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Blacks, Koreans assess relations

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Panelists from the local Korean and Black communities, speaking June 24 at KCET-TV studios, stressed the need to iron out differences between the two groups and charged that media coverage has contributed to existing problems.

The murder of four Korean merchants in as many weeks during robberies in South Central Los Angeles has renewed media interest in friction that has arisen as more and more Korean immigrants have moved into a predominantly Black area.

Economic Issue

Jarrette Fellows, publisher and editor of California Sonshine, dismissed the suggestion that the murders were racially motivated. "If you read the pages of the L.A. Sentinel [a Black-owned newspaper], you would know that there are as many Blacks being killed also. I don't believe that young thugs are out to get Koreans. I believe that it's a matter of economics."

Korean American Journalists Assn. president K.W. Lee, who covered the civil rights movement in the South in the late 1950s and early 1960s, also downplayed the racial angle, calling it a "sideshow." He said the real issue is, "How has police protection... in Watts been extended to residents and those who do commerce in Watts?"

"Most people in the Black community didn't know there was a problem until they started reading the articles in the Times and the Sentinel," said Fellows, who was part of a delegation of Black pastors that visited South Korea last year. "I think what they've done is create something in the minds of people... I like to play up the positive aspects of what's



Panelists Tong Soo Chung of Korean American Coalition and Pam Moreland of Black Journalists Assn. of So. Calif. at forum on Black-Korean relations.

going in the community. There's a lot of Korean churches, for instance, who give scholarships to Black schools. I haven't seen one story in any newspaper on that, other than my own."

Larry Aubry, a member of the L.A. County Human Relations Commission who has been dealing with Black-Korean relations for the past two years, felt that in general there has not been balanced or accurate coverage of the issue. He cited an April 1985 L.A. Times headline, "Tensions Grow," as an example of sensationalism. "There was nothing in that article to substantiate that headline."

He did note some improvement; the most recent feature on the subject, which ran May 18, was titled "Tale of 2 Cultures."

'Irresponsible Journalism'

Tong Soo Chung of Korean American Coalition said that the Black press has also exploited the issue in the past. A series of articles published by the Sentinel in 1983 suggested, among other things, that Black customers received disrespectful treatment and paid higher prices at Korean businesses. The reports "were very biased in my opinion... often based on misinformation, not complete research."

"When I read those articles and thought about the hundreds

and hundreds of people working in those areas whose lives might be endangered by some person or persons who might have read the story and believed it... I could not help being angered by the irresponsible journalism."

He added that the Sentinel has since "become much more accepting and tolerant of the different backgrounds of the different people that live in the South Central Los Angeles area."

Sources of Tension

Aubry attributed existing tensions to stereotypical notions and ignorance on both sides.

Chung refuted as totally false the belief among some Blacks that Korean businesses receive interest-free loans. He also thought it unfair that Korean mom-and-pop stores were accused of not hiring Blacks. Mom-and-pop operations, regardless of ethnicity, tend to hire family members, he said.

"There seems to be an assumption, or almost a demand," he commented, "that Korean businesses in the South Central area owe something to the Black community. There are often demands made that donations be given, support be given for this or that cause... I cannot help but wonder, are these same demands made of other people doing business in South Central Los Angeles or in any other parts of the city?"

Fellows said he could understand the Korean point of view, but added, "You've got to be sensitive to the fact that you did

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Coalition to fight English initiative

SAN FRANCISCO — Charging that the "English Only" initiative which qualified June 25 for the November state ballot is "seeking to promote bigotry, fear and intolerance between groups," a coalition of civil rights groups has vowed to fight it.

The coalition includes American Civil Liberties Union, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, JACL, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Asian Law Caucus, and Latino Democratic Club.

Entitled "English as the Official Language of California," the initiative is sponsored by California English Campaign, an arm of the nationwide U.S. English organization chaired by former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa.

"Members of the board of U.S. English have been or are presently on the boards of anti-immigrant organizations throughout the country," charged Francisco Garcia of MALDEF. "These interlocking directorates make clear the xenophobic thrust and general anti-immigrant and racist contours of the 'English Only' movement."

Coalition members say the initiative seems innocuous but comes with a hidden agenda. "Everyone knows that English is, in fact, the official language of the United States," said JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi. "But what this initiative will do is divide this state along racial and ethnic lines and encourage

bigotry, divisiveness and resentment."

"The sponsors obviously cannot tolerate the ethnic differences in our state population. Since they cannot make us all look alike, they could punish us for not talking alike."

"The sponsors intend to eliminate all forms of government-sponsored bilingual services, including bilingual education, ballots, social services, and perhaps even emergency 911 calls, regardless of their effectiveness or need in the community," said Ed Chen of ACLU of No. Calif.

"The initiative could threaten even direct or indirect government support of organizations and programs involved in preserving or enhancing cultural or ethnic heritage."

Dorothy Ehrlich, also of ACLU, said, "Rather than promoting national unity as its sponsors imply, this measure is divisive and a serious inroad into civil rights and equal protection. It breeds intolerance of racial, ethnic, and religious groups that do not quite look or speak like mainstream America."

Similarly worded initiatives have already passed in the cities of Fillmore and Los Altos, and conflict over such resolutions has surfaced in Monterey Park, South Gate and Alhambra.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations has

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Chinese American participation in politics main issue at OCA's national convention

NEW YORK — Chinese Americans, "who do so well in business and science," were urged to become more involved in politics by Delaware Lt. Gov. Shien Biau Woo during his July 11 keynote address to the national convention of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) at the Vista International Hotel.

Woo, a Shanghai-born physicist, warned that to be elected, it is necessary to run for office not as a minority candidate, but "as an American candidate who happens to be Chinese American."

The lack of politicians among the ranks of Chinese Americans was a theme addressed often by the 300 gathered for the convention. In his opening remarks, OCA national president Dr. Andrew Chen asked, "Why are we the oldest and also the largest Asian community in the country that has never had a national voice?" Chen hypothesized that divisions within the community had hampered political efforts. He suggested a national federation of all Chinese American organizations.

OCA vice president Winston Liang noted the lack of registered voters, pointing out that of an estimated one million Chinese

Americans, only 360,000 are registered.

Also discussed was the issue, "Are we Chinese American or American Chinese?" Some took the position that with cultural assimilation and intermarriage, Chinese Americans would eventually become just Americans; others, such as Betty Lee Sung, professor of Asian studies at City College of New York, said that since physical appearances prevent Chinese from being completely accepted as Americans, they must identify with both cultures.

"Champions of Excellence" awards were presented to East Coast Chinese Americans, including Roderick G.W. Chu, N.Y. Commissioner of Taxation and Finance; Dr. William Wei-lien Shaw, chief micro-surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, and Shirley Young, president of Grey Strategic Marketing.

N.Y. Gov. Mario Cuomo, the guest of honor at the convention banquet July 12, spoke to the gathering about Chinese American contributions, while Mayor Ed Koch declared the day OCA Day "in recognition of the many contributions that Chinese Americans make to the economic, social and cultural life of our city."

