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## News in Brief

### Guilty verdict handed down in Bun Vong case

BOSTON—Scott Arsenault, 23, was found guilty June 19 of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Cambodian refugee Bun Vong, reports the New York Nichibei. Although Middlesex County District Attorney Scott Harshbarger sought a stiff 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 Vong and another Cambodian, Bunyooun Som, on a roadside in Medford in August 1985. The sentence of six months in a house of corrections and a \$15 fine, given by Judge Robert Barton on May 1, drew protests from local Asian American community groups. Because Vong 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.

Judge Sandra Hamlin, who presided over the retrial, did not allow jurors to be questioned about possible racial bias because she found insufficient evidence that the attack was racially motivated. The local Asians for Justice Coalition has contested that claim.

### 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. 1053. JCRC director Steven Klappholz, in a recent letter to Susan Kamei Leung of Selanoco JACL, said the council "will be informing members of Congress representing San Diego and the two United States Senators [from California] regarding [the council's] position and urging them to support these two resolutions."

Klappholz expressed hope that the action taken by the council will "help to provide broad community-based support of these two important pieces of legislation and to deal with an issue that is long overdue." The Jewish Community Relations Councils of Philadelphia, Seattle, Southern New Jersey and Oakland, Calif., have also endorsed redress.

### English initiative qualifies for November ballot

SACRAMENTO—A controversial measure that would require state officials to "ensure that the role of English as the common language of the State of California is preserved and enhanced" has qualified for the Nov. 4 ballot with 815,521 signatures—far exceeding the 630,136 needed—gathered by proponents. The measure would also allow residents to sue the state if the directive is not carried out. Opponents, including Asian American and Hispanic organizations, claim that the measure could be used to eliminate government services that use languages other than English, such as bilingual education and bilingual ballots.

## Seabrook: A Story of Resilience

by J.K. Yamamoto

In the years immediately after WW2, one of the largest concentrations of Japanese Americans on the East Coast was found in the work force at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey.

Their story shows that "in the face of tremendous disorientation and disruption... they were resilient, they were courageous, and they strove to restore their lives," said researcher Mitziko Sawada, a postdoctoral scholar in Japanese American studies at UCLA, who gave a talk on the Seabrook JAs June 15 at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in Los Angeles.

She described the experiences of Nisei who were among the first former internees to work at Seabrook. George Sakamoto, formerly a Sacramento Valley farmer, left the Granada, Colo. camp in January 1944 and headed east with a friend. A chance occurrence—seeing an article about Seabrook in the Reader's

Digest—led him to New Jersey, "where the postwar chapter of his life began," said Sawada.

Sakamoto, who still lives in the township of Bridgeton (where Seabrook was located) with his wife Rose, told Sawada, "Seabrook was a good place for people without much money to get started."

Three former Jerome internees—Fujio Sasaki (later to become the unofficial "mayor" of Seabrook), Harold Oshita and Ellen Nakamura—went to Bridgeton in April 1944 and found, to their surprise, that the company and the town welcomed them.

Sasaki was mainly concerned about the future of his six children. "I didn't care about the pay," he told Sawada. "The reason for staying at Seabrook was the children." He was to spend the next 20 years at Seabrook.

#### Resettlement Program

The number of Japanese Americans working at Seabrook

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## Hearing on Aleut redress slated

WASHINGTON — Hearings on the Aleut portion of H.R. 442 are scheduled for July 23, reported JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara after meeting June 24 with Chairman Dan Glickman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations.

Prior to the Apr. 28 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. At that time she agreed to work for the earliest possible hearing date on the Aleut portion.

The following remedies are contained in Title III—Aleutian and Pribiloff Islands Restitution Act of H.R. 442: (1) a \$5 million trust fund for community, educational and cultural programs benefiting the Aleuts; (2) individual compensation of \$12,000 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 Attu to the native corporation, provided the Coast Guard is granted continued use of the island.

Kirtland, who will be joining



Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund 1986 scholarship winners (from left): front row — My Anh Dao, Nelar Wine, Kim Bui, Jenny Chiu, Hoa Ly, Ngoclan Vu; back row — Chanthy Leang, Thanh Tieu, Thao Pham, Hai Duong Hong Vo, Dung Quoc Bui Le, and Nhien Quay Ho.

## Racial motive seen in stabbing

NEW YORK—Gary Moy, 17, was stabbed in the back on May 31 near New York Aquarium in Coney Island in what was apparently a racially motivated attack.

Moy, a junior at Brooklyn's South Shore High School, and his best friend, a 17-year-old Asian American identified only as "Frank," had spent the afternoon at the aquarium and were about to take a bus home when they passed four Hispanic teenagers, three males and one female, at Surf Ave. and West 5th St.

One of the teens shouted, "These Chinks don't belong in this neighborhood," according to Billy Moy, who talked to his younger brother in the hospital. "My brother and Frank just looked at them and kept walking," said the elder Moy.

Frank, seeing that the bus he and Moy wanted to catch was arriving, raced ahead of his friend. Frank later told police that the female teen shouted, "Let's get these Chinks out of here," whereupon one of the males ran up to Moy, knocked him to the ground and stabbed him once in the upper right back.

Frank, with the help of nearby witnesses, took Moy to the West 8th St. stationhouse, where an ambulance picked him up and took him to Coney Island Hospital.

Initially listed in critical condition, Moy has since returned home.

One of the assailants, Raymond Cruz, 19, of Brooklyn, has been arraigned. His three companions were not apprehended.

Margaret Fung of Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund said her organization is "definitely interested and willing to help if [Moy's] family wants to pursue legal redress."

Moy, a native of Hong Kong, lives in the Starrett City housing complex with his parents, a brother and a sister. One of his neighbors, Carolyn Bolton, said Moy had friends among Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and whites living in Starrett City. "Gary could mingle with anyone," she said.

