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Photo by J.K. Yamamoto

REMEMBERING 'EL—Lorna Onizuka (right) and daughter Darien join organizer Carol Koshi at a luau fundraiser held by the Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial at Nisei VFW Post 1961 in Gardena, Calif., on July 26. The newly formed organization is dedicated to perpetuating the late astronaut's memory. Also appearing at the event was astronaut Gary Payton, who flew with Onizuka on the shuttle Discovery in 1985, and his wife Susie.

## Case for Aleut redress presented

WASHINGTON—A House subcommittee was urged by testifiers at a July 23 hearing to consider redress for Aleuts relocated by the U.S. government during WW2.

Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law & Governmental Relations, heard from 10 witnesses, among them former internees. Reps. Hank Brown (R-Colo.), Howard Coble (R-N.C.) and Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio) also attended briefly.

John Kirtland, an attorney representing the Aleuts, outlined their grievances against the government.

Following the Japanese invasion of the islands of Attu and Kiska in June 1942, Aleut villages in the Pribilof and Aleutian islands were evacuated. Kirtland said that evacuation itself was a "rational wartime measure."

However, once the Aleuts were

housed in abandoned canneries and other such sites, "The people in the camps suffered from inadequate medical care, inadequate shelter, inadequate sanitation facilities, lack of potable water, and other life-threatening conditions," he said, adding that more than 10% of the evacuees died in the camps.

In addition, returning evacuees found that their homes and churches had been ransacked by U.S. military personnel; WW2 debris still litters some of the islands; and one island, Attu, was never returned to the Aleuts.

In response to the Justice Dept.'s position that redress would set a precedent for other groups, Kirtland stated, "In fact, precedent would be established if restitution were not made. Precedents both exist and are favorable for this type of legislation."

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## Woo to run in new council district

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—A compromise redistricting plan adopted by the City Council on July 23 will place Councilmen Mike Woo and John Ferraro in the unusual position of having to run against each other in the same district in April 1987.

The council's action was a partial victory for Woo, who had opposed a previous plan that would have made his district predominantly Hispanic. He had charged that since he had little chance of being reelected in such a district, the plan would increase Hispanic representation by unseating the only Asian American representative on the council. A number of Asian community organizations rallied to Woo's support.

The original plan was devised by Councilman Richard Alatorre in response to a Justice Dept. suit

charging that the city's present council district boundaries dilute the Hispanic vote by dividing it among different districts. After heated debate, the plan was given preliminary approval by a 10-5 vote on July 15. When the plan was submitted for final approval July 22, it was passed by a 9-6 vote but was promptly vetoed by Mayor Tom Bradley.

"My sense of justice and fairness simply will not permit me to redress an inequity to one ethnic protected class (Hispanic) at the expense of another ethnic protected class (Asian) which only a year ago achieved representation on the City Council for the first time in 205 years," said Bradley, referring to Woo's election in June 1985. "Imagine the reaction if roles were reversed and

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## Kajihara narrowly defeats Ochi

by Robert Shimabukuro

CHICAGO—In close, hard-fought contests, LEC Fund Drive chair Harry Kajihara edged Rose Ochi, 62½ to 59½, for National JACL President, and Cherry Kinoshita squeaked by Eastern District Governor Mike Suzuki, 59½ to 58½, to win the Vice President for Public Affairs race in the National JACL Convention elections July 25.

A runoff for VP for Public Affairs was held after Kinoshita initially garnered 57 votes to Suzuki's 37 and incumbent Kaz Mayeda's 27.

In the other contested races, Alan Nishi defeated incumbent Secretary-Treasurer Gene Takamine, 67 to 54, while Mary Nishimoto held off a challenge by Judy Niizawa for the post of Vice President for Membership, 70 to 51½.

Vice President for Planning & Development William Marutani and Vice President of General Operations Yosh Nakashima, running unopposed, won easily with 114 and 99 votes, respectively.

In the National JACL Youth Council elections held July 23, Diana Kato (Pacific Northwest) was elected Youth Council chair and Ruth Mizobe (Pacific Southwest) was chosen National Youth Representative. They will represent JACL youth on the National Board.

The National Council rejected the LEC resolution asking for a \$200,000 grant from the National Endowment Fund, adopting instead a Seattle Chapter resolution calling for a continuation of the Endowment Fund line of credit "under the same terms and conditions previously approved, for

an additional two years for a maximum of \$200,000 on an as-needed basis, coordinated with the chapter pledge repayment plan, to specifically support the LEC and to enable it to concentrate on its primary purpose of lobbying for passage of a redress bill in the 100th session of Congress."

In addition, the Council passed:

- A Portland resolution supporting the non-violent and spiritual resistance of the Navajo people choosing to stay on their land in defiance of Public Law 93-531;

- A San Mateo resolution supporting passage of congressional measures to impose economic sanctions on South Africa;

- A Golden Gate resolution opposing the proposed constitutional amendment to proclaim English the official language of the U.S.;

- An East Los Angeles resolution continuing the Women's Concerns Committee as a presidential select committee; and

- A South Bay resolution instructing the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee to make a feasibility study of a scholarship program for JACLers aspiring to careers in U.S./Japan relations.

Pacific Citizen Board Chair Clifford Uyeda announced the selection of Lynn Sakamoto Chung as the new editor, while the Portland Chapter was named the Inagaki Chapter of the Bien-nium.

A complete report of the convention will appear in next week's PC.

## Two congressmen co-sponsor bill

CHICAGO — Reps. Jim Weaver (D-Ore.) and Doug Walgren (D-Pa.) have become co-sponsors of redress bill H.R. 442, announced LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara at the first meeting of the new JACL National Board on July 26.

Weaver, who represents southwestern Oregon, is on the House Agriculture and Interior & Insular Affairs committees. He is presently running for the U.S. Senate against Republican incumbent Bob Packwood.

Walgren, whose district is made up of Pittsburgh suburbs, sits on the Energy & Commerce and Science & Technology committees.

## JCCCNC officially opens doors

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 400 visitors were present as Mayor Dianne Feinstein performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally open the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif. on July 12.

Board of Supervisors president John Molinari joined Feinstein in applauding the local Japanese American community for the fundraising which made possible the completion of the first phase main office building. Makoto Wakasugi, deputy consul general of Japan, also offered his congratulations.