Bills introduced to stop relocation

WASHINGTON—Two bills pending in Congress would temporarily halt the forced removal of Navajos from their Arizona homes.

The relocation was mandated by Public Law 93-531, passed by Congress in 1974 to settle an alleged land dispute between the Navajo and the Hopi by declaring part of the Navajo reservation to be Hopi land. Opponents charge that the dispute was fabricated by energy companies that want access to the mineral-rich land.

H.R. 4872, introduced by Rep. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.) on May 21, would place a one-year moratorium on the relocation and establish a presidential commission to investigate the financial, psychological and cultural impact of the relocation on the Navajo. The commission would include traditional Navajo and Hopi elders and members of the two tribal councils.

S. 2545, introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) on June 9, would stop the relocation for 18 months and set up a study commission. "Now, after 12 years... I have reached an unpleasant and difficult conclusion," he said. "Under the previous acts of Congress in this case, a huge injustice is being perpetrated. In short, the relocation has become a grave human tragedy which could cost taxpayers nearly half a billion dollars."

At Big Mountain in Arizona, the July 7 deadline for relocation came and went without incident. The government had decided earlier not to send in federal marshals to forcibly remove those who had refused to vacate their land.

Author Daniels to keynote at dinner

CHICAGO—Roger Daniels, a professor of history at University of Cincinnati, will be the keynote speaker at the July 21 Kickoff Dinner at the JACL National Convention.

Daniels is the author of *The Politics of Prejudice: The Anti-Japanese Movement in California and the Struggle for Japanese Exclusion and Concentration Camps USA*, later published in a revised edition as *Concentration Camps: North America*. He also served as a consultant to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.



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Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—The Pan American Karaoke Championship Tournament, with singers from the U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Mexico, takes place Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Wilshire Ebell Theatre, 4401 W. 8th St. Donation: \$15, \$10. Sponsored by Pan American Nikkei Assn. (PANA). Info: (213) 774-9141.

The 11th annual Day of the Lotus Festival takes place July 19, noon-9 p.m., and July 20, noon-8 p.m., at Echo Park, 1632 Bellevue Ave. Activities include: pictorial displays on activities of Asian community groups; an Asian/Pacific students' art contest; dragon boat races; basketball camp; a special area for children; and various foods and cultural performances. Sponsors: L.A. Dept. of Recreation & Parks, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Ralphs Markets. Info: Jackie Tatum, (213) 485-4825.

Visual Communications' "Pioneering Visions" series continues with the films "Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor," "Pieces of a Dream" and "Cruisin' J-Town" Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m., at William Grant Still Gallery, 2520 W. View, and, on Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, "Freckled Rice," "Beacon Hill Boys" and Super 8 films, plus a chili cook-off. Info: (213) 680-4462.

BERKELEY, Calif.—Applications for Eden Issei Terrace, a 100-unit housing project in Hayward for low-income, handicapped and senior citizens, will be accepted in August. Applicants must be 62 or older, with maximum income of \$11,700 for singles, \$13,350 for couples. Info: Japanese American Services of East Bay, 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704; (415) 848-3560.

SEATTLE—The 16th annual Asian American Artists Exhibition, featuring the works of 24 artists, will be on display at Wing Luke Memorial Museum, 414 8th S., through Aug. 2. Featured artists include Gerald Tsutakawa, Glenn Yamanoha, Ellen Ikemoto, Bongnam Kim, Betty Ling, Anna P. Sun, and Shingping Yao. Hours: Tue.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-4 p.m. Info: Kit Freudenberg, (206) 623-5124.

Farmer takes own life after losing to city in land dispute

ANAHEIM, Calif.—Masao Fujishige, a 61-year-old strawberry farmer whose land was being condemned to make way for a \$200 million hotel-office building and condominium project, apparently killed himself with a shotgun in his home July 2, reported the coroner's office.

Family members said Fujishige's failing health and despondency over the prospect of losing part of his land contributed to his alleged suicide.

At various times the Fujishige family had been willing to sell part of the their 58-acre farm for \$1 million an acre. The developers, Becker Ltd. and Alexandra Ltd. of Hong Kong, had offered the family about \$30,000 an acre.

The city, which wants 3.92 acres of the land for access roads across the farm and into the project, condemned the land by a 4-0 vote June 3, and used its

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power of eminent domain to aid the developers in acquiring the portion of the farm which the Fujishiges did not want to sell. The project developers needed the access roads to comply with city requirements.

"My husband was a little tired," said Carolyn Fujishige, the victim's wife. She added that Masao was very despondent over the legal battle with Anaheim, but neither she nor Masao's brother Hiroshi blamed the city for the death. "He was a sick man," he said. "Those people [the Council] over there were

doing their job—whatever their job is."

Hiroshi Fujishige addressed a July 8 meeting of the council to clear up misunderstandings due to news accounts that he felt had been unduly harsh on the panel. "As far as I'm concerned, the council has no blame for it because he was a sick boy. He had a stroke three years ago and I thought he was getting better, but there was evidence of some brain damage," Fujishige said. "I don't know what his last thoughts were when he died, but he thought his time on this Earth was over."



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LEC fundraiser nets \$80,000

SAN FRANCISCO—Cressey Nakagawa, chair of Americans for Fairness, has announced that the June 13 fundraiser held by the ad hoc committee raised an estimated \$80,000 for the JACL-LEC redress campaign.

"We were extremely pleased

with the overwhelming support from the Japanese American community, the JACL chapters and the non-Nikkei community," said Nakagawa.

Nearly half of the contributions came from non-Nikkei, he added. "We were especially appreciative of the major support from Ernest and Julio Gallo Winery and the corporate sponsorship by AT&T, PG&E, Chevron USA, Koret Foundation, and Kikkoman International."

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gallo attended the dinner as patrons and donated wine for each table.

Nakagawa also cited the help of George Okamoto, Clem Oyama, Nomura & Co., and other JAs. "On behalf of Americans for Fairness, I gratefully acknowledge the past and continued support from members of our own community. Their support is crucial to our success."

Americans for Fairness expects to forward a \$50,000 contribution to LEC next month.

Fresno debut of 'Samurai' draws record crowd

FRESNO, Calif.—About 2,000 people attended the Fresno premiere of the documentary "Yankee Samurai" on May 29 at the Saroyan Theater.

Sponsored by practically every Japanese American organization from Livingston on the north to Bakersfield on the south, the event drew a crowd that far exceeded the 900 that attended the San Francisco premiere on March 15. The turnout also exceeded the hopes of the committees which worked to bring the project to fruition.

Preliminary estimates indicate that more than \$30,000 was raised. Proceeds go to the Japanese American exhibit which will be part of the Smithsonian's Bicentennial of the Constitution observance.

The film tells the story of the Nisei of the 442nd Regimental

Combat Team from a European perspective.

