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## News in Brief

### Jewish Group urges financial compensation

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Committee, in a statement to the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the House Judiciary Committee dated June 5, urged the U.S. government to provide financial compensation to each of the 60,000 surviving Japanese Americans who were forced from their homes on the West Coast and held in camps during WW2.

AJC legal director Samuel Rabinove reminded the subcommittee, where H.R. 442 now sits, that the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians had recommended such payments as far back as June 1983. "The treatment of Japanese Americans during WW2 was truly a national disgrace," said Rabinove. "Redress of sufficient magnitude at least to create public awareness of the blatant violations of their constitutional rights is necessary to prevent similar outrages in the future."

### Vietnamese immigrant wins contest, loses prize

HONOLULU—Hue Cao, an 11-year-old Vietnamese immigrant attending Waipahu Elementary School, won first place for her essay on the Statue of Liberty and freedom May 20, but had to turn down a 1987 Nissan Sentra XE Sedan valued at \$8,500 because federal welfare rules prohibit a family with over \$1,500 in resources from receiving financial assistance. The automobile, along with a trip to New York for the July 4 Statue of Liberty Centennial festivities, was part of the award for the contest sponsored by the Aloha Liberty Foundation.

Contest organizers, after conferring with federal and state attorneys, decided to auction the Nissan, with proceeds going to a scholarship fund for Hue. In addition, Honolulu Nissan offered her a choice of three used cars, each valued at \$1,499.

Hue also received an American flag from Reps. Daniel Akaka and Cecil Heftel and Sen. Spark Matsunaga. "You made Hawaii very proud," said Matsunaga.

Hue's essay described her family's escape by boat from Vietnam in 1979 and her eventual resettlement in Hawaii. She wrote that her mother described the Statue of Liberty as the embodiment of freedom in America.

### Court bars school board's teacher layoff plan

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court on May 19 held unconstitutional a Michigan school board's plan to give preference to members of minority groups when laying off teachers. But the 5-4 decision engendered five separate opinions, four of which appeared to support broad affirmative-action plans so long as they are carefully tailored to remedy past discrimination.

The Court struck down an arrangement between the local school board and the teachers' union in Jackson, Mich., to lay off white teachers before Blacks with less seniority in order to preserve minority hiring gains. Justice Lewis Powell, writing the opinion for Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justice William Rehnquist, said, "In cases involving valid hiring goals, the burden to be borne by innocent individuals is diffused to a considerable extent among society generally." In contrast, layoffs, Powell said, "impose the entire burden of achieving racial equality on particular individuals."

He continued, "Though hiring goals may burden some innocent individuals, they simply do not impose the same kind of injury that layoffs impose."

The Court ruled there was not a strong enough justification for the lay-off plan since there was no clear proof that the school board had ever engaged in discrimination against Black teachers that might legitimately be remedied by affirmative action.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who voted with the majority but wrote her own opinion, said the Court "has forged a degree of unanimity" on the view that affirmative action plans "need not be limited to the remedying of specific instances of identified discrimination."

The decision in *Wygant v. Jackson Board of Education* reversed two lower court rulings that had upheld the layoff plan on the basis of the need to redress societal discrimination and to provide role models for Black students.

Justices Thurgood Marshall, Harry Blackmun and William Brennan dissented. Justice John Paul Stevens dissented separately, while Justice Byron White concurred but wrote his own opinion.



Photo by Sachi Yamamoto  
Rep. Robert Matsui

### Request for redress support gets results

WASHINGTON—Responding to an appeal by Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), two congressmen have become co-sponsors of redress bill H.R. 442: George Wortley (R-N.Y.) and Jaime Fuster (D-Puerto Rico). Also joining the ranks of co-sponsors was Rep. James Florio (D-N.J.).

A pro-redress article by syndicated columnist Edwin M. Yoder in the June 9 edition of U.S. News & World Report was distributed to all members of the House by Matsui on June 4. In a cover letter, Matsui urged his colleagues to read the column, which is critical of the WW2 internment of Japanese Americans.

"If you agree that something must be done to redress this

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### New England Nisei assist other Asians

by J.K. Yamamoto

Are the Nisei who were able to attend college during WW2 and who subsequently settled on the East Coast more humanitarian and altruistic than their West Coast cousins?

Gladys Ishida Stone, a sociology professor at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, thinks so. As evidence, she points to the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, established in 1979 by a group of New England Nisei. It is "the only private scholarship of any kind that assists Southeast Asian refugee students," she said.

The fund was the Nisei's way of paying tribute to their wartime benefactors, the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. Established in May 1942 under the auspices of the American Friends Service Com-

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### Mineta, Matsui unopposed in primary; incumbent Sato of Long Beach loses

For California's highest ranking Asian American politicians, the June 3 primary was smooth sailing; for an incumbent city councilwoman and a congressional hopeful, the elections resulted in defeat.

• Incumbent Secretary of State March Fong Eu, running unopposed for the Democratic nomination, received 1,979,857 votes with 99% of the precincts reporting. She will face challenger Bruce Nestande, who received 815,559 votes in the Republican primary, in November.

• In Sacramento, incumbent Rep. Robert Matsui of the 3rd District, who was unopposed for the Democratic nomination, received 72,717 votes. His Republican opponent in the fall will be

Lowell Landowski, who received 21,927 votes.

• In San Jose, incumbent Rep. Norman Mineta of the 13th District was unopposed for the Democratic nomination, receiving 42,104 votes. His opponent in November will be Republican Bob Nash, who received 29,340 votes.

• In the 31st District, which includes Gardena, Mas Odoi was defeated for the third time in his bid to become the Republican nominee, garnering 3,880 votes to Jack McMurray's 6,362 (with 99% of the precincts reporting). Both were seeking to unseat incumbent Rep. Mervyn Dymally, who received 39,505 votes in the Democratic contest.

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### Justice Dept.'s statement assailed

A Justice Dept. letter defending the actions of government officials who carried out the internment of Japanese Americans has provoked an angry response from attorneys for Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi, Supreme Court litigants who defied military orders during WW2.

The letter, presented as testimony during the Apr. 28 House hearing on redress bill H.R. 442 (see May 9 PC), was sent to Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), chair of the Judiciary Committee. The bill is now being studied by a Judiciary subcommittee.

Taking issue with the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which

concluded that the internment resulted from "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership," the Justice Dept. stated that it was "futile" to judge, 40 years later, national leaders who ordered the internment during "extreme wartime conditions" and that the subject "will continue to be a matter of historical and scholarly debate."

In a May 10 statement sent to subcommittee chair Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), the San Francisco-based Korematsu attorneys pointed out that in the recent reopening of Korematsu's landmark Supreme Court case, the Federal District Court found that the government "deliberately misled

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### Canadian redress plan submitted

WINNIPEG, Manitoba—The National Assn. of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) submitted its redress proposal to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on May 28.

The proposal, made public May 19, is based on a series of educational forums, community and house meetings, and other projects over the past two years.

The NAJC program is made up of three main parts: an official acknowledgement of injustice inflicted on Japanese Canadians 40 years ago; compensation to those affected by the government's actions; and measures to ensure the future protection of civil rights.

#### Acknowledgement

"For the past thirty-five years,"

the NAJC statement reads, "government leaders have pointed to the mistreatment of Japanese Canadians during and after World War II as a 'black mark' in Canadian history, but to this day, there has not been an official acknowledgement of the injustices."

"This acknowledgement is important as a declaration that Japanese Canadians who were uprooted, dispossessed, dispersed and expelled from Canada were innocent victims of policies and actions motivated by racism."