Yori Wada, chair of JCCCNC's Vision '80s campaign, called for a renewal of the community's involvement so that an additional

\$800,000 can be raised to complete the second phase, an adjoining community hall/gymnasium. Clem Oyama, representing the contributors, pledged his personal commitment and urged others to do the same.

Toshio Nagamura, California First Bank board chair, presented a check for \$20,000 to support the Japanese American History Room, which is housed in the new building. Bishop Nitten Ishida presented a scroll of his calligraphy to Feinstein and to Edith Tanaka, JCCCNC board president.

JCCCNC director Charles Morimoto reviewed the center's history and hailed the vision of its founders in proposing a facil-

ity which would preserve the Japanese American heritage for generations to come.

Mistress of ceremonies Kathy Reyes introduced Supervisor Louise Renne; Moira So, exec. director of the Mayor's Office of Community Development; Gene Suttle, area director of San Francisco Redevelopment Agency; David Smith, an aide to Supervisor Doris Ward; and Greg Day, chair of the Office of Community Development's Citizens Committee. A congratulatory message from Gov. George Deukmejian was read by Steve Doi, chair of JCCCNC's Major Gifts Committee.

The building also houses Japantown Art & Media Workshop, Kimochi Inc. (senior services), Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, Nobiru-kai (Japanese newcomers services), and Theatre of Yugen. Info: (415) 567-5505.



Photo by Mio Sakamoto/Hokubei Mainichi

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein performs the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif., flanked by JCCCNC director Charles Morimoto (left) and Yori Wada, chair of JCCCNC fund drive.

## Community Affairs

LOS ANGELES—Asian Pacific Americans for Nuclear Awareness and Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors hold their 5th annual **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration** Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m., at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St. Program will include speakers, music, candle-lighting ceremony, interfaith prayer, and procession to City Hall with Hiroshima peace flame and replica of Peace Pagoda, the intended future home of the flame. Info: (213) 626-2249.

East West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., presents a summer workshop production of Philip Kan Gotanda's **"The Avocado Kid"** Aug. 22-23, 8 p.m., and Aug. 24, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Directed by Mako and Shizuko Hoshi, with musical direction by Glen Chin. Tickets: \$5. Info: (213) 660-0366.

Asian Human Care Center officially opens its Senior Services Project at 5211 W. Olympic Blvd. on Aug. 5, 9 a.m. Cultural, recreational and social activities will be offered to seniors 55 or older. There is no charge for services, but donations are accepted. Hours: Tue. and Thur., 9 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Prospective members and volunteers should contact Miranda Ow, (213) 483-3840.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Japanese Canadian folksinger **Terry Watada** performs at Ohana Cultural Center, 4345 Telegraph Ave., on Aug. 16, 8:30 p.m. Watada has recorded the albums "Runaway Horses," "Birds on the Wing," "Yellow Fever," "Saigon Dreaming," and "Living in Paradise" and has performed throughout North America. Admission: \$5. Info: (415) 658-1868.

SAN FRANCISCO—The fifth annual **Kimochi Golf Tournament** takes place Sept. 26 at Peacock Gap Golf and Country Club in San Rafael. The 18-hole handicap tournament will feature a shotgun format beginning at noon. There will be three flights and closest-to-the-pin and hole-in-one contests. Entry deadline: Aug. 31. Fee: \$100 (tax-deductible). Info: Steve Nakajo, (415) 563-5626.

BERKELEY, Calif.—The No. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation's 8th annual **Lake Tahoe Adult Fellowship Retreat** will be held Aug. 16-23 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian conference grounds in southeast Lake Tahoe. Rev. Dr. Arthur Kamitsuka will be guest speaker and resident resource person. Cost: \$150, which includes meals, lodging and registration. Info: Misao Hayaishi, (408) 244-6933.

## Nisei Week events scheduled

LOS ANGELES — The 46th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival will offer a variety of events in and around Little Tokyo:

Aug. 2—Prince and Princess Pageant, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Parker Center Auditorium, 150 N. Los Angeles St. Contestants must be between 12 mos. and 6 years, 11 mos. of age; winners will be featured in parade. Applications will be accepted on day of event. Info: Randi Tahara, (213) 485-1080, or Louise Takahashi, (213) 934-2043.

Aug. 3—L.A.-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation Nisei Week Fashion Show, noon, Biltmore Hotel. The designs of Janet Kaneko, Colleen Lum, Linda Miyagawa, Linda Nishikawa, Karen Okada, Vicki Ragasa, and Tadashi and Charmaine Yamamoto will be featured under the theme of "Spirit of Liberty." Tickets: \$35.

Aug. 6—Opening ceremonies, 6 p.m., Little Tokyo Square. A traditional Shinto dedication will be conducted.

Aug. 8-9—Screenings of "Yankee Samurai" at Japan America Theatre, 8 p.m. on Fri., 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m. on Sat. (See article on p. 3 for details.)

Aug. 9—Coronation Ball, 6 p.m., Beverly Hilton Hotel. Contestants: Catherine Grennan, Gardena Valley JACL; Karen Kakuta, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center; Jennifer

Kusumoto, West L.A. JACL/Venice Japanese Community Center; Debra Nakamura, South Bay JACL; Joyce Horiuchi, East L.A. JACL; and Tracie Yamashita, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center.

Aug. 10—Samurai IV 5K Run, 8 a.m., Japanese Village Plaza fire tower; Nisei Week Grand Parade, 4 p.m., starting at 1st St. and Central Ave. Grand marshal is Frank Kuwahara, chair of Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. An odori spectacular will feature 500 costumed dancers from six troupes.

Aug. 13—Nisei Week Awards Dinner and Pioneer Luncheon, noon, New Otani Hotel. Pioneers to be honored with grand marshal are Tsumori Honda, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif.; Chiyo Machikawa, Little Tokyo Business Assn.; Kinu Murakami, So. Calif. Japanese Women's Society; Edward Tamae, Nanka Kenjinkai Kyogikai; and Frank Teraji, Japanese Community Pioneer Social Services Center. Cost: \$25.

Aug. 16-17—Carnival, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., San Pedro St. parking lot between 2nd and 3rd Sts.; Street Art Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Weller Court.

Aug. 16—Evening of Kabuki Dance, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre. Performed by Fujima Kanuma Kai.

Aug. 17—Nisei Week Bicycle Race, 9 a.m., Little Tokyo; Ondo (street dance), 3 p.m., San Pedro between 2nd and 3rd; Closing ceremony, 7:30 p.m., JACCC Plaza.

Nisei Week also features cultural exhibits and performances and other events throughout the week of Aug. 9-17. For details, call (213) 687-7193.

## Air Force station to be named after astronaut Onizuka

CHICAGO—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) announced during the JACL National Convention that Sunnyvale Air Force Station in California will be named after Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka.

The announcement was made at the Sayonara Banquet, during which Lorna Onizuka accepted the Japanese American of the Biennium award on behalf of her late husband.

Onizuka, the first Japanese American astronaut, was killed in the January explosion of the shuttle Challenger. In May, Mineta suggested renaming the station, where the Air Force's Satellite Test Facility is located, as the Ellison S. Onizuka Air Force Station and introduced legislation to that effect.

"This honor will assure that Lt. Col. Onizuka's contributions and heroism will never be forgotten," Mineta said of the Air Force's decision. "I can think of no more appropriate memorial than naming such a vital facility after this brave man. Though he will always be honored in our minds and hearts, a physical expression of our regard is a great tribute we should gladly and justly bestow."

## New anthology of Nikkei literature and art available

SAN JOSE, Calif. — *The Hawk's Well*, a new anthology of Japanese American art and literature, has been published by Asian American Art Projects.

Included are poetry by Jim Mitsui, Janice Mirikitani, and Zukin Hirasu; a short story by Yoshiko Uchida; calligraphy by Shioh Kato; prints by Tom Kamifuji; pen and inks by Sharyn Yoshida; and serigraphs and poetry by Richard and Mark Hamasaki.

Editor Jerrold Hiura says the 200-page book has already sold 20% of its run. It is available at Eastwind Bookstore in San Francisco and Berkeley, Cody's in Berkeley, Nichi Bei Bussan in San Jose, and Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) in San Mateo. The price is \$8.95.

Work on the second volume has already begun; it will feature works by playwright Philip Gotanda, poet Lawson Inada, sculptor Ruth Asawa and fiber artist Kay Sekimachi.

Info: Asian American Art Projects, 131 E. Taylor St., San Jose, CA 95112; (408) 294-5536.

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From left: Patt Orr and Alice Nakahata, co-chairs of the JACL Women's Concerns Conference, consult with Mari Matsumoto of the planning committee.

## Women's conference planned

OAKLAND, Calif.—"Japanese American Women in Transition '86" is the title of the No. Calif.-W. Nev.-Pacific District JACL Women's Concerns Committee's second conference, to be held all day Sept. 13 at Laney College.

Organizers of the event announced plans for workshops covering an even wider range of concerns than was offered last year.

"We were absolutely amazed at the enthusiastic response at our first one," said Alice Nakahata, co-chair of the event. "Many women said they were sorry that they were not able to attend all the workshops, and called for a repeat. So here we are. We think it's great that we women of such varied ages and experiences can get together to have a good time, discovering common bonds and enriching ourselves."

Tackling such concerns as bicultural parenting, money matters, the job market, assertiveness training, nutrition and health, networking, women in politics, coping with loss, cultural patterns of communication, and the perks of growing older, the workshops will be specifically geared to the needs and interests of Japanese American women of all ages.

Registration is \$20 (lunch included) and will be limited to 200. Checks payable to "Women's Concerns Committee JACL" may be sent to Pat Orr, 45 Sandpiper Circle, Corte Madera, CA 94925.

Info: East Bay—Chizu Iiyama, (415) 233-9595; San Jose—Susan Nakamura, (408) 448-5445; Marin—Alice Nakahata, (415) 388-6749; San Francisco—Kathy Reyes, (415) 386-0112; Sonoma County—Mei Nakano, (707) 829-0854.

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## Screening of 'Big Trouble' benefits community groups

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—In a gesture intended to establish good relations with the Asian American community, the makers of "Big Trouble in Little China" invited community representatives to a benefit screening at 20th Century Fox studios July 2.

The beneficiaries of the \$100-per-person affair were East West Players, an Asian American theater company; Chinatown Senior Citizen Service Center; and San Gabriel Valley Chinese Cultural Assn. Presenting a \$10,000 check to the senior center during the post-screening party was Calif. Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

Mayor Tom Bradley, who did not attend the event, issued a statement praising 20th Century Fox and the Chinese American community "for their mutual efforts in making the opening night benefit... a celebration of goodwill and understanding."

The uneventful premiere of "Big Trouble" contrasted sharply with that of "Year of the Dragon," whose depiction of the Chinatown underworld led to protests and pickets by Asian American organizations across the country last year.

Described by associate producer James Lew as a "kung fu-comedy-ghost-monster-Chinese mythological-action-adventure," the film is about a search by two truck drivers (Kurt Russell, Dennis Dun) for a woman kidnapped by a centuries-old villain (James Hong) who lives beneath San Francisco's Chinatown.

Lew told the opening night audience that director John Carpenter has captured "the magic and mystery of the Chinese culture" in the film. "It's a magic that tells you to enjoy the richness of the culture, revel in both the daring and dastardly deeds of our heroes and villains," Lew was also martial arts choreographer and has a small onscreen role.

Actor Hong said that "Big Trouble" is a sign that Asian depictions in the media will progress. "Maybe we'll get a Cosby type of show, who knows?"

### Activist's Reaction

James Yee, executive director of National Asian American Telecommunications Assn. in San Francisco, was among those who vigorously protested "Year of the Dragon." While not prepared to give "Big Trouble" an enthusiastic endorsement, he said it showed "some degree of improvement over prior films."

While "Dragon," a crime drama, had the appearance of real-

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A 442nd Regimental Combat Team company moves out of command post. U.S. Army Photo

## House passes 'Jpn' resolution

WASHINGTON—By a voice vote, the House passed on July 23 a resolution calling for the use of the abbreviation "Jpn." for "Japan" or "Japanese."

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), a co-sponsor of the resolution, congratulated Ken Nakano, a Seattle JACL member who actively lobbied for the measure, and Rep. Mike Lowry (D-Wash.), who introduced it.

He also thanked Reps. Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.) and James Jeffords (R-Vt.), both members of the House Education & Labor Committee, for supporting the resolution.

The resolution "is one more step in the fight against racism and prejudice in this nation," said Mineta.

"Our motivation in bringing this resolution to the floor is simple," he continued. "We seek to wipe out once and for all the use of a deeply offensive racial epithet often applied to Japanese nationals and indeed to Americans of Japanese ancestry."

"I know that some individuals continue to use this racial epithet because they do not understand how offensive the term is. Unfortunately, the use of the abbreviation 'Jap.' reinforces the use of that term and implies that it is an acceptable usage... It is that usage we seek to influence with today's action."

## Scholarship fund receives donation

SAN DIEGO—Anheuser-Busch has made a donation to the Union of Pan Asian Communities scholarship fund, to be used for awards to Asian American students next year.

"Anheuser-Busch is pleased to lend a hand to our Asian youth," said Fernando Hong, area manager for Anheuser-Busch. "Many of the recipients are recent immigrants, who need some extra help to prepare for the future."

In addition to the scholarship program, Union of Pan Asian Communities operates in-home service for the elderly; a development disabilities outreach project for Southeast Asian refugees with disabled children; a mental health program; a refugee training program for those least skilled in English; and a day care license program for refugee women.

## 'Samurai' to be shown in 3 cities

"Yankee Samurai," a European documentary about the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, will be shown in Los Angeles in August, in San Francisco in September, and in San Jose in October.

The film's Los Angeles premiere, set for Aug. 8, 8 p.m., at Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., will benefit the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, Nisei Week Festival, Go For Broke Inc., and Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of So. Calif. Tickets are \$20.

On Aug. 9, the film will be shown at 11 a.m. and 1, 3 and 5 p.m. at the same location. Tickets: \$3 general, \$2 for seniors, students and groups of 20 or more. Info: (213) 680-3700.

The San Francisco showings will be on Sept. 5 and 6 at 7:30 and 9 p.m. at Laurel Heights UC Medical Center (formerly Firemen's Fund Building) on California St. Co-sponsors of the benefit are Japanese Cultural & Community Center of No. Calif. and Go For Broke Inc.

Tickets, which are \$10 each, will be available through board

members of the two organizations. Info: (415) 567-5505.

The film was first shown in San Francisco in March at the Palace of Fine Arts.

The South Bay premiere of the film takes place Oct. 18 at Morris Dailey Auditorium, San Jose State University. Sponsored by Go For Broke and San Jose JACL, the event will raise funds for preparation of the Japanese American exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, scheduled for September 1987.

Tickets will be \$10, with discounts for students and seniors. Info: co-chairs Katie Hironaka, (408) 292-2914, and Judy Niizawa, (408) 733-7692.

"Yankee Samurai" recounts the exploits of Nisei GIs in Europe during WW2, including the liberation of Bruyeres, France, and the rescue of the Texan "Lost Battalion." The perspective of the film is that of the French people, who nicknamed their liberators "the little iron men."

Katriel Schory, an award-winning Israeli filmmaker, wrote and directed the film, which includes footage never before seen in other documentaries.

## Asian running for Chicago council

CHICAGO—John Lee Bingham, a 31-year-old small businessman, has announced his candidacy for 40th Ward alderman.

A third-generation Korean American, he will be the city's first Asian to hold elected office if he is successful.

Bingham served in the Marine Corps and majored in political science at University of Illinois at Chicago. He has worked on the campaigns of Sen. John Glenn for president, Rep. Paul Simon

for senator, and Lee Maglaya for state representative.

Rather than siding with Mayor Harold Washington or Alderman Edward Vrdolyak, Bingham says he is running as an independent candidate.

He also says he will be a voice for the Asian American community on the City Council by making sure Asians get a fair share of city contracts, hiring and services; stressing quality education; and fighting anti-Asian violence.



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## EDITORIAL

### Shades of Internment

Japanese Americans should know better than most that legislation motivated by fear and hatred rather than reason can gain popularity by appealing to peoples' prejudices. We hope that is not the case with Proposition 64, a California state measure also known as the "Prevent AIDS Now Initiative," which calls for the quarantine and isolation of anyone with AIDS or AIDS-related conditions. But the fact that it qualified for the Nov. 4 ballot is disturbing.

What connection is there between an AIDS initiative and the WW2 internment? We quote San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Nolan, who voted July 8 to support the redress bills in Congress. He recalled hearing a discussion of the initiative at a recent news conference: "There was a question at the end... about if we were to do this, if this thing were actually to pass in California, and we were to intern people, how would we do it? Where would we do this? And I was reminded of the shameful history in our own country that if people want to do it there is a way to do it."

There are legitimate health concerns today, just as there were legitimate fears about national security 40 years ago; at the same time, along with those concerns there is the danger of action being taken against an unpopular group whether the facts warrant it or not. In the case of the Lyndon LaRouche-backed AIDS initiative, the California Medical Assn. Council has condemned it, stating that "No public health purpose would be served by this action... There is no evidence to indicate that AIDS has been transmitted by any means of casual contact, whether in the home, schools, restaurants or the workplace."

The possibility of all "potential" or "suspected" AIDS victims being summarily rounded up and incarcerated may seem far-fetched to some. But we, of all people, should know that such things are indeed possible.

## Convention Notes

### ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

Bob Shimabukuro



"Hog butcher of the world!" wrote poet Carl Sandburg. That line, coupled with the the 1968 National Democratic Convention and former Mayor Richard Daley, formed my picture of Chicago. However, that image received a jolt this past week at the JACL convention.

I was informed that the stockyards are long since gone from Chicago, over 15 years ago. But the notion of Chicago as a "meat" city still persists. Polishes and Italian beef sandwiches were prescribed as the food of Chicago, along with deep dish pizza. I was only nominally impressed.

My first impressions of any city are generally visual. And the first thing I noticed was the preponderance of brick. As a woodworker, I guess I have a habit of noting how much wood is used

in construction and taking note of the exterior appearances and building materials. The Pacific Northwest uses a lot of wood, Southern California uses a lot of stucco, and Chicago is really a brick city.

I was later informed by Betty Nakanishi of Chicago that wood was banned as a major construction material after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, so there's a good reason why there is so much brick, I guess.

Another immediate impression was the lack of Japanese cars on the road. I suppose the proximity to Detroit has something to do with that fact, but to someone from the West Coast, the absence was glaring.

The tour of the Todai-ji exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute was somewhat noteworthy. Coming the day before the elections, it seemed somewhat incongruous to be viewing 11th and 18th century objects while a very 20th century electronic tour guide (recorded messages on some type of machine) explained the various pieces, and some good old-fashioned politicking went on under the watchful eye of a very serene 12th-century Yamon ten.

The Windy City News, the convention newsletter edited by Tina Adachi, with reporting by Patti Adachi, Jane Kaihatsu, Mika Hiramatsu and your truly, provided a nice touch to the convention. As NCWNP Gov. Mollie Fujioka said, "It made the convention more alive." Since those assigned to cover events for the newsletter also doubled as PC correspondents, it made life a lot easier for me also. Again, thanks Tina!

Upon my arrival back in L.A., my first stop was at a Japanese restaurant to get some *gohan* and *okazu*. Next snack was a burrito, followed by some late night *udon*. A Polish, no matter how they dress it up, is still a hot dog to me.

It is interesting to note that last week was the first time in my life that I wore a jacket and tie for a whole week. It must have something to do with "growing up." I tell myself as I approach my 41st birthday.

My daughter, Mira, who had been visiting me the past month, told me that even if I wanted to pursue an artist's life-style, I would still have to dress more carefully. "Suspenders," she said. "Suspenders look real neat." Woodworkers would never wear a jacket or a tie, I'm certain, but suspenders? I don't know.

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I knew every court decision was a step closer to this...

## Letters

### Wartime Labels

Raymond Okamura ("The Wrong Slant," May 9 PC) has expressed an important point about the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit, that "It would be far more enlightening to the general public if the Japanese American exhibit can be given a legal focus; that is, the laws and constitutional issues which have affected Japanese Americans from the

earliest pioneers to the present-day campaign for redress."

Unfortunately, he obscures this sound message by writing about "betrayers" and "real patriots." As though the government hadn't caused enough mischief and misery for the camp inmates with its labels of loyal/disloyal, pro-America, pro-Japan, etc., along comes Okamura 44 years later with his own designer labels to

create more mischief.

As for Karl Yoneda's disingenuous letter (June 13 PC), Yoneda conveniently neglects to inform his readers that the Communist Party was one of the earliest and most persistent backers of the evacuation, and that he and his buddies were informers who denounced numerous fellow Manzanar inmates to Military Intelligence in 1942.

(The 7-page document, plus cover memorandum, declassified Dec. 14, 1979, listing Yoneda,

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## The Question Answered

by Thomas Hara  
Midwest District Governor

A few weeks ago I wrote about the resolution of the JACL-LEC for authority to request emergency grants of up to \$200,000 from the principal of the Endowment Fund ("The \$200,000 Question," July 11 PC). The JACL National Council, meeting in Chicago on July 25, has now settled the question. The balloting was 53 for, 57 against, with one abstention, well short of the required three-quarters majority. We must now work to make sure that the true answer is not "zero."

Of course, zero is the amount of discomfiture to be suffered by the Endowment Fund subscribers of 30 years ago. May they rest in peace, in sure and certain knowledge that their contributions will remain "forever inviolate." They stoically endured the insult of 1942; may they know of our resolve to seek redress and vindication outside of the JACL financial structure.

For zero is also the amount of certainty which LEC will enjoy in its funding over the next two years. The biennial budget which has just been adopted contains no provision for funding the direct lobbying efforts of LEC. In addition, a proposed by-law amendment (to delete a \$5,000 "ceiling" on the amounts by which the National Board may adjust line

items within the budget) was not acted upon, such that there can be no further internal reallocations of the adopted budget to make funds available.

Thus, we now have zero organized financial support for LEC from National JACL. Of course, chapters might choose to do something on an independent basis, if and when they first complete payment of their pledges to repay the last "loan" and the arrearage of the National Committee for Redress. Indeed, the chapter redress chairs must now plan to stay in business to collect more pledges, since the National Council has authorized another "loan."

Whether this new "loan" will result, and upon what terms and conditions, remains to be seen: the recommendation of the Endowment Fund Committee differs markedly from the resolution ultimately adopted by this National Council. It may depend upon the extent to which members of the Endowment Fund Committee wish to reduce, to zero, their exposure as fiduciaries, even though the chairman has expressed continued confidence in their ability to make interest-free and unsecured loans from the funds within their trust.

Having said all of this, I have no particular problem with the

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# Teachings of the Tower

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN:

Bill  
Hosokawa



A half hour's drive straight north of Denver is the town of Longmont. It used to be a quiet little trading center for a rich agricultural district, and many Japanese Americans farmed acreage watered by snowfields of the Rockies not far to the west. The main highway from Denver to

Wyoming ran through the center of Longmont and it was impossible to ignore it.

Then Interstate 25 was built, by-passing Longmont. People quit driving through the town, but it didn't wither away. It grew into a pleasant, thriving community of 50,000, big enough now to stretch its muscles and seek investors and new industries. Today, that means Japan.

In spirit, at least, Longmont is not too distant from Japan. A large section of what is now southwestern Longmont used to be Jim Kanemoto's vegetable farm. A couple of decades ago Kanemoto saw the handwriting on the wall. There was more money to be made putting up buildings on

the land than growing crops on it.

While sub-dividing the farm, Kanemoto deeded 17 acres to the city. Seven of them were used as a site for a school. The other ten became Kanemoto Park, which today has green lawns, shade trees, playgrounds, a pool and other amenities. It also has a five-story pagoda, standing 60 feet tall. It's called the Tower of Compassion and it has a story.

Jim Kanemoto and his wife Chiyo were visiting Japan when they became fascinated by the beauty of pagodas. In 1972 he had one built in Kanemoto Park as an expression of gratitude for the friendship of the people of Longmont. Governor John Vanderhoof joined city officials in its dedication. Near the tower is a sign explaining the meaning of compassion:

"Compassion is to live the life of love, empathy, understanding

and gratitude for all things, and giving selflessly of oneself for the happiness of all beings."

Various groups—churches, service clubs, schools—asked Jim to talk about the tower. He is a devout Buddhist and there is much of Buddhist teaching in his explanation of the meaning of compassion and how it should apply to American life:

The first story stands for Love: If I truly love someone, I must love all humanity. How can I love someone if I hate others?

The second story is Empathy: Your happiness is my happiness. Your sadness is my sadness. I feel your pain and your joy.

Understanding is the third story: Mankind is one. We are all interdependent. How can I alone be happy if my family is sad? How can we Americans be hap-

py when half the world goes to bed hungry?

Gratitude is the fourth: I am here because of my parents. Food I eat comes from the land, my shelter from the trees. My knowledge comes from my parents, teachers and others. Therefore I am the total sum of others and give gratitude to all things.

And fifth, Giving: As I give of myself for the happiness of others, I find myself and enjoy real happiness.

Each year since 1978 the Longmont Rotary Club has presented a Compassion Award made up of a plaque recognizing some worthy individual and a \$500 check to be given to the organization of the awardee's choice.

Japanese businessmen, industrialists would find Longmont a compatible place indeed.

## Paper examines trade issue

TOKYO—The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan will release its 1986 Trade White Paper this summer, according to Dick Yamashita and Tim Pierce, co-chairmen of the subcommittee of the Trade Expansion Committee of the ACCJ.

Perhaps no aspect of the U.S.-Japan relationship has received more attention over the past two decades than the bilateral trade relationship. The nature of the trade deficit has brought particular attention to U.S. trade with Japan, as about one-third of the deficit is in its trade with Japan. Japan has been singled out for criticism for several reasons: it has been perceived as taking unfair advantages of relatively open U.S. trade laws, damaging or destroying some key U.S. industries; Japan has tight bureaucratic control over imports and is seen as a market closed to many foreign goods; and Japan is believed to have done little to ameliorate the huge and growing trade imbalance with the United

States.

Trade discussions over the past several years continue to focus primarily on improving access to the Japanese market. Japan has put together five trade packages over the past four years. Some packages have contained potentially important elements concerning laws governing standards, testing, and certification procedures.

Last year the U.S. trade with Japan totaled \$84 billion, the largest overseas two-way flow in history, making it the U.S.'s second largest bilateral trading relationship after Canada. This is overshadowed by the almost \$45 billion trade deficit, an increase of about \$17 billion over 1984.

The Economic Report from the President shows the current ac-

count fluctuating between surplus and deficit since 1970. In 1985 Japan became the world's top creditor nation and the U.S. became a net debtor nation. The U.S. currency account plunged deeply into deficit in 1982, to \$11 billion in 1982 from \$4.7 billion in 1981. In 1985, it is expected to exceed \$140 billion.

Under pressure, Japan has been instituting a series of bureaucratic actions related to the market access problems. The slow, time-consuming process has not satisfied U.S. government leaders. At present, the Japanese people are beginning to recognize that trade frictions will remain and could become increasingly serious in the near future. To date, legislative actions have been informal; however, protectionist trade legislation in the U.S. could be introduced in the near future if the perception

of a closed Japanese market persists.

Today there are many trade bills, all of which could be considered as attempts to close the U.S. markets to foreigners. Many, if not most, of these bills are aimed at Japan specifically. Consequently, the question of trade and economics has now become a political question. Furthermore, political leaders in the U.S. and Japan realize the consequences of the Smoot-Hawley tariff problems of the 1930s.

In the U.S. the persistent trade deficit since the 1970s bears witness to basic structural changes in industries and some weaknesses in the U.S. economy.

Declining capital investment, coupled with relatively small research and development expen-

ditures, has led to decline in productivity and innovation, especially in the electronics sector.

The ACCJ believes that the U.S.-Japan trade relationship is good for both countries and ought to be expanded. The White Paper presents the ACCJ's point of view, drawn from the perspective of American businessmen doing business in Japan. The paper describes the nature of the problem from the members' viewpoint, the past and present actions taken by the ACCJ, and the ACCJ's recommendations for a solution.

Copies of the Trade White Paper may be obtained by writing to H. Dick Yamashita, co-chairman, at MARCOM International, Inc., 1-3-12 Motoakasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107, Japan.

## HARA

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route that the National Council has determined to be appropriate. In a sense, redress is still a Nisei problem, and since JACL is still a largely Nisei organization, I am all the more willing to defer to the National Council on this funding issue.

The future of LEC as an effective lobbyist is not necessarily zero. The outcome will depend upon the willingness of our mem-

bership, as articulated through the National Council, to fund this effort outside of our balance sheet: more pledges and more LEC contributions, as much as may be needed and as quickly as they are sought. This is possible—the chapters of two districts have paid up their pledges through the 03 Year, and two districts have exceeded their first year LEC fundraising allocations. It must be done, or the redress commitment undertaken by JACL will indeed amount to zero.

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## LETTERS

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Koji Ariyoshi and James Oda as willing informers, along with a list of persons they denounced, is deposited in the National Archives, Record Group 210.)

So much for the Communist Party, communists, "progressives," and Yoneda's self-serving autobiography.

PETER T. SUZUKI  
Professor, University of Nebraska  
Omaha

## Why Not Official English?

As I read your PC news on the English initiative (July 18), I cannot help but express my own feelings. I must say I am upset in a way, because we all live in America—going to school, getting married, working hard to sustain ourselves, having a roof over our heads and a car to drive to work, and receiving benefits like free education, free speech, freedom to worship and individual rights we all enjoy. All those privileges are not free. They cost lives and sacrifices, as we all know.

I am Kibei and my wife is Japanese, and we spoke Japanese when our children were growing up. So when they entered school, they faced difficulties learning English. Most Nisei had the same problems, I believe. But they overcame.

So why not English as the official language of America? If I live in America, I would try to speak English. If I live in Japan, I would speak Japanese. When you are in Rome, you do like Romans do.

JACK UMEZU  
Sacramento

## Chapter Pulse

### New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—New Mexico JACL held its sixth annual Omatsuri on June 28. This year's theme was the 20th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Albuquerque and Sasebo, Japan.

For the last three years, Omatsuri has been part of the city's Summerfest, a series of concerts, culinary and cultural events held from May to August.

Omatsuri chairman Calvin Kobayashi served as master of ceremonies; Ruth Hashimoto spoke on behalf of Sister Cities. The program was led by tenor Jay Kang, who sang the national anthem and then entertained the crowd with contemporary songs.

The mother-and-daughter team of Fumiko and Lisa Hirai came from Lincoln, Neb., to share the music of the koto. Joyce Nakata, Aiko Tagawa and Carol Miyage-shima of Denver Taiko Group performed twice that evening. Haiku was recited in English by Land of Enchantment Poetry Theatre, whose members drove in from Las Vegas, N.M.

Local performances included traditional Japanese dances by Mariko Thomas, ki-aikido by Albuquerque Ki Society, enka and popular songs by Akio Kadonaga, kenjutsu by Sandia Budokan, shigin and shibu by Simpu-ryu Shigin Group, and a kimono fashion show.

Booths of bonsai, Japanese swords, and martial arts were interspersed with sales booths sponsored by JACL, area merchants and local artists. Two local restaurants, Minato and Japanese Kitchen, helped take care of the hungry crowds, estimated at over 17,000.

### San Fernando Valley

ARLETA, Calif.—The following high school seniors received cash awards for outstanding scholastic achievements at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center on June 6: Janice Arakawa (Taft), Stephanny Freeman, Jennifer Prager (North Hollywood); Mika Fukunaga, Susan Iko, Melissa

Nakagawa, Yuki Takahashi (Kennedy); Serena Hayashi (Crescenta Valley); Takako Kihara, Joanne Yamaoka (Monroe); Douglas Miura (Sylmar); Jill Nakamura (Granada Hills); Eugene Oda Memorial—Margarita Lazano (San Fernando); Paul Duran (North Hollywood); George Sakaguchi (Grant); James Shinbashi (Monroe); S.A.M. Award—Paul Kimura (Granada Hills); Boutique Scholarship Matthew Endo (Kennedy). Guest speaker was Yoshi Honkawa, Cedars-Sinai vice president for government industry relations.

### Mile-Hi

DENVER—Bob Sakaguchi, president of Mile-Hi JACL, has announced that his chapter is proposing a public display of the Go For Broke exhibit at a downtown bank lobby and ceremonies to pay tribute to Nisei who fought in Europe and the Pacific during WW2.

"Their sacrifices and unwavering adherence to the ideals of our nation," said Sakaguchi, "assured for us, as persons of Japanese ancestry, a respected place in America."

The program is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 11. Bill Hosokawa will serve as master of ceremonies. "Yankee Samurai," a documentary about the Nisei soldiers in Europe and a French village which they liberated, will be shown.

Minoru Yasui will be general chairman of the event. Anyone with ideas about how to best commemorate the Nisei GIs or who can offer assistance is asked to contact Yasui at (303) 722-9255.

### Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif.—Berkeley JACL has awarded \$1,200 to help fund the new Japanese American Services of the East Bay's senior citizen nutrition program.

The grant, awarded through the Berkeley JACL Endowment Fund board of trustees, will be used for JASEB's Monday lunch program, which serves Japanese-style vegetarian meals at Berkeley United Methodist Church.

JASEB operates a hot lunch program Monday through Thursday, but only the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday meals receive federal funding, administered through the City of Berkeley. The Monday lunch has been offered through support by donations from individuals and such community organizations as Buddhist Churches of America.

Formerly two organizations—East Bay Japanese for Action and East Bay Issei Housing—JASEB offers bilingual social and housing services to elderly Japanese Americans. Info: (415) 848-3560.

### New York

NEW YORK—Chapter scholarship winners honored at a dinner held June 14 at the Warwick Hotel were: Merit Scholarship—James Kumpel; Lucille Nakamura Memorial—Evangeline Kamitsuka Foster; Special Grants—Thomas Fleming, Amy Haruyama, Michael Nishi, Kelly Yamaguchi and Roy Yoshimoto.

Kumpel will attend Cornell University and hopes to pursue a career in real estate and/or investment; Foster will receive her master's from Smith School of Social Work in Massachusetts and plans to go into social work, specializing in children. The Nakamura Award, founded 10 years ago, is named after a well respected social worker in the JA community.

### Carson

CARSON, Calif.—Chapter scholarships will be awarded during a meeting at Mercury Savings & Loan Assn. on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. There will also be a potluck dinner and bingo. Awards are presented to students planning to enter college. Info: Kaz Nishida, 835-9833.

### West Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—West L.A. JACL holds its Steak Dinner and Fun Night, a scholarship fund event, Aug. 23 at West L.A. Buddhist Church, 2003 Corinth Ave. Dinner starts 5:30 p.m.; casino opens at 7. Tickets: \$12. Reservations: Fred, 826-9805, or George, 820-5250. Tickets will not be sold at door.

### Ventura County

OXNARD, Calif.—Ventura JACL Singles will be carpooling from

Ventura County to see the Nisei Week Parade in L.A.'s Little Tokyo on Aug. 10. Members will meet at noon in front of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center for lunch and general meeting. RSVP by Aug. 8. Info: SueAnn, (805) 488-5479, or Guy, (805) 985-7896.

### Watsonville

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—This year the chapter awarded scholarships to: Jennifer Ura of Watsonville H.S. (\$500); Kathy Kitayama and Cynthia Matano, both of Aptos H.S. (\$250 each); and Calvin Tomasawa of Monterey Bay Academy (\$250). Ura was also one of six incoming freshmen who were awarded a \$1,000 National JACL scholarship.

The Watsonville JACL board honored its senior citizens with a spaghetti dinner May 18. More

than 28 seniors attended the festive event.

The chapter sponsors its annual family picnic Aug. 10 at Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Games start at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Other field games begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 years old and under, free for senior citizens.

### West Valley

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The ninth annual Daruma Folk Festival, a benefit for senior citizens, takes place Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Saratoga Lanes parking lot on Saratoga and Graves near Prospect Rd. It features drummers, singers, dancers, farm fresh produce, folk crafts by the seniors and much more. Sponsored by West Valley JACL and Senior Club.

## Playwright wins JACL award

NEW YORK—New York JACL has announced that Akemi Kikumura of Woodland Hills, Calif. is the winner of the first Ruby Yoshino Schaar Playwright Award.

The recipient of the \$1,000 cash prize is an anthropologist, author of *Through Harsh Winters*, and a former actress whose credits include the TV-movie "Farewell to Manzanar."

Her winning play is "The Gambling Den," which dramatizes the life of an immigrant family and its intergenerational conflicts. Kikumura was sponsored by Gary Yano of San Fernando Valley JACL.

The selection was based on dramatic excellence and insight into the Japanese American experience. The winning play had to be based on fact and historically and sociologically valid.

The award fund, established as a tribute to former chapter president and executive director Ruby Yoshino Schaar, is intended to encourage talented writers and to ensure that the story of North American Nikkei will be told, understood and appreciated

ed as an integral part of America. Schaar is a major contributor to the fund.

Judges for the award were playwright David Hwang ("F.O.B.," "Family Devotions"); Bea Kiyohara, artistic director of Asian American Theatre in Seattle; Mako, actor and artistic director of East West Players in Los Angeles; and Roberta Uno, artistic director of the New World Theatre Program at University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Michi Weglyn of New York, author of *Years of Infamy*, critiqued the historical validity of the finalists' manuscripts.

The ad hoc committee, chaired by Haruko Brown, has included Julie Azuma, Joe Imai, Ron Inouye, Tami Ogata, Michi Nakagawa, Suki Ports and Tamio Spiegel since its inception in 1984. Over 100 people have contributed to the fund.

The next award will be given in two years. Contributions made out to "Playwright Fund" should be sent to: JACL New York Chapter, 7 West 44th St., 6th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

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ism, "Big Trouble" is clearly a fantasy, he said.

Fearing that another film in the vein of "Dragon" was in the works, members of the Asian American community, including

Eu and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), expressed their concerns to the "Big Trouble" production team during the past year. Yee felt that these concerns had a significant impact on the final product, noting that the role of the Chinese protagonist (Dun) "was expanded quite a bit from the script that we saw."

At the same time, Yee said that "Big Trouble" is a typical Hollywood film in that it centers around the Caucasian lead.

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He has practiced medicine in Fresno since 1938, except for the WW2 internment, during which he ministered to the medical needs of internees in the Jerome and Rohwer camps in Arkansas.

Taira is prominent in the activities of Buddhist Churches of America, having served three terms as national chairman in the early 1960s. He has also been active in Fresno Metropolitan Rotary Club, Fresno Judo Club, and the Kochi Committee of the Fresno Sister Cities Program.

He testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981 and is presently on the board of governors of Fresno JACL.

In addition to his practice and community activities, he is a farmer in the Sanger area. He and his wife Chico have two sons, Tim and Larry, and five grandchildren.

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## Two Bills Considered

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) pointed out that only 350 of the 881 Aleut internees are still alive and that more are dying every year. Although he is a co-sponsor of H.R. 442, which provides redress for both Japanese Americans and Aleuts, Young asked the subcommittee to consider H.R. 2415, an Aleut redress bill which he introduced.

Arthur Flemming, formerly of the Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians, supported both bills. He was critical of the Justice Dept.'s opposition to redress for Japanese American internees.

"It is five years since the commission... listened to the testimony of our fellow Americans who had been deprived, without cause, of their freedom. It is three years since the commission recommended that action be taken to rectify this wrong. The response? The Administration says, 'Do nothing'..."

"We hope that Congress will send another message by acting favorably on H.R. 442."

With regard to H.R. 2415, which provides both individual and community compensation, Flemming said, "The Aleuts... were clearly the victims of mismanagement, indifference, and lack of even minimum consideration of their welfare... We believe that the adoption of our recommendations would help to compensate for these acts of injustice."

In both the JA and Aleut cases, "the government played fast and loose with the rights of citizens" and "lack of action will weaken the foundation on which our government rests," Flemming said. "Both these situations cry out for action."

## Aleuts Speak Out

Adrian Melovidov, chair of the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Assn., emphasized that Aleuts were U.S. citizens. "Our sons were subject to Selective Service laws,

and more than 50 Aleuts were drafted out of the camps for Army service. When our American boys stormed ashore to liberate Attu Island from the Japanese enemy, they were led by Aleut scouts."

Agafon Krukoff, president of the Aleut Corp., described the plight of Attu Island residents who were held prisoner in Japan and returned to Alaska only to find that their island had become government property. He indicated willingness to accept other forms of compensation if return of the island is not possible.

Alice Petrielli, representing Atka Village, recalled that her village was burned by U.S. sailors after the evacuation and that while in camp, "At least 10 of our people... died before they could be returned to Atka after the war."

A higher death toll, 20 within one year, was reported by Perfinia Pletnikoff of Nikolski Village, who was taken to Ward Lake, an abandoned CCC camp.

Other testifiers were Michael Zacharof, mayor of St. Paul, Alaska; Hilda Berikoff of Unalaska Village; and Dimitri Philomenof, speaking for Father Paul Merculief of the Aleutian Housing Authority.

Glickman, commenting on the JA and Aleut relocations, said, "The reasons for the relocation were different, the war situations were different... What ties these issues together is that they both happened in the Second World War, but that's about it."

He did not announce a decision on the fate of either bill.

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## WOO

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the first Black or Hispanic were so targeted for this treatment.

"I believe that the objective sought by this plan can be achieved by the council making another effort toward that end and still essentially satisfy our deadline of July 31, 1986, which was accepted by the court."

## Alternative Adopted

Because Councilman Joel Wachs changed his position and voted against the Alatorre plan when the second vote was taken, the council lacked the 10 votes needed to override Bradley's veto. Alatorre, who said it would be "fruitless" to attempt an override, submitted an alternative plan on July 23. It was adopted by a 13-2 vote, with Ernani Bernardi and Joan Flores opposing.

The second Alatorre plan, like a plan submitted by Council President Pat Russell the week before, makes Woo's 13th District a Latino district and places Woo's residence in Ferraro's 4th District. The two councilmen can run against each other in the new

4th District, while the new 13th District can hold an election without an incumbent.

"I think that both Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Woo have come to the conclusion that this is as fair a compromise as we could strike," said Alatorre.

Russell agreed, saying that the new 4th District "is as evenly drawn as human beings can do" to give both candidates a fair chance. The plan provides each with strong bases of support—for example, Hollywood for Woo and the Wilshire District for Ferraro.

"I'm not particularly happy about running against a colleague," said Ferraro, who has represented the 4th District for 20 years. "It divides the council."

"I'm not 100 percent happy with the compromise," Woo acknowledged. "Be that as it may, I still think that this plan is superior to the plan that was approved yesterday."

"I think the fundamental rightness of this compromise... is that the people will decide who they want to represent them."

The plan puts Woo in a unique situation. If the Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, a co-plaintiff in the suit, is

successful in its push for a 13th District election in 1987, Woo will have to resign his current post in order to run in the 4th District. If, however, the 13th District election is held in 1989 as scheduled, and if Woo loses to Ferraro in the 4th District, Woo will still have the option of running for reelection in the 13th District.

"I was elected to a full four-year term representing the 13th Council District, and that stands regardless of what happens," Woo explained. When asked if he would actually run there in 1989, he replied, "That's too far down the road to speculate."

As to the question of how he can manage to represent the 13th District while campaigning in the 4th, he said, "My staff and I are going to have to work very hard."

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