Bissell. Services include blood test, vision screening, glaucoma screening, urinalysis, hearing test, blood pressure testing, dental examination, stool

culture, and drug evaluation. Open to all seniors aged 60 or over. Cost: \$25. Info: Bill Waki, 525-7086, or Kimi Honda, 524-6338.

San Mateo County officials open photo exhibit on local JAs

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—The opening of a photo exhibit on San Mateo County Japanese Americans was celebrated by county officials and local JA members at the Hall of Justice and Records on May 7.

The photos, many of them enlarged from snapshots taken by county residents, show the Japanese American role in the local floral industry as well as the wartime incarceration at Tanforan Race Track in San Bruno.

Supervisor Anna Eshoo asked that the exhibit be displayed in the supervisors' chambers following its run at the College of San Mateo.

"When I saw this in San Mateo, I was struck by the fact that it was an act of the U.S. government that lessened the dignity of Japanese in our community," she told the gathering of about 100 persons. "Forty years later, I am deeply moved by the welcome-back this exhibit represents."

Like the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., she said, the exhibit demonstrates that "art is a healing force."

Eshoo and fellow supervisors Tom Nolan and William Schumacher said they will ask the board to pass a resolution supporting House redress bill H.R. 442.

Also present at the reception were County Superior Court Judge Harlan Veal; Noell Kubota, Nancy Takahashi, Roz Enomoto and Niles Tanakatsubo of San Mateo JACL; and James Shi-

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Reporter regrets Onizuka remark

WASHINGTON—Haynes Johnson, a Washington Post reporter, has apologized for a comment he made about the late Ellison Onizuka, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) reported May 19.

On the Jan. 31 broadcast of the PBS show "Washington Week in Review," Johnson, in discussing the seven crew members killed in the Challenger explosion, referred to Onizuka as "an Asian American from Hawaii, Japanese descent, our enemies during the war."

In a Feb. 6 letter to Johnson, Mineta wrote, "Your casual linking of a brave Air Force officer with our enemy of more than 40 years ago not only does a profound disservice to Lt. Col. Onizuka, but it also perpetuates the

unfair and unwarranted cloak of suspicion and doubt that has clung to Americans of Japanese ancestry since 1941."

Johnson wrote back to Mineta, *Continued on Page 7*

Attorney who called Inouye a 'Jap' dies

WASHINGTON—John J. Wilson, the attorney whose reference to Sen. Daniel Inouye as a "Jap" caused an uproar during the Watergate hearings, died of a heart condition on May 18 at his home. He was 84.

In August 1973, Inouye was serving on the Senate Watergate Committee and Wilson was defending Nixon aides H.R. Halde- man and John Ehrlichman. Angered by Inouye's questioning of his clients, Wilson called the Hawaii Democrat "that little Jap" in responding to a reporter's question.

When asked about his remark, Wilson replied that he "wouldn't mind being called a little American." He also said that Inouye should apologize for calling Ehrlichman a liar during an earlier session.

Wilson's comments drew fire from Japanese American and other ethnic organizations, newspapers, Inouye's colleagues in the Senate, and many others. He later sent Inouye a letter of apology, saying he had not considered "Jap" a racial slur.

He was a U.S. attorney during the Hoover and Roosevelt administrations and belonged to the law firm of Whiteford, Hart, Carmody & Wilson.

Sugiyama becomes asst. attorney general

SAN FRANCISCO—The designation of John Sugiyama as assistant attorney general in charge of the Criminal Division of San Francisco was announced by the Office of the Attorney General in Sacramento on Apr. 1.

Sugiyama graduated from San Leandro High School in 1968, from UC Berkeley in 1972 and from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1975. He served as deputy attorney general in the San Francisco Criminal Division from 1975 to October 1985, when he was placed in charge of a 24-attorney section supporting the Dept. of Corrections.

The 50-attorney division he now manages is responsible for prosecuting criminal cases arising in the 1st and 6th Judicial Districts.

He resides in Moraga with his wife Jennifer and two daughters, Tara Mariko and Ashley Kimiko.

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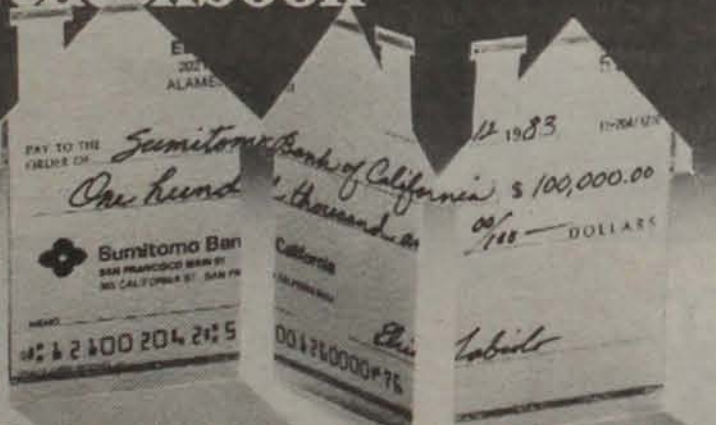
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JCCCNC opens; director named

SAN FRANCISCO—Charles Morimoto has been appointed as center director of the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif. (JCCCNC), according to JCCCNC president Edith Tanaka.

Originally from Idaho, Morimoto received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Idaho State University in 1974 and 1976, respectively. For the past eight years he has been director of Horizons Unlimited of San Francisco, Inc.

He has extensive experience in program development for non-profit organizations, having been involved in establishing the Mayor's In-School Youth Program, Bailey Literacy Project, Chorizo Computer Network, Proyecto Ayuda Substance Project, and Mission Recreation Project.

"I look forward to the challenge that this position affords," said Morimoto, "and more importantly, I am excited to be a part of this community dream."

"The success of the \$3 million campaign, of which \$2 million has been raised, must be attributed to the support, dedication and hard work of the board

members of JCCCNC, the campaign volunteers, and particularly to the project coordinator, Janey Egawa."

Egawa has moved on to other career pursuits after 2½ years with JCCCNC.

Following a preview tour on Apr. 26 and 27, the Phase I Main Building of the center officially opened its doors on May 1. The two-story structure houses the offices of Nobiru Kai (services for newcomers); Theatre of Yugen; Nihonmachi Legal Outreach; Japantown Art & Media Workshop; the JCCCNC administrative offices; and the Japanese American History Room, a library donated by California First Bank.

Conference rooms on the second floor seat from 30 to 50 people for various meetings and classes. Also on the second floor will be the Signature Tile Wall, which serves as a tribute to those who have contributed toward the center's realization.

By September, the first floor will accommodate a nutrition program, run by Kimochi, Inc., which will serve 250 seniors daily.



Charles Morimoto

A campaign is presently under way to raise an additional \$1 million for completion of the second and final phase of the project, which includes a community hall/gymnasium. Construction is planned before the end of the year. The building will have over 7,000 sq. ft. of space for cultural exhibitions and performances and a high school regulation-size basketball court with bleachers that will seat 150 people. UC Regent Yori Wada is campaign chair.

The JCCCNC's address is 1840 Sutter St., S.F. 94115 (between Buchanan and Webster). Info: (415) 567-5505.

Artist's camp works to be exhibited

SAN FRANCISCO—An exhibit of oil paintings depicting the desolate life of Japanese Americans behind barbed wire will be presented on June 14 by National Japanese American Historical Society.

Hisako Hibi, a 79-year-old local Issei artist, will have on display 70 scenes based on her wartime internment at the Tanforan Assembly Center and the Topaz War Relocation Authority camp.

Along with her bleak portrayal of harsh winters and sweltering summers, Hibi's paintings also show the natural beauty of the Utah desert. The greys and blacks of the tarpaper barracks are offset by the red, orange, green and blue of the sagebrush, flowers and other plants.

"I like colors," she said. "You forget things when you are looking at the sky and moving clouds. Sunflowers grow well in the desert. I painted a lot of sunflowers. Painting has been a consolation to me. By painting you can temporarily forget the war and human problems."

