Guilty verdict handed down in Bun Yung case

BOSTON—Scott Arsenault, 23, found guilty June 19 of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Cambodian refugee Bun Yung, reports the New York Nichibei. Although Middlesex County District Attorney Scott Harshbarger sought a sentence of 12 to 20 years, Arsenault was sentenced to 7 to 12 years on June 26.

Arsenault and John Febbi, 24, had been found guilty of assault and battery for attacking Yung and another Cambodian, Bunyouy Som, on a roadside in Medford in August 1986. The sentence of six months in a house of correction and a $15 fine, given by Judge Robert Barton on May 1, drew protests from local Asian American community groups. Because Yung died after 11 days in a coma, manslaughter charges were also filed. Febbi was cleared; a mistrial was declared in Arsenault’s case because of a deadlocked jury.

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Jewish community organization backs redress

SAN DIEGO—The Jewish Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County has announced its support of redress bills H.R. 442 and S.B. 1208 introduced by Sens. Daniel K. Inouye and Gary Hart.

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WASHINGTON — Hearings on the Japanese American portion of H.R. 442 are scheduled for July 25, reported JACL-LCC Executive Director Greguye Uyehara after meeting with Chairman Dan Glickman of the House-Judiciary Subcommittee on Administration, Law and Governmental Relations.

Prior to the Apr. 20 hearing on the Japanese American portion of H.R. 442, Uyehara met with John Kirtland, attorney for the Aleut Corporation, and with several members of the Aleut Corporation. The council president testified to work for the earliest possible hearing date on the Aleut portion of the bill.

The following remedies are contained in Title III—Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restoration Act of H.R. 442. (1) A $5 million trust fund for community, educational and cultural programs benefiting the Aleuts, (2) individual compensation payment of $7,500 to each surviving Aleut internee; (3) rebuilding of the community center and churches destroyed in WW2, (4) removal of WW2 debris remaining on the Aleutian Islands; and (5) return of the island of Atu to the native corporation, provided the Coast Guard is granted continued use of the island.

Kirtland, who will be joining the Task Force on Redress, expressed his appreciation for LCC efforts to get the Aleut hearing scheduled. When asked where he would be in a position for marking up in the Judiciary Committee, Kirtland also recognized that a task force has been done by JACL-LCC to seek support for the redress legislation.

The council accompanying Uyehara at the June 24 meeting with Glickman were Wade Henderson, associate director of the ACLU Washington office, and David Brody, director of the Anti-Defamation League Washington office. Ralph Neas, executive director of the National Council for Civil and Human Rights, Uyehara, Henderson and Brody are co-chairs of the Task Force on Redress. This coalition of civil and human rights organizations was established over a month ago to assist LCC in lobbying for the redress bills.

Southeast Asians win scholarships from ‘college Nisei’

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—A tradition of helping students in need was continued June 20 when 12 South East Asian high school students were awarded scholarships from the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund.

The fund was established in honor of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, formed in 1942 and made up of such religious groups as American Friends Service Committee as well as college and community groups.

The New England Nisei who started the NSRFC in 1979 were helped by the NSRFC to succeed in the barbed wire of the relocation camps in order to attend college again, explained NSRFC chair, Layman Noda of Meriden, N.H. "We were able to excite their pride that we looked back and remembered the individuals of the National Student Relocation Council with whom we had contact."

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Each of the awards will go to a Southeast Asian high school student whose family was interned during World War II. The students will receive $2,000 each for college.

The 12 students selected for this year’s scholarships will be attending various regional universities in the state of California.

The scholarships will be awarded to students who have demonstrated leadership, academic achievement and community service.

The recipients of the 2013 scholarships are:

- Alondra Hochschild
- Armando Gomez
- Brandon Tran
- Camila Tanaka
- Carlos Gutierrez
- David Nguyen
- Diego Valdivia
- Erick Salgado
- Erick Soto
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- Lina Tran
- Nelson Nguyen

The NSRFC is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to college-bound students of Southeast Asian descent. The organization was established in 1979 by a group of former internment camp evacuees who wanted to ensure that their children had access to higher education.

The NSRFC has awarded scholarships to over 200 students since its inception, helping them to attend college and continue their education.

The organization is committed to supporting Southeast Asian students and promoting educational opportunities for students of all backgrounds.

The NSRFC is open to donations from individuals, organizations, and corporations who wish to support the organization’s mission.

For more information about the NSRFC or to make a donation, please visit their website at www.nsrfc.org.