Robert Links, a San Francisco lawyer and chair of American Jewish Committee's Asian Community Liaison Committee, spoke about the opening of the gates of Dachau by Japanese American soldiers of the 522nd Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 442nd, and about the common bond of WW2 internment shared by the Jewish people and Japanese Americans.

Eric Saul, curator of the Army Presidio Museum in San Francisco, described the feats of Nisei soldiers on both the European and Pacific fronts. He also related how the Smithsonian exhibit, scheduled for September 1987, came into being.

Also on the program was Shig Doi, a 442nd veteran who was featured in the film, and Tom Kawaguchi, executive director of Go For Broke, Inc.

Chapter to screen films from Japan

PENRYN, Calif.—Placer County JACL sponsors its annual benefit movie night July 26, 7:30 p.m., at Placer Buddhist Church hall, 3192 Boyington Rd., announced special activities chair Hugo Nishimoto. The movies to be screened are:

"Ya Sha" (female demon), starring Ken Takakura as a reformed yakuza living unobtrusively as a fisherman in a small seaside village. His hidden identity is uncovered by the appearance of a "ya sha," played by Yuko Tanaka and Nobuko Ooba during two stages of his life in the village; and "Nawabari Arashi" (roped-in pillage), featuring Shintaro Katsu as a daring underworld lord involved in combat over gangland turf rights. Kinya Kitaoji, Yukiyo Toake and Kiwako Taichi also star. The films are in color with English subtitles.


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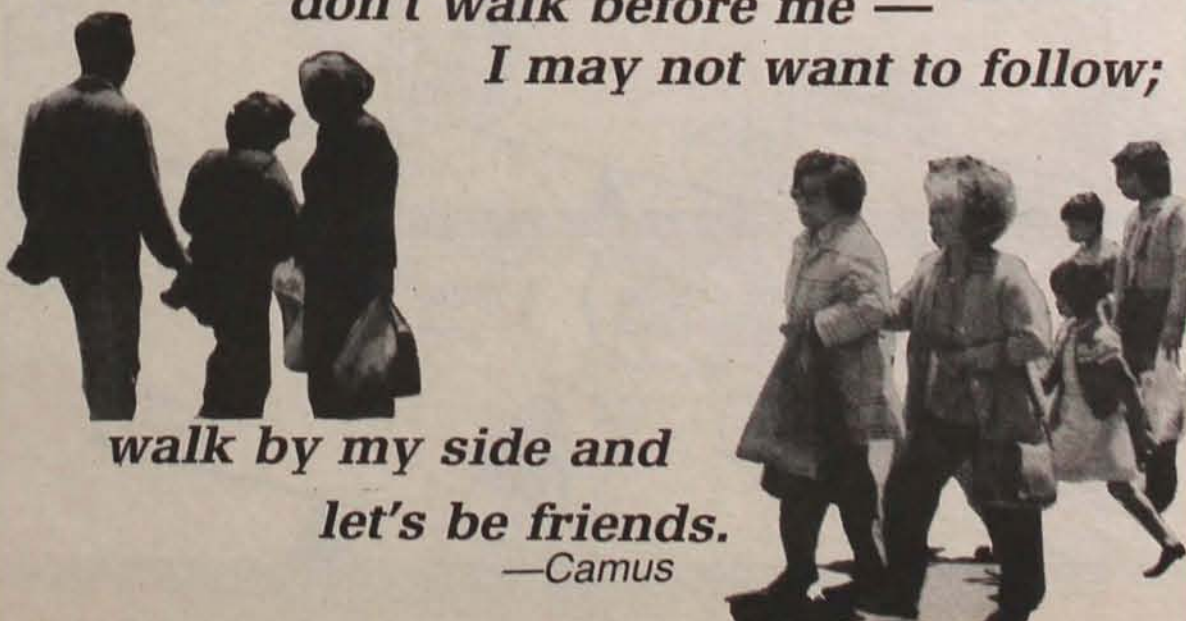
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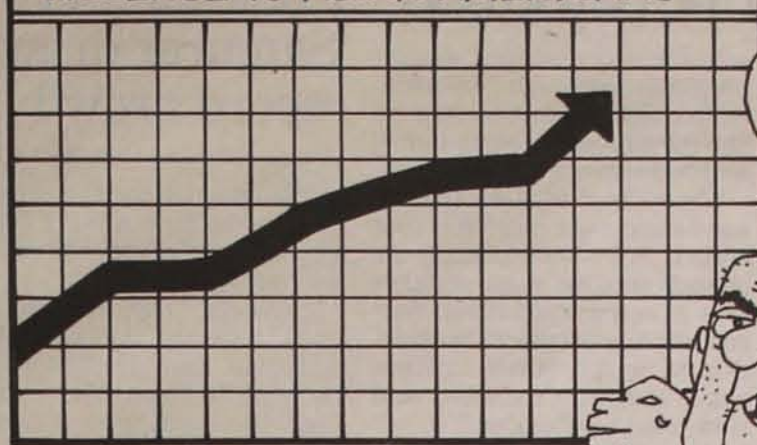
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EDITORIAL

Who Should Pay?

The use of statistical data in determining discriminatory hiring and promotion practices has long been a target of the Reagan Administration. Justice Dept. officials, led by Asst. Atty. General for Civil Rights William Bradford Reynolds and Atty. General Edwin Meese, have argued that numerical hiring and promotion goals were invalid as a remedy for employment discrimination and that relief could be awarded only to "identified victims of discrimination."

Supporters of affirmative action programs have suggested that identifying specific victims would be extremely difficult and, in effect, would let businesses "off the hook" and prevent any remedial action.

The recent Supreme Court rulings, *Wygant v. Jackson Board of Education* on May 19, and *Firefighters v. City of Cleveland* and *Sheet Metal Workers v. Equal Opportunity Commission* on July 2, stated that while preferential treatment of minorities in hiring and promotion is sometimes permissible, such treatment in layoffs is not.

The Court argued in *Wygant* that while hiring goals may burden some individuals, that burden is diffused by society in general. Layoffs, on the other hand, impose the burden of achieving racial equality on particular individuals and, hence, is unfair.

In cases of institutional racism, the question of remedies for past discriminatory practices continues to be, "Who shall pay?" In education, employment practices and membership in professional organizations, the answer to that question has always been more intense and volatile in periods of perceived scarcity. Only during periods of perceived affluence have any gains been made by minorities with little controversy.

Historically, the answer to the question has, more often than not, been, "Not the majority." The Court, in its most recent rulings, answered that sometimes, in very special cases, perhaps the majority has to make some sacrifices.

While civil rights leaders expressed surprise and elation over the rulings in *Firefighters* and *Sheet Metal Workers*, it might be wise to view the rulings with a little more caution. The Court has agreed to hear two other discrimination cases. It will hear the appeal of a Paul Johnson, who was denied promotion as a road dispatcher, and is expected to decide whether a public employer may voluntarily adopt a plan to promote women over "more qualified" men in order to place more women in higher ranking jobs.