The Police Bias Investigating Unit, which investigates crimes motivated by race, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation, is assisting detectives of the 60th Precinct in this case. The number of cases handled by the unit has increased from 172 in 1983 and 227 in 1984 to 286 in 1985.

Richard Mei, an assistant to Mayor Ed Koch who co-chairs the recently formed Asian American Task Force, said he believes that "anti-Asian violence will increase" in the future.

—from a report by New York Nichibei

the Task Force on Redress, expressed his appreciation for LEC efforts to get the Aleut hearing scheduled so that the bill will be in a position for mark-up in the Judiciary Committee. Kirtland also recognized the work being done by JACL-LEC to seek support for the redress legislation.

Accompanying Uyehara to 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 Leadership Conference on Civil 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 LEC 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 Southeast 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 presidents and deans.

The New England Nisei who started the NSRCF in 1979 "were helped during WW2 to leave the barbed wire of the relocation camps in order to attend college," explained NSRCF chairman Lafayette Noda of Meriden, N.H. "It was with a great sense of gratitude that we looked back and remembered the individuals of the National Student Relocation Council with whom we had contact."

Present at the reception, held at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, was Robert O'Brien, a council member who was an assistant dean at University of Washington at the time. He was given a round of applause by the audience.

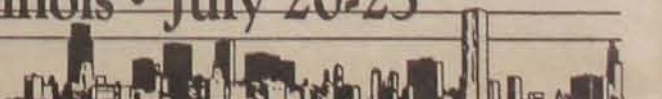
The NSRCF has given scholarships to underprivileged Asian students, primarily those who have fled from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Awards were presented in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1983, in New England in 1984, and in Chicago last year. "In this way," said Noda, "something that we have received in the past might be carried on to other individuals who are, by their accomplishments and by their ambitions, worthy of great help."

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# Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—"Pioneering Visions," a film series with panel discussions by Asian Pacific American artists, takes place at L.A. Photography Center, 412 S. Parkview St. Films to be screened include: July 11—"Cruisin' J-Town," "Jose De Vega: Artist" and "Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor"; July 18—"E-Z Rock," "I Told You So," plus animated shorts; July 25—"Hito Hata." All shows start at 7:30 p.m. Donation requested. Sponsor: Visual Communications. Info: (213) 680-4462.

**Tanabata Day**, traditionally observed on July 7, will be celebrated at the Japanese Village Plaza July 5-6. Children's performances on Sat. at 4 and 6 p.m. and Sun. at 2 and 4 p.m. will be directed by Louise Kawabata. Sponsored by: Japanese Village Plaza, Senshin Buddhist Temple, and the California Arts Council.

Broadcast news executives will discuss career opportunities at an **Asian American Journalists Assn.** symposium July 9, 7-9 p.m., at KCBS-TV Studio 23, 6121 Sunset Blvd. Panelists: Bob Sims, KNX Radio; Joanne Corliss and Ed Spray, KCBS-TV; Nan Tepper, CBS Broadcast Group; and Jack Hubbard, CBS News in New York. Free and open to public. Info: (213) 389-8383.

The **Japanese American Cultural & Community Center Artist-in-Residence Program** presents workshops on koto with June Kuramoto, calligraphy with Takusen Inoue, dance with Fujima Chiseye, and puppet-making with Michiko Tagawa at 244 S. San Pedro St. from July 7 to Aug. 30. Reservations needed. Info: Joyce Nako or Chris Iwanaga Aihara, (213) 628-2725.

**GARDENA, Calif.**—The **Gardena High Class of 1976** 10-year reunion, with

cocktails, dinner, program and dancing, takes place Aug. 23, 6 p.m.-midnight, at L.A. Airport Hilton, 5711 W. Century Blvd. Cost: \$45 per person. Info: Shari Yamamoto, (213) 329-9663, or Helen Hayase (eve.), 519-9056.

**SEATTLE**—The **International District Street Fair**, featuring food, exhibits and continuous entertainment, takes place July 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., in Hing Hay Park.

**NEW YORK**—**Organization of Chinese Americans** holds its 8th annual national convention July 11-13 at Vista International Hotel, World Trade Center. Gov. Mario Cuomo gives the keynote address July 12 at Silver Palace Restaurant; Delaware Lt. Gov. S.B. Woo speaks at the Vista on July 11. Workshop topics include Asians in politics, education, cultural values, and relations with other minorities. Total package is \$100; Saturday banquet only, \$45. Info: Henry Mui, (202) 223-5500; William Shek, (212) 227-3231; or OCA Convention Committee, Knickerbocker Station 701, New York, NY 10002.

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## Veterans' monument unveiled

**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 26.

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 Tanakatsubo and Amy Nishibayashi, widow of Nick Nishibayashi of the 100th

Battalion. Flowers were presented by representatives of various organizations, including Ono for the U.S. Army; Noboru Honda, chair of Japanese American Council; Richard Yamada, president of Mutual Aid Society; consul general of Japan Hirokazu Arai; and Mutsubu Ichida, president of Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Other speakers included program chair Arthur Morimitsu, Hiro Mayeda, and Howard Hieshima. Religious rites were conducted by Rev. Chiaki Kuzuhara, Rev. Yuhei Ashikaga, Rev. Goro Oki, and Nisei Post 1183 chaplain Tom Kaihara.

To mark the occasion, Mayor Harold Washington proclaimed May 26 to be "Japanese American Veterans Memorial Day" in Chicago.

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As we approach the next biennium, we can look back with considerable pride on our remarkable achievements toward the pursuit of justice. For more than a half-century, the JACL has been at the forefront of promoting the welfare of the Japanese American community. Now, we face one of our greatest challenges—winning victory for the cause of redress. As this nation celebrates the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, it is our historic mandate to champion the removal of this blot of injustice from our nation's past in order that she is able to reaffirm the high principles upon which this country is founded. Our mission is a most significant one—to inspire, to teach and to remedy.