#### Compensation

The statement continues: "No monetary figure can make up for

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## Community Affairs

**SAN FRANCISCO—Miles to Go**, a total fitness program for Nikkei, announces that low-cost mobile mammography screening for breast cancer is available for \$40 from Univ. of Calif. Medical Center. Women must have written approval from their physicians. The procedure takes about 20 minutes. The van will be on Irving between 25th & 26th Ave., June 16-20; and at the Laurel Heights parking lot, 3333 California, June 23-27. Appointments: 990-0459 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

East Wind magazine presents "Portraits/Visions," an evening of music and theater, in celebration of its latest issue (entitled "The Cutting Edge: Asian American Creativity and Change") on June 14, 7 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. Program features saxophonist Fred Houn with the Jon Jang Quartet and vocalists Sam Takimoto and Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo; "Eth-Noh-Tech," performance art by Kikuchi-Yngojo and Nancy Wang; and a preview of "Jukebox: Music to Live By," a soundscape drama by Norman Jayo and Tarabu Betserai. Admission: \$5 students, \$6 general. Info: (415) 775-5534 or 775-0688.

The complexities of selecting health insurance supplementary to Medicare will be discussed at a Nisei & Retirement program featuring Robin Sed-

man, program coordinator of the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program of Legal Assistance for the Elderly, and Louise Tsumori-Lue, staff member of Kimochi, Inc., June 28, 1-4 p.m., at California First Bank Hospitality Room, Japan Center. Speakers will give updates on legislation affecting Medicare benefits and address concerns about decreased levels of medical coverage. Info: Jim Kajiwar, 731-2967.

**LOS ANGELES—MIS Club of So. Calif.** holds a steak bake and bingo June 29, 2 p.m. (with dinner at 3 and bingo at 4), at West L.A. Japanese Institute, 2110 Corinth Ave. A raffle will end the fundraiser at about 8. Tickets: \$12. Proceeds will support the Japanese American National Museum and the new documentary being produced by Loni Ding. Info: George, (213) 820-5250; Kenny, (213) 323-4746; Mits, (818) 886-0974; Sho, (213) 355-0552; or Jim, (213) 532-7247.

**SAN JOSE, Calif.—Rep. Norman Mineta** will speak on current developments in the redress movement June 14, 2-4 p.m., at Wesley Methodist Fellowship Hall, 566 N. 5th St. Questions from the public are encouraged; Japanese translation will be provided. Sponsor: Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC). Info: Richard Konda, (408) 287-9710 (day) or Gary Jio, (408) 295-8106 (eve.).

**CHICAGO—MinaSama-No Theatre** Co. presents "Yellow Fever," a comedy/mystery about a Japanese Canadian private eye, through June 29 at Organic Lab Theatre, 3321 N. Clark St. Cast includes Shuko Akune, co-founder of MinaSama-No, Ted Barker, Janet Iwamura, Robert Omachi, Bruce Pilkerton, Patrick Rita, Quincy Wong, and Fred Zimmerman. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wed.-Fri.; 6 and 9:30 p.m. Sat.; and 3 p.m. Sun. Info: Ellyn Iwaoka or Greg Nishimura, 784-6158.



Accepting check from Lucille Boswell of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Los Angeles (third from left) are LEAP board members Ernest Hiroshige, Elmer Simbol, Bill Tan, Peter Wiersma, and Irene Hirano.

## Coca-Cola donates to A/P group

**LOS ANGELES—A significant monetary contribution was made to Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) by Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Los Angeles.**

Attending a May 9 luncheon at Miriwa Restaurant to mark the occasion were Lucille Boswell, Coca-Cola manager of consumer relations and LEAP officers Bill Tan (chairman), Irene Hirano (president), Ernest Simbol (chief financial officer), and Peter Wiersma (secretary).

"Community education and participation, especially in the Asian community... is high on the list of activities at Coca-Cola,"

said Boswell.

Tan, accepting the contribution on behalf of LEAP, said, "We are expanding our scope to include all sectors of the Asian community and will put the money into this expansion as well as other aspects of LEAP. Contributions such as these point to the partnership that exists between LEAP and our local corporate sector."

LEAP is a non-profit organization committed to expanding and strengthening leadership opportunities for Asian Pacific Americans.

Info: J.D. Hokoyama, (213) 743-4999.

## Astronaut's widow says shuttle flights should be continued

**BOULDER, Colo.—Lorna Onizuka**, widow of Challenger astronaut Ellison Onizuka, said May 23 she hopes NASA will continue manned space flights.

"There's an incredible amount more that can be learned with manned tests," she told reporters before accepting a posthumous University of Colorado award for her husband at CU commencement ceremonies. It was her first public appearance since her husband's death.

CU had selected astronaut Onizuka, a 1969 CU graduate, before the January space shuttle explosion that took his life. At the ceremony he was hailed as a national hero and his widow received two standing ovations from the crowd of 12,000 CU graduates and their friends and families.

"Her husband brought us and this nation honor and pride," said CU regent Peter Dietze.

Onizuka did not make a speech, but in an earlier press conference she recalled fond memories of her life as a newlywed and new mother in Boulder. The Onizukas met and married while he attended CU and she attended University of Northern Colorado.

"I'm really proud and happy I could come back here and get it [the medal]," she said, adding that sympathy letters from around the nation have helped her through the tragedy.

"We [wives of shuttle crew members] have been overwhelmed by a lot of nice mail," she said. "It's helped all of us a great deal."

She declined to comment on NASA's investigation of the shuttle accident, saying that she hasn't read newspaper accounts critical of the agency's handling of technical problems.

"I was as guilty of putting all that risk... aside as everyone else," Onizuka said. "After living in Houston seven years and seeing the successes, we really didn't think about it."

—Rocky Mountain News

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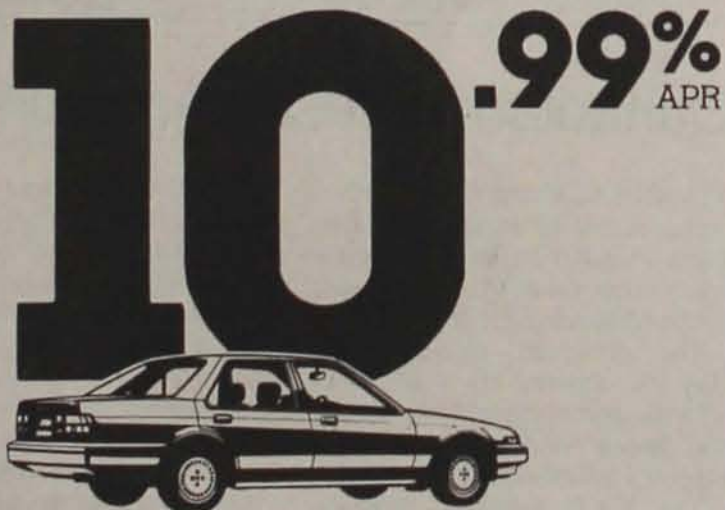
A formal appraisal of the property has been obtained and copies are available to interested parties. The minimum acceptable price is \$1,900,000. The deadline for contractual offers is 5:00 p.m., June 30, 1986. Settlement and cash payment is to be within 120 days after notification of acceptance of bid or as soon thereafter as any contractual contingencies are fulfilled.

The Smithsonian reserves the right to reject any or all offers or to waive information or minor irregularities in offers received. This is not a sale of U.S. Government property and therefore will not be governed by federal procurement or surplus property procedures.

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# The General's Lady

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IN MY TIME I've met a few prominent folks, including a prime minister, a prince, and a few other such. While I'm always mindful of their position and accomplishments, I've never been awed. My approach has always tried to be "Folks are folks."

This isn't to say that there've not been occasions when I was profoundly impressed, if not awed. There have—but not because of position, prominence or property. One that I shall always remember is a Black, uneducated farmer whom I met in the Mississippi Delta in the mid-'60s who was a civil rights leader: simple dignity and quiet courage. I was profoundly impressed.

THERE ARE TIMES in one's life when one meets a personality that is so beautiful and captivating that one comes away exhilarated. We recently had this rare experience on the occasion

of the dedication of the "Yankee Samura" exhibit at the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Douglas (Jean Marie Faircloth) MacArthur attended the ceremonies, and I was absolutely taken by her grace, charm, warmth and outgoing friendliness toward all. A true lady in the finest sense of that term.

I'd like to share with you some of the background of this unusual person.

BORN IN 1898, she and Gen. MacArthur were married in 1937. The General already had an enviable record, including having been Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army as well as Grand Marshal of the Philippine Commonwealth. They met aboard ship through the General's mother, while all were on a trip to the Far East.