While attending the San Francisco Art Institute in the 1920s, Hibi was influenced by the work of French postimpressionist Paul Cezanne and American impressionist Mary Cassatt.

After relocating to New York from Topaz in 1945, she took classes at the Museum of Modern Art, where her instructor, Victor D'Amico, steered her away from Cezanne's influence and encouraged her to paint in her own way by expressing her inner feelings.

Hibi is the widow of Matsuburo George Hibi, who helped organize art schools at both Tanforan and Topaz.

The preview showing takes place at 1 p.m. at the NJAHS office, 1855 Folsom St. (corner of 15th St.). The program will be followed by a reception in Hibi's honor. Admission is free. The exhibit will be on display for a month.

Hiroshima flame in Peace March

DENVER—The Peace Flame brought to Los Angeles from Hiroshima in 1984 is being carried by hand in the Great Peace March.

The bearer of the flame is Michael Mertens, a member of Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness (APANA). The group has been seeking a permanent home for the flame in Los Angeles.



Michael Mertens with Peace Flame (in lantern) and banner that reads, "The mistake will not be repeated," a reference to Hiroshima bombing.

The marchers have reached Colorado and are scheduled to be greeted at Denver City Hall on May 30 and at the State Capitol on May 31. Mertens said that he hopes to meet with Denver-area Japanese Americans during his stay there.

The Peace March left Los Angeles on March 1 after a City Hall ceremony in which Rev. Asahi Seicho of Koyasan Buddhist Temple turned the flame over to Mertens. The flame has been in the care of the Little Tokyo temple since 1984. Asahi is the son of a Hiroshima survivor.

According to APANA co-chair Judy Imai, Mertens hopes to be in Omaha on July 4, Chicago on Aug. 14 and New York City on Oct. 25. The journey is expected to end in Washington, D.C. in mid-November.

Those interested in supporting the journey of the Peace Flame are asked to contact APANA member Bea Hirano at (213) 261-9784.

JACL gets Human Rights Award

by Robert Shimabukuro

SAN FRANCISCO—In an emotional speech citing the new found "affection and respect we have for our parents" as a result of the struggle for redress, JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi thanked the American Immigration Lawyers Assn. for the Human Rights Award presented to JACL at a May 16 luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel.

The gathering of 500 was obviously moved as Wakabayashi was accorded a standing ovation at the conclusion of his brief account of the effects of the internment on his perception of his parents, and how that perception was changed by the redress movement and commission and congressional hearings.

Growing up in a generation described as "activist," he said, made it difficult for Sansei to understand why their parents didn't resist the internment order. "We had great difficulty in viewing our parents as honorable and brave, as the all-protecting parents that you need your parents to be."

The redress struggle changed that, he continued, because it allowed Sansei "to understand... that there was, in fact, a great deal of thought, that there was a great deal of sensitivity... The Japanese American community—without trying to be stereotypical—has some tendencies to remain silent, to put up with adversity in a silent kind of way, so we didn't hear much of what they felt."

But during the hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment and testimony before Congress, Wakabayashi said, they realized that the Issei and Nisei "made enormous sacrifices, enormous contributions in the way they thought best, to make life better for people like myself and the other children."

He concluded by thanking the



Lillian Kiyota of NCRR gives speech.

group as a Japanese American and as an American "because it tells my community that some other people care about what took place."

Also receiving the Human Rights Award was National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, represented by Lillian Kiyota, who urged the gathering to support redress bills H.R. 442 and S. 1053.

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OF THE SOME 33,000 Nisei who served in WW2, 6,000 served in the Pacific as interpreters, interrogators, translators and combat infantrymen—or all four in many instances. There were Nisei on Corregidor (captured and tortured by the Japanese), and in every major unit in every engagement from Guadalcanal to Attu and the march into Tokyo, and the ensuing occupation.

In the contingent with General Douglas MacArthur in August 1945 when the Japanese forces surrendered in the Philippines were two Nisei: Lt. Thomas T. Imada (Hawaii) and Lt. George K. Kayano (San Francisco).

Military Intelligence Service (MIS) men were "loaned" to Allied forces, including the Australians, British and Canadians. Among the branches of our own armed forces which refused to accept Nisei—the Navy and the Marines—both sought and received MIS men.

SOME FOURTEEN NISEI volunteered for Merrill's Marauders in the CBI (China-Burma-India) operations. Of this group, six received field commissions for meritorious service; one was decorated with the Legion of Merit; three with Bronze Stars; and all earned the Combat Infantryman Badge.

There was one incident where a Nisei was confronted by Chinese troops who refused to believe his claim that he was an American and not a part of the Japanese forces. Among other things, by using sign language, he was—fortunately—finally able to convince them he was American.

WITHOUT ANY PARACHUTE training, some volunteered to drop behind enemy lines to link up with OSS operations. In yet another incident, an MIS Nisei entered a cave of Japanese holdouts, laid down his sidearm, and after threats of being killed on the spot, calmly joined the holdouts for *meshi* and ultimately was able to persuade them to surrender.

Space does not permit relating the many courageous acts of these Nisei men, all in the tradition of their brethren fighting on the other side of the globe with the motto "Go For Broke." General Willoughby, Chief of Intelli-

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gence, summed up the contributions of these Nisei, declaring: "The Nisei saved countless Allied lives and shortened the war by two years."

When you stop to think about it, that's really something: a few thousand Nisei shortening a whole war, not by a few months, but by two years! Absolutely amazing.

AND SO, IT was our signal privilege to be able to participate in the opening ceremonies of an exhibit to these "Yankee Samurai," held in a most appropriate setting: the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in MacArthur Square in downtown Nor-

folk, Virginia. Located in the stately Memorial Hall itself are the many memorabilia of the General's long and illustrious career. Among them, the famous crushed hat, the corn-cob pipe and, yes, the sunglasses. In the rotunda is his grave; beside it, another marker, this one blank. There are four buildings in the compound composing the square.

THIS MIS EXHIBIT will run until November 1, 1986. If you are near Norfolk, you will wish to visit MacArthur Square and see the exhibit. Among Nisei attending the opening were: Nasu Hashiguchi, Grant Hirabayashi, M/M Yukio Kawamoto, Key K. Ko-

bayashi (who handed out handsome "Savage Gopher" pins), Art Morimitsu (from Chicago), Ben Obata, the Sato's—Dennis, Florence and Mary, and Dr. Ed Sawada (Baltimore, but originally from Guam, which is yet another interesting story).

AND, OH YES: Mrs. Douglas (Jean) MacArthur graced the occasion with her presence. Vibrant, energetic, and a true lady in every fine sense of that term. In a later column, we hope to write about this charming person.

The weather was absolutely beautiful, as was the occasion—blessed as it was with the General's lady's presence.

Readers' Input Needed

Over a month ago, the members of the Pacific Citizen Board, which is comprised of one representative from each of the eight district councils, met in Los Angeles to decide on a new permanent editor for the PC. There was intensive interviewing and a lot of serious discussion by the board and the interview panel.

The board, for some certain reasons, decided that they could not come to a firm decision and decided to re-advertise the position. Discussion which took place in executive session is privileged and cannot be discussed openly. Therein lies a perception problem, if one chooses to make it so.

From a personnel position, it is vitally important to assure our present staffpersons that their rights are fully protected and fully implemented according to the adopted Personnel Manual of the National JACL and Pacific

BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

ic Citizen.

My perception of the membership's reaction, if any, to what happened at the April 1986 PC Board meeting is mixed. As is the case too often, most members do not fully understand what happened, but are reluctant to ask those in positions of responsibility the questions which they have and are discussing among themselves.

Membership input to the eight PC Board members is minimal for the most part, and I believe that decisions are being made from a minority, rather than a majority, point of view. I do not place any blame on the leader-

ship and the board members for their position, but I feel that not enough input has been forthcoming from the general membership.