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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 Nisei gave presentations before 11th grade classes at Madison High School on May 22.

Following a videotaped excerpt from a CBS "Sunday Morning" segment covering the internment, presentations were made by Yosh Kawamoto, retired State Dept. official and a member of the Washington, D.C. JACL; Key Kobayashi, recent retiree from the Library of Congress and former D.C. Chapter president; and Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, Washington representative of National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) and former senior researcher for the Commission 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 Military Intelligence Service language schools in Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling in Minnesota, he served with the 37th Infantry Division, interrogating Japanese prisoners of war and translating captured Japanese documents. He spent 20 months on overseas duty from 1943-45, then served as a civilian with the Defense Division of the postwar International Military Tribunal.

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 CWRIC and has been involved in many Nikkei veterans' projects. He focused his presentation on the contradictory behavior of the

U.S. government in drafting JAs to serve in the armed forces while keeping the soldiers' families incarcerated.

Herzig-Yoshinaga discussed the trauma of being removed from her home, school and friends as a high school senior in 1942. She said the expulsion program was unconstitutional 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 exclusion and internment.

Herzig-Yoshinaga commented, "The lack of information on this subject in the textbooks is appalling. Until this event in history is included in more detail... it is incumbent for Japanese Americans to participate in educational events on the community level and to speak before churches, community organizations and schools in order to create an informed public."



MEDIUM WITH A MESSAGE—Over 200 guests paid tribute on June 14 to 79-year-old Issei artist Hisako Hibi (second from left), whose oil paintings of the wartime Tanforan assembly center and Topaz camp were displayed by National Japanese American Historical Society in San Francisco. With the artist are (from left) Daisy Satoda of NJAHS; Eric Saul, NJAHS curator and producer of the exhibit; noted sculptor Ruth Asawa; and Kimi Kodani, whose grandfather was a friend of Hibi's. Also honoring Hibi were Assemblyman Art Agnos and representatives of Mayor Diane Feinstein and the San Francisco Arts Commission. The paintings will be on display at 1855 Folsom St. (corner of 15th St.) through Aug. 15. Info: (415) 431-5007.

## Temple to mark 70th anniversary

ALAMEDA, Calif.—A special anniversary service and gala banquet will be held July 27 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of Buddhist Temple of Alameda.

The Buddhist movement in Alameda actually began in 1906, when study groups were formed and religious services were conducted by Oakland Buddhist Church, but it was not until 1916 that it was decided that a separate church should be established in Alameda.

The church'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

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

The temple flourished until the WW2 internment. During the war, the buildings and grounds were taken over by the U.S. Navy for use as a training school.

When the Japanese Americans were able to return to their former homes, the temple was reactivated and services continued as before.

Bishop Seigen Yamaoka and Bay District Temple ministers will participate in a special service. Co-chairs of the service are Ron Nakano and Joyce Maniwa.

The banquet and entertainment take place at 4 p.m. at Blue

Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro. Special guests will include Rev. Eiyu Terao, Rev. Ryo Imamura, Rev. Giko Abiko, Yukiko Motoyoshi, Teruko Naito, the mayor of Alameda and the publisher of the Alameda Times Star. In charge of general arrangements is Noboru Okada.

A reunion-type mixer is scheduled for the night of July 26. All former Alamedans are invited. Info: (415) 522-5243.

## 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 Asian & Pacific Women conference to be held at Hawaii Imin International Conference Center from Aug. 1-3.

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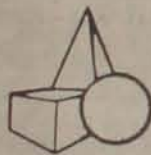
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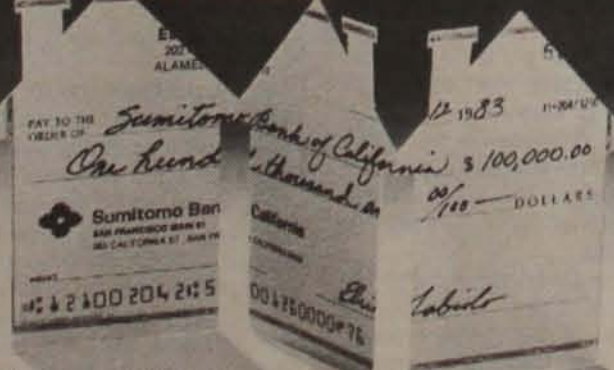


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## EDITORIAL

### 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 under way, however, anti-immigrant sentiment is surfacing in the form of a measure that would make English the official language of California. Supported by former Sen. S.I. Haya-kawa's nationwide U.S. English organization, the measure has gained 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 has preyed on the fears of longtime residents who feel that the "foreigners" are "taking over." One way of promoting better communication between newly arrived immigrants and native-born Americans is to provide funding for more and better English instruction in public schools, adult schools, and colleges. The proposed law contains no such constructive steps.

Instead, it could be used as a basis for eliminating government services for immigrants if a language other than English is used—voting materials, classroom instruction, emergency operators, driving manuals, and so on. Far from promoting unity, the U.S. English movement seems more like a xenophobic and mean-spirited attempt to deprive immigrants of any legal gains they have made in the last 20 years or so. In sharp contrast to the Statue of Liberty's message of hope, this movement appeals to 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 department: Morton Thiokol, Inc., one of the nation's largest suppliers of salt and the only supplier of space shuttle booster rockets, is facing big public relations problems these days. After testimony from a few of its engineers regarding the safety of its now-infamous O-ring seals to the Rogers Commission investigating the Challenger disaster, the company came under a lot of fire for its treatment of the engineers who 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 is negotiating 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 managers will hopefully have a little more to say about tolerances and safety in products.

In April, JACL conducted a direct mail solicitation for redress and members through SRS Group Associates, Inc. With this issue, we welcome the 246 new members and readers of Pacific Citizen that 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 the page being 14 inches high and 10 1/4 inches wide.

Starting with this issue (Vol. 103), the wider 34-inch roll is being used, allowing this page to be 16 inches high.