The other case involves a challenge by Alabama State Police and White troopers to a Federal District Court-ordered plan that the state police must promote one Black for every White promoted until Blacks make up 25 percent of all officers above the rank of trooper.

Until these two cases are decided, it is unclear to what extent the Court will sanction remedial action. But, legal challenges aside, perhaps we should step back and look at what has been accomplished. After the July 2 rulings, Bill McEwen, a Monsanto Corp. official and spokesman for the National Assn. of Manufacturers, said: "We were brought into it [affirmative action] kicking and screaming. But over the past 20 years, we've learned that there's a reservoir of talent out there of minorities and women, that we hadn't been using before. We've had to practice better management. The byproduct of affirmative action is, it makes us treat all people better. We found that it works."

Yesterday and Today

EAST WIND

Bill Marutani



WE HAVE A small vegetable garden in which we seek to grow various types of Japanese vegetables (*yasai*) such as *nasubi* (egg-plant), *kyuri* (cucumbers), *kawakui-mame* (snow peas), and so on. Early this spring, we hauled out the roto-tiller (I got tired of trying to spade the garden, even though the plot may be small) and planted the snow peas, which are now yielding in profusion. We can't give the stuff away. Although the frau is good about picking the peas, beans and so on, I'm the one who does all the "grunt work": planting, tilling, weeding, stringing, irrigating, etc., with sweat pouring down my face.

And the anomaly is that I enjoy doing it.

I SAY "ANOMALY" because as I'm in the garden laboring away, my mind drifts back to my early days in White River Valley

(Washington), where I did similar work for a living, to survive. And if anyone could see me working my garden today, they'd detect a little, wry smile on my face. And the reason for such a smile is that I'm saying to myself: "Here I'm doing stoop labor that I vowed back in the hot fields of White River Valley that I'd never do, once I got away from all this." And here I am today, hoeing and weeding, picking peas, fertilizing, bracing the tomato plants.

"You can take the boy out of the country, but..."

UNTIL A FEW years ago, we used to be flooded with various exotic types of *Nihon yasai* through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Tasuke Hara, an Issei couple who operated, as a major hobby, quite a sizable vegetable garden. Having been farmers prewar in California, they were possessed with a "green thumb" that seemed to make almost anything grow, and grow in abundance. The Hara's are the only people that I know who were able to maintain, outdoors, persimmon (*ama-gaki* at that) in this area, that annually yielded succulent fruit.

The Hara's would insist upon our accepting plants, and in Vicki's flower garden (where I

also volunteer "grunt work"), she has a number of plants which are growing in profusion, thanks to this Issei couple. In our back yard, we have a ginkgo tree which Mr. Hara simply yanked out as a sapling and told me to take home and plant. Notwithstanding the somewhat summary manner in which the sapling was extracted from Mother Earth, he assured me it would be all right. And 30' of ginkgo supports his assurances.

I DON'T WANT to give the impression, which would be false, that I'm some sort of an agronomist. I know nothing about seeds, types of fertilizers, types of plants, proper care of plants, chemical sprays, and so forth. My "knowledge" is pretty much limited to having a strong back (the "grunt work") and even that is giving out. But there are a few things that invariably rubbed off from those youthful days. For example, I was puzzled as to why the Issei were pulling off stems from tomato plants that looked perfectly healthy, until I finally figured out they were removing "suckers" which depleted the nourishment to the plants and thereby to the fruit. And so, today you'll see me down on my hands and knees, mindlessly removing what I think are "suckers" from our tomato plants.

With that little wry smile spread across my face.

Close Encounters of Congressional Kind

The JACL-LEC Redress Workshop at the National Convention will focus on coalition-building for lobbying H.R. 442 and S. 1053. Delegates will be asked to commit personal time to mount a major groundswell of grassroots lobbying.

Ralph Nease, executive director of the Leadership Conference on

Civil Rights, will be the keynote speaker. He will discuss grassroots lobbying and how he directs the activities of his organization to impact on bills and appointments (such as to the federal judiciary) which will affect constitutional and civil rights issues.

The four panelists will respond to the presentation by discussing their experience and thoughts on grassroots lobbying and how to enlarge the limited Nikkei constituent support by going out into the community.

The discussion will be moderated by Jerry Enomoto of Sacramento, former National JACL president and secretary of the LEC Board. The panelists are Minoru Yasui of Denver, chair of the LEC Board; William Marutani, member of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and, until recently, judge on the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia; Grant Ujifusa of New York, LEC legislative chair and co-author of *The Almanac of American Politics*; and David Roth of Chicago, Midwest director of the Institute for American Pluralism, American Jewish Committee.

Assignments Made

We can note that the grassroots lobbying effort is picking up throughout the country.

LEC UPDATE:

Grayce Uyehara



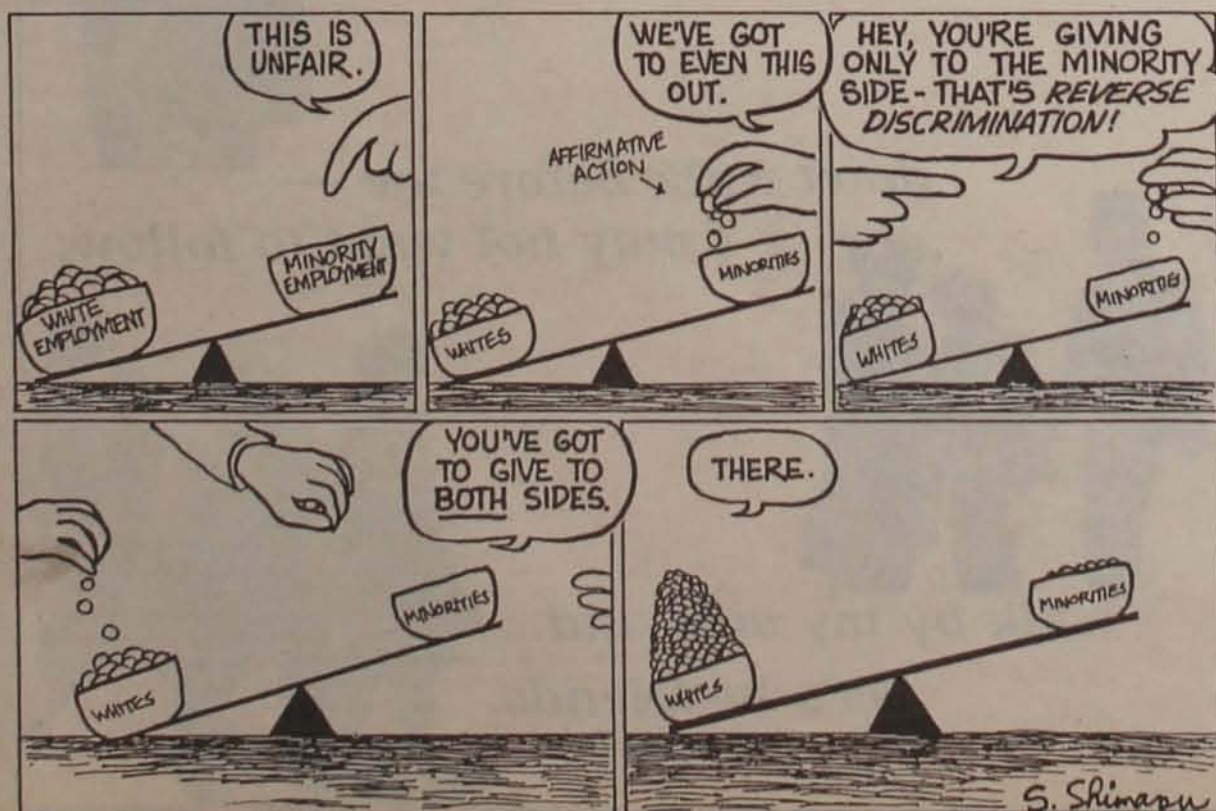
At the present time, the focus is on the House Judiciary Committee. During the past two weeks, I made special assignments to those individuals who might be able to get appointments either with members of the subcommittee on Administrative Law & Governmental Relations or with co-sponsors who serve on the Judiciary Committee.