Tambata Day: traditionally observed on July 7, will be celebrated at the Japanese Village Plaza July 5. Children’s performances on sat. at 4 and 6 p.m. and Sun. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. will be directed by Louise Kawai. Sponsored by Japanese Village Plaza, San- Shin Buddhism Temple, and the California Arts Council.

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CHICAGO—A crowd of over 500 attended the unveiling of a monument dedicated to deceased Nikkei veterans during the annual Memorial Day program at Montrose Cemetery on May 27. Maj. Gen. Allen Ono from nearby Ft. Sheridan, the nation’s highest ranking Nisei general, said that Japanese Americans who fought for their country paved the way for him and others.

The 8-foot granite monument was unveiled by Nisei Post 1183 Commander Fred Tanakatabu and Amy Nishihayashi, widow of Nick Nishihayashi of the 100th Battle. Flowers were presented by representatives of various organizations including the Post 1183, the Chicago Chapter of the Reserve Officers for the U.S. Army, Noboru Honda, chair of Japanese American Council of Chicago, and Shizuo Ichida, president of Mutual Aid Society; consult general of Japan Hirokazu Arai; and Mutsuhiko Ishida, president of Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Veterans’ monument unveiled

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History students get first-hand account of Japanese American WW2 experience

VIENNA, Va.—In response to a history teacher's request for information on the Japanese American experience during WW2, three Nikkei newspapers sent reporters before 11th grade classes at Radison High School on May 22. Following a videotaped excerpt from a CBS “Sunday Morn­ ing” segment covering the internment, presentations were made by Yosif Kavamoto, retired State Dept. official and a member of the Washington, D.C. JACL; Ken Kobayashi, recent retiree from the Library of Congress and former D.C. Chapter president; and Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Washing­ ton representative of National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) and former senior researcher for the Com­ mission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Kawamoto, who was drafted into the Army in February 1942 while a senior at UC Berkeley, expressed his profound sorrow at the treatment accorded his family and other West Coast JAs. Following graduation from Mili­ tary Intelligence Service lan­ guage schools in Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling in Minnesota, he served with the 37th Infantry Di­ vision, interrogating Japanese prisoners of war and translating captured Japanese documents.

Kobayashi was drafted into the Army from the Gila River, Ariz., camp and served in the MIS in Japan. More recently, he was on the staff of the CWRC and has been involved in many Nikkei veterans' projects. He fo­ cused his presentation on the contradictory behavior of the U.S. government in drafting JAs to serve in the armed forces while keeping the soldiers' fam­i­ lies incarcerated.

Herzig-Yoshinaga discussed the trauma of being removed from one's home, school, and friends as a high school senior in 1942. She said the expulsion was unconditional because it was based solely on ethnicity. She warned against the repetition of similar events that could lead to loss of freedom for other minority groups.

A search of the textbook used by the students revealed three paragraphs recounting the ex­ clusion and internment.

Herzig-Yoshinaga commented, “The lack of information on this subject in the textbook is appall­ ing. Until this event in history is included in more detail ... it is incumbent for Japanese Ameri­ cans to participate in educa­ tional events on the community level and to speak before church­ es, community organizations and schools in order to create an informed public.”

Don't walk behind me— I may not want to lead;

Don't walk before me— I may not want to follow;

walk by my side and let's be friends.

—Camus

Courtesy H. DICK YAMASHITA, Tokyo, JAICL Ways and Means Chair

TEMPLE TO MARK 70TH ANNIVERSARY

ALAMEDA, Calif.—A special an­ niversary service and gala ban­ quet, July 26, will be held to com­ memorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of Buddhist Temple to mark 70th anniversary of the founding of Buddhist Temple of Alameda. This is the present site of the temple.

The temple flourished until the WWII internment. During the war, the buildings and grounds were taken over by the U.S. Navy for use as a training chool.

When the Japanese American men were able to return to their former homes, the temple was reactivated and services con­ tinued as before.

Bishop Seigen Yamaoka and Key­ ishi, former mayor of Alameda. This is the present site of the temple.

The temple's first home was a store front on Park St., but as the need for larger quarters arose, an old Victorian mansion at 2325 Pacific Ave. was purchased from Rev. Eiyo Teras, Rev. Roy Imamura, Rev. Gikio Abiko, Yukiko Shigematsu, and the mayor of Alameda and the pub­ lisher of the Alameda Times Star, was the subject of a special forum.

Edward Kimberlin Taylor, former mayor of Alameda, is the present site of the temple.

Women's network to hold Hawaii confab

HONOLULU—“Building on the Past, Reaching for the Future: The Power of Asian Pacific Women in the Workplace” is the theme of a National Network of Women in the Workplace, Women in the Workplace” is the theme of a National Network of Women in the Workplace.