The bottom line, as it is phrased these days, is that our present acting editor's performance is in question; also, the board's views on the future of PC and its direction are also in question. I urge all those who have an opinion about the present quality of the PC to call their respective PC Board representative and also write to the general manager, Harry Honda, about your views concerning the present editor and his assisting staffpersons and their performance during the past year.

Please join us in giving your input to the PC Board and leadership as to your attitudes and opinions about the present staff. Don't put it off, as time is of the essence.

Letters

Bad Brew

I was appalled at the May 2 front page article entitled "JACL, OCA get grant from Coors"—not only that it was printed on the front page, but that a civil rights organization like JACL would even *think* of accepting money from a racist, anti-union company like Coors. To give you a few examples:

- (1) All Coors beer is the object of a nationwide boycott by many minority organizations, women's groups, labor unions, environmentalists, religious groups, colleges and concerned individuals who feel it their responsibility to take a stand against Adolph Coors Co. in the name of justice and equality.
- (2) Brewery Workers #366 were forced to strike the Adolph

Coors Brewery over human dignity issues such as forced lie detector tests and search and seizure of employees' personal property by Coors' private police force. After 18 months on strike, a decertification election was held by scabs, the striking workers were barred from voting, and the union was decertified.

(3) During the United Farm Workers strike, in which workers were struggling for the survival of their union, William K. Coors boasted that he would buy scab grapes and give them away to his friends.

(4) The Adolph Coors Co. has broken 19 unions of Coors workers in the past 20 years.

(5) William K. Coors actively fought against passage of the Civil Rights Act. He told his workers to put pressure on their congresspeople to defeat the legislation.

(6) Coors donated a helicopter to the Denver Police Dept. Local Latinos felt it was used to monitor and harass them in their communities.

(7) Joseph Coors and other right-wing extremists established the Heritage Foundation, a right-wing think tank, to assist in the weakening and busting of unions and to assist in the elimination and dismantling of civil rights laws, including affirmative action, minimum wage laws, and social spending on the poor. (The Reagan Administration has admitted to "relying heavily" on the recommendations of the Heritage Foundation.)

(8) Joseph Coors vigorously op-

Long-Range Planning

Twin Cities JACL's Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Edward K. Hara, contacted several non-JACL members within its community during a recent survey in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The chapter offered the non-members a complimentary Pacific Citizen for their participation. All those surveyed accepted, and this past month a list of 50 individuals and families was "cranked" into the PC computer file. They will begin to receive a four-week trial subscription effective with the June 6 issue.

At the same time, the committee said it had notified the potential members of its multi-cultural festival and other upcoming projects designed to promote community awareness and spirit.

"Perhaps other chapters may contribute their ideas as well [to get the community involved]," writes Hara, who is well aware of the value of the JACL organization with its networking.

He would also welcome a response to the old observation: "We see many able and well-meaning individuals trying and finding a poor response to their efforts giving up and going elsewhere or no longer taking an active role."

The Pacific Citizen welcomes this opportunity to assist the Twin Cities and any or all other chapters which would like to provide a trial subscription of four weeks as part of their long-range planning.

—Harry Honda, General Manager

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An Eloquent Spokesman

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



Since I have seen none of the statements presented to the April 28 hearings by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on H.R. 442, the redress bill, other than the two of which I write, no comparison is intended. But I have read these two, one a 72-page document by Go For Broke, Inc., the national Nisei veterans organization headquartered in San Francisco, and the second of half that length by the Washington Nisei Veterans Committee.

Both are little short of superb—lucid, persuasive, moving, thoroughly documented. If members of the House read the statements—and that is always a question—then they cannot help but be impressed by the justice of H.R. 442.

The statements are the work of Mike Masaoka and they reflect his professionalism, his skill with words and argument, his knowledge of Japanese American history, his ability to persuade.

He was born with his persuasive skills but he honed them in

the lonely years when he was JACL's underpaid and overworked Washington representative faced with the enormous task of moving Congress out of the dark ages. More than anyone else, he as a lobbyist was responsible for persuading legislators to rewrite our laws so as to eliminate race as a qualification for citizenship and for immigration. That in the long view of history may have been JACL's most valuable service to its members and the nation.

At one time Masaoka was Mr. JACL, a suitable accolade if the form is trite. But time passes. He slipped out of the JACL scene to pursue other concerns long neglected. There are, I would guess, many younger members of the organization who, if aware of his name, are unfamiliar with the achievements wrought by his ability as a strategist and his knowledge of Washington.

The campaign for redress, officially JACL's primary concern, largely has been without Masaoka's counsel and not because he was unwilling to offer it. True, he has been in ill health. But when Go For Broke proposed to make a statement about redress, it came to him for help. He responded, asking no payment. He was, after all, one of them.

One senses that Masaoka is more comfortable with his com-

rades of military service, who share his age and experience, than with the new generation of the JACL leadership. He, as much as anyone, was responsible for the organization of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and ultimately the re-opening of military service to Nisei. Their sacrifice in war was a key element in convincing the nation that Japanese Americans were entitled to their share of America. His heart is visible in the statements he fashioned for them, and for himself.

What is at stake in this legislation? he asked. Then he provided the answer: "For the few survivors, monetary redress for individuals and collective redress in memory of those who were unable to survive the hardships and humiliation of evacuation and of the passing years. But, most importantly, at stake for all Americans and for America itself is that this travesty of injustice and intolerance may never again threaten our land and our peoples. To assure that promise, legislation like H.R. 442 is needed and necessary, for only by appropriately and symbolically redressing such national grievances as ours can and will our nation be able to withstand the intimidation and challenges of ongoing and continuous intolerance, greed wrapped in the colors of patriotism, and racial prejudice camouflaged in the catchwords of Americanism."

This is vintage Masaoka.

A Matter of Injustice

I am delighted to see an increasing number of articles by Japanese Americans on Navajo "relocation" (see May 16 PC).

No two events in history are identical, but a government which mandates forced expulsion of thousands of people from their homeland creates tragedies which are similar whatever the background.

First of all we must realize that the so-called Hopi-Navajo "range war" was the creation of U.S. government agencies and white lawyers from Salt Lake City.

The wars between the U.S. and the Navajos began in the 1850s and culminated in the forced march of 8,500 Navajos to Ft. Sumner, N.M., where 2,000 Navajos died. The treaty of 1868 between the Navajo Nation and the U.S. established a reservation too small to meet the needs of the Navajos. From time to time the U.S. government acknowledged this and tried to correct the deficiency but was not always successful. For example, in 1907, President Roosevelt added three million acres to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, but in 1911 President Taft revoked Roosevelt's order and made the land a public domain.

The Navajo Tribal Council was formed in 1921. The initiative came not from the Indians themselves, but from the prospectors intent on securing leases. The Hopi Tribal Council was formed in 1934 and was elected by 14 percent of the popular vote. The Hopi method of opposition was abstention and almost the whole village refrained from voting.

lief in the Constitution and Ray's "constitutional rights."

I was one of many that volunteered early (November '42) from Minidoka for U.S. Army Military Intelligence. I can assure Mr. Ray Okamura that none of us felt we were "betraying" the Constitution of the United States.

HANK GOSHO
Belmont, Calif.

Open Letter to Okamura

What a stimulating column you have written for the Pacific Citizen!

"The Wrong Slant" (May 9 PC) went straight to the heart of many of us who have been deeply disturbed by the recent transformation of emphasis from the important issue of redress and the failure of our Constitution to protect the rights of the tiny Japanese American minority to the stratagem of the "National Japanese American Historical Society" to involve the Japanese American veterans in the planning of the Smithsonian exhibit.

As you so eloquently stated, the mass evacuation and internment was a violation of our constitutional rights, and this subversion of the Constitution is still with us 44 years after the fact because Americans are still not fully aware of this dark period of American history.

