WASHINGTON—Rep. Terry Bruce (D-IL), who announced his intention to co-sponsor redress bill H.R. 442 on Aug. 25, was lobbed by a constituent who, in a 1942 photograph, came to symbolize the plight of Japanese Americans interned during WW2.

According to Chicago JACL redress chair Chiy Tominho, Bruce was persuaded to support the bill by Yukiko Okinaga Llewellyn of Champaign, Ill., who wrote to the congressman and talked with his staff. As a three-year-old girl, Llewellyn appeared in a War Relocation Authority photo taken when she and her family were about to depart from Los Angeles to Manzanar.

Image of Internment

In the photo, she is holding an apple and sitting on a leaf, as if to indicate she is about to depart. The photo has been used often by proponents of redress to show that the internment affected all West Coast Japanese Americans, regardless of age.

“Mrs. Llewellyn has not forgotten that the she and her family were deprived of their constitutional rights,” said LEC executive director Grace Y. Uyehara. “She translated her remembrance of the injustice to act as a responsible American.”

Bruce, who represents the southeastern portion of the state, is serving his first term in the House. He is on the Agriculture Committee and the subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans & Feed Grains; the Education & Labor Committee and its subcommittees on Human Resources and Post-secondary Education; and the Science & Technology Committee and its subcommittee on Energy Development & Applications and Science, Research & Technology.

He is the 14th co-sponsor, of the redress bill.

“We need more Americans to emulate Mrs. Llewellyn and others like her who decide to intentionally to rist a clarion call for the U.S. Constitution. Sometimes, it takes only one person in a community to get the needed support for passage of the redress legislation.”

Working at University

Today, after having relocated with her family to Cleveland, Llewellyn is an assistant dean at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is in Bruce’s 19th Dist.

“I was imprisoned for six weeks in the Immigration & Naturalization Service Center, Yatani was released just hours after his lawyers sued the government for illegally holding him.

Visa Revoked

Yatani, a 40-year-old Japanese student at State University of New York at Stony Brook, has lived in the U.S. since 1977. He and his wife Nanako have two American-born sons.

When Yatani arrived at Kennedy International Airport on July 7 after attending a conference in the Netherlands, the State Dept. revoked his visa, ruling that he had concealed his membership in a communist organization. The department has refused to say how it got information linking Yatani to communist activity.

“Not a Communist”

In his Aug. 25 press release, Yatani stated that he “was never a member of, or associated with, the Communist Party. I am not an anti-American, subversive, anarchist, totalitarian or terrorist organization.”

The only reason that Yatani could think of for his detention was his arrest in Tokyo in 1983 on charges of tampering with documents during the anti-Vietnam War demonstration. The State Dept. waived its objections Aug. 20 and authorized the INS to release Yatani. In return, Yatani agreed to drop his lawsuit, although he added, “I want to know what is in that State Department file.”

“It was a nightmare, just a nightmare,” Yatani said as he left the detention center. “Some people in the U.S. government believe I am a communist or a terrible person, but I am not.”

Public Support

The case produced an outpouring of public support for Yatani, who originally faced an Aug. 22 deadline to leave the country.

But while Yatani’s ordeal is over, some experts have said that the case points out the need for reform of laws and procedures that determine who is barred from entering the country.

Arthel Heaton, director of the Lawyer’s Committee for Human Rights, said that the Yatani case demonstrates how a family can be victimized by the laws as they now stand. “This sort of thing may happen to be a lot of people without the public ever being aware of it.”

However, INS official Scott


demos to discuss political power, prop. 63

SAN FRANCISCO — A debate and forum on the controversial Proposition 63, with Stanley Diamond, author of the “English Only” initiative, and Wilma Chun, vice president of Chinese Progressive Asian, will be one of the highlights of the third biennial Asian Pacific Democratic Leadership Conference, to be held Sept. 12-14 at Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.