The paintings will be on display at 1555 Folsom St. (corner of 15th St.) through Aug. 15. Info: (415) 431-9007.

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EDITORIAL
Confusing Patriotism with Xenophobia

One of the major themes of this year’s Statue of Liberty centennial celebration is the fact that America has been, and continues to be, a nation of immigrants. Even as the celebration gets underway, however, anti-immigrant sentiment is surfacing in the form of a measure that would make it more difficult for those with the official language of California. Supported by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa’s nationwide U.S. English organization, the measure has garnered enough support to be placed on the November ballot (see story on page 1). Although proponents of “Official English” claim they are simply trying to promote unity under a common language, their motivation and goals are disturbing.

In Monterey Park and other cities that have experienced an increase in Asian immigration in recent years, the movement gains they have made in the last decade is used – voting materials, classroom instruction, emergency preparedness, and the U.S. English movement seems more like a xenophobic tactic of promoting unity under a common language, thus usurping the efforts of those who would make America safe for “real Americans” by making it a more hostile environment for Asians and Latinos who have just arrived.

P.R. Problems

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro

When it rains, it pours. The latest department: Morton Thiokol, Inc., one of the nation’s largest suppliers of salt and the only supplier of space shuttle booster rockets, is facing historic legal problems these days. After testimony from a former engineer who was guarding the safety of its now infamous O-ring seals to the Rogers Commission, shareholders in the Challenger disaster, the company came under a fire for its negligence in designing and manufacturing products that blew the whistle.

Also, according to the N.Y.

Times, Thiokol’s contract with NASA calls for a $10 million penalty, and the potential loss of $2.5 million more in incentive payments, if the solid-fuel boosters are determined to have caused a mission failure.

In addition, Thiokol faces the possibility of suits by the survivors of the astronauts. The N.Y. Times reported that a Houston attorney has won an out-of-court settlement with Thiokol; however, the attorney will not reveal the name of his client. Thiokol has declined to comment.

Well, maybe a positive result will emerge, engineers battling management will hopefully have a little more to say about tolerances and safety in products.

In April, JACL conducted a dinner meeting for đỏ-redress and members through SBS Group Associates, Inc. With this issue, we welcome the 236 new members and readers of Pacific Citizen who came on board as a result of the test mailing. We hope you will enjoy the paper, and if you do, tell your friends about us.

Back to the ‘Big Tabloid’

For the past 10 years, PC’s tabloid was printed on a very popular 30-inch roll, resulting in the image of page being 14 inches high and 10 inches wide.

Starting with this issue (Vol. 18), the wider 34-inch roll is being used. A page this big is 16 inches high.

Between 1961-1982 the PC was the standard eight columns wide and 21 inches high, usually consisting of 4 pages. Prior to 1961, the PC was 10 inches wide by 16 high. So the PC as a news product has completed a circle.

Harry Honda, General Manager

Contacting Congressmen

During the month of June, we have received reports on lobbying activities from several hard-working individuals. Their work shows that much time and thought has been given to lobbying the members of Congress to support the redress legislation.

H.R. 442.

Yuri Tsukada of New Rochelle, N.Y., is a member of the chapter redress committee. Tsukada’s lobbying was very carefully executed.


2) May 29 – delivery of packet of materials prior to meeting with congressman, scheduled for June 2. Packet included: Michi Weglyn’s Years of Infamy; Personal Justice Denied; CVIRC summary; Japanese Americans: Home at Last; National Geographic, April 1986; and redress documents.

3) June 2 – Doogard’s reply to Tsukada, which read in part, “There is no doubt that serious injustices were perpetrated upon Japanese Americans during WWII. You can be certain that I will support equitable measures that seek to redress this unfortunate occurrence in American history…”

4) June 8 – thank you letter from Tsukada to Doogard.

5) Report to the LEC Executive Director for follow-up in Washington.

We have asked others who reside in New Haven, Connecticut, and other members to write letters since Tsukada has laid an excellent foundation on which the congressman there is constituents who believe in the bill.

HDC Lobbying

Michi Kagai is the regional redress coordinator for JACL JACL. He gave a complete report on his cooperation with the Action Alert which was put out with pack # 5 to all JACLers concerned with redress. Letters were written to Chairman Dan Glickman of the House Judiciary subcommittee to which H.R. 442 is assigned and the Judiciary Committee chairman.