What better way of righting this wrong than a sensitive and comprehensive display by the Smithsonian to do justice to the

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What must be recognized is that the resettlement provisions of the 1974 law (P.L. 93-531) have not been complied with by the U.S. government. The government ordered the Navajos removed from 911,000 acres of land, and then promised to provide 400,000 acres—which it has not.

The Navajo-Hopi Relocation Commission has been under increasing criticism since 1984. The so-called success of the "voluntary relocation" is a myth. In Flagstaff, which has received the largest number of "relocatees," nearly half no longer own their homes. Most of the houses have wound up in the hands of a few realtors. Allegations of fraud have been increasing. Unknown numbers have returned to the reservation and are ineligible for aid.

The allocation of \$106 million to date for the Navajo "relocation" process does not begin to tell the story of human suffering, any more than the \$248 million spent by the U.S. Army between 1942-1946 in the eviction and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. To the traditional Navajo family, "relocation" is not simply a matter of changing residence. It is the end of a way of life. Human suffering cannot be measured in statistics.

survivors of that tragic injustice, to awaken public consciousness, and to proclaim—on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution—that America truly believes in democracy and is willing to rectify past mistakes.

If we emphasize the exploits of Japanese American troops, we seem to be minimizing American constitutional ideals in order to glorify the worthy actions of a courageous but, from a historical perspective, small group of American citizen soldiers.

We must be more vocal about this issue. The achievements of the Japanese American veterans—as glorious and laudable as they were—are not directly related to the celebration of the 200th anniversary of our Constitution.

VIOLET K. DE CRISTOFORO
Salinas, Calif.

Recognition Overdue

We are in debt to Paul Ohtaki (Letters, May 9 PC), who pointed out the courageous sacrifices made by Walt and Milly Woodward, publishers of the Bainbridge Review, in advocating the preservation of the rights of persons of Japanese origin during WW2.

We should all recognize the contributions made by these two persons who defended the Bill of Rights when it was not popular to do so. In this direction, I will be introducing a resolution at the

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posed the Equal Rights Amendment.

(9) When Joseph Coors was a regent of the University of Colorado, he fought against the right to distribute family planning information on campus, opposed the right of opponents of the Vietnam War to speak out on campus, and helped to found and fund a right-wing student newspaper when the established student newspaper criticized his views.

(10) Joseph Coors urged President Reagan to appoint Anne Burford as director of the EPA. She was later forced to resign in disgrace over charges that she abused her power with the Toxic Waste Superfund. (According to the Catholic Register, Coors is one of the largest dumpers of hazardous waste in Colorado.)

(11) Joseph Coors also urged Reagan to appoint James Watt as Secretary of the Interior. Watt was also forced to resign in disgrace.

(12) In February 1984, William Coors angered and insulted African Americans across the nation when he was quoted in the Rocky Mountain News as saying, "They lack the intellectual capacity to succeed and it's taking them down the tubes." According to the same article, he went on to say that "one of the best things they [slave traders] did for you is to drag your ancestors over here in chains."

(13) Sen. Ted Kennedy and Rep. David Obey have called for

a federal investigation of the abuse of the Coors relationship with the Reagan Administration in obtaining favorable treatment by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. OSHA regional director Curtis Foster of Denver has charged that he was fired when he attempted to investigate complaints by Coors workers of safety hazards after three Coors workers were killed in an 18-month period.

I think the Adolph Coors Co.'s record speaks for itself. What I would like to know is where JACL stands. I feel that in all good conscience, the Houston JACL's share of the Coors grant should not be accepted.

The mere fact that the chapter took the grant and the Pacific Citizen promoted it with a large picture of their smiling faces says to the American public that JACL supports Adolph Coors Co., supports its anti-union, anti-worker, anti-environment and racist stands. This is in direct contradiction to what the JACL should stand for!

If JACL can remove tours to South Africa from travel advertisements, then it must not condone the Coors Co.'s apartheid practices here in the U.S.!

JEAN HIBINO
San Francisco

Vet-Bashing

With all due respect to the patriotism of those who resisted the government as mentioned by Raymond Okamura ("The Wrong Slant," May 9 PC), I resent his need to trash the sacrifices of those who volunteered from the camps with his harsh choice of

words.

I think it is more than acquiescence "without a whimper" to offer your life as a shield to protect your people from the destructive forces that operated in those times. It remains to be seen if those who were legally correct in their actions did more for their group than those who "betrayed the Constitution" by volunteering.

P.S.—I like your coverage of Frank Emi and his effort to resist (Feb. 28 PC) and also John Nakahata's thoughts on where to place our efforts in discussing U.S.-Japan relations (May 9 PC). Keep up the good work!

ARTHUR GORAI
Seattle

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On Fridays, CBS has a "Warner Wolf Sports Spot" which features from time to time a "Boo of the Week."

A definite "Boo of the Week" goes to Ray Okamura's "The Wrong Slant" (May 9 PC). His views were interesting but misguided.

I respect his right to his views, but when he comes down with the line that Nisei vets who served their country from the internment camps are "least deserving to participate in an event celebrating the Constitution" and then adds the insult that mainland Nisei who volunteered for military service from within the concentration camps "basically betrayed the Constitution"—Hey Ray! Give us a break!!

Not a few Nisei GI volunteers died in Europe and the Pacific fighting "basically" for their be-

Chapter Pulse

New York

NEW YORK—New York JACL holds its scholarship dinner/dance June 14 at the Warwick Hotel, Oxford Room, 54th St. on Avenue of the Americas. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner and dance (\$35 for both, \$5 for dance only) are at 7. Speakers include participants in the National JACL Speech & Forensic Competition. RSVP by June 9 by sending check payable to JACL to: Sandra Funatake, 25 West 75th St., New York, NY 10023.

Portland

PORTLAND—A forum on redress will be held by Portland JACL on June 14, 1 p.m., at the Portland Art Museum auditorium, 1219 SW Park. In addition to updates on redress, the play "Breaking Silence," a dramatization of true stories spanning three generations of Japanese Americans, will be performed by Northwest Asian American Theatre. Info: Chisao Hata, 284-1908.

Fremont

FREMONT, Calif.—The chapter's annual scholarship awards were presented on May 4 at Fremont Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant. The recipients were:

Matsutaro Kitani: Ken Matsubayashi, James Logan H.S.; **Joseph Kato:** Dennis Makishima, Washington H.S.; **Tom Kitayama, Jr.:** James Dipersio, American H.S.; **Fremont JACL:** Branden Yee, Kennedy H.S.; **California**

First Bank: Darin Rice, Mission S.J. H.S.; **Sumitomo Bank:** Janice Kishi, Newmark Memorial H.S.

Guest speaker was Diane Fukami, executive producer for KPIX-TV Eyewitness News. Gail Tomita was mistress of ceremonies. Approximately 70 people attended the dinner.

Tulare County

VISALIA, Calif.—Tulare County Chapter presents scholarship awards to two high school seniors this year. The **Matsuye Okada Memorial Scholarship** goes to Neil Uota of Golden West H.S.; the **Scholastic Achievement Award** goes to Jill Inamine of Redwood H.S.

Ventura County

SANTA PAULA, Calif.—Ventura County JACL holds its third annual potluck picnic June 8, noon-5 p.m., at Briggs School. Info: Yas Umeda, (805) 984-3333, or Nate Harimoto, 492-6638.

Arizona

GLENDALE, Ariz.—The JACL **Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards** (\$500 each) were presented on May 3 to six high school seniors: Susan Hirohata, Cortez H.S.; Brian Kohatsu, Apollo H.S.; Scott Okabayashi, Cortez H.S.; Susan Takiguchi, Phoenix Christian H.S.; Christine Vottero, Chandler H.S.; and Eri Yoshimura, Moon Valley H.S. Co-chairs of the awards dinner were Nancy Tanita and Joanne Itow.