Workshop Topics

The Proposition 63 forum and workshops on such topics as “Our Role in the Democratic Party: State and National,” “Our Goals for the 1984: Electing Asian Pacific Democrats,” and “Violence Against Asian Americans” will take place after the plenary session. Workshops will continue on Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday’s activities will conclude with the Biennial Awards Banquet at 7:30 p.m. This year’s awardees are Bert Nakano of Gardena, Collins Lai of Los Angeles, Marcia Tom and Yasuhiko “Chevy” Bo of Sacramento, and Alice Bulos and Julie Tan of San Francisco. Matisu will be guest speaker.

Registration is $20, general; $10 for students and seniors. Tickets for the awards banquet are $35. Info: Bay Area — Victor Hsi, (415) 734-6529, or Eddie Wore, (415) 898-6672; Sacramento — Paula Higashi, (916) 150-0005, Los Angeles — Mike Eng, (213) 387-2255.

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NCJAR Asks Supreme Court to Review Suit

WASHINGTON — A petition calling for review of a class action lawsuit that seeks damages on behalf of 125,000 Japanese Americans interned during WW2 was filed Aug. 20 in the U.S. Supreme Court by the Chicago-based National Council for Japanese American Redress.

If successful, the petition will reinstate claims against the government that were dismissed after the lawsuit was filed in March 1983.

Claims Dismissed

The lawsuit, with 22 claims, sought more than $24 billion in damages. It was dismissed in May 1984 by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The dismissal was then appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, where it was partially reversed and remanded to trial in January 1985, but with only a single claim intact.

“The dismissed claims include the deprivation of constitutional guarantees such as habeas corpus, equal protection and due process,” said William Hohri, NCJAR chair. “What’s the point of having these constitutional rights if the government can violate them and then hide behind a legalism...and escape accountability?”

“Fraud and Concealment”

Although the odds for success in gaining access to the Supreme Court are about 1 in 20, Hohri said he is optimistic about NCJAR’s chances.

“One of our main arguments,” he said, “is that the wartime decrees were not valid.”

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JACL salutes 1986 scholarship winners. See special supplement inside.
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Noirko Bridges
Peggy Saika

Bay Area chairperson of the Jeannette Rankin Brigade, the first national women’s organiza­tion to oppose the Vietnam War. Other marriage to international­ally known labor leader Harry Bridges, she remarks with characteristic candor that “Asian women who marry Caucasian big­shots [are thought to] have no identity of their own, that having bagged an important man, they have reached the top.” To sur­vive, she says, the woman must educate herself, her spouse, and society to the contrary—an on­going struggle.

Peggy Saika, executive direc­tor of Asian Law Caucus, will be the luncheon speaker at the conference. In her capacity as director, Sai­ka helps make decisions about which cases are selected, coordi­nates and organizes the workload, and plunges into the myriad out­sider activities that come with the position. Prior to joining the caucus, Saika served on the board of Asian Legal Services Outreach in Sacramento, Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund in New York, and Public Interest Law Foundation of New York University Law School. Her in­volvement with legal organiza­tions, she says, stems mainly from her interest in them as a political force for public repre­sentation and as instruments of pub­lic service.

Having been active in many women’s organizations in New York, Saika is now a member of the organizing committee estab­lishing the first shelter for bet­tered Asian women in the Bay Area.

The conference will also in­clude 12 workshops on topics of concern to Japanese American women of all ages, including historical and cultural parenting, assertiveness training, the job market, nutri­tion and health, women in poli­tics, coping with loss, and grow­ing older.

The college is located at 1111 16th St., Berkeley, California 94710.

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noted activists to address conference

by Mel Nakano

OAKLAND — Two prominent women activists will appear at "Asian American Women in Transition—’86," to be held by the No Call/C.W. New-Pacific Dis­trict JACL Women’s Concerns Committee on Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m.­4 p.m., at Laney College.

• Noirko Naito Sawaada Bridges, who is to be honored with the Humanitarian Award at the conference, is perhaps the quintes­sential model for the Nisei wom­an. Born to immigrant farmers, her is a story of progress from a sense of feldlessness and invisibility to an indisputable affirm­ation of her personhood.

Now in her sixties, she will be cited by the Women’s Concerns Committee “for having made a positive impact on the life and culture of her community, for be­ing a role model for strength and survival, and for serving as an agent of social change, one who challenges the barriers that impede progress for Asian American women.”