Kasai has also written to his congressman, David Monson (R-Utah), asking for his position on the bill; Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.), and the four recent additions to the H.R. 442 co-sponsor list; and the veteran Kasai was not by any means, he presented the redress issue from the perspective of a Nisei veteran who has always been loyal to his country.

We appreciate the time Kasai took to send his individualized letters, which shows that he researched each member of Congress to whom he wrote.

Those of us who have the responsibility of getting the legislative lobbying work up and trained and removed to keep up the detailed work of soliciting more active lobbying support from our members.

Redress can be on the move, upward and onward, if more of you will do your part.

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

FROM THE FRYING PAN

As happens so often in early summer in northwest Wyoming, the morning of Saturday, June 21, was cool and still. The air was prismatic and in the shade a sweater or jacket was welcome. But as perhaps a hundred West Coasters and the number of local citizens gathered for the dedication of a war memorial at the Heart Mountain WRA campsite, a wind sprung up.

Soon it was a gale tearing at the hunting on the makai platform built on the back of a farm trailer. Someone suggested moving the ban, in which some of the California delegation had arrived, to serve as a windbreak but it did not work.

Those in the crowd huddled for warmth were comforted by Norman Mineta, who had arrived in the camp in 1942 as an 11-year-old boy gave the main address, cusing on the precious meaning of freedom that had been denied the evacuees. It was a thoughtful, meaningful address but the wind would carry away some of the words and he had difficulty keeping his manuscript in order. Mineta's voice faltered a bit but his delivery was as graceful as his appearance and the audience appreciated and gratitude to all money raisers and money donors.

Toy Kanegai, raised $178,374.88. LEC Olair Dinner Committee, under chairing work. LEC Olair above enabled the money raisers and money donors.

One Down, Two to Go

by Harry Kajihara

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Contingent of U.S. Sansei to take part in Mexican Nikkei Olympics

by Harry Honda

LOS ANGELES—An American Samoan team from Southern California will compete in the 11th Mexican Nikkei Olympics Aug. 5-10 at the Japanese Mexican Lyceo-Comercial in the suburb of Santa Ana. The event will be held in conjunction with the 11th contingent in track and field.

California will compete in the 11th contingent in track and field. Paciﬁc Southwest District JACL, according to Luis Yamakami, Latin American JACL president, and Pan American Nikkei Assn. president Luis J. Mora, and City of Industry City Councilman Glenda M. Fuqua (Downey H.S.) and Thanh Nguyen (Alhambra H.S.) will compete against the Lyceo Comercial in the suburb of Santa Ana. JACL will also host a luncheon for the convention.

Seven speech finalists named

SAN FRANCISCO—Seven finalists will take part in the ﬁrst JACL National Speech and Forensic Competition at the upcoming National Convention in Chicago.

Developed by the JACL Leadership Task Force, the competition represents JACL’s ﬁrst efforts to emphasize the importance of verbal communication skills as a necessary component of leadership ability.

Yumi Segu (Central California), Sheila Sakasawa (Northern California-Western Nebraska-Pacific), Joe Tanaka (Midwest) and Jeffrey Suzuki (Pacific Southwest) will compete for the $500 scholarship in the prepared informative division.

Kim Yogo (NWCNP), Mary Ishii (Midwest) and Lisa Ramirez (PSW) will participate in the extemporaneous division.

In addition to providing major funding for the competition, Chev- rolet USA will also host a luncheon to honor the speech finalists during the convention.

JACL national director Ron Wakahayashi, on behalf of the Leadership Task Force, acknowledged the contribution. “We are grateful for Chev­ rolet’s support of our activities, particularly in the upcoming National Convention and Forensic Competition. The dramatic increase of Asian immigrants, leadership development and communication skills have become increasingly important. We thank Chevrolet USA for sharing our interest and concern in this effort.”
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while those who wished to leave
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ment on the outside.
Charles F. Seabrook, known as the "Henry Ford of agriculture," was a
major supplier of canned, frozen and dehydrated food. Pro-
ducts bearing the Seabrook label
were well known. Sawada noted
that 30% of all frozen vegetables
in the country were produced at
Seabrook Farms during the war.
He had utilized any and all
sources of labor—migrant farm-
men, laborers from Mexico and the
Caribbean, white workers from the
South, students, vacationers,
evén German POWs—but still faced a severe labor shortage
during the war. Thus, Seabrook eventually "looked up on
the camps as useful sources of labor and utilized the forced mi-
grantation of a people," Sawada said.
In time, Seabrook recruited
JAs from all 10 concentration
camps, as well as Japanese Per-
uvians who had been interned in
the US. All were welcomed—ni-
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