Between 1961-1976 the PC was the standard eight columns wide and 21 inches high, usually consisting of four pages. Prior to 1961, the PC was 10 1/2 inches wide by 16 high. So the PC as a news product has completed a circle.

—Harry Honda, General Manager

### An Asian in the Hospital

**EAST WIND**

**Bill Marutani**



LAST MONTH I was confined to a hospital for a couple of weeks undergoing tests until the doctors finally determined the cause of what was bothering me, followed by minor surgery and antibiotics. (Nothing life-threatening or serious, although irksome.) And I guess as my Nisei generation inexorably moves into the realm of higher double-digit age categories, these pesky, as well as more serious, maladies are inevitable. And we are undoubtedly among the least troublesome patients for the medical staff: uncomplaining, highly tolerant, undemanding. Typical of the Asian culture.

I was no different, for I was informed that I had the reputation as a "favorite" among the medical support staff in this regard.

TRUTH TO TELL, however, I was unquestionably one of the (silently) severest critics of how a hospital should be designed, organized and operated. In these respects almost nothing measured

up to how I thought a medical institution should be operated. Starting with the layout and design of the room: the ceiling light is so located that when the nurses flick on the switch, a blinding flash is directed right into the eyes of the sleeping patient. I would replace such with remotely controlled spotlights with a dimmer switch: one can then focus upon the "working area" without blinding the hapless patient who is trying to get some shut-eye.

SPEAKING OF WHICH I had always believed, and continue to believe, that peaceful rest is one of the basic principles of healing. Well, this particular hospital—located among woods in a suburb—apparently doesn't agree with me. There is a succession of disruptive intermissions to make sure that one does not enjoy the bliss of restful rejuvenation: one nurse comes in to take the temperature; another comes in to take blood pressure readings; then when you're about ready to doze off again into blissful sleep, another comes in to get some blood samples; and there follows a series of other disruptions—medication, change of sheets, followed by "M'gawd-mealtime-already?" It's enough to leave the tired, hapless patient punchy.

IF ONE IS to survive this regimen, one must devise counter-measures. Use the ole' *atama*,

such as it is. My device was a simple one: when in the midst of getting some shut-eye, I simply ignored them. Didn't open my eyes. Amazing how well that worked. Soon the staff was doing the sensible thing: they took the temperature, blood pressure, blood specimen the way they should have in the first place—all at once. As for the bed linen, that got changed to suit my schedule, namely when I decided to get out of bed to wash up and so on, and not to suit the convenience of the staff. After all, I wasn't there to serve them.

So not all that "Asian" *enryo* stuff stuck. As a matter of fact, it reached a point where, at times, the patient was instructing (diplomatically, of course) the nurses how to proceed in some instances.

QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY, I was itching to get out and get home. Wandering aimlessly around a hospital corridor to work out pent-up impatience is hardly stimulating, physically or psychologically. So the morning frau Vicki arrived to pick me up, I was ready and eager. But the nurse instructed me to wait in my room—for a wheelchair! Impatiently, I waited, for what seemed like an interminable period. And when my interminable point was reached, I muttered, "To heck with it" and walked out and down the steps to the waiting car. And back to blessed home.

There's a "Wanted" or "Escape" or an A.W.O.L. charge pending against me at the hospital. But so be it. I'm back.

### 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:

- (1) May 28—letter to Rep. Joseph DioGuardi (R-N.Y.), requesting his co-sponsorship on H.R. 442, followed by a call to his Washington office for an appointment.
- (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*, CWIRC summary; "Japanese Americans: Home at Last," National Geographic, April 1986; and redress documents.
- (3) June 2—DioGuardi's reply to Tsukada, which read in part, "There is no doubt that serious injustices were perpetrated upon Japanese Americans during WW2. ... [Y]ou can be certain that I will support equitable



**LEC UPDATE:**  
**Grayce Uyehara**

measures that seek to redress this unfortunate occurrence in American history..."

(4) June 5—thank you letter from Tsukada to DioGuardi.

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

We have asked others who reside in New York's Westchester County to write letters since Tsukada has laid an excellent foundation on which to convince the congressman there are constituents who believe in the bill.

**IDC Lobbying**

Mitsugi Kasai is the regional redress coordinator for IDC JACL. He gave a complete report on his compliance with the Action Alert which was put out with packet # 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 chair, Peter Rodino.

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-sponsorship list. Since the veteran Kasai was not an evacuee, he presented the redress issue from the perspective of a Nisei veteran and emphasized their loyalty to our country.

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

Those of us who have the responsibility for coordinating the legislative lobbying work are uplifted and renewed to keep up the detailed work of soliciting more active lobbying support from within and outside JACL.

Redress can be on the move, onward and upward, 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:

Bill Hosokawa

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

Soon it was a gale tearing at the bunting on the makeshift platform built on the back of a farm trailer. Someone suggested moving the bus, 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. Congressman Norman Mineta, who had arrived in the camp in 1942 as an 11-year-old boy, gave the main address, focusing on the precious meaning of freedom that had been denied the

evacuees. It was a thoughtful, meaningful address but the wind snatched away some of his words and he had difficulty keeping his manuscript in order. Minoru Yasui also spoke, and he was at his fiery best. A local quartet sang "America the Beautiful" and a rifle squad fired three volleys in honor of the 22 Heart Mountaineers whose names appear on the bronze plaque honoring their sacrifice.

Then it was over, and almost at once the wind stopped. There was something mystic about the wind, as though the elements were reminding all those present of the terrible, suffocating dust storms that engulfed the area back in the days when it was an American concentration camp.

But on this day, even though the wind raged, there was no dust. All around were green fields of young sugar beets, barley, oats and other small grains. They kept the soil in place and held down the dust. That, too, was symbolic of the good that had come to this tragic place with the passage of time, for the water that the evacuees brought to this parched land in ditches they fashioned enabled the homesteaders to cultivate it.