After her incarceration in Poston during World War II, Bridges worked in San Francisco as a legal secretary and office man­ager for attorneys involved with unions and civil liberties cases. During this period, she became shop steward and delegate to state conventions for the Office Workers’ Union. The camp experience gave im­petus to her commitment to work against war. In 1948, she cam­paigned for presidential candi­date Henry Wallace of the newly­formed Progressive Party, a strong advocate for peace and detente. Among other anti-war activities, she became the first­

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Museum, Book to Pay Tribute to Astronaut

KONA, Hawaii—The future site of the Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka Pavilion and Museum at Keahole Airport was blessed Aug. 28 in a private ceremony for family, friends, and special guests.

The pavilion, a 12-foot-tall replica of a manifestations of the late astronaut, underwritten by United Airlines and scheduled for release in October, was also announced at the ceremony. Proceeds from book sales will go to the Onizuka Memorial Committee to fund the pavilion.

Dick Post, United's vice president for Hawaii, said the airline has granted $20,000 in cash and an additional $20,000 in promotional services for the writing, production and sales of the book.

"Ellison proved that anything can be achieved through hard work and dedication," said Post. "He was a model of what all that dreams can be fulfilled.

The pavilion, to be located in the parking lot of the airport, will cost an estimated $500,000 to build and will house photo displays, memorabilia and other educational materials on Onizuka and the space program.

The book is co-authored by University of Hawaii American studies professor Dennis Ogawa, who wrote "Ellison Onizuka," and Jimmy Grant, who wrote "Ellison: a book which marks the 10th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Hawaii."

The book will be available from all Liberty House stores in Hawaii, the Honolulu Advertiser, the Hawaii Tribune Herald (Hilo), West Hawaii Today (Kona), and the Onizuka Memorial Committee.

Marutani to be Recognized for Rights Record

PHILADELPHIA—William Marutani, former judge of the Court of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Japanese Americans, will be the 1987 recipient of the Pacific Citizen's Civil Liberties Union's Civil Rights Record Award.

Marutani is being honored for his all-boys' school

KALUA PIG QUICK SERVICE FROM STEAM TABLE

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Painting

Photo by Robert Geis/Press-Telegram

Asian Caricature Reappear in Newspaper — 1 Year Later

LONG BEACH, Calif.—A photo that was branded as "racist" by some Asian Americans last year when it appeared in the Press-Telegram recently reappeared in an advertising supplement put out by the same newspaper.

The photo, from a sand sculpture contest sponsored by the Press-Telegram, was of a winning entry entitled "Wrong Beach," which depicted an Asian, with slanted slits for eyes and huge back teeth, chewing out of an underwater sand (see Sept. 20, 1985 PCl). The figure was described in the article as a "Chinaman.

After receiving letters of protest, one from Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Wool, the editors printed an apology.

The photo, minus the racial slur, was used in Press-Telegram People Plus (July 30-Aug. 5) to promote this year's sand sculpture contest.

In a letter to the Press-Telegram dated July 31, Ron Ieiri, owner of Liou's Marketplace in Long Beach, wrote, "Unbelieva­ble!.. . You put the same racist picture of a sand sculpture that you had put in your newspaper about one year ago. Didn't you get enough complaints the first time?"

Ieiri asked that his ad be withdrawn from the weekly supplement. "Maybe money or lack of business is the reason you get someone to wake up in your paper," he wrote.

Appointment

WASHINGTON—Grant G. Moy, Jr., formerly associate general counsel for financial law at the U.S. Small Business Administration, has been appointed general counsel for the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Community Calendar

Sept. 6 1-4 p.m.

"Recent Works," a ceramics exhibit featuring the works of Virginia Caravaghi, Patrick Shio Crab and Ravind Raynshol, will open with a reception at Little Tokyo Cultural Plaza, 532 S. Harmony St. Exhibit will con­continue through Sept. 22. Gallery is open Wed., Fri., Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 9 7:30 p.m.

An open meeting for all persons interested in the planned 75th anniversary celebration of Maryknoll-in-L.A. will be held at the Mayorsho School, 226 S. Hewitt.