And following her marriage, she never left her husband's side, literally through thick and thin. She, along with their son Arthur, remained with the General during the Japanese military attack on Corregidor and Bataan. And when the General was ordered to Australia, again she and their son took the perilous journey by PT boat and air through enemy-



controlled waters and skies.

THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY many readers out there who have had occasion to see the General and his lady during the occupation of Japan. While briefly stationed in Tokyo, on one occasion I did happen to see the General's car pull up to the Dai Ichi building, where he maintained his headquarters. One of the amazing things was that the General arrived and departed from his headquarters on a fixed schedule and strode in and out of the Dai Ichi building without any meaningful protective guard.

He thus was very vulnerable to any diehard or fanatic targeting, which, by his actions, he treated with contempt.

IN RESPONSE TO my request to the City of Norfolk, I was provided with a photocopy of a news clipping dated April 5, 1942, from the Greensboro Daily News. It is an item that provides quite comprehensive coverage on "the life story of attractive Southern girl, wife of a famous general, who sticks with him during battle of the Pacific." In the article, among other things, the following caught my eye:

"If Jean Marie Faircloth MacArthur has a predominant personal characteristic, it is her innate and sincere friendliness. Rich or poor, rough or polished, judge or grocery boy, old or young—all receive the same even, sure, considerate attention from her."

And so the person we met a few weeks ago was the same person described more than 44 years ago: a true lady.

In fact, I was so taken by her personality that I must confess that I had to embrace her and give her a kiss.

## Letters

### A Satisfying Supplement

The staff of Pacific Citizen should be congratulated for the Aging and Retirement Supplement in the May 23 issue. The article on Pioneer Center by Emi Yamaki was quite interesting and informative, as was Ford Kuramoto's article on caring for the older person at home. Sharon Hashimoto's piece, "The Last Inari and Makizushi Stand," was a sensitive depiction of the Nikkei growing older.

The supplement was a departure from the "usual" PC and I feel it was quite successful. I look forward to other such ventures. I think, as Bob Shimabukuro suggested, a piece on the feminization of aging would be very interesting, and some other concerns of the Nikkei, both young and old, would also be interesting. Speaking of which, I feel that

Shimabukuro should be commended for his work at the PC. Given the limitations of an organizational publication, working under a scattered board of directors, and the space limitations of so many regular columns and columnists, he has done a remarkable job.

The difficulty of putting together a publication with national and local news, plus all the JACL chapter news, and still keeping it interesting to non-JACL members, is enormous. Shimabukuro and J.K. Yamamoto deserve a pat on the back for managing to do this week after week and still having the energy to put out a supplement to the regular paper.

The future of the PC will lie in its diversity and ability to reach the JACL and non-JACL audience. The danger is in allow-

ing the paper to stagnate while the audience moves on.

JOY YAMAUCHI  
Gardena, Calif.

### More Reaction to 'Slant'

Raymond Okamura is an excellent writer whose articles I have read with great admiration. However, I strongly take issue with his premise in "The Wrong Slant" (May 9 PC), in which he writes that "mainland Japanese Americans who volunteered for military service from within the concentration camps basically betrayed the Constitution."

His declaration is an outright insult and disservice to the Issei, Nisei, and Kibei men and women who volunteered from behind barbed wire for MIS, 442nd, OWI, OSS and WAACs, and those who "manned" the U.S. Merchant Marine vessels, as well as those who served in the ranks of our war allies, especially Great Britain.

Nikkei communists and progressives, including myself, had one major desire then—to help smash the barbaric fascist Ger-

many-Italy-Japan Axis which was the main enemy of all mankind with its racist, anti-communist and anti-Semitic practices. We union organizers, civil rights and anti-fascist activists were hoodwinked by the government's "military necessity" plea and therefore did not protest against "evacuation." Our immediate priority was to help eliminate the cancerous Axis, which was knocking at our very doors.

33,000 Nikkei men and women were part of the over 16 million GIs and millions of civilians who bravely helped defeat this menace; thus our Constitution and Bill of Rights are still alive, but vigilance to maintain them is still the order of the day.

Had the Axis been victorious, there would not be a bare thread of democracy remaining today. Under fascist rule, all those in opposition, regardless of color, race or creed, would be gone, either thrown into Hitler's ovens or slaughtered by the Japanese military rapists of Nanking.

Excluding the handful of fanatic pro-fascist Manzanar Black

Dragons and their ilk, we have Minoru Yasui, Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, Heart Mountain draft resisters, and others who courageously resisted the injustices of "evacuation."

WW2 Nikkei veterans, therefore, do have a direct relationship to the bicentennial celebration of our Constitution. Incidentally, a revised script for the Smithsonian exhibit will include a replica of an actual concentration camp barrack living quarters, watch tower and barbed wire.

KARL YONEDA  
San Francisco

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Recently there were some letters which referred to Nikkei veterans as not qualified to speak on constitutional issues or to advise the Smithsonian Institute on the planning of the exhibit on Japanese Americans ("The Wrong Slant" by Raymond Okamura, May 9 PC, and letter from Violet de Cristoforo, May 30 PC).

It may surprise these people to know that Go For Broke, Inc.—through its numerous exhibits nationwide depicting Japanese American history, with graphic photos of the injustice of internment and the patriotism of Nikkei who served in our armed forces—was asked by the Smithsonian to organize the 1987 showing in conjunction with JACL. Those who seem to denigrate the Nikkei veterans overlook the anti-redress letters that crop up from time to time in our nation's newspapers. Most of these letters complain about compensating Japanese who were safe in camps while American servicemen overseas were in mortal danger.

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We're getting there! The PC Typesetter Fund has surpassed 85% of its \$40,000 goal, thanks to 821 contributions totaling \$34,397.

When this campaign was launched in the summer of '84, we had faith that our thousands of PC readers and friends would help meet this goal inside one biennium, i.e., by the 1986 National JACL Convention in Chicago. Our belief was rooted in having seen so many toil in the JACL vineyard. Their dedication and efforts have been reflected in the accomplishments being appreciated within the Japanese American community. And the PC has been recording this saga.

We are about to shout about another one of their triumphs: "PC Typesetter Fund tops \$40,000." Our faith remains. Let this be the big huddle and prayer to accomplish the mission. —Harry Honda, Gen. Mgr.

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# How to Break a Stereotype

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN:

Bill  
Hosokawa



One of the more urgent needs of Japanese diplomacy and business is overcoming the perception of excessive earnestness, formality and seriousness. It is a perception promoted by a rigid dress code and it tends to make their Ameri-

can counterparts not a little nervous.

Of course, in Japanese culture life tends to be earnest, formal and serious and it is difficult for them to be otherwise except at their parties when drinking is pursued purposefully, earnestly and seriously. What Americans don't seem to realize is that when Japanese relax, which usually happens only after hoisting a few, they can be fun and utterly charming.

I was reminded of this recently by a Wall Street Journal story by Mike Tharp, who knows a thing or two about Japan and the Japanese. Tharp told the story of Sei-

ichiro Otsuka, a member of the Japanese diplomatic service who learned English as a student in Minnesota and Spanish in Mexico City. At the New York Japanese Consulate General's Christmas party in 1983, Tharp writes, Otsuka was told by his boss to have a good time.

Otsuka's response was to enlist two colleagues in donning Mexican costumes and false mustaches. Strumming guitars, they went around singing Mexican songs. They called themselves the Trio Los Diplomáticos.

Since then, the three have added two other consular officials and a friend and the combo is known as Trio Los Diplomáticos Plus 3. Tharp says it's the hottest and probably the only Japanese mariachi band on two continents.

Tharp says after the Christmas party the original trio, slightly tipsy, "Ai-yai-yai-ed" their way through "Una Cancion" on Fifth Avenue. The group now has performed at some 40 functions, including gigs in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and even at the Japan America Society annual banquet in Georgia, when they sang "Georgia on My Mind."