Like their predecessors, the homesteaders who were given the

land after the evacuees left experienced the cold and heat and wind and dust until they could get their homes built, the fields cleared and crops planted.

Their mutual hardship is the basis for a friendship that has developed between the homesteaders and the evacuees. The homesteaders, led by Chester and Mary Ruth Blackburn, built a memorial park as a bicentennial project. The Heart Mountain High School class of 1947—they all scattered when the camp was closed before graduation—with Bacon Sakatani as their prime mover, created the monument to memorialize the war dead.

It's taken 40 years to accomplish all this, and perhaps that is well because by then everyone was agreed the projects needed to be done. Both the projects that, as the Rev. Mr. Buswell (who had visited the camp often during the war) observed, were the products of strength of character, faith and dedication.

At the banquet winding up the day, Congressman Mineta took note of the warmth of the friendship and human love that was evident between homesteaders and ex-evacuees, Americans all. It was a memorable occasion. I wish all former Heart Mountaineers could have been there to share in the emotion that, in a sense, was a healthy catharsis.

# Liberty and Justice for All



REDRESS UPDATE

Minoru Yasui  
Legislative Education Committee

Today, the people of the United States will be joyfully celebrating the 100th birthday of the newly refurbished Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, and in September of 1987, all across this great land, we will commemorate a deeply significant bicentennial observance of the U.S. Constitution.

Lady Liberty symbolizes freedoms and opportunities unknown elsewhere in the world. The Constitution guarantees that "We, the people" shall secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

These are great and noble concepts. These promises have always been in our inherent national consciousness, despite some aberrations in the past. We, as a people and as a nation, dare dream these dreams, and strive to make those ideals real for all of us.

Because we believe in the self-evident truths declared by the founders of our nation 200 years ago, and because we know that "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance" as noted by Voltaire, today a group of U.S. citizens—of Japanese ancestry—is calling attention to a profound violation of those fundamental principles some 44 years ago.

In 1942, more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed from the West Coast and incarcerated in desolate desert camps. This was done by military fiat, and without specific charges against any individual, as required by the Bill of Rights. It is true that this involved only a minuscule portion of our nation's population. It is further true that we were at war with the ancestral home of these people. How that would justify arbitrary actions against individuals is, today, incomprehensible.

### Lasting Damage

But the lasting damage done—unless rectified—is to the principles for which this nation stands. Although in the tradition of Anglo-American law and justice, as epitomized in the Magna Carta, "no one should be punished for the crimes of another" and "no one should be tainted by the evils of the father," literally because of the horrendous destruction of U.S. defenses in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941, those whose ancestral roots were common with the attackers were regarded and treated as potential enemies.

To give lie to such warped and twisted thinking, some 33,000 men of Japanese ancestry came out of the barbed-wire enclosed "relocation camps," and from Hawaii, to

compile a most dramatic record of gallantry, heroism and devotion to our American ideals. The 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed of Nisei GIs, with its 300% casualty rate in 18 months of combat, emblazoned the annals of the armed forces as the "most decorated unit" in the military history of the U.S.

The issue today, however, is not whether Americans of Japanese ancestry were wronged in 1942. The verdict of history is in, and there is no question that a grave injustice was done to a hundred thousand people.

### 'Loaded Weapon'

The more basic question is: What damage was done to our fundamental principles of justice, as would affect generations of Americans of whatever ancestry in the years to come, unless this abrogation of constitutional rights is rectified? As Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts stated in his dissent in the Korematsu case in 1944, the principle of discriminatory classification of people based on ancestry is "like a loaded weapon" pointed at the heads of the American people, if indeed at some future time some arbitrary authority seizes an emergency to execute a pogrom against another unpopular group of people.

At this time of joyful celebration and profound appreciation for the blessings of freedom, so hard fought for and paid for by the blood of Americans of every hue, and of every background and ancestry, should we not give thought and action to rectifying that grievous error of the past? Santayana said that unless we learn from the errors of the past, we are doomed to repeat them. We believe that redress for the forced evacuation and banishment is a learning process for our nation.

Pending in Congress today is H.R. 442, which would redress those wrongs. True, the immediate beneficiaries of such a bill would be the now aging and slowly dying 60,000 survivors of the camps, but the true beneficiaries would be the principles upon which this nation was founded, and, in fact, the American people of today and tomorrow.

# One Down, Two to Go

by Harry Kajihara  
LEC Fund Drive Chair

The first year of the 3-year fund drive was completed on May 31, 1986. Sixty prime solicitors, 25 chapters, and the Pacific Southwest District LEC Fund-Drive Dinner Committee, under chair Toy Kanegai, raised \$178,374.88. This dedicated work by all the above enabled LEC to become operational and to conduct the lobbying work. LEC Chair Min Yasui, the LEC Board and I express deep appreciation and gratitude to all money raisers and money donors.

The moneys raised by each district through May 31, and their

targeted goals are given below:

Dist.	Raised	Target
E	\$26,042	\$14,000
MW	25,771	24,000
PNW	21,572	24,000
PSW	67,743	120,000
CC	11,200	24,000
MP	3,100	10,000
NCWNP	21,011	120,000
IMT	1,835	16,000
	\$178,274	\$352,000

Sixty prime solicitors raised a total of \$101,589. Grayce Ueyehara topped the prime solicitors, raising \$6,872. Lily Okura was next, raising \$5,115, one dollar more than Shig Wakamatsu, who raised \$5,114.

Twenty-five chapters raised \$39,285. Selanoco (PSW) topped the chapters by raising \$9,000 with the fund-raising planning and implementation carried out by Pat Kawamoto, Peter Ota, chapter redress chair, and chapter president Frank Kawase. Fresno (Central Calif.) raised \$5,215. Their efforts were headed by chapter president Ken Yokota and CC Governor Peggy Sasashima Liggett. San Fernando Valley (PSW) raised \$4,960 with efforts headed by redress co-chairs Nancy Gohata and Phil Shigeekuni.