Los Angeles City Hall Pavilion

California State Sen. Bill Campbell, Republican nom­i­nee for state controller, will speak at the annual Japa­nese American Republican dinner at Michael's Restau­rant, 609 E. Washington Blvd. Tickets are $50 each. Infor­mation lines: (213) 329-8888.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sept. 11 Noon

Jean Shioda Bold, M.D., Jungian analyst and chief­professor of psychiatry, will speak on "The Hermit in Every Woman" at UC San Francisco's卓 Hall, 200 Ninth.

Sept. 13 10 a.m.

Rep. Norman Mineta and Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Woo will speak at the morning plenary session of the third biennial conference of the California Demo­cratic Party's Asian Pacific Caucus at the Miyako Hotel, 382 Po­lase.

SANTA CRUZ

Sept. 7 End-of-summer beach party sponsored by Asian Amer­ican Social Club, takes place at Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk. The free event will meet at the entrance to the Big Dipper roller coaster.

UNION CITY

Sept. 15 Thomas Noguchi, former medical examiner for Los Angeles, will speak on "Forensics: The Legacy of Sherlock Holmes" at the general membership dinner meeting of the South Bay Alhambra Valley Democratic Social Club at Holiday Inn, Nimitz Highway and Alhambra Niles Blvd. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7:30 p.m.

OAKLAND

Sept. 7-8p.m.

Nine Widowed Group, 508 16th Ave., will meet at the home of Yurii Morikawa. For address and additional information contact Maki Nakaye, (415) 325-3935.

PORTLAND

Now through Sept. 14

A photo exhibit on "Chinese Women in America, 1834-1982" will be on display at Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Hall, 315 N.W. Davis St., Thur. Mon. noon.

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The JACL-Blue Shield of California Community Health Plan is offering an exciting reward to its members. The reward is a prize-winning sand sculpture depicting the classic "Wrong Beach" first appeared on the front page of the Press-Telegram Aug. 19, 1985. It resurfaced in a Press-Telegram supplement this year.

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Meanwhile, Up in Canada

OUR NIKKIE BRETHREN in Canada are very much engaged in their redress effort to get this government to acknowledge the grievous injustices inflicted upon them and their parents in 1941. In previous columns, we’ve had occasion to describe some of the inhuman acts perpetrated against Japanese Canadians under the War Measures Act, the Canadian version of Executive Order 9066. In many respects, Japanese Canadians were worse than those of a similar nature within a society, neither should such minorities be called upon to present a unanimous front.

Only in a completely totalitarian state are minorities ever completely imposed, and even then they are not successful in attaining such an improbable thing.

THE NIKKIE CANADIAN redress proposal calls for several demands by the government: acknowledgement of the wrong; restoration of citizenship rights to those expatriated in Japan; clear the records of those convicted for refusal to observe the evacuation order; and return of land, property, and other possessions seized and liquidated. By all measures the Treasury Board of Canada has steadfastly denied any redress to the victimized Nikkei Canadians in Canada.

In Canada today, there are reportedly some 45,000 Japanese Canadians. In 1941, there were some 3,000 who property was seized and liquidated and who were physically removed and interned in British Columbia. It was not until April of 1949 that the ban was lifted in the Vancouver area. It is not until the present time that there is an assurance as to their eventual release.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Japanese Canadians in Canada that the government officials at the time were not sympathetic, if not antagonistic, to the Nikkei Canadians who happened to be Japanese. But in a recent political upheaval, a particular minister was replaced. Presumably, the political shuffle will have improved the chances for some redress of the Nikkei’s wrongs up there. But as the Indian issue is used today, so the Japanese are used tomorrow.

ONE MAJOR OBSTACLE to the Canadian effort appears to be the almost uniform rejection by the people who happened to be Japanese. The women candidates, equal opportunity and equity for the women of JACL is important, but they must then be equally sensitive to everyone in reverse. Doesn’t equal mean equal?

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We wish our brethren north of the border our best in their redress effort. Among others, I would have the feeling that our two fates are, and will be, related.

From the Frying Pan

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doctor’s notes.

A Double Standard?

by Yosh Nakashima

I’m putting on my hard hat and black jacket after this article gets printed.