"Besides having fun, the bank members try to improve the image of their native country," Tharp writes. Their activity apparently hasn't damaged Otsuka's career. He is listed as a deputy consul general. Tharp quotes Thomas Hubbard, director of the State Department's Japan Desk: "It's a fine form of public diplomacy that they should help erase the image many Americans have of the

Japanese as being stiff and stuffed shirts."

I doubt that the success of Otsuka's group will inspire the Foreign Ministry to promote something like the Gaimusho Gambolers as an arm of diplomacy, but it wouldn't be a bad idea. Particularly if they could get some attractive young lady member of the service, like Vice Consul Yumiko Fujiwara, now stationed in San Francisco, to belt out a few torch songs.

Tharp reports that Otsuka's group is scheduled for a show tonight (June 13) at a Manhattan disco and has been rehearsing an old transpacific favorite, "If You Knew Sushi Like I Know Sushi."

What that does to the Foreign Ministry's image is dynamite, pure dynamite.

## Action Alert

Lobbying packet #5 was mailed by the Washington staff on May 15. On May 19 we received an immediate response to the "action alert" from Shirley Nakatsuka, longtime redress chair for Hoosier Chapter.

She informed us that individual members will be assigned to the members of Congress from Indiana; letters will also be written to Administrative Law & Governmental Relations Subcommittee chair Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) and Judiciary Committee chair Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) with information in the June chapter newsletter. She will send us copies of any responses to the letter-writing campaign.

Others who have written to Glickman and Rodino and other members of Congress who testified in support of H.R. 442 are Harry Kajihara, Ventura County JACL; Kiyoye Masai of Buellton, Calif.; and Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Diablo Valley JACL.

I am sure that others have written, since I have been informed by the subcommittee's office that there have been as many letters of support for H.R. 442 as there have been against the bill.

This "action alert" needs to be continued. Only by sufficient public awareness and support

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will the redress bills move forward. Take a moment and ask yourself if you have a responsibility to write a letter or two. If you need help, ask us in the LEC office, your chapter president, or your redress chair.

### Grassroots Lobbyists

We do indeed appreciate those JACL members who continue to respond to our suggestions for grassroots lobbying. Here is what some of our lobbyists are doing:

Ken Sugawara, Dayton JACL, who lives in Painted Post, N.Y., wrote to Rep. Stan Lundine (D-N.Y.); Bob Moteki is laying the groundwork for contacts with Rep. Bill Green (R-N.Y.); Dr. Frank Sakamoto, with the help of Chicago's redress chairs Chiye Tomihiro and Larry Schectman, has led a widespread effort to seek the support of Rep. John

Porter (R-Ill.), who has objected to compensatory payment to individuals who were incarcerated.

Cherry Kinoshita of Seattle, who continues to lobby in Washington state, has received similar replies from Reps. Don Bonker and Al Swift (both D-Wash.). George Baba of Stockton has sent us the reply he received from Rep. Norman Shumway (R-Calif.).

Gene Doi of Stone Mountain, Ga., has sent the response from Rep. Pat Swindall (R-Ga.) to her sustained effort to get his support, which is very important since he is a member of the subcommittee. Swindall has written to Mrs. Doi that he will vote for the bill. This is indeed very good news, as he is the first Republican on the subcommittee to make a commitment to support H.R. 442.

John Yoshino, Washington, D.C. chapter, has sent numerous letters to contacts he developed during his days of working on civil rights issues from his Dept. of Transportation position. He is working on Sen. Charles Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.). JACL president Frank Sato has received a reply to his letter to Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.). Others from the chapter need to follow up on these contacts.

We have urged that the letter-writing and contacts from different groups be continued. This lobbying work shows that in a

community without a JACL chapter and with a small Nikkei population, careful planning and numerous contacts by community people through letter-writing, petitions and district office visits do get results.

### Involvement Necessary

The "action alert" needs involvement in the letter-writing activity and in meeting with members of Congress who are back in their respective districts campaigning.

The effectiveness of JACL-LEC actually does not depend on expending great amounts of funds for lobbying. If we can activate our membership and the lobbying effectiveness of the human and civil rights organizations and other groups who have offered their help, we should have results. When we met with the team from the Aleut Corp. and their Washington, D.C. attorney in early April, they commended our organization for the number of co-sponsors and expressed their appreciation for our work on H.R. 442.

Our plan is to continue to educate and to galvanize our JACL members to actively work on redress legislation by keeping them informed of the progress or the lack thereof on the bills, urging them to contact the nation's lawmakers and getting support within the wider community from

those organizations who believe in fairness and justice.

### Support Groups

Colleen Darling and I will meet with a coalition of support organizations: ACLU, American Friends Service Committee and its Committee on National Legislation, American Bar Assn., Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, National Council of La Raza, and American Jewish Committee.

Stuart Ishimaru, associate counsel with the House Judiciary subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, will also participate in working up an agenda for active involvement on the redress legislation.

The following week, we will present a briefing on the two bills at the regular meeting of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council, which is the principal coordinating arm for religious groups. A great number of these church denominations and religious affiliates have passed resolutions to support redress. We plan to use their grass-roots influence in those communities where we have no base or where we need greater lobbying support. When we receive the names and addresses of the district offices for these organizations, we will pass the information on to the chapters and redress chairs.

We call on you to do your share today so that tomorrow the sun can shine on justice for all people.

## LETTERS

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When we volunteered from Tule Lake, most of us left in the hope that by proving our absolute loyalty by serving our country, our family members left behind would not be persecuted by our fellow Americans.

Ironically, many Nikkei volunteers' family members were persecuted by their fellow internees because their sons or brothers had entered the armed forces. At Rohwer, after a friend who had volunteered was killed with the 442nd RCT and his body was interred at Rohwer's cemetery, it was reported that the family was mocked by fellow internees because of his death while serving this country.

But because of his and other soldiers' sacrifices, Japanese Americans saw their alien par-

ents become eligible for citizenship through the efforts of Mike Masaoka and JACL, who campaigned and urged Congress to recognize the patriotism and sacrifice of Japanese Americans in our armed forces.

Hawaii, which gave us two Nikkei senators who are foremost in the redress drive, became the 50th state because of the tremendous exploits of the Nikkei who disproved the rumors of potential sabotage by Japanese Americans. Both senators are distinguished veterans.

It may also be news to these anti-vet writers that at the national conventions of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with total memberships exceeding 4 million, strong resolutions opposing Executive Order 9066 and the wartime internment and recognizing the patriotism of Nikkei

in our armed forces were overwhelmingly adopted. These resolutions emphasized the tremendous wrongs committed and the abrogation of the Bill of Rights.

Leaders of veterans organizations have stated that if it were not for the patriotism of Japanese Americans they would not have adopted those resolutions.

Some national officers of these veterans organizations have been working with Nikkei veterans and members of LEC to urge support for the redress bills, especially in areas where there are no Japanese Americans.

And several co-sponsors of the redress bills have stated that they had been influenced by the patriotism of Japanese Americans, especially those in the armed forces.

ARTHUR MORIMITSU  
Chicago



REMEMBERING THE VETERANS—Participants in JACL-sponsored Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. on May 25 included Mike Masaoka (left), Ben Obata (who co-chaired the event with Key Kobayashi), and K. Patrick Okura. A West Los Angeles Chapter JACL group on tour also attended.

Photo by Toy Kanegai





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## Plans set for convention

"INTERACTION ... We Can Do More Together" is the theme of the 1986 National JACL Convention to be held in Chicago July 20 to 25 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

The 1986 Convention Committee and Chicago Chapter members look forward to welcoming this 29th biennial national gathering of the JACL. All delegates, boosters and their families are invited to "interact" in a week of convention business and social activities, and to enjoy the hospitality and unlimited attractions of a great city!

### Convention Program

#### Sunday, July 20

CHICAGO TODAY BUS TOUR: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

A tour of the spectacular, ever-changing city as it is now, with recollections of how it used to be when thousands of Nikkei made Chicago their home in the resettlement years. Special tour guides will be long-time residents Shig Wakamatsu, former National President of the JACL, and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club Chair.

WINDY CITY NITECAP: 8 - 10 p.m.