West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.—West Valley JACL holds its annual picnic honoring scholarship recipients and graduating seniors June 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Lakeview Group Area of Vasona Lake Park in Los Gatos. The afternoon will include lunch, presentation of awards and graduation gifts, and group activities. Info: John Kaku, 253-8187. Scholarship recipients are:

—Anne Ichiuji of Leigh H.S., who received a \$750 award. She plans to major in biological sciences and medicine at Stanford University. She has served as Calif. Scholarship Federation president, student body officer and yearbook editor.

—Sandra Yoshizuka of Cupertino H.S., who will receive a \$500 award. She will major in communications at UCLA. She has been student body president, vice president and secretary as well as an outstanding basketball, volleyball and badminton player.

—Shozo Shimazaki of Bellarmine Preparatory School, who also receives \$500. He plans to attend UC Berkeley. His community activities include Junior Achievement and Friends Outside.

White River Valley historical photo collection completed by area Nikkei

AUBURN, Wash.—White River Valley JACL began an ambitious project in 1980 to replace lampposts at Auburn High School which had been vandalized during WW2. The original six lampposts were donated by the Japanese Assn. of Auburn and dedicated Nov. 25, 1929.

When Tom Hikida, a chapter member and Auburn School District employee, decided that the two remaining lampposts should be replaced, he mounted a drive to solicit contributions from pre-war Auburn High School graduates. The response, which came from graduates near and far, was overwhelming. The dream was realized with the dedication of the lampposts on Nov. 25, 1980. School administrators and city officials attended.

In addition, funds were used to create a miniature Japanese garden designed by Scott Arima, son of chapter member Frank Arima, two granite plaques and a time capsule commemorating the dedication ceremony.

Remaining contributions were

used to donate an album depicting the history of the Issei who lived and worked in the valley and a display case, crafted by member Stan Tsujikawa, to the White River Valley Historical Society.

Two years were spent by Koji Norikane in the monumental task of contacting residents for old photos, identifying people and places in the photos, making duplicates so that the precious originals would not be lost.

Finally, chapter president Harv Watanabe presented the album, the display case and a plaque which bore the inscription: "Presented to the White River Valley Historical Society on March 16, 1986, in memory of the pioneer Japanese, by their descendants and the White River Valley Civic League Chapter of the JACL."

Copies of the 80-page album will be on sale for approximately \$20. Over 200 requests have been received to date. If interested, contact Koji Norikane at 26 R Place N.E., Auburn, WA 98002.

Life Trust membership grows

by Mas Hironaka, Chair
National 1000 Club Life

National Life Membership has members who:

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Also among 1000 Club members are those Life Members who paid in a lump sum of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000.

In addition, there are Corporate 1000 Club member firms and organizations who pay an annual membership fee of \$1,000.

In all of the above cases, all of the funds were used up by the National JACL to meet the financial needs of the organization in

the period prior to 1982.

There are now individual 1000 Club Trust Fund members because of a 1982 National Board action which created the National JACL 1000 Club Life Membership Restricted Fund. All members joining this group have had their dues placed in a trust fund that will earn income for the National JACL.

In addition, a Sept. 19, 1985 resolution adopted by the National Board recognized the Trust Fund member to be a member of the various chartered chapters of JACL. Also, a 20% rebate, not to exceed that of a regular 1000 Clubber, will be sent to the chapter annually to service the Trust Fund member.

The Trust Fund recently passed the \$100,000 mark when over 200 members became Active Life Trust Members. This was due to the current drive to recruit new Life Trust Members

at a reduced rate of \$500, as passed at the 28th National Convention in Honolulu in 1984.

The reduced rate was for the biennium of President Frank Sato and will expire by the end of the 29th National Convention in Chicago (July 20-25).

Members of JACL are urged to consider upgrading their memberships by joining the Life Trust Membership. As this fund grows it will continue to help finance JACL in future years. The principal will never diminish, as only the earnings will be used annually.

Your \$500 membership check should be made out to the JACL Life Trust Fund and sent to your chapter membership chairperson.

In order to have the National 1000 Club Life Trust Fund in the constitution and bylaws, the San Diego Chapter will introduce an appropriate addition to the bylaws to cover the fund. Your favorable vote on the matter is requested.

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National Convention in Chicago to commend these two for the courage of their convictions. I hope other chapters will support this resolution.

GEORGE OGAWA
President, South Bay JACL
Torrance, Calif.

The Woodwards were given a special distinguished service award and a standing ovation at the Seattle JACL's 60th anniversary installation banquet on Jan. 17, 1982. However, as Ohtaki noted in his letter, they have not received recognition at the national level.

—Asst. Ed.

Do Your Part

The test of a great nation is how it conducts itself during times of stress and how it corrects those human errors that occur. We as a nation have a long history of rectifying the wrongs of times past and from this all people renew their faith that right shall persevere.

As Americans, we are spending \$1,600,000,000 to support the price of milk by the destruction of cows. Can we not spend a similar amount to support "liberty and justice" by the passage of H.R. 442?

We now have the opportunity to have the pledge of "justice for all" returned to us by our government. Write to Rep. Dan Glickman, chair of the House Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative

Law and Governmental Relations (B351-A Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515) to express your personal thanks, your hope for his continued support, and your desire that H.R. 442 be voted out of his committee for consideration by the House.

Our goal should be 10,000 letters (or at least a minimum of 1,000) written as personal statements refuting the misinformation given by these "experts":

S.I. Hayakawa: Internment "was the best thing to happen to Japanese Americans on the West Coast" (Rafu Shimpo, Apr. 28);

David Lowman: There were "large ongoing espionage operations... on the West Coast" (Rafu Shimpo, Apr. 29);

Karl Bendetsen: "Excludedes and evacuees were not interned. Persons of Japanese ancestry were free to go anywhere else" outside the West Coast (Rafu Shimpo, Apr. 29; italics added);

Lillian Baker: "The United States was the only nation at war that did not automatically intern enemy aliens... It was the decision of the alien parents to remain for the duration at the relocation centers" (L.A. Herald Examiner, Dec. 15, 1985).

Utilize your network. Our effectiveness as Americans will be measured by the letters we send. Keep copies for your files.

Later you can say with pride, "I did help."

FRANK SUTO
Hacienda Heights, Calif.

CCDC awards '86 scholarships

FRESNO, Calif.—Dr. James Nagatani, Central California District Council JACL scholarship chair, has announced this year's scholarship recipients:

CCDC JACL (\$400): Ken Matsutoka, Kingsburg H.S., sponsored by Parlier Chapter; and Robin Hideko Nagai, Bullard H.S., Fresno Chapter.

Issei Memorial (\$400): Gary Hitoshi Nishimura, Sanger H.S., Sanger Chapter.

California First Bank (\$400): Yumi Sera, Fowler H.S., Fowler Chapter.

Kino Miyahara (\$500): Masato Kimura, Kingsburg H.S., Parlier Chapter.

Citizenship & Achievement Awards: Lori Kozuki, Reedley H.S., Parlier Chapter; Shelly Nakaguchi, Bullard H.S., Fresno Chapter; and Stephanie Urabe, Hoover H.S., Fresno Chapter.



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Sonoma JA history recounted

SEBASTOPOL, Calif.—In a panel discussion held Apr. 27 before an audience of close to 200 at Community Church, members of Sonoma County JACL recounted the history of the Japanese in the U.S. from the time of immigration to the present.

"Because we were stressing the touchy subject of redress before a largely non-Japanese audience, we were a bit apprehensive," said Lucy Kishaba, chair of the event. "But we were determined not to hedge on this."

"At the same time, we decided to try to avoid hostility and charging the audience with guilt. As it turned out, the discussion was received not only with a great deal of interest, but with some very positive results. My sense of the audience was one of 'how can we help?' rather than one of contention or resentment. Someone even suggested we take this show on the road!"

The subject of redress was carefully undergirded by the facts of history. Jim Murakami, recounting the prewar history of JAs, cited numerous examples of prejudice directed against them. "The evacuation of 120,000 Japanese from the West Coast, two-thirds of whom were citizens, was a logical culmination of that prejudice."