At the Chicago convention during the Women’s Caucus luncheon, all the candidates were asked the same question, whether male or female. That may have been thought of as equal, but the women candidates are not relapsing into the men candidates. Equal opportunity and equality for the women of JACL, important, but they must then be equally sensitive to everyone in reverse. Doesn’t equal mean equal?

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The documentary is directed primarily to a Wyoming audience to let the state know what happened there, 40 odd years ago. It is important, why it is also of much wider interest. For those who went through that experience, it will bring them closer to their own families. For those who did not, it will bring them closer to their own family. But it is instructive to go over it again, and to hear the personal stories of individuals who were forced to leave their homes and found themselves confined behind barbed wire on the desolate lands, confused and angry but willing to make the best of a deplorable and unfair situation.

Balanced View

The documentary pulls no punches, recalling the failure of Wyoming’s political leaders to cope with the problem. It parallels the experience of the Heart Mountain evacuees by recognizing the selfless efforts of homemakers like Chester and Mary Blackburn, who settled near the campsite, to memorialize the sacrifices of the evacuees.

Nearly a half century after the shame of the Evacuation, the subject is still very much alive. It is being kept alive by efforts such as those of Kit and other women writers, by newspaper features and other document writers, and Sansei playwrights, by authors and museum managers, and that is as it should be.

K2 is rightly proud of Bob Nellig’s work and is making it available to schools and civic organizations. It deals with even war viewing. Perhaps David Sakatsuka, the moving force behind erection of the memorial, to honor Heart Mountain war dead, want to get copies for circulation in schools and libraries.

Breaking Taboos Is Hard to Do

by Edna Ikeda

At eight o’clock in the morning, I waited outside the auditorium with two hundred other people who were going to write a civil rights exam. As I looked around the parking lot at the groups of tough-looking field workers, I wondered what I was doing there.

The apprentice positions offered people a chance for training in the areas of skilled trades—plumbing, electrical, painting, etc. It offered paid schooling and a chance to become a journeyman in a chosen trade.

As my paranoia began to wear off, I noticed that there were also female office workers in the group. It made me feel better that everyone was not a real hardworking man, and that quite a few women had applied. Nevertheless, I timidly stood in line and wondered how I would do in a trade.

When I was high school in (the dark ages), women rarely signed up for shop or men for home economics. I remember being in a junior high class and hearing the horrorific reaction of my peers when a girl signed up for shop. For some reason, there was a terrible taboo about doing that.

As a result, I never learned basic carpentry, plumbing, or welding. However, I can fix simple things using common sense and do a mean tape job on broken handle. I can fix my own seven-piece blazer, plastic holes in walls, and put shelving together by following directions.

Unfortunately, most maintainers women would scold at these skills. I recently went to interview for a position as a called equipment technician trainee. When they asked me about my ability to put things together, I told them that I was a seven-piece blazer. When they wanted me on next page

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Congratulations to the JACL National Scholarship winners! The scholarship recipients can be proud of their academic achievement and of the recognition of their academic and community achievements.

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Satomi Ichihara (Los Angeles) graduated first in her class from Westchester H.S. with a 4.0 GPA. Satomi's scholastic honors include National Merit commendation and UCLA Book Award. She was selected an Illinois State Scholarship student, news editor for the school paper, and representative at the Washington D.C. Borders Across the Campus conference.

Outside of school, Satomi has studied ikadoke, Japanese, and classical piano for many years. This fall, she will attend Caltech Institute of Technology. She plans to pursue a career in engineering research.

Jennifer Ur (Watsonville, Calif.) graduated first in her class from Watsonville H.S. with a 4.0 GP A. Her scholastic achievement, including National Merit commendation, 6th place in the Hokubei Mainichi Math Contest and Calif. Scholastic Federation life membership.

Within the Japanese American community, Jennifer was president of the Watsonville Young Buddhist Shadows, co-chair of the Coast District Junior VBA Conference and a volunteer for JACL Senior Center activities. This fall she will attend Stanford University.

Jennifer Ura (Watsonville, Calif.) graduated first in her class from Watsonville H.S. with a 4.0 GPA. Thomas has received many awards and honors for scholastic achievement, including National Merit commendation, 6th place in the Hokubei Mainichi Math Contest and Calif. Scholastic Federation life membership.