The Nitecap will be a fun-filled "reunion" of former and current Chicagoans—an evening to reminisce and renew acquaintances, including a jazz group, refreshments, door prizes, and nostalgic, sentimental photo displays of Nikkei in Chicago during the '40s and '50s.

#### Monday, July 21

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING: 9 a.m. - noon

DELEGATE ORIENTATION: 1 - 3 p.m.

WORKSHOP: ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE: 3 - 5 p.m.

WORKSHOP: WOMEN'S CONCERNS: 3 - 5 p.m.

KICK-OFF RECEPTION AND DINNER: 6 - 10 p.m.

This major event will feature the convention keynote speaker and presentation of the JACLer of the Biennium Award, George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award, and Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award.

#### Tuesday, July 22

BUSINESS SESSION: 8 a.m. - noon

WOMEN'S CAUCUS LUNCHEON: noon - 2 p.m.

Here's an opportunity to interview candidates running for National JACL offices regarding their positions on various issues and to discuss women's concerns within the organization.

WORKSHOP: AGING AND RETIREMENT: 2 - 5 p.m.

WORKSHOP: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: 2 - 5 p.m.

CHICAGO CUBS BASEBALL: 3 p.m.

A summer afternoon at Wrigley Field with the Cubs and San Diego Padres ... bus transportation to and from the ball park will be provided.

CANDIDATES FORUM: 8 - 10 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 23

BUSINESS SESSION: 8 a.m. - noon

WORKSHOP: U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS: 2 - 5 p.m.

WORKSHOP: NIKKEI PARENTING AND BICULTURAL VALUES: 2 - 5 p.m.

MIKE MASAOKA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD DINNER: 7-9 p.m. A reception at 6 p.m. precedes the dinner.

The Masaoka DSA honors a person or organization for outstanding contribution to the quality of life in America or better understanding and cooperation among nations.

#### Thursday, July 24

BUSINESS SESSION: 8 a.m. - noon

BUSINESS SESSION: 1 - 3 p.m.

WORKSHOP: REDRESS: 3 - 5 p.m.

"THE GREAT EASTERN TEMPLE: TREASURES OF JAPANESE BUDDHIST ART FROM TODAI-JI" EXHIBITION: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A special occasion at the world-renowned Art Institute of Chicago: a wine and cheese reception, followed by a private viewing for the JACL of an unprecedented exhibition of 151 art objects from the 1,200-year-old temple complex of Todai-Ji in Nara. These rare and priceless objects, never before seen outside of Japan, include many designated by the Japanese government as National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties.

#### Friday, July 25

BUSINESS SESSION: 8 a.m. - noon

SPEECH AND FORENSIC COMPETITION: 2 - 4 p.m.

District finalists of a speech and forensic competition for young JACLers will compete in Chicago for national awards.

SAYONARA BANQUET AND BALL: 5:30 p.m. - midnight

Highlighting the convention finale will be an address by a nationally known speaker and award recognition of the Japanese American of the Biennium ... a gala evening of dining and dancing to close out the week.

### Youth Package

JAYS (JACL's youth organization) will also meet in Chicago during the National JACL Convention week to participate in a program planned by the Chicago JAYS.

Special youth-related activities will include mixers, workshops geared to young Nikkei, a trip to Great America Amusement Park, scenic Chicago River boat cruise, plus the "world's best" pizza at famous 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.

### Workshop Moderators and Committee Heads

Workshop moderators are Jim Shimoura, Detroit Chapter (Anti-Asian Violence); Irene Hirano, Pacific Southwest District (Women's Concerns); Patrick Okura, Washington D.C. Chapter (Aging and Retirement); B.J. Watanabe, New York Chapter (Leadership Development); David Nikaido, Washington D.C. Chapter (U.S.-Japan Relations); Toaru Ishiyama, Cleveland Chapter (Nikkei Parenting and Bicultural Values); and Minoru Yasui, LEC Chairman, and Grayce Uyehara, JACL/LEC Executive Director (Redress).

Assisting Ron Yoshino, National Convention Committee Chairman, are Carol Yoshino, Registration; Perry Miyake, Convention Souvenir Booklet; Chiye Tomihiro, Treasurer; Lary Schectman, Public Relations; Lillian Kimura, Chicago Today Bus Tour and Windy City Nitecap; Paul Igasaki and Tom Teraji, Kick-Off Reception and Dinner; Art Morimitsu, Masaoka DSA Dinner; Aya Takada, "Treasures of Todai-ji" Exhibition; Tsune Nakagawa, Sayonara Banquet and Ball; and Don Sakamoto, Advisor to the JAYS.

### Special Airline Fares

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

Through an exclusive arrangement, Yamada Travel is able to offer JACL conventioners an additional 5% discount on United Airlines' listed Super and Ultra Saver fares, subject to availability.

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### Hotel Reservations

The convention will be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, a conveniently located luxury hotel at 151 East Wacker Drive. Special JACL rates are \$75 for a single or double, \$85 for a triple, and \$95 for a quad. Reservations may be made by calling 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 space available basis.

### Convention Registration

The registration fee admits convention badge-holders to all business sessions, workshops, and the Speech and Forensic Competition.

Other events in the convention package are the Windy City Nitecap, Kick-Off Reception and Dinner, Mike Masaoka Distinguished Service Award Dinner, "Treasures of Todai-ji" Exhibition, and the Sayonara Banquet and Ball.

Special events being offered are the Women's Caucus Luncheon, Chicago Today Bus Tour, and Cubs Baseball Game.

More information may be obtained from the Convention Registrar, c/o JACL, 5415 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60640, (312) 728-7170 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.

### Costs for 1986 National JACL Convention

CONVENTION PACKAGE:	\$210
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS IN PACKAGE:	
Registration	\$35
Windy City Nitecap	\$30
Kick-Off Reception/Dinner	\$45
Masaoka DSA Dinner	\$40
"Treasures of Todai-ji"	\$30
Sayonara Banquet/Ball	\$60

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Women's Caucus Luncheon	\$25
Chicago Bus Tour	\$20
Chicago Cubs Game	\$20

YOUTH PACKAGE: \$141

A convention registration form appeared in the May 16 PC. More information may be obtained from the Convention Registrar, c/o JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60640, (312) 728-7170, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (CDT).

## Chicago Chapter takes position on Central America

CHICAGO—The Chicago Chapter of JACL has passed a resolution opposing U.S. military intervention in Central America.

The resolution charges that U.S. aid to *contra* rebels in Nicaragua is designed to overthrow a democratically elected government by violent means; that aid is being funneled to regimes in El Salvador and Guatemala even though both have been cited by Amnesty International for human rights abuses; and that the U.S. denies asylum to Central American refugees, deporting them even though they may face torture, imprisonment or death in their home countries.

The resolution also calls upon the federal government to cease prosecution of sanctuary movement activists providing refuge for those fleeing persecution in those countries.

The resolution was finalized in May, following approval from the chapter's board of directors. It is being forwarded for consideration by other chapters in the Midwest District. If a majority of them approve, the resolution will be introduced at the National Convention in July.

At present, the chapter's actions do not represent the formal policy of the National JACL or of any other JACL chapters.

### 1000 Club Roll

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Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total) 1,263

Total this report: #20 39

Current total 1,302

MAY 19-23, 1986 (39)

Arizona: 33-Masaji Inoshita.

Berkeley: 24-Harold H Nakamura.

Chicago: 23-George Matsuura, 15-Asako

Sasaki, 37-Hirao S Sakurada.

Cincinnati: 17-Joseph L Cloyd.

Detroit: 22-William Adair.

Downtown Los Angeles: 4-Frank H Hirata

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Norikazu Oku, 25-Ted Okumoto.

Eden Township: 6-Shigenobu Kuramoto,

28-Yoshimi Shibata.

Gardena Valley: 27-Joe W Fletcher, 10-Ken

Inose, 16-Tokiye Yamaguchi.

Idaho Falls: Life-Hid Hasegawa.

Japan: 5-Viacheslav Peshkoff.

Livingston-Merced: 31-Norman M Kishi.

Marina: 4-Howard Okumura.

Mile High: 2-Robert Sakaguchi.