Prejudice also worked as an instrument to prepare Japanese Americans to be shunted off to camp without a whimper, suggested panelist Mei Nakano. "Being conditioned to perceive ourselves as non-citizens didn't give

us a sense that we had a whole lot of options," she said. "It only made us anxious to 'prove our loyalty.'"

Calling prejudice a terrible waste of human resources as well as a moral offense, she told the audience that the shame and humiliation she felt at being Japanese during that era crippled her for years—and maybe for life.

In a carefully thought-out presentation, Robert Fuchigami made a case for redress with which no one in the audience found argument. He cited the reasons for redress—to educate the public and to seek compensation for violation of constitutional rights, thereby reducing the chances of such an event being repeated.

To stress the validity of the claim, he noted the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and the statements of many legislators. He also provided a seven-page handout containing a summary of the case for redress, pro-redress editorials from major newspapers, and a bibliography.

Capping the discussion, Jackie Kishaba, a Sansei, moved the audience as she told of the sorrow she felt at being an heir to the painful events that had been recounted. "I can't help it," she said, tears streaming down her cheeks. "They are my parents and it happened to them."

She thus spontaneously provided a telling counterpoint to former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa's oft-made contention that the Sansei generated the redress movement as a way of "scolding their elders for not having fought back."

City clerk heads statewide group

LOS ANGELES—Jean Ushijima, Beverly Hills city clerk for 13 years and West L.A. JACL board member for eight years, was installed as president of City Clerks Assn. of California at an Apr. 17 banquet at the Amfac Hotel.

The association, which has over 500 members from almost every city in the state, holds workshops and meetings, publishes technical material, awards scholarships, and lobbies for legislation. The banquet was part of a three-day conference that featured Mayor Tom Bradley as keynote speaker.

Ushijima has served as treasurer, second vice president, first vice president and conference chair of the association. A certified municipal clerk since 1978, she is a member of W.L.A. JACL Auxiliary, the board of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), and the Academy for Advanced Education of the International Municipal Clerks Assn.

She is married to Tad Ushijima, a former Hughes Aircraft design engineer. Their daughter Carol is a supervisor in marketing services, system development, with the L.A. Dept. of Water and Power.

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The awards were made possible by Mas Yonemura, who is on the board of the association. He made the presentations to Kiyota and Wakabayashi, traced the history of anti-Asian sentiment in this country, and briefly informed the gathering of the history of the redress movement.

The awards were presented to JACL and NCRR for their "untiring efforts to secure recognition and redress of the injustices suffered upon Japanese Americans in the United States during World War II." The award is presented from time to time in recognition of outstanding contributions to furthering the cause of human rights.

The organization, which was celebrating its 40th anniversary, has over 2,000 members in 29 chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

'Mothers of the Year' honored

LOS ANGELES—Four women were recognized at the 24th annual Mothers of the Year luncheon before some 250 friends and relatives on May 4 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Sponsors of the event were Downtown L.A. JACL and Nanka Nikkei Fujinkai.

Rose Ochi, representing Mayor Tom Bradley, presented Suye Iwataki, Kinu Murakami, Katsue Watanabe and Shizuye Yamashita with certificates of appreciation for their achievements and contributions to the community. Yamashita, a longtime *gakuen* teacher, responded on behalf of

the honorees.

Co-chairs Kitty Sankey and Lillian Inatomi were assisted by Frank Hirata, David Ikegami, Yoneko Kato, Ellen Koga, Ethel Kohashi (Nanka Nikkei Fujinkai president), Dennis Kunisaki, Monica Morita, Marilyn Nakata, Mary Nishimoto (Downtown L.A. JACL president), Cindy Ogawa, Patrick Ogawa, Christine Otani, Grace Shiba and Jimmy Tokeshi.

Recording artist EdWing Sankey entertained. Rinban Gyoko Saito of Higashi Honganji recited the invocation and benediction.

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"I want you to know that I genuinely regret this entire incident, and I only wish there were some method to make it better."

He said he had written often on the injustice of the wartime internment of Japanese Americans and that he felt "that the treatment and discrimination of American citizens of Japanese descent during World War II was an everlasting blot on this democracy."

The point of his comments about the Challenger crew, Johnson said, "was that each of these groups experienced historic injustice and discrimination in this country. Now we all mourn them as the best that American produces."

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—Incorporate some aspect of the Japanese American experience; stories about the Japanese in Canada and Latin America are also accepted.

—Be in English, be no more than 5,000 words in length, and

show the plot and character development of a short story.

—Be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope and the entrant's full name, address and telephone number.

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Media group seeks executive director

SAN FRANCISCO—An executive director is being sought for National Asian American Telecommunications Assn. (NAATA), a non-profit membership organization committed to encouraging the production and distribution of television, radio, video and film programs by and about Asian Americans.

NAATA packaged and distributed the TV series "Silk Screen" on PBS and the "Bamboo Radio" series on National Public Radio; organizes the annual Bay Area Asian American Film Festival; publishes a national newsletter; and serves as a clearinghouse for information on Asian American media.

The director would be expected to: develop, implement and evaluate goals and long-range plans; administer all activities and supervise staff; coordinate all fundraising efforts; represent

NAATA to the community, other media groups, professional associations and the general public; and manage development and distribution of TV and radio programs, exhibitions and other activities.

Qualifications include college degree or equivalent; excellent writing and speaking ability; in-depth knowledge of Asian American and Asian issues; extensive managerial and fundraising experience; and knowledge of media production and distribution.

Salary range is \$25-27,000 plus fringe benefits. To apply, submit letter of interest and resume by June 27 to: NAATA, 346 9th St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. Job starts Oct. 1.

New films to be on view at festival

NEW YORK — The 9th annual Asian American International Film Festival, which showcases the works of Asian and Asian American filmmakers, runs June 27-July 1 at Rosemary Theatre in Chinatown.

Presented by Asian Cinevision, the festival offers New York premieres, including "Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor" by John Esaki and Amy Kato, "Conversations: Before the War/After the War" by Robert Nakamura and Karen Ishizuka, and "Taipei Story" by Edward Yang.

U.S. premieres include "Butterfly and Flower" by Yutthana Mukhdasanit of Thailand and "Mementos" by Teguh Kerya of Indonesia.

After the New York screenings, the festival will tour other U.S. cities.

AT&T is corporate sponsor of the festival; partial funding is provided by National Endowment for the Arts and New York State Council on the Arts. For information, call the Asian Cinevision exhibition director at (212) 925-8685.

A/P women's scholarship offered

LOS ANGELES—The Asian Pacific Women's Network is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to women of Asian or Pacific Island ancestry pursuing education or training.

Awards will be given in four areas: immigrants, including refugees seeking higher education or ESL instruction; life change, including those returning to school after raising children,

those in mid-career change and those pursuing leadership training; academic, both undergraduate and graduate; and trade/vocational, for those pursuing training to develop or enhance new skills.

Applicants must reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura County and must show evidence of acceptance into a college, university, vocational/trade school, or other skills training program.

Applications, written statements, transcripts and letters of recommendation must be post-marked no later than June 30. Info: Asian Pacific Women's Network Los Angeles Scholarship Committee, 2818 Grayson Ave., Venice, CA 90291; or call Mary, (213) 489-6146, or Meibao, 821-0326.

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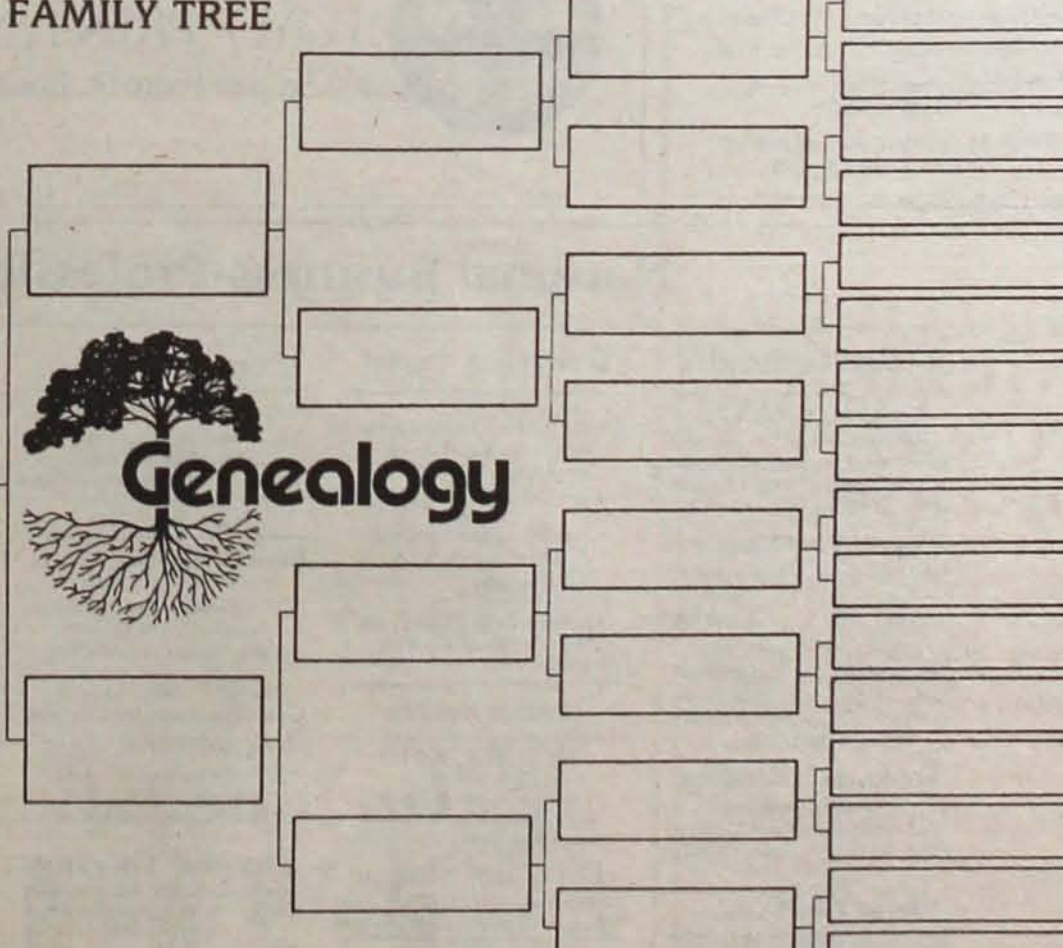
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solicitation conducted in April. The solicitation, which included an appeal from former Vice-president Walter Mondale for funds in support of redress, produced some "good news and some bad news," said Serota.

While the mailing to a sampling of donors to humanitarian causes such as ACLU, Amnesty International, and Dedicated Progressives produced minimal returns, the mailing to a sampling of 5,000 from a list of Japanese American households produced a return of better than four percent in the form of memberships and donations to redress.

Serota said a return of four percent was considered "better than fantastic" for direct mail solicitation. A motion was made that another rollout of 50,000 names from that same list be authorized. It was pointed out that a potential net revenue of \$53,000 could be realized from such a rollout. Based on the test rollout, Serota seemed confident that the second would produce similar results. The motion passed.

In a related matter, during the budget discussion, PNW Governor Denny Yasuhara moved that revenues derived from SRS direct mail solicitation over and above membership fulfillment costs be designated principally to redress. After a discussion and a ruling from legal counsel Frank Iwama that such a designation was legal within guidelines recommended by consultant Ward Pynn, the motion passed.

A motion to extend the moratorium on Liberal Democratic Party-sponsored trips to Japan until the redress issue is resolved carried unanimously with very little discussion.

Vice President for Planning & Development Miki Himeno reported that National Scholarship Committee Chair Jan Yoshiwara and her committee awarded 42 scholarships totalling \$54,000. Ninety-eight of the 143 freshman applicants and 25 of the 42 winners were from California. (PC will feature scholarship winners in a future issue.)

In other action, the board endorsed Golden Gate Chapter's resolution opposing the "Official English" state initiative and

unanimously passed a motion that the transfer of \$75,000 to LEC begun in March 1986 should be viewed as an advance of redress pledge funds payable through a line of credit from JACL.

Positive Assessment

Both the LEC Board and the JACL Board heard from those present at the House subcommittee hearings on H.R. 442 that the hearings went extremely well. President Frank Sato said the "testimony from our four Japanese American members of Con-

gress and from Jim Wright [D-Texas] and Joe Rauh were particularly effective in overcoming whatever opposition that was advanced by some of the standard opponents."

At the LEC Board meeting which preceded the National Board meeting, LEC director Grayce Uyehara reported that as a result of the hearings, civil rights groups such as the ACLU and American Bar Assn. have contacted her to offer their help. LEC Legislative Strategist

Grant Ujifusa agreed with Sato, reporting that people opposing the bill "looked hysterical" and that the general perception of the hearings was that they were "well-organized," a "resounding" success and that "great momentum" had been established.

Ujifusa also offered the opinion that the fact that the Justice Dept. decided to submit only written testimony and not testify orally was a very good sign. He added that there are signs that the White House is not totally

against the bill and is "definitely lobbyable." He credited this state of affairs to Toshi Yamamoto, a Republican fundraiser and close friend of President Reagan.

Guests at the National Board meeting were Betty Waki (Mtn. Plains), newly appointed chair of the Employment Practices Committee; Mary Nishimoto (PSW), and Judy Niizawa (NCWNP).

Fundraiser Yamamoto was a guest at the LEC meeting.

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EDUCATION

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ing... Only 11 are being addressed in our California schools."

Among the steps planned in this area are identification of existing bilingual programs that best serve Asian Pacifics and distribution of handbooks for teaching limited-English-proficient students from specific Asian language backgrounds.

In the area of curriculum, Honig stressed the importance of "materials that reflect the culture and background of the variety of groups that have come to this country" and of making sure "those ideas are incorporated... in literature and biographies and our history programs."

Outreach efforts will continue in order to ensure adequate Asian Pacific representation on the Curriculum Commission and other bodies that evaluate instructional materials.

"When you're illustrating the immigration experience, you can take examples coming through Ellis Island, you can take examples coming from Vietnam, you can take Chinese in Hawaii and California, you can take the Japanese... There are a lot of different ways of illustrating points if you know your stuff," said Honig, who credited the council with providing needed expertise in

—suggesting appropriate materials.

Teacher Recruitment

The council report states that while Asian Pacifics made up 7.1% of the student population in the 1984-85 school year, they made up only 3.4% of the teachers and smaller percentages of principals, superintendents and program administrators.

Honig, noting that Asian Pacifics are expected to be 8 to 9% of the statewide student body in the next five years, said, "We're going to need to go out actively and seek Asians to participate, to become teachers." Steps to be implemented include recruitment at the university level and television spots that feature Asians and other minorities.

In the area of support services, the Dept. of Education has issued a handbook for language minority parents which is available in Chinese and is being translated into other Asian languages; included Asian Pacifics as a target group in programs aimed at reducing the dropout rate; and will attempt to ascertain whether Asian students are being counseled into a narrow range of career choices.

Racial Violence

Citing the killing of a Vietnamese student at Davis High School in 1983 and racial tension at

other schools with large numbers of immigrant students, Honig said his department "is trying to get the various groups in this state... to work things out and to avoid the violent solutions that are starting to occur where there's demographic changes."

The department will seek an ethnic breakdown in the monitoring of violence under the School Safety Bill and include Asians in the updated version of "Prevention and Preparedness," a set of guidelines for dealing with campus violence.

Although he did not find all of the council's suggestions feasible, Honig said there is "closer agreement on what needs to be done" as a result of the 1984 hearings. "We have not found these proposals to be that controversial... It's a question of getting on with it and getting it done."