There were over 1,500 donors giving \$5 to \$2,000. To express appreciation to each donor the LEC Board approved sending the LEC lapel pin. Ventura County chapter has undertaken the huge task to accomplish the 1,500 mailings.

Concluding this first year of the 3-Year Fund Drive, I wish to express thanks to Pete Hironaka, his family, and the Dayton Chapter for undertaking the big job of mailing Pete's "Issei" silk screen artwork to the major donors, approximately 200; and to Bacon Sakatani, San Gabriel Chapter, for the enormous computerization record-keeping of donors. Everyone please remember that it is one year completed, two more to go!

### JACL Legislative Education Committee Fund Drive Report

**No. 8—June 1, 1986**  
Targeted Donation by June 1, 1986 .....\$352,000.00  
Donations Received:  
.....\$178,274.00

**Staff**  
Pac Northwest .....21,572.00  
No. Cal-WN-P .....21,011.00  
Central Cal .....11,200.00  
Pac Southwest .....67,743.00  
Intermountain .....1,835.00  
Mtn-Plain .....3,100.00  
Midwest .....25,771.00  
Eastern .....26,042.00

**Prev. Bal.: \$172,375.00**  
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Ben & Kyo Chikarashi, Contra Costa JACL  
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**Period Total: ... \$5,899.00**  
**New Balance ... 178,274.00**

**Donations as of June 6, 1986**  
**PRIME SOLICITORS**  
(KP: Key Person)  
**Pacific Northwest (16):** Lloyd Hara (\$100), Ed Honma, Cherry Kinoshita (\$4,225), Kaz Kinoshita, Harvey Watanabe (\$695), Tomio Moriguchi (\$550), Sam Nakagawa (\$2,617.34), Bob Sato (\$2,025), Jim Tsujimura (\$625), Terry Yamada, KP: Gordon Yamaguchi (\$698), Denny Yasuhara (\$2,635), Homer Yasui (\$3,475), Seattle JACL (\$2,915), Puysallup Valley JACL (\$400), Lake Washington JACL (\$300), Portland Chapter JACL (\$112).

**No. Cal-WN-P (29):** Kenichi Burden, Violet de Christoforo (\$1,395), Jerry Enomoto (\$1,425), KP: Molly Fujioke (\$1,786), Mike Hamachi (\$766), Tad Hirota, \$2,300), Frank Iwama, James Murakami, Judy Niizawa (\$2,400), Harry Sakasegawa (\$150), Ben Takeshita (\$1,100), Henry Tarda (\$525), James Tarda (\$475), Cliff Uyeda (\$950), Tony Yokomizo, Kimiko Kientz (\$50), Unknown, George Ushijima, Harry Iida, Mary Tsukamoto (\$185), Sumi Honnami (\$100), Stockton JACL (\$1,280), Diablo Valley JACL (\$2,125), Fresno JACL (\$3,110), French Camp JACL (\$335), George Miya, George Furukawa (\$170), Bill Kashwagi, Teri Mizusaka, Marysville JACL (\$360), h Nakashima (\$5).

**Central Cal (8):** Hiro Mayeda (\$683), KP: Peggy Sasashima Liggett, Tom Shimazaki (\$1,639), Clovis JACL (\$2,145), Ben Nagatani (\$376.40), Fresno JACL (\$5,215), Sanger JACL (\$982), Tulare County JACL (\$150).

**Pac Southwest (18):** Mas Hironaka (\$3,550), KP: Ken Inouye, Harry Kajihara (\$2,888.37), Junji Kumamoto (\$630), Rose Ochi (\$1,430), Ken Ogawa (\$630), Willie Takano (\$1,285), Frank Watake (\$1,250), Marina JACL (\$100), SELANOCO JACL (\$9,000), Unknown (\$100), Greater LA Singles JACL (\$1,678), San Fernando Valley JACL (\$4,960), Pasadena JACL (\$640), Carson JACL (\$250), PSW/LEC Div Comm (\$37,500), San Gabriel V JACL (\$400), Orange County JACL (\$331), Las Vegas Chapter (\$1,121).

**Intermountain (2):** KP: Hid Hasegawa, Mitsugi Kasai (\$1,835).

**Mtn-Plain (2):** KP: Paul Shin-kawa, Min Yasui (\$2,900).

**Midwest (22):** Roy Ebihara (\$100), Alan Hida (\$3,096), Art Morimatsu (\$690), Tom Nakao (\$300), Frank Sakamoto (\$600), KP: Tom Hara, Tom Tajiri, Paul Iwasaki, Charles Walter, Thomas Kaihara (\$925), Hiro Mayeda, Jack Nakagawa (\$2,000), Henry Tataka (\$3,005), Roy Ebihara (\$1,000), Henry Tanabe, Tak Tomiyama, George Suzuki, Tom Tokuhisa (\$375), Shig Wakamatsu (\$5,114), Kaz Mayeda (\$3,075), Dr. James Taguchi (\$4,245), St. Louis JACL (\$150), Detroit JACL (\$955.77), Unknown, Ken Matsumoto (\$315), Joseph Tanaka (\$625).

**Eastern (13):** Tom Kometsani (\$2,325), Tak Moriyuchi (\$1,000), Lily Okura (\$5,155), Jack Ozawa (\$2,250), KP: Mike Suzuki (\$4,250), Grant Ujifusa, Grayce Ueyehara (\$6,872), Charles Nagao (\$1,025), Cherry Tautsumida (\$140), BJ/Ron Watanabe/Osajima (\$3,025), Sarah Sugi, Scott Nagao, Gregory Ono.