We have already received a report from George Kodama of Marina Chapter, who is chair of the JA Democrats, that he, Mary Miyashita of Whittier, and Harry Kawahara of Greater Pasadena Chapter met with Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.) to request his help in moving the bill through the Judiciary Committee.

Others who have been asked to meet or write to committee members are as follows:

Don Edwards (D-Calif.)—Paul Kimura, Judy Niizawa, Stuart

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Doing Your Homework

FROM THE
FRYING PAN:

Bill
Hosokawa



job market in competition with other Americans and do very well. Knowledge about Japan was no asset.

But it would be another story now that she wanted to become involved with Japan. She would be competing on the job market with other Americans with basic qualifications similar to hers, but chances were that her competitors would, in addition, have a pretty good working knowledge of Japan and the Japanese language. I told her that there are dozens of bright Caucasian youngsters in American universities diligently studying for careers involving Japan, and that given this background they would have a distinct advantage over her despite her ethnic background.

Japan is a nation on the move and offers excitement and opportunity for young Americans. But given comparable professional background and skills, the Japanese American innocent of Japanese language and culture has no advantage over Caucasian Americans. In fact, Japanese employers, in some cases, are likely to be more demanding of Japanese Americans than Caucasian Americans.

Nor are language skills sufficient in themselves. Japan is over-

coming horrible inadequacies in its English teaching program and increasing numbers of Japanese are now able to handle the language quite adequately.

An article in a recent issue of Tokyo Newsletter, published by Mitsubishi Corp., says there are 10 training institutes for interpreters in Japan, but only one or two out of 300 students go on to become professionals. The article says that demand and pay are such that only 20 or 30 interpreters in all Japan have incomes of as much as \$55,000 a year. The most successful are not only bilingual, but bicultural.

All this would indicate that the hundreds of other U.S.-Japan contacts daily utilize the services of lesser interpreters, or the principals are confident enough in their linguistic skills so that they converse in one language or the other.

Still, understanding isn't a matter of language alone. Cultural faux pas can queer a relationship quickly and social blunders committed out of ignorance by Americans with Japanese faces are likely to be considered especially outrageous because they should know better.

I admire the Sansei woman's ambition. There is no reason she can't succeed. But I had to tell her she has a tough row to hoe.

North and South

A recent LEC fund drive report ("One Down, Two to Go," July 4 PC) listed NCWNP District as having raised \$21,011 out of a targeted \$120,000. Admittedly, \$21,011 is a small sum out of a total of \$178,274 that was raised nationwide in the first year of the drive (June 1985-May 1986), but because it may be inferred that NCWNP is not doing its part for redress, I am submitting some figures that give a broader picture.

District chapters paid \$45,310 toward the 1985 third-year pledge, and as of this date, \$24,205 toward the 1986 fourth-year pledges, for a total of \$69,515 for redress in the year that the LEC fund drive was running concurrently. All chapters fulfilled their pledge obligations, some more than 100%, in the first and second pledge years. Historically, NCWNP has been outstanding in its financial commitment to redress by its consistent performance.

The successful June 13 Americans for Fairness dinner, chaired by Cressey Nakagawa, was a tremendous showing of support for redress in the Bay Area. The dinner proceeds of \$50,000-plus just missed being included in the

first year of the LEC fund drive. It will, instead, start off Year Two of the drive with a hearty sum in NCWNP's column.

Thus far, the financial burden of redress has been on JACL members. LEC recognizes that with JACL chapter leadership, monies must also be solicited from non-JACLers in the larger community. I firmly believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to be part of this redress movement by his/her contribution, whatever it may be.

MOLLIE T. FUJIOKA
NCWNP Governor
Walnut Creek, Calif.

Endowment Fund Issue

I appreciate the views and concerns expressed by both Thomas Hara and Homer Yasui (July 11 PC) in response to my June 20 article, "Is There an Emergency?"

I would hope that all JACLers would be equally concerned. I feel that differences of opinion on this important matter should be aired.

After the resolution was publicized in the May 23 PC, I asked those in the PSW District who are current members of the Na-

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LEC UPDATE

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Ishimaru; Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.)—Min Yasui; Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.)—Nobu Hibino; Barney Frank (D-Mass.)—Gary Glenn, May Takayanagi; John Conyers and George Crockett (both D-Mich.)—Jim Shimoura, Kaz Mayeda; William Hughes (D-N.J.)—Charles Nagao; Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.)—Bob Moteki; Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.)—Sumi Koide; Edward Feighan (D-Ohio)—Henry Tanaka; George Gekas (R-Pa.)—Robert Yasui.

There are other co-sponsors who will be contacted by special assignment or by people who made the original contacts.

These contacts will enable us to give Chairman Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) the support he needs to take H.R. 442 to mark-up and move it to the full Judiciary Committee.

Letter-Writing Evening

Selanoco JACL, under the leadership of Susan Kamei, held a letter-writing evening on July 8 with 20 people taking part. The letters were hand-written and each one had a personal state-

ment about the issue of redress. Letters were written to President Reagan, Glickman, Judiciary Committee chair Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), Gov. George Deukmejian, Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.) and Reps. Robert Badham (R-Calif.) and Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.).

This idea is one that can be done by other chapters. A board meeting can be scheduled for an earlier start with a take-out supper, which will leave an hour for writing letters before the start of the meeting.

Ken Inouye reported that a meeting with Rep. Bill Lowery (R-41st District) was held in San Diego. Inouye, Vernon Yoshioka and Mas Hironaka attended this meeting to discuss Lowery's position on H.R. 442. Lowery has not yet made a decision on this bill, so he should be lobbied further from others in San Diego.

By reporting on the activities of various individuals, it is our hope that others will join us in the cause of redress. We would like to see attitudes about whether redress has a chance change to positive thinking that redress will move because each one of us was actively involved and did our share of lobbying.

JACL-LEC Fund Raising Report

This is the final JACL-LEC Fund Raising-Disbursement Report covering the 1st year of the LEC operation. Detail breakdown of funds raised and disbursed are given below:

MONEYS RECEIVED (6/1/85 - 5/31/86)

Donations obtained by 6 prime solicitors	\$104,549.10
Donations raised by 25 chapters	37,653.11
PSWD LEC Fund Raising Dinner	37,500
Interest	3,388.31
Total Received	\$183,090.52

MONEYS DISBURSED (6/1/85 - 5/31/86)

Disbursed to LEC Treasurer	\$45,000.00
Deluxe Checks	8.83
Charge for returned checks (insufficient funds)	12.00
Charge for opening IMMRA (Money Market) Acc't	5.00
Total Disbursed	\$45,025.83
NET	\$138,064.69

LOCATION OF FUNDS:

Barclays Bank of Oxnard (Checking)	\$34,901.52
Construction Battalion Center Credit Union	99,138.17
CBC Credit Union (Savings-Acc't)	25.00
Marutani's \$500 and San Diego's \$3,500 - Nat'l	4,000
Total:	\$138,064.69

JACL/LEC Treasurer's Report (6/1/85 to 5/31/86)

The receipts and expenditures reflected below are the activities of the LEC account at the Community Bank and Trust Company of Edgewater, Chicago, for the 12-month period ended May 31, 1986. The account receives funds from the JACL/LEC Fund Drive depository at the Barclay Bank of Oxnard, CA (Harry Kajihara, Drive Chairman) and the National JACL Headquarters treasury in San Francisco (as per agreement).

Policy and control on disbursements are exercised by the Finance Committee, composed of Harry Kajihara, Denny Yasuhara, Min Yasui, and Shig Wakamatsu. Countersigned checks are issued for reimbursement upon receipt of properly receipted statements.

Statement of Income & Expenditures for 1st LEC Fiscal Year (6/1/85-5/31/86)

LEC Fund Drive Transfer	\$ 45,000.00
National JACL Transfer	20,000.00
Residue Closeout, Hqtr LEC Account	122.97
Bank Interest	428.91

	\$ 65,551.88
Less bank charges	54.02

Total Income	\$ 65,497.86
Total Expenditures	56,633.98

Balance at 5/31/86 \$8,863.88

Reconciliation of Bank Statement and Checkbook Balance at 5/31/86

Bank Statement	\$ 10,772.29
Checks Outstanding	1,908.41

	\$ 8,863.88
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Checkbook Balance	\$ 8,806.02
Bank interest for May	57.68

(Not entered in checkbook)

Expenditures Fiscal Year: 6-1-85/5-31-86

A. OFFICES/PERSONNEL

1. Redress Chair: Denver Office	\$ 691.22
2. Washington, D.C. Office	
Phone	2,430.49
Office supplies	1,394.51
Subscriptions, papers, services	384.10
Postage, Express Mail	286.50
Printing	233.51
Petty cash	2,300.00
Furniture	369.94
Office equipment	5,422.70
Service contract	110.66
	\$ 12,932.41

3. Director's West Chester Office	
Phone	18.79
Postage, Express Mail	223.35
Copying/supplies	234.25
Equipment (copier)	1,404.50
	\$ 1,980.89

4. Personnel Salaries - D.C. Office	
Salaries	8,178.93
FICA, Insurance	999.55
	\$ 9,178.48

5. Director's D.C. Expenses	
Travel	1,640.83
Hotel	4,894.77
Meals	1,076.59
Miscellaneous	51.99
	\$ 7,664.18

6. Clearing House - Chicago	
Phone	524.82
Copying	8.55
Office supplies	25.71
	\$ 559.08

7. Contract Services - JACL Hqtr.	
Postage	321.64
Copying	80.71
Reimbursement of advance	600.00
	\$ 1,002.35

B. Meetings / Travels

1. LEC Chair	\$ 2,733.98
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2. LEC Board Meetings

C. Kinoshita	\$472.45
A. Morimitsu	818.74
G. Uyehara (Director)	1,452.82
S. Wakamatsu	673.03
M. Yasui (Chair)	902.82
J. Tsujimura	198.00
J. Enomoto	225.00
G. Ujifusa	351.25
H. Kajihara	77.50
Hotel deposit	300.00
	\$ 5,471.61

3. LEC Exec. Comm. 5/85 Meeting

	1,843.53
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C. Fund Drive Expenses

Prime Solicitors	\$ 50.00
Printing	1,596.17
P.C. ads	951.88
Phone	1,245.92
Postage, Express Mail	787.59
Misc. supplies	291.86
Computer supplies	100.00
	\$ 5,023.42

D. Material Procurement

LEC slide presentation ensemble	262.66
LEC pins	525.00
Redress booklet (reprints)	886.00
	1,673.66

E. Lobbying Expenses

1. Washington, D.C. Office/Staff	
Hill business appts.	434.90
Cab fare	316.95
Miscellaneous	17.57
Staff travel	55.10
Legislative Chair	768.60
Hearing expenses -4/28/86	2,122.92
	\$ 3,716.04

2. Grass Roots Volunteers

Area co-ordinators	117.25
Local	19.67
	\$136.92

F. Special Events

Reception for Rep. Pat Schroeder, co-sponsor	50.00
LCCR Dinner, Washington, D.C.	1,500.00
American Jewish Committee, Chgo	25.00
	\$ 1,575.00

G. Miscellaneous Expenses

Finance Committee	90.00
Treasurer's fees, postage	173.05
Legislative Chair - subscriptions	45.00
Vice Chair - phone	143.16
	\$ 451.21

Total Expenditures	\$ 56,633.98
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I have itemized the various kinds of expenses to show what was all involved in the first year of our Redress legislative effort. We have spent about \$60,000; in addition, all of the volunteer efforts whose expenses do not show and all of the efforts of our friends in Congress and elsewhere have contributed to a gain of at least 20 additional co-sponsors during the year, which roughly comes to about \$3,000 per co-sponsor on a cash-expended basis.

Respectfully submitted,
SHIG WAKAMATSU,
JACL/LEC Treasurer

1000 Club Roll

(Year of Membership Shown)
 * Century; ** Corporate; L Life;
 M Memorial; C/L Century Life

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total)1,406
 Total this report: #23.....58
 Current total.....1,464

JUNE 9-13, 1986 (58)

Alameda: 30-Archie H Uchiyama, Life-George W Ushijima, 6-Henry Y Yoshino.
 Arkansas Valley: 11-Haruye Saiki.
 Berkeley: 13-Nobukazu Iwasaki.
 Boise Valley: 21-Sam Fujishin, 31-Seichi Hayashida*, 22-George Kawai.
 Chicago: 11-Dr Elsie S Baukol, 6-Tadayoshi Ishizuka, 6-Bill Taura.
 Cleveland: 1-Hazel Asamoto, 33-George Suzuki.
 Detroit: 13-Charles Campbell.
 Diablo Valley: 21-Ben Fukutome.
 Downtown Los Angeles: 7-Ethel Kohashi*, 36-Tats Kushiida, 29-Jerry S Ushijima.
 East Los Angeles: 5-Mas Nagami.
 French Camp: 21-Yoshio Ted Itaya.
 Fresno: 2-Joyce E Yamaguchi, 2-Dr Kent T Yamaguchi.

Gardena Valley: 6-Kazumi Watanabe, 12-Dr Hideo Yamane, 15-Dr Joe C Yoshida.
 Japan: 6-Dyke D Nakamura.
 Mile-Hi: 28-Samuel Kumagai.
 Milwaukee: Life-Dr Wilbur M Nakamoto.
 New York: 29-Tatsuji M Shiotani.
 Philadelphia: 28-Mary D Murakami, 31-Dr Tomomi Murakami.
 Pocatello-Blackfoot: 23-Bobby Endo.
 Portland: 2-The Rev Frank L Evenson, 30-Makoto Iwashita.
 Puyallup Valley: 19-Joseph H Kosai, 29-Robert Mizukami*.
 Reedley: Life-Michi Ikeda, Life-Toru Ikeda.

Sacramento: 31-Toko Fujii, 6-William C Teramoto.
 Saint Louis: 7-George T Sakaguchi.
 San Diego: Life-Rose N Itano.
 San Francisco: 14-Noboru Hideshima*, 6-Tsugiko Holdaway, 32-William Hoshiyama, 6-Cressey H Nakagawa, 32-Yone Satoda, 1-H Dick Yamashita.
 San Jose: Life-Judy Junko Niizawa, 18-William H Yamada.
 Santa Maria Valley: 6-Paul Kurokawa.
 Seabrook: 20-Ted T Oye.
 Seattle: 19-Dick H Yamane.
 Spokane: 6-Yoshio Hata.
 Stockton: 27-Alfred T Ishida, 19-James Tanji.

Washington, DC: 23-Senator Spark M Matsunaga.
 Watsonville: 6-H Frank Sakata.
CENTURY CLUB*
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 George W Ushijima (Ala), Dr Wilbur M Nakamoto (Mil), Life-Michi Ikeda (Ree), Toru Ikeda (Ree), Rose N Itano (SD), Judy Junko Niizawa (SJo).

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total)1,464
 Total this report: #24.....32
 Current total.....1,496

JUNE 16-20, 1986 (32)

Berkeley: Life-Allan H Carson, 28-Jean A Nakazono.
 Chicago: Life-Karl K Nakamura, 7-Frank M Saito, Life-Lincoln Shimidzu, 34-Dr Newton K Wesley*.
 Cleveland: 1-Roy Yoshioka.
 Detroit: 1-Reiko McKendry.
 Fresno: Life-Susumu Sam Fujimura.
 Golden Gate: 28-Shizuko Fagerhaugh.
 Hollywood: 3-Sumiko S Kozawa.
 Marina: 4-Leslie K Furukawa.
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 Seabrook: 20-Ellen Nakamura.
 Sequoia: Life-Dr Harry H Hatasaka.
 Sonoma County: 3-Ruth Horibe.
 Stockton: 28-Arthur K Nakashima.
 Twin Cities: 19-Ben Ezaki, Sr*.
 Venice-Culver: Life-May Tanimura.
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 National: 32-Charlie Saburo Matsubara.
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Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total)1,496
 Total this report: #25.....20
 Current total.....1,516

JUNE 23-27, 1986 (20)

Detroit: 18-Dr Kaz Mayeda.
 Downtown Los Angeles: 29-Saku Shirakawa, 5-Debra Nakatomi.
 East Los Angeles: 22-Dr Tad Fujioka.
 Fresno: Life-Fusayo Fujimura.
 Gilroy: 6-Mamoru Nakao.
 Hollywood: 23-Yuki Kamayatsu.
 Marysville: Life-Frank Watanabe.
 Portland: Life-Ned Takasumi.
 San Fernando Valley: 21-Katsumi Arimoto.
 San Francisco: Life-Mary T Ishii, 31-Kenji Ishizaki.
 San Luis Obispo: 15-Kingo Kawaoka.
 Seabrook: Life-Morio Shimomura.
 Seattle: Life-Mitsui M Abe.
 Twin Cities: 6-Esther Suzuki.
 Venice-Culver: 15-Richard R Muise.
 Washington, DC: 2-Terry E Greenwood, Life-Terry E Greenwood.

LIFE
 Fusayo Fujimura (Frs), Frank Watanabe (Mar), Ned Takasumi (Por), Mary T Ishii (SF), Morio Shimomura (Sbk), Mitsui M Abe (Set), Terry E Greenwood (WDC).

Summary (Since Jan 1, 1986)

Active (previous total)1,516
 Total this report: #26.....34
 Current total.....1,550

JUNE 30-JULY 4, 1986 (34)

Berkeley: 6-Sam Yamauchi.
 Chicago: 33-Dr Victor S Izui.
 Fresno: 29-Dr Sumio Kubo, 6-John Kubota, 9-Dr Tetsuo T Shigyo.
 Japan: 2-Norio B Endo, Life-S Sen Nishiyama.
 Mile Hi: 1-Leo K Goto.
 Oakland: 29-Frank H Ogawa, 21-Robert N Oto.
 Orange County: 34-Henry Kanegae.
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 Pasadena: 30-Tedd K Kawata.
 Philadelphia: Life-Hiroshi Ueyehara.
 Placer County: 2-D Paul Buckley.
 Portland: 33-James K Kida, 4-William J Koida.

Sacramento: 16-Frank A Iwama, Life-Howard S Matsuhara, Life-Kikuji Ryugo, 28-Hideo N Seto*, 11-Harry Shigaki.
 Salt Lake City: 28-Ichiro Doi.
 San Fernando Valley: 21-Helen N Kaneko.
 San Francisco: 16-George Yamasaki, Jr.
 San Jose: Life-Ben Masatani.
 Seattle: Life-Lily Y Hori, 13-William Kobayashi, 18-Uhachi Tamesa, 3-West Coast Printing Inc*.
 Stockton: 33-Jack Y Matsumoto.
 Washington, DC: 6-Yuka Fujikura, Life-Dr Raymond S Murakami.
 West Los Angeles: 12-Jun Miyoshi.

CENTURY CLUB*
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LIFE
 S Sen Nishiyama (Tyo), Hiroshi Ueyehara (Phi), Howard S Matsuhara (Sac), Kikuji Ryugo (Sac), Ben Masatani (SJo), Lily Y Hori (Set), Dr Raymond S Murakami (WDC).



Former Seattle School District employee Teru Kiyohara (left) gives her \$1,000 donation to LEC prime solicitor Cherry Kinoshita. Behind them is Alice Kawanishi, representing 11 other former school employees who contributed a total of \$5,650 to LEC. Kiku Tomita of New York also gave \$1,000 to LEC.

Nisei compensated by Seattle School District contribute to redress campaign

SEATTLE—Contributions totaling \$13,850 were donated to JACL and Washington Coalition on Redress (WCR) as of June 30 by 20 former Seattle School District employees who received compensation for being fired because of their Japanese ancestry during WW2.

The passage of a Seattle School Board resolution in April 1984 and the signing of Washington State House Bill 1415 this past April enabled 26 former employees to receive \$5,000 each.

In a letter accompanying each check, School Board president Michael R. Preston and past president T.J. Vassar reiterated the board's recognition "that your resignation from District employment in 1942 was the result of pressure wrongfully activated by racial discrimination... We know this amount cannot fully atone for the injustice of the past, but hope that it demonstrates our commitment to you, and to all of our children, that such acts not be permitted to happen again."

The former school employees acknowledged the efforts of the Seattle JACL Redress Committee and WCR to achieve passage of the School Board resolution with donations totaling \$6,300. JACL-LEC was presented with \$5,650, Pacific Northwest District JACL with \$1,550 and Seattle JACL Endowment Fund with \$350.

The donors were: Teru Kiyohara, Alice Kawanishi, Ai Koshi, Jane Okada, May Namba, Toyo Cary, Masa Hirano, Sally Kazama and Rubi Aoki, all of Seattle; Yuri Nakata, Tolovana Park, Ore.; May Higa, Sierra Madre, Calif.; Chizuko Nakamura, Woodside, N.Y.; Martha Oye, Edina, Minn.; Ayako Ishizuka, El Cerrito, Calif.;

Kay Sakanashi, Richmond, Calif.; Esther Nakao, La Canada, Calif.; Mari Sano, Tampa, Fla.; Kiku Tomita and Marjori Ota, both of New York; and an anonymous donor in Chicago.

A letter signed by 13 of the donors and addressed to Jerry Shigaki, chair of JACL Committee for HB 1415, read, "We would like to express appreciation to you and members of your committee, and to [state] Representative Gary Locke, who devoted endless hours of time and effort toward the successful outcome of the bill."

The letter gave special thanks to Mako Nakagawa and Cherry Kinoshita, co-chairs of the School Board resolution effort, and to Becky Sasaki and Naomi Sanchez for their lobbying and testimony in Olympia. "If it were not for the dedicated members of JACL who are committed to eliminating civil rights injustices," the donors wrote, the two-year effort would not have succeeded.

JACL women's workshops set

CHICAGO—The National JACL Women's Concerns Committee (WCC) will sponsor two events at the National Convention.

On July 21, Dr. Joanne Yamauchi will conduct a workshop entitled "Personalized Communication Strategies for Women to Enhance Organizational Change." Yamauchi is director of public communication programs at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Participants will discuss the impact of Asian male/female differences in values and leader-

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stated that "Such conflict is likely to grow in the absence of clear, firm and widespread action by public officials, community leaders and the general public." The L.A. County Board of Supervisors has likewise passed a resolution against the English movement.

The coalition will campaign against the initiative around the state and is seeking opposition statements from elected officials. Members have also established a legal committee to study the effects of, and possible challenges to, the initiative.

District prepares for convention

SAN FRANCISCO—Delegates representing 25 chapters prepared for the National Convention in Chicago during the No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District Council quarterly meeting, held June 29 at Mikoshi Restaurant.

Vice governor Judy Niizawa's nomination for VP of 1000 Club, Membership and Services was endorsed by the council. She will be nominated from the floor at the convention and will be running against Mary Nishimoto of Downtown Los Angeles Chapter.

Other NCWNP candidates are Yosh Nakashima, unopposed for reelection as VP of Operations, and Alan Nishi, who is challenging incumbent Secretary/Treasurer Gene Takamine.

During an afternoon workshop, delegates were prepared for business portions of the convention by Nakashima, Nishi, past National Presidents Floyd Shimomura and Clifford Uyeda, Regional Director George Kondo, George Baba of Stockton, Neil Morimoto of Sequoia, Don Ito of Sonoma, John Yamada of Eden, and Governor Mollie Fujioka of Diablo Valley. Niizawa was moderator and coordinator.

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BLACK-KOREAN

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come into a community, you are taking money out. I think you should be sensitive enough to do things to become a part of a community, not just to work there and be mum-mouthed and then leave."

Fellows suggested that the limited English ability of many Korean merchants may be part of the problem. As an example, he said that if a Korean ringing up a purchase simply states the price of an item without saying, "Thank you very much, please come again," the Black customer may think, "This guy is really cold" and walk out with negative feelings.

Chung agreed that language is a problem, noting that his organization is one of only a handful of English-speaking Korean com-

munity groups. "If it involved, let's say, the Chinese or Japanese American community, I would think many different individuals and organizations would have been involved in this effort."

The shortage of English-speaking spokespersons shows "the stage of maturation that the Korean community is in at this point in terms of Americanization and acculturation," he said.

Positive Action

Constructive suggestions discussed by panelists and members of the audience included a joint Black-Korean business venture and an orientation program for Korean merchants starting businesses in the area.

Sophia Kim, a reporter for the Korea Times, said more publicity is needed for steps that have already been taken. She recalled a "very colorful, very moving"

joint church service she recently attended. "If there had been a photographer there from a major newspaper, he could have taken some really award-winning photographs."

A Black-Korean cultural festival in Compton, just south of Watts, also received inadequate coverage from the mainstream press, whereas "Korea Times had all these wonderful, dramatic pictures of Koreans and Blacks together," she said.

Chung said that church, business and community leaders have been acting separately up to now. "Why not bring everyone together, let everyone know... what's going on with each other so that there'll be less misunderstanding and better coordination?"

The program was co-sponsored by Asian American Journalists Assn. and Black Journalists Assn. of So. Calif. Pam Moreland of BJASC moderated.

LETTERS

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tional Board and/or the LEC Board two pertinent questions: (1) Was Legal Counsel's opinion obtained? and (2) Did you refer to the Constitution and By-laws? Unfortunately, the answer was "No" to both questions.

JACL members are entitled to see Legal Counsel's written opinion on the resolution in light of Article XV, sections 3, 4 and 5 of the By-laws. They also need his opinion as to exact procedures in order to validate any use of the principal of the Endowment Fund.

In his letter, Homer Yasui requests "proof" in the form of the original document regarding the use of the principal of the Endowment Fund. To the best of my knowledge, the written documents were on file at National Headquarters when the venerable Mas Satow was national director. Subsequent to his departure, a new director was chosen and a new headquarters building was constructed. Subsequent directors apparently could not locate the original document.

Yasui also questions the validity of Sam Ishikawa's original memorandum specifically describing the use of the principal. In my opinion, it truly reflects the original intent and purpose of the postwar Endowment Fund, for no staffer could write such a memo without the approval of National JACL leaders of that period.

Contrary to Yasui's allegations, if the constitutional provisions are strictly adhered to, and if both sides of the issue are presented to the chapters, and if they reply by mail within 60 days in the affirmative by a three-fourths majority, I would recognize that decision.

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