Other members of the 1985-86 advisory council are:

Pat Luce, Corazon Ponce, John Tsu, Sung Kim (San Francisco); Alice Bulos (S. San Francisco); Don Nakanishi, Grace Yoon (Los Angeles); Edilberto Cajucom, George Oki (Sacramento); Kenji Ima, Robert Salonga (San Diego); Jeanette Ishii (Fresno); Rosie Soohoo (Davis); Dien To (San Jose); Burton Yin (Hayward); Malti Prasad (Mountain View); Ray Tom (Stockton); Lita David (Chula Vista); Theresa Do (Lemon Grove); Khamchong Lauangpraseut (Santa Ana); June Pouesi (Carson); Henry Whang (Reseda); Gay Wong (Alhambra).

The council has also prepared regional reports for Fresno, Los Angeles/Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco/Santa Clara. In addition, there is a special report on the needs of Pacific Islanders.

For more information on the reports, contact Eva Fong, SDE Staff to Council, State Dept. of Education, Office of External Affairs, P.O. Box 944272, Sacramento, CA 94244; (916) 324-9063.

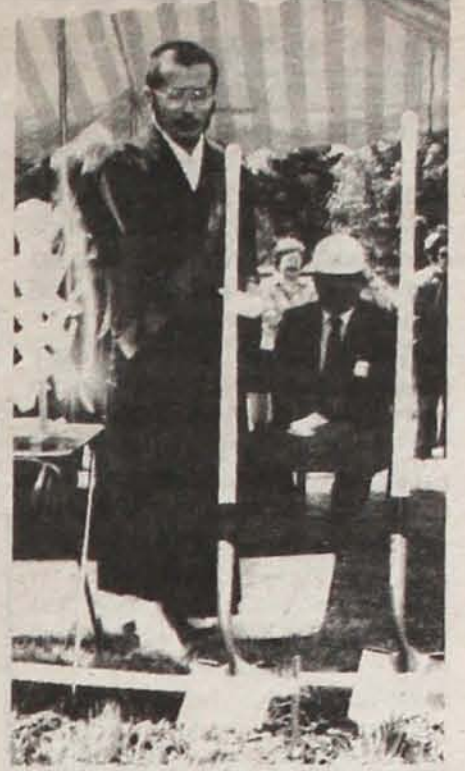
Ground broken for new Keiro Home

SEATTLE—Despite a morning drizzle, the skies cleared and the sun shone for the groundbreaking ceremonies for Nikkei Concerns' 153-bed Keiro Nursing Home on May 10.

The new facility, to be built at 16th and Yesler and expected to be completed in 1987, will replace the present facility, which will be leased to the Chinese Nursing Home as soon as the new one is built.

The groundbreaking was prefaced by remarks from Nikkei Concerns president Tosh Okamoto and vice president Tomio Moriguchi, Deputy Mayor Cynthia Maisel, and King County Executive Tim Hill.

Rev. Shokai Kanai of Nichiren Buddhist Church gave the invocation and Rev. Dick Nishioka of Japanese Presbyterian Church gave the benediction; Yuki Naka-



Rev. Shokai Kanai performs ceremony at Seattle Keiro Home site.

mura and Anne Arakaki-Lock emceed; and music was provided by Seattle Taiko.

JA running for N.Y. State Senate

NEW YORK—Bob Machida of Glen Cove was nominated May 15 to be the 5th District's Democratic candidate for State Senate.

A teacher at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Machida will be making his first bid for public office against Republican Ralph Marino, the 16-year incumbent.

Machida's primary goal will be to stop the Republican machinery in his district, which he says is "oriented to growth, industry and big business."

"We have to say there are human beings to be considered," he said.

He is chair of the Garden

Apartments Tenants Assn. and a proponent of a clean and safe environment.

Machida was the prime mover behind the passage of redress resolutions by the State Assembly and State Senate in June and December 1984, respectively. He has also spoken on the subject on TV news programs.

In his current campaign, being a Japanese American will neither help nor hurt, he said.

While admitting that he has not yet built a constituency, Machida vows that he will give the campaign "one heck of a shot."

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sion because "I quickly discovered that no one had any hard data on the subject. No separate statistics were kept on these types of crimes. There was no way to know how serious the situation might be."

The commission's conclusion that hate violence is indeed a serious problem "is a reality which contradicts the ideals and the promise of a nation built of immigrants," said Van de Kamp. "It is a stain we must remove from the fabric of life in this, the most diverse state in the most diverse nation in the world."

Findings

- "The development of comprehensive criminal justice policies for responding to and preventing hate crimes is imperative..."
 - "Police officers and district attorneys need training on how to respond to, and prevent, hate crimes..."
 - "Public awareness of hate violence, its causes and effects, legal remedies, and available resources, must be increased..."
 - "Comprehensive efforts for responding to and preventing violence against elderly and disabled persons are necessary..."
- The commission found that:
- "...In every region of the state, incidents have occurred in which racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities have been harassed, intimidated, assaulted, and even murdered."
 - "A central system for collecting and reporting hate crime data is essential..."
 - "Enactment of a comprehensive civil rights statute with criminal penalties and amendments is necessary to effectively deter hate crimes..."
 - "California needs to establish human relations centers in every county... to provide victim services and assistance for law enforcement agencies and schools."
 - "Victims of hate violence need immediate access to practical assistance and support services... [from] state and local governments and community organizations."

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Recommendations

- The commission's recommendations encompass legislative, law enforcement and community efforts:
- Data collection and reporting: information on the incidence of hate crimes should be collected and disseminated by the Calif. Dept. of Justice, county human relations centers, and school authorities.
 - Proposed legislation: improvements were recommended for the Ralph Civil Rights Act, which provides civil relief for victims of hate violence in cases where criminal remedies are inappropriate or unavailable; also recommended was enactment of a civil rights act that would, in Van de Kamp's words, "deter and punish crimes of hate violence," and a Hate Violence Protection and Prevention Act establishing county human relations centers.
 - Victim assistance: the human relations centers, as well as district attorneys' offices and the

Calif. Office of Criminal Justice Planning, should implement programs to provide services to victims of hate crimes.

• Criminal justice and law enforcement: the attorney general should work with district attorneys' offices to establish policies regarding hate crimes; the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training should appoint a committee to set up training for dealing with cultural differences and hate crimes.

• Education and awareness: the Dept. of Justice should update its handbook, "Unlawful Discrimination: Your Rights and Remedies," and distribute it to schools, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, etc.; multilingual public information brochures and periodic reports on the incidence of hate crimes are also needed.

Van de Kamp said many of the most important changes suggested for the Ralph Civil Rights Act are have been incorporated into S.B. 1961, sponsored by his office and carried by State Sen. Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles). He added that his office has already updated the handbook and is working with the commission to prepare uniform guidelines for reporting hate violence.

"I will thoroughly review each of the 38 recommendations and take every possible step to protect the citizens of this state from bigotry and violence," said Van de Kamp.

Monsignor William Barry, past president of Inter-Religious Council of So. Calif., chaired the commission. Marty Mercado, chief of the Attorney General's Office

'Onizuka Air Force Station' proposed

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) has introduced legislation to rename an Air Force facility in California after Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, who was killed in the Jan. 28 explosion of

of Community and Consumer Affairs, was staff coordinator.

For copies of the report, contact Marty Mercado at Office of Community & Consumer Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, 1515 K St., Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 324-7859.

the space shuttle Challenger. H.R. 4721 would rename the Sunnyvale Air Force Station as the Ellison S. Onizuka Air Force Station.

"I can think of no more appropriate memorial than naming such a vital facility after this brave man," Mineta said. "Though he will always be honored in our minds and hearts, a physical expression of our regard is a great tribute we should gladly and justly bestow."

The station is the site of the Satellite Test Facility, one of the Air Force's major space-related installations.



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