**Staff (1):** Ron Wakabayashi (\$100).

Donations acknowledged to date by Prime Solicitors: \$178,374.88

# The PC Editor Search

by Henry Sakai  
Past PC Board Chair

Since a number of people have written to the PC Board expressing concern and support for editor Bob Shimabukuro, I think it's only fair that people understand what the PC Board is trying to do.

I have received about six letters, plus two others (one being a letter to the Rafu Shimpo with four signatures and the other addressed to PC board chair Clifford Uyeda), which I think are very fine tributes to Bob. I'm happy to see people speak up.

As the person representing the PC board chair on the business side, I have been trying to get the PC on a sound financial basis. In the past, PC was dependent on National JACL to allocate whatever it could afford or deemed necessary. Since the 1984 convention, when PC became semi-

independent, PC could only expect from National the membership subscriptions paid.

This means that PC must increase non-member subscriptions, advertising and typesetting revenue or increase subscription rates. In 1985, with a drop in advertising and membership plus a 40% increase in postage, it was a very tough year. By holding down expenses, PC managed to come out of the year about even. However, we did hire an advertising and business manager, Rick Momii, in November to try and get advertising and typesetting going; that is starting to pay off. However, advertising is a slow process since PC needs to be a broader based and larger circulation newspaper to attract more advertisers.

Right now PC is at the crossroads. We can spend some

money and try to build into a top-grade, broad-based Japanese American/Asian American national newspaper or, as some people have said, go back to being an eight-page organizational paper like before. I don't think we can or want to go back. Otherwise, as national membership keeps going down (presently over 10% behind last year), PC will shrink with it. Without any competition, now is the time to capture the national market.

A consulting group that National hired about a year and a half ago has been trying to increase membership by mailout. They claim there are 140,000 Nikkei households out there and they hope to capture 4%. If so, that could add 5,000 members; if not, I hope PC can pick up 5,000 non-member subscriptions.

The PC Board decided to raise the membership subscription rate from \$10 to \$12, but National Board wanted only to approve

## NISEI FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued from Front Page

Recipients of \$500 scholarships were: Thao Pham (Los Angeles H.S.), Ngoclan Vu (Norwalk H.S.), Kim Bui and Hai Duong Hong Vo (both Long Beach Poly H.S.), and Nhen Quay Ho (San Gabriel H.S.), all from Vietnam; Chanthay Leang (Santa Ana H.S.) from Cambodia; and Nelar Wine (Alhambra H.S.) and Jenny Chiu (San Gabriel H.S.), both from Burma. Awards of \$300 went to My Anh Dao (Grant H.S.), Hoa Ly (John Glenn H.S.), Dung Quoc Bui Le (Downey H.S.) and Thanh

Tieu (Alhambra H.S.), all from Vietnam.

Khamchong Luangpraseut, supervisor of Santa Ana Unified School District's Indochinese Program and a native of Laos, congratulated the students, calling them "a tremendous example of what should be in the future."

Also on hand were NSRCF secretary Nobu Hibino of Portland, Conn., and Los Angeles scholarship selection committee members J.D. Hokoyama, Midori Watanabe Kamei, Don Nakanishi and Amy Iwasaki Mass. Resolutions commending NSRCF's work were presented by representatives of Assemblywoman Gloria Molina and City Councilman Mike Woo.

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

by Harry Honda

LOS ANGELES—An American Sansei team from Southern California will compete in the 11th Mexican Nikkei Olympics Aug. 5-10 at the Japanese Mexican Lyceo Comercial in the suburbs of Mexico City.

Other Nikkei from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Peru are expected to compete against the host Mexican Sansei and the U.S. contingent in track and field, judo, swimming, tennis and ping-pong, according to team leader Carrie Okamura, Orange County JACL president and Nisei Relays co-chair.

To properly attire the U.S. group with uniforms, donations are being solicited through

Pacific Southwest District JACL, according to Luis Yamakawa, Latin American JACL president and Pan American Nikkei Assn.

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## Nat'l Support Fund

These amounts represent the 1986 National JACL support fund (Sweepstakes) as acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:

#1: May 8—June 3, 1986

Week Ending	Weekly Total
May 9 (2)	\$ 100.00
May 16 (11)	5,510.00
May 23 (10)	4,875.00
May 30 (49)	2,450.00
To June 3 (19) (281)	950.00
<b>Total: \$13,885.00</b>	

## Redress Pledges

Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of: #27: MAY, 1986

1986 Total:	\$ 38,325.00
Prev. Gr. Total:	\$277,154.54
This Report: ( 9 )	\$11,610.50
Grand Total:	\$288,775.04

Tulare County JACL \$120; Parlier JACL \$1,580 (bal of 2d & 3d years); Contra Costa JACL \$2,000; Lodi JACL \$840.50; Twin Cities JACL \$905; Gilroy JACL \$675; Golden Gate JACL \$20; Eden Township \$1,000; Sacramento JACL \$4,470.

1986 DISTRICT BREAKDOWN (Actual: Jan.—May 1986)

Midwest	21,130.00
NC-WN-Pac	17,280.50
Pac Northwest	2,835.00
Eastern	1,400.00
Central Cal	3,212.00
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Intermountain	
Pac Southwest	
May 31 Total:	\$ 38,325.00

## Redress Support

These amounts come with membership form check-offs. Actual amounts from the JACL Chapters acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of: #4: MAY, 1986

Arizona \$51, Berkeley (3) \$15, Boise Valley (1) \$5, Fremont (1) \$20, Gardena Valley (14) \$70, Lake Washington (1) \$5, Mile Hi (2) \$10, Philadelphia (7) \$93, Puyallup Valley (1) \$5, St. Louis (2) \$30, Seattle (1) \$5, .

1986 Support Campaign Summary

Month	Count	Received
'85 Dec	(62)	\$ 420.00
Jan	(164)	1,001.00
Feb	(187)	1,298.00
March	(105)	1,062.00
April	(204)	1,774.00
May	(33+)	309.00
1986 Total:		\$ 5,864.00

## 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 Sera (Central California), Sheila Sakakura (Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific), Joe Tanaka (Midwest) and Jeffrey Suzuki (Pacific Southwest) will compete for the \$200 scholarship in the prepared/informative division.

Kim Suyehiro (NCWNP), Mary Ishii (Midwest) and Lisa Itamura

(PSW) will participate in the extemporaneous division.

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

JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, on behalf of the Leadership Task Force, acknowledged the contribution. "We are grateful for Chevron's continuing support of our activities, particularly in the upcoming National Speech and Forensic Competition. With the dramatic increase of Asian immigrants, leadership development and communication skills become increasingly important. We thank Chevron USA for sharing our interest and concern in this effort."

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asking for a \$1 increase, even though PC can justify the \$12 cost (non-member rates are \$20). Therefore, unless PC can increase revenue or JACL elects a vice president who does something to increase membership, PC may have to reduce the number of issues per year.

So what does all this have to do with Bob? What I've tried to do in limited space is to explain where PC is at businesswise. Harry Honda, as general manager, is considering the recommendations of the selection committee and must pick the person most qualified to help PC meet its objectives. The PC Board approves the selection.

When Bob was appointed acting editor in May 1985 after five months at PC, we had planned to do the search around October, but due to falling finances it was decided to wait until after the first of the year. When the salary range was first established it looked like PC was going to lose around \$20,000 for 1985. However, in March, after all the figures were in, PC broke about even but that didn't leave much room for growth.

During the PC Board meeting, Bill Hosokawa, who is on the selection committee and is the "dean of Nikkei journalists," said the salary was too low and PC needed to raise it if we were to attract other qualified candidates. Obviously, if PC could offer \$50,000 a year it would attract some very experienced talent. But with PC's financial condition today, the board, after interviewing the candidates, decided to raise the range to \$30,000 and readvertise. I understand this has resulted in a few more candidates applying and hopefully this will give Harry (with help from the committee) the opportunity to select the best possible person for the editorship.

Bob came in as assistant editor in December 1984 with very little newspaper experience but the ability to write, a lot of sen-

sitivity to Asian American issues, willingness to work hard and dedication. If Bob isn't selected as editor he will still be the assistant and be able to contribute and learn the newspaper business. I don't think we will see editors staying longer than three to five years any more, since there are more opportunities for them to move on, not like when Harry became editor some 34 years ago.

I hope this gives some insight as to what the board is trying to do. Clifford Uyeda, who was PC Board chair in 1980-82 and again this biennium, has been a major force in seeking independence and upgrading the PC, including salaries and equipment. With the new facilities and the new typesetter (purchased with contributions from our readers), if PC grows additional equipment and staff will be added and salaries improved.

Part of the PC Board chair's job is to provide a buffer for the

editor when there are complaints from readers but also to pass along those that may be justified. A couple of years ago when I was the chair, a prominent JACLer demanded that the editor be fired, which of course never happened. We get comments from some people who say there's nothing in the paper for them to read, others who didn't like the Holiday Issue. So you get both sides. Hopefully, when PC can grow to a 12-to-16-page paper there will be something for all segments. Let's face it, probably two-thirds of the Nikkei are conservative and that includes Sansei and Yonsei too.

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# SEABROOK

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jumped from 15 in February 1944 to 831 in December of that year, 1,688 in December 1945, and between 2,300 and 2,700 by January 1947. The exodus from the camps to New Jersey was encouraged, Sawada felt, because it suited the needs of both the War Relocation Authority and the owner of Seabrook Farms.

Under chief administrator Dillon Myer, a chief objective of the WRA was to resettle internees outside the camps—and outside their former West Coast homes. The program did not proceed as

planned because some internees "were not anxious to go into alien or hostile territory," said Sawada, while those who wished to leave faced a lengthy clearance process and a search for employment on the outside.

Charles F. Seabrook, known as the "Henry Ford of agriculture," was a major supplier of canned, frozen and dehydrated food. Products bearing the Seabrook label were well known. Sawada noted that 20% 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 farmers, laborers from Mexico and the Caribbean, white workers from the South, students, vacationers, even German POWs—but still faced a severe labor shortage during the war. Thus, Seabrook eventually "looked up on the camps as useful source of labor and utilized the forced mi-

gration of a people," Sawada said. In time, Seabrook recruited JAs from all 10 concentration camps, as well as Japanese Peruvians who had been interned in the U.S. All were welcomed—Issei or Nisei, men or women, single or with family, skilled or unskilled.

### Building a Community

Initially, some resettlers found that housing at Seabrook "was no different from the housing in the camps," said Sawada. But as the community developed, it "could boast a Buddhist church, a Christian church, community festivals, the JACL, the bowling club, the basketball group, the Boy Scout troop, and the cultural groups. There were institutions which sprang up overnight as soon as Japanese Americans started to live in that area."

However, the JA population began to decline in 1947, according to Sawada. In 1949, there were 1,200, in 1954 there were

900, and the 1970 census showed a total of 530 JAs living in the area. Seabrook Farms has since been bought by another firm and is no longer operating.

To Sawada, the remarkable part of the Seabrook JA story is that despite "being moved to the camps, being moved out of the camps, and the less than average conditions under which they lived during those years... they survived and were able to make a life for themselves."

Sasaki, who now lives in Torrance, Calif., reminisced with other former Seabrook residents in the audience as slides showing everyday life at Seabrook were shown.

The program was sponsored by UCLA Asian American Studies Center, JACCC, Japanese American Historical Society, Japanese American National Museum, and Friends of Little Tokyo Public Library.

# NIKKEI OLYMPICS

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committee member, who has been coordinating the arrangements. Donations are being accepted at PSW JACL, 244 S. San Pedro St., #507, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

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As a postlude, Latin American athletes are planning to take in Nisei Week the following week in Los Angeles. Yamakawa is calling for house sponsors to host at least a pair for a couple of days.

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