Milwaukee: 20-Makoto Aratani\*, 21-K

Henry Date.

New Mexico: 31-S Ruth Y Hashimoto.

Oakland: 22-Tony Motomi Yokomizo.

Pan Asian: 3-Kathryn S Chono-Herring, 1-

Tommy Chung.

Philadelphia: 25-Kaz Horita.

Portland: 2-Michael Irinaga.

Reno: 11-Yoshi Nakamura.

Sacramento: 36-Joe Matsunami\*.

Salt Lake City: 12-Gerold K Mukai.

San Francisco: 23-William T Nakahara, Jr.

Sanger: Life-Robert K Kanagawa.

San Mateo: 25-Hiroshi Ito.

Seattle: 32-George Y Kawachi.

South Bay: 21-Yoshiaki Tamura.

Stockton: 6-Ben Oshima.

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# Chapter Pulse

## Marysville

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—This year's scholarship recipients are: **Marysville Chapter JACL**—Michael Nakashima, Yuba City H.S.; Leslie Hatamiya, Marysville H.S.; **Henry M. Oji Memorial**—Michele Matsumura, Yuba City H.S. Serving on the scholarship committee were Mark Iwanaga, Mae Kakiuchi, Yuki Kyono, Sakaye Takabayashi, and Clark Tokunaga.

## San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The 1986 recipients selected by the San Jose JACL Scholarship Committee are: **Mr. & Mrs. Kay Mineta** (\$750)—Kathleen Yokoyama of Live Oak H.S.; **San Jose JACL Chapter** (\$600)—Scott Nishimoto, Cupertino H.S.; **William K. Yamamoto** (\$500)—Jacquelyn Marumoto, Leigh H.S.; **San Jose JACL** (\$400)—Rae Inafuku, Homestead H.S.; **Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial** (\$250)—Casey Shimane, Piedmont Hills H.S.; **Toshi Takekita Memorial** (\$200)—Sandra Yoshizuka, Cupertino H.S.; **Mrs. Chieno Kumada Memorial** (\$150)—Wendy Kumata, Lynbrook H.S.; **San Jose Memorial Post 9970** (\$150)—Ryan Kamita, Henry M. Gunn H.S.; **San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn.** (\$100)—Kathryn Saito, Willow Glen H.S.

On the committee were Mitsu Kumagai, John Higaki, Judy Niizawa, and Sharon Uyeda. The

scholarships were presented at a continental breakfast held May 10 at the Issei Memorial Building.

## South Bay

TORRANCE, Calif.—Out of 24 applications solicited by **South Bay JACL Scholarship** chair Jack Eardley from 12 high schools and two community colleges, five winners were chosen: Bobbie Hisako Fujihara, Daniel Hajime Inouye, Torrie Kambe, Shanie Jo Ueno, and Kristi Yasuko Yuzuki.

Debora Mitsue Nakamura, a student at CSU Long Beach, was selected as the chapter's choice for Nisei Week Queen. A reception will be held for her and for Tish Okabe, the current Nisei Week Queen, on June 29, 1-4 p.m., at Sumitomo Bank. The queen committee consists of Colette Isawa, Jeanne Mitoma, Jeanne Tsujimoto, Tracy Isawa and Ernie Tsujimoto.

## Seattle

SEATTLE—Seattle JACL officers and board members held a potluck dinner May 21 at Kawabe House. The **Rev. Emery Andrews Scholarship**, named after the late Japanese Baptist Church minister, was awarded to Terry Tsue. Winners of the **Minoru Tamesa Scholarships** were Cara Kadoshima, Michelle Kumata, Jana Nishi and Jan Okiyama. All scholarships were \$500. Uhachi Tamesa, 102, was on hand to present the scholarships named in memory of his son.

## So. Calif. Nikkei Assn.

LOS ANGELES—So. Calif. Assn. of Nikkei (SCAN) holds a regular meeting June 24, 7:30 p.m., at Breakers Seafood Restaurant, 11970 Venice Blvd. KCBS-TV reporter Ann Curry will discuss urban affairs and how they concern Japanese Americans. A speaker from Yoshida Kamon Art will explain how to research one's family

crest. Info: Galen Murakawa, 418-3155 or 822-7470.

The chapter holds its first fundraiser, a steak bake/casino night, June 28, 6 p.m., at West L.A. Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth. Proceeds go to a scholarship fund. Info: Laraine Miyata, 648-6330, or Phyllis Murakawa, 822-7470.

## Marin County

ROHNERT PARK, Calif.—Staving off his competitors with his pressure putts, Gerry Kushida outdistanced other golfers by three strokes to capture the Flight A championship of the Marin JACL Memorial Day Golf Tournament. Kushida, who plays out of Sacramento, fired a 81 to go with his 17 handicap for a net of 64 at the water-lined North Course at Mt. Shadows Golf Course.

Tak Shirazawa of Berkeley captured top honors in Flight B with a superb 86-22-64. Helen Ushijima, also of the East Bay, won in the Women's Division with a score of 103-30-73. She captured second place last year. Long-driving Frank Watanabe of San Francisco won top honors in low gross by firing a 79. The husband-wife entry of Jim and Lil Ushijima won prizes for "Nearest to the Pin."

Bentos prepared by Toraya Restaurant were served after the ninth hole. Nearly all of the 48 participants won prizes contributed by individual golfers and Action Golf Shop.

## Greater LA Singles

LOS ANGELES—Recipients of the 1st annual **GLA Singles Scholarships** were announced by Jane Yamamoto, scholarship committee chair. Lori Yanai of Costa Mesa H.S., who will major in sociology and psychology at Westmont College, and Haunani Sueko Reynolds of Gardena H.S., who will study to become a pediatrician at USC, will each receive \$250 at their school awards ceremonies later this month.

## Niizawa to run for JACL office

SAN FRANCISCO—No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District Council vice governor Judy Niizawa is expected to formally declare her intention to be nominated for National JACL office during the pre-convention workshop to be held June 29, 10 a.m., at Mikoshi Restaurant in Buchanan Mall.

She seeks a nomination from the floor of the National Convention in Chicago for the office of vice president of membership services and 1000 Club.

The Northern California chapters will have the opportunity to approve the nomination at the meeting.

Niizawa succeeded John Tateishi as district redress chair in 1979. She is a 10-year member of the San Jose JACL board and served as chapter president in 1980 and 1981. Prior to becoming vice governor, she served as NCWNPDC treasurer and secretary. She is a 1000 Club life member.

## PSW Nisei Relays scheduled

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The 35th annual PSW JACL Nisei Relays Track & Field Meet will be held June 15 at Cal State Long Beach.

This year's winners will be eligible for the 11th annual Nikkei Olympics in Mexico City, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 5-10. Winners of that competition will be given an all-expenses-paid trip to Japan to compete in the Japan Games in October or November.

Anyone whose parents have been JACL members for at least three years is eligible to take part; the age range is 10 to 40 and over. Participants are limited to three events plus relays.

Info: Carrie Okamura, (714) 894-9092; Norm Hata, (213) 538-3995; Glenn Hamaguchi, (213) 822-6018; Dick Sakamoto, (818) 351-8300; Ruth Watanabe, (213) 617-3545; or PSW JACL office, (213) 626-4471.

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Chicago: 6-Dr George Matsumoto.  
Dayton: 24-Matilde Taguchi.  
Downtown Los Angeles: Life-John J Saito.  
East Los Angeles: 32-Cy Satoshi Yuguchi.  
Marysville: Life-Robert R Kodama.  
Omaha: 24-Yukio Ando.  
Pan Asian: Life-Sandra Kawasaki.  
Pasadena: 17-Harvard K Yuki.  
Philadelphia: 33-William Tadashi Ishida.  
Placer County: 1-E Ken Tokutomi.  
Sacramento: 32-Dr Henry I Sugiyama.  
Saint Louis: 9-Robert W Denby, 1-Charles

W Marshall, 28-George N Shimamoto, Life-George Tanaka, Life-Mitzi Tanaka.  
San Francisco: Life-Henri Takahashi.  
San Jose: 29-Esau Shimizu.  
San Mateo: 1-Yosh Kojimoto.  
Seattle: Life-Dr Yoshitaka Ogata, Life-Howard S Sakura.  
South Bay: 23-Joe N Hashima.