In high school, Anne held several offices in student government. She was editor-in-chief of the yearbook and a member of various clubs. Within the community, she has been involved in many volunteer activities and in Rep. Norman Mineta's campaign. Anne plans to study medicine at UCLA.

South Park Japanese Community of Seattle—$700

Thomas Tsutsugumo (Seattle) graduated first in his class from Ingraham H.S. with a 4.0 GPA. Thomas has received honors for academic achievement from the Hiroshima Club and the Nisei Veterans. He was also awarded outstanding achievement recognition for third-year Japanese.

In high school, Thomas was a member of the cross-country track and gymnastic teams. He was also selected American Legion Boys State Program.

Thomas practices karate and kendo in the Seattle Buddhist Sword and Drum Corps. This fall he will attend University of Washington, where he will begin studies in the science of fisheries.

Kenji Kasai Memorial—$700

Jennifer Ura (Watsonville, Calif.) graduated first in her class at Stagg H.S. with a 3.96 GPA. Jennifer has won awards as an active participant in several drama club productions.

For her community, she has worked with a children's theater group and performed at rest homes for the elderly. Though her avocational interests lie in the performing arts, her educational interests lie in the biological and behavioral sciences. Jennifer plans to study medicine at Stanford University starting in the fall.

Majiu Uyesue Memorial—$800

Lori Kemki (Parlier, Calif.) graduated third in her class from Reedley H.S. with a 3.9 GPA. In high school, she earned her academic letter and recognition as a scholar-athlete. Listed in Who's Who Among High School Students, Lori was junior class president and a member of numerous clubs, including Calif. Scholastic Federation, school newspaper, student council and drama club.

In high school, Lori was very active in student government as class treasurer for two years, senior class president and student body vice-president and president.

Lori has won honors in piano performance and has placed in doubles tennis tournaments. Within the Japa­nese American community, Lori has been president of Parlier Jr. Young Buddhist Club, as well as president of Central Calif. Jr. YBA. She was also a candidate for Miss Jr. Student. This fall, Lori will attend UC Davis, where she will study business administration.

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Memorial—$800

David Hummons (Monterey Park, Calif.) graduated third in his class from Alhambra H.S. with a weighted GPA of 4.9. David's excellence in science has been noted in various achievements. He has been involved in a research project at Cal State LA. He was a member of the Junior Academy of Sciences and attended the National Science Fair at several national meetings.

David also served his school in president of the math and science club, vice-president of the service club, and a reporter and news editor for the school newspaper. This fall, he will attend UC Berkeley, where he will study biochemistry or developmental biology. He plans to pursue a career in industrial research involving biotechnology.
Undergraduates, Graduates Cited

Colonel Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial—$500

Jamie Kawamura (Denver) graduated first in her class from Thomas Jefferson H.S. with a 3.9 GPA. Voted Outstanding Student by the school faculty, Jamie was a United States National Journalism Award winner.

Within the community, Jamie has been very active with Simpson United Methodist Church. She was president of her church youth group and a Sunday school teacher. This fall, Jamie will begin her studies in business at University of Colorado.

Giichi Aoki Memorial—$500

Mike Matsushayashi (Unison City, Calif.) is an Alien Scholar at UC Berkeley. His major is engineering science with the chosen option of bioengineering. Mike’s scholastic achievements include membership in the UC Berkeley Honor Society and commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Federation.

Within the Asian American community, he has been active as an Eagle Scout, assistant scoutmaster and president of his church youth group. He also participates in intramural athletics.

CJAA Undergraduate—$2,500

Katherine Katsura (Portland, Ore.) is a Junior at the UCLA. She is a Kinesiology major with a 3.8 GPA. Her college honors include Honor Status, Dean’s List for five quarters, Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society and Chancellor’s Award.

In her hometown, Katherine has been involved in the Asian American community as a member of Westside Asian Volleyball League, the JACL Basketball team and the Junior Youth Basketball team.

His most notable recent achievement is his Eagle Scout project, in which he organized a highly successful canned food drive for the San Francisco Kikuchi Senior Citizens Home.