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Remember: All articles and letters to the editor should be typed or computer printed, double-spaced.

## Redress Pledges

Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:  
#26: APRIL, 1986

1986 Total: \$ 26,714.50  
Prev. Gr. Total: \$268,034.54  
This Report: ( 4 ) \$ 9,120.00  
Grand Total: \$277,154.54

Placer County JACL \$1,370; Seattle JACL \$1,417.50; Seattle JACL \$1,417.50 (balance of 3rd yr); Oakland JACL \$445; Alameda JACL \$1,250; Detroit JACL \$1,700 (balance of 3rd yr); Diablo Valley JACL \$565; Hoosier JACL \$355; Florin JACL \$600.

## 1986 DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

(Actual: Jan.—Mar. 1986)

Midwest ..... 12,080.00  
NC-WN-Pac ..... 8,275.00  
Pac Northwest ..... 2,835.00  
Eastern ..... 1,400.00  
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## Intertribal 'Land Dispute' a Myth

by Edna Ikeda

The Big Mountain issue is a complex one. The history of the area goes back over the past century—a long and bitter struggle between the Native Americans on the reservation with both the U.S. government and encroaching white settlers.

The so-called "land dispute" is a myth—it was concocted by mining and contracting companies who want access to the mineral-rich land. The reservation sits atop one of the richest deposits of coal and uranium in the Southwest. This area contains over 21 billion tons of high quality coal which is easily accessible by strip mining.

Native American land can be leased out to mining and contracting companies through permission from the tribal councils. The tribal councils were originally set up by the U.S. government to regulate Native Americans—a "white man's government" imposed on them.

The first tribal council was set

up in 1923 by the Department of Interior—at request of Standard Oil. Two years earlier, the company had discovered oil on Navajo reservation land.

The traditional Navajo elders voted 75-0 against leasing drilling rights to the company. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) then moved in and set up a puppet "tribal council." A similar tribal council was set up for the Hopi, despite opposition from traditional spiritual leaders, elders, and villagers.

Three Navajo men of this tribal council were persuaded to sign a lease with the oil company. It is interesting to note that although men signed the treaty, the Navajos are a matrilineal society; homes, livestock and care of the land pass from generation to generation through the women.

Land is sacred to the Native Americans, recognized as a living being and the source of all needed for life. They feel it should not be bought or sold. The women have the responsibility of

being "caretakers" for the land, ensuring its preservation.

Thomas Banyacya of the Hopi traditional council of elders says, "There is no land dispute between the Navajo and the Hopi. The traditional people never recognized the tribal councils. It is the tribal councils and the big energy companies and the U.S. government who are in dispute against the Navajos and the Hopis. The Great Spirit didn't want the land dug up to create nuclear weapons ... I call upon the U.S. and the so-called tribal councils to refrain from invading Big Mountain and allow the traditional people to remain in their homes."

In the 1950s, the Hopi Tribal Council attorney began legal proceedings to gain exclusive mineral leasing rights of the Joint Use Area (JUA)—land shared by the Navajo and Hopi for centuries. This fight over mineral rights between attorneys of the Navajo and Hopi Tribal Councils

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NAVAJO 'EVACUEE'—Hosteen Nez was relocated to a tract house in Flagstaff, Ariz. Unable to pay taxes, he lost his house while he was hospitalized.

## EAST COAST NISEI

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mittee in Philadelphia, the council enabled over 3,500 Nisei students interned along with other West Coast Japanese Americans to attend colleges in the Midwest and the East Coast.

The program was headed by Robert O'Brien, assistant dean of arts and sciences at University of Washington. Other coordinators included college presidents Robert Sproul of UC Berkeley, Ray Wilbur of Stanford, Lee Sieg of University of Washington, and Remsen Bird of Occidental, as well as YMCA, YWCA, and various churches.

Volunteers initially had difficulty gaining access to the assembly centers and obtaining clearance from the War Dept., which was unwilling to allow Nisei stu-

dents into colleges that were near defense plants and other such installations.

Many of the students attended small liberal arts colleges, where "they experienced exposure to the mainstream norms, attitudes and values of middle America," said Stone. "Over the years, their horizons have broadened. Thus, they... incorporated a different cultural outlook from their earlier prewar experience."

### 'Less Parochial'

The birth of the commemorative fund can be traced back to a group of Nisei from Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, most of whom had come from the West Coast via the camps and colleges. They first met in 1978 at a workshop on Nisei retirement in Boston.

Pointing out that no comparable fund for Southeast Asians has been established on the West Coast, where the majority of Japanese Americans live, Stone stated that "New England Nisei were less parochial and were not encumbered or committed to the Nisei community organizations, nor were they suffocated by the expectations of the Japanese American community."

Thus, she continued, it was easy for them to discard "their collectivistic tradition and... freely pursue their humanitarian goals beyond their ethnic group to assist those who are in need."

### 'Disproportionate Support'

While JACL "provides scholarships primarily to JACL members' offspring and Japanese Americans... the New England group decided to give to... the boat people who were victims of and displaced by an unfortunate war and had their educational aspirations interrupted, just as the Nisei college students faced in 1942," said Stone.

The NSRCF, which is based in Portland, Conn. and chaired by Dr. Lafayette Noda, is still in the process of locating potential donors, particularly Nisei who benefited from the wartime program. When funds were first solicited from former students, "a disproportionate support"—91 out of 152 donors—"came from professional people outside of California," Stone noted.

The East Coast contributors, Stone theorized, "undoubtedly incorporated the expansive view of their New England cultural tradition rather than an ethnic tradition."

One of the donors quoted by Stone put it more bluntly: "I sense that Japanese Americans still have a supremacist mental block and are not ready to help a fellow Asian."

### Los Angeles Program

Beneficiaries who have since achieved prominence in their fields include Nao Takasugi, mayor of Oxnard, Calif., and Harvey Itano, a UC San Diego professor. They are among the Califor-



Gladys I. Stone

nia Nisei who have responded to the fund drive.

NSRCF has awarded scholarships to students from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in Northern California (1983), New England (1984), and Chicago (1985). This year, 12 Los Angeles-area graduating high school students will receive awards ranging from \$300 to \$500 at a reception to be held June 20, 6:30-8 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St.

On the 1986 NSRCF scholarship selection committee are J.D. Hokoyama, Midori Watanabe Kamei, Amy Iwasaki Mass, Don Nakanishi, and Bob Suzuki. Reservations can be made by calling Hokoyama at (213) 743-4999.

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## N.Y. editor steps down

NEW YORK—Teru Kanazawa, English editor of the New York Nichibei, announced in the newspaper's May 29 issue that she is stepping down "for personal reasons."

Kanazawa, who replaced Takako Kusunoki as editor more than three years ago, is turning over the editorship to Penny Fujiko Willgerodt.

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## CO-SPONSORS

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grievous wrong," Matsui wrote, "please consider joining the 130 co-sponsors of H.R. 442."

Yoder begins the column, entitled "History's Skeletons," by noting, "Every nation, free or not, cheerfully celebrates its better historical moments. A sterner test is how a society deals with its old embarrassments, the skeletons in the closet of history."

Calling H.R. 442 a "notable project of rectification," Yoder described the wartime intern-

ment as "lawless in spirit and unwarranted in fact."

He concluded, "No mere legislation can quite erase the blot from the ledger of history... Legislation can, however, balance the books by calling a blot by its right name. Thus, the House legislation has to do not only with the integrity of the Japanese Americans of 1942, which was in truth exemplary. It has to do also, most profoundly, with maintaining the integrity of our shared history."

The addition of three co-sponsors "will advance the cause of redress in the House," said Matsui.

Florio "is well known in the House for his crucial work on pollution and transportation issues" and Wortley "has been a strong supporter of the Reagan Administration's legislative agenda," Matsui noted.

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The honorees were: Archbishop Nitten Ishida, president of Japanese American Religious Federation and past president of JARF Housing, Inc.; Yukio Sekino, president of Nichibei Kai; Kay Okamoto, who developed the Hamilton Senior Citizens program; Yasuo Abiko, vice president and former English editor of Nichi Bei Times; and Steve Nakajo, executive director of Kimochi, Inc.

The JCCCNC awards were given to the guests of honor by, respectively, Steve Doi, Shun Ochi, Greg Marutani, Yo Hironaka, and Dean Ito Taylor.

Among the 370 persons attending the dinner event were supervisors Willie Kennedy, Bill Maher, Louise Renne, Nancy Walker and John Molinari. As president of the Board of Supervisors, Molinari presented each honoree with a certificate of recognition.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein could not attend, but Sally Osaki of her office was there to present a mayor's proclamation declaring May 17 Edith Tanaka Day in honor of JCCCNC's president.

Other speakers included toastmaster Yori Wada, JCCCNC executive director Charles Morimoto, and Japan Consul General Ta-



Guests of honor at JCCCNC dinner were (from left) Steve Nakajo, Yasuo Abiko, Kay Okamoto, Archbishop Nitten Ishida, and Yukio Sekino.

tsuo Arima. A koto performance was given by Jennifer Toriumi Tambara. Rev. David Nakagawa of Christ United Presbyterian

Church gave the invocation and Rev. Ken Yamaguchi of Buddhist Church of San Francisco gave the benediction.

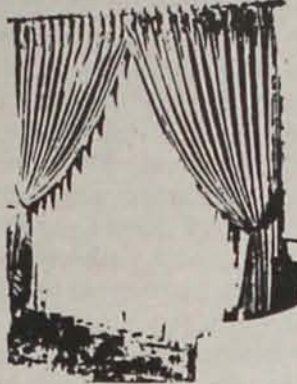
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## CANADIAN PLAN

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the losses and hardships endured, the violation of freedoms, the humiliation of being wrongfully detained, the destruction of community, and the lost years. However, in our democratic society where freedom, individual rights and justice are cherished, compensation to the victims of injustices is the only honorable means we have as redress.

"To reflect the views of an overwhelming majority of Japanese Canadians throughout Canada, our recommendation on compensation includes both an individual and community component, as follows:

"Individual compensation of \$25,000 to each living Japanese Canadian affected by the injustices during and after World War II; [and] a community-controlled fund of \$50 million for projects, facilities and activities to rebuild the Japanese Canadian community. Such a fund will remain as a permanent memorial to those who are deceased."

## Civil Rights

"Canadians who were wrongfully uprooted and dispersed from their West Coast homes were individuals whose civil rights were violated solely on the basis of their ancestry. Some were subject to convictions under the War Measures Act, whereas others suffered the humiliation of expulsion from the country of their birth.

"The major goal of the NAJC redress program has been the affirmation of civil rights and the

prevention of future injustices. We therefore call on the Government of Canada to:

"Establish a human rights foundation to foster human rights and racial equality; [and] amend the War Measures Act and to initiate a review and amendment of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to ensure that the rights of individuals will never again be abrogated on the basis of ancestry."

## Polls Indicate Support

The claims made in the proposal were bolstered by last month's release of a Price Waterhouse report, "Economic Losses of Japanese Canadians after 1941," which assessed the economic impact of the forced dispersal.

Responses to an NAJC poll on redress were received from Japanese Canadians in Montreal, Hamilton, southwestern Ontario, Greater Toronto, Winnipeg, Kamloops, Vernon, Greater Vancouver, and Vancouver Island. Some form of redress was favored by 75% of the respondents, with 95% of those who had actually experienced the uprooting favoring direct compensation. Support was also expressed for a community fund for building projects and social and cultural programs.

In a recent Focus Canada-CROP poll conducted by Environics of Toronto, of the 63% who favored redress, 71% supported individual compensation. The poll surveyed adult Canadians from all provinces, from a variety of occupations and with affiliations to all political parties.

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## JUSTICE DEPT.

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the courts, including the Supreme Court" in order to uphold the legality of the internment.

For example, they said, the government suppressed intelligence reports indicating that Japanese Americans were not a military threat.

The attorneys further stated that District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel took "judicial notice" of the commission report, finding it reliable and making it part of her judicial decision to throw out Korematsu's wartime criminal conviction.

The statement called the Justice Dept. letter an "attempt to justify racial discrimination and abuse of executive and military authority as legitimate exercises of governmental authority under the Constitution. The Department's position only portends the possibility of future abuse of such power and authority."

"The imprisonment of Japanese Americans was more than an 'unfortunate episode' or 'tragic mistake.' It was a breach of our nation's most basic principles... This [Judiciary] Committee has an opportunity to help rectify that wrong and ensure that it never happens again. We urge the Committee to seize that opportunity and recommend the passage of H.R. 442."

Karen Kai, Robert Rusky, Lorraine Bannai and Dennis Hayashi

wrote on behalf of the 11-member legal team.

## 'Biggest Travesty'

Rod Kawakami and Michael Leong, Seattle-based attorneys for Hirabayashi, wrote to Glickman on May 9, calling the Justice Dept. letter "astounding" in its "attempt to justify what has almost universally been recognized as one of the biggest travesties of justice in our modern history" despite "a mountain of evidence."

In response to the Justice Dept.'s position that the internment was simply a consequence of war, they wrote that there is "a tremendous distinction between those hardships wrought by the enemy and by war and those hardships imposed by one's own government. Those hardships of internment were unnecessary results of abuses of government power... No American citizen should be expected to make such sacrifices of liberty and property arising from the misconduct of his or her own government."

The attorneys also charged that the Justice Dept., by citing wartime intercepts of Japanese diplomatic messages, called the Magic cables, was raising the "myth" that Japanese Americans had engaged in acts of espionage. Both the commission and the District Court in the reopening of the Hirabayashi case had examined the cables, the attorneys said, and rejected them as

## Initiative opposed

SANTA ANA, Calif.—The Calif. Assn. of Human Rights Organizations, in response to an appeal from Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo and other Asian Pacific community leaders, unanimously passed a resolution to oppose the "Official English" movement during a May 31 meeting at the Saddleback Inn.

Woo, an opponent of the initiative that, if passed, would make English the official language of California, wrote in a March 6 letter to CAHRO, "If this measure is placed on the upcoming November ballot, we face a campaign which has the potential of dividing our state along racial lines."

At its last annual meeting, held in San Francisco in May 1985, the organization endorsed redress for Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

providing no foundation to the notion that Japanese Americans were disloyal.

"The government's continued attempt to justify the unjustifiable actions emphasizes how crucial passage of this bill is," wrote Kawakami and Leong. "It is our hope that Congress, on behalf of the American people, will accept the responsibility of the internment by passing H.R. 442."

Both legal teams sent copies of their statements to Chairman Rodino.

## ELECTIONS

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Odoi last ran in 1984, when he lost the nomination to Henry Minturn, who in turn lost to Dynamically in the general election.

• In Santa Barbara County, incumbent Supervisor Toru Miyoshi of District 5 won with 8,196 votes, compared to Jim May's 3,444 and Richard Rockwood's 1,287. While his opponents charged

that he had taken insufficient action to close down the Casmalia Resources hazardous waste disposal facility, Miyoshi stood by his record, saying that he was opposed to the facility but that the state would not permit the Board of Supervisors to act unilaterally. A former Santa Maria city councilman, Miyoshi was first elected supervisor in 1982.

• In the 7th Council District of Long Beach, incumbent councilwoman and former mayor Eunice

Sato, first elected in 1975, lost to challenger Ray Grabinski, receiving 3,911 votes to his 5,485. She had received more votes than Grabinski in the Apr. 8 election, but the difference of only two percentage points (3,023 to 2,896) led to a runoff.

"Just like in the primaries," Sato told the Rafu Shimpo, her opponent "resorted to half-truths, innuendos, they stole my campaign signs, they hit below the belt. This is the dirtiest campaign in all my experience."

As for her political future, she said, "There will be other opportunities, other challenges. I've been a missionary, a teacher. I've never stopped in my tracks. There was always something there. I'm sure God has other plans for me."

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