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CJAA Undergraduate—$2,500

Saburo Kido Memorial—$500

Keith Hira (Westminster, Calif.) is a Junior at University of Colorado. He is a double-major in aerospace engineering and business. Keith maintains a grade point average of 3.81. He has been honored in the Dean’s Honor Roll five consecutive semesters and is a member of two engineering honor societies.

Keith is a student member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Asian Pacific American Coalition.

Within the community, he has been an active member of Simpson United Methodist Church as a young adult co-ordinator, Asian American summer camp counselor and Sunday school teacher. He is also active in soccer and basketball.

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CJAA Undergraduate—$2,500

JACL Undergraduate—$500

Kathleen & Kiko Wyman (Corona, Calif.) is an Alumni Scholar at UC Berkeley. His major is engineering science with emphasis on Japan. She has just completed her third year at Yale University and expects to receive her B.S. next year. She has been a contributing writer, secretary, and copy editor for Asian American Journal.

She is a student member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Asian Pacific American Coalition.

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JACL Undergraduate—$500

Lynn Watanabe (Santa Cruz, Calif.) is an Undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara. She is a senior with an overall grade point average of 3.56. Lynn has been active within the Asian American community as an Eagle Scout with Troop-Post 36, a member and officer of Berkeley Otani Youth Buddhist Association, and a member and team captain of the Otabari basketball and volleyball teams.

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JACL Undergraduate—$500

Isaac Kanate (Alameda, Calif.) will be a senior at UC Berkeley this fall. He is a chemistry major with a 4.0 GPA. Isaac is a UC Berkeley Regents Scholar and a member of three honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa. He is also a member of numerous professional societies in the field of science.

Within the community, Isaac has worked for a health care clinic, provided music for convalescent and halfway homes, and volunteered at an elementary school. He is also a very active member of Buena Vista United Methodist Church. Isaac is an accomplished pianist, having won numerous awards and honors in music. After finishing his undergraduate work, he plans to study medicine.

Children are gifted with a psychic nature peculiar to them.

The period of youth is undoubtedly the richest and should be utilized by education in every possible and conceivable way.

The waste of this period of life can never be compensated.

—courtesy: H. Dick Yamashita

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the

National JACL Scholarship Winners

Northern California - Western Nevada - Pacific District Council
**Memorial-$500**

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe

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American Vietnam veterans.

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National JACL Scholarship Winners

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial—$500**

Makoto Tani (Washington, D.C.) is

in her second year of the History Mas-

ters Program at American University. She

received her B.A. in history from Oberlin College. She is currently work-

ing on her thesis on JACL's participa-

tion in the civil rights movement.

Makoto has been an active partici-

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Judy Hiramatsu (San Francisco) has

been sculpting in ceramics for 10 years. She

has a minor in ceramics along with a

B.A. in literature from Antioch Univer-

sity, but most of her present techni-

que is self-taught. Judy's work has been

exhibited worldwide. Her numerous

solo and group shows have received

lavatory reviews.

Judy feels that her creations embody

Asian people. Her creative arts project,

which involves creating ceramic sculp-

tures that embody Japanese American

cultural values, is expected to be ready

for exhibition in June 1987.

**Congress of the United States**

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

August 25, 1986

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to extend congratulations to the

1986 Japanese American Citizens League National Scholarship

Winners for their academic excellence.

In light of the unprecedented challenges arising from the vast

changes taking place in our society, the importance of an

advanced education is greater now than ever before. The JACL

National Scholarships, made available by private citizens, civic

organizations, and local businesses, will help young scholars on

their way to meet those challenges.

I wish to commend the JACL, and in particular the National

Scholarship Committee, on this act of public service.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT T. MATSUI

Member of Congress

**California First Bank CONGRATULATES the 1986 National JACL Scholarship Award Winners**

ANN MARIE ICHE IJII

Daughter of Harry & Hideko Ichijii,

Los Gatos, Calif.

JENNIFER EILEEN URA

Daughter of Ernest & Esther Ura,

Watsonville, Calif.

SATOMI OKAZAKI

Daughter of Kaichi Okazaki,

Los Angeles, Calif.
Women to Receive Scholarships

WINNERS OF LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

CJAAC Graduate—$2,500
Marjiee Singer (Los Angeles) is currently working toward a Ph.D. in anthropology at UCLA. Marjiee graduated Summa Cum Laude from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in nursing. She then went on to receive her M.N. in nursing at UCLA.

She is a member of several professional and honor societies and has held administrative positions with CSU Northridge and the American Cancer Society. Her doctoral dissertation project studies the relationship between ethnicity and addiction to cancer treatment. She is married to Peter Singer and the mother of two children.

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Patsy Nishiyama (Davis, Calif.) is a Ph.D. candidate at UC Davis. She is a nutrition major with an overall GPA of 3.96. She earned her Bachelor of Education degree with honors at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Throughout her academic career, Patsy has won many honors and awards, including membership in both an agricultural and a home economics honor society and the American Education Association. She has been an assistant teaching assistant for physiological chemistry and a research assistant. Patsy is also active in a special tutorial program and has helped minority students stay in school and enhance their interest in the field of science.

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Teresa Merishita (Davis, Calif.) is currently studying veterinary medicine at UC Davis. She is a former professional school GPA of 3.92. Teresa earned her B.S. with distinction and her M.S. in animal science from the University of Hawaii. As a medical student at Davis, Doug will work to promote the rights and welfare of Asian Pacific women. He is a member of the Asian Pacific Joint Council and a volunteer with the medical community as a volunteer social worker with his church, a convalescent home and the Special Olympics.

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An Active Second Year

by Harry Kajihara
LEC Fund Drive Chair

The second year of LEC's three-year fund drive was launched with a tremendously successful Americans for Fairness dinner. The event was chaired by Crookese Nakayama, a president of San Francisco Chapter; co-chairs were Bobo Oda and Darrel Price, Patricia DiCicero, and Jerome Falk. The dinner added $30,000 to the fund drive coffers according to an article in the July 18 FC.

Meanwhile, the individual and chapter donations two months into the second year of the LEC Fund Drive total $250,250. Prime soliciting by Asaoka Hachibori in Seattle raised $7,000 in those two months, bringing her total to nearly $10,000. She leads all prime solicitors in amounts raised at this point. A listing of donors appears on this page.

SACRAMENTO EVENT

Eight Northern California-Western Nevada chapter chapters-Florio, French Camp, Lodi, Marysville, Placer, Reno, Sacramento and West Jordan-are planning to sponsor an LEC Fund Drive event on Nov. 29 in Sacramento. This event is one of many events of the National JACL. President Jerry Enomoto and vice-chairman by Mary Higa undertook the packaging and mailing work. Thank you, Ann.

JACL Legislative Education Committee Fund Drive Report

June 5-July 31, 1986
Targeted Donation by July 31: $2,500,000
Donations Received: $2,570,122.00

Donors

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Dinner added $30,000.

LETTERS

Small Price to Pay

Editor's note: The following letter was received August 18, 1986. "Asian Grooming" by Kathleen Hoehn, Aug. 22 column, "Asian Grooming" by Kathleen Hoehn, Aug. 22 column.

Well, Bob, $300 is a small price to pay to really find the right fit. But if you take these wonderful "raw diamonds" would never get themselves to the beauty parlor. I just purchased three "favorable" clients to enroll in the program! The only way this would work is for my personal "Canard" (as in "Candid Camera").

It seems even our more gregarious brothers need to be hit over the head with a baseball bat or fed when they drink, or both. But keep trying—if you get any takers, I get first dibs. I was going to write out those $300 checks!

NAME WITHHELD

BREAKING TABOOS

Continued from previous page

about my mechanical abilities, I could have operated a sewing machine.

Then they asked me how I func-
tioned with the women at the question. How could I tell them that my height limit was the top rung of a stepladder? I shivered as I tried to explain why I would feel so confident walking on a beam a hundred feet in the air with only a safety belt.

Plushies Galore

At least one felt a little bit forward about confined spaces. How could I hide my aversion to them, I wondered, from my classmates in small rooms? Needless to say, I did not get the mainte-

ance position. However, I de-

ointed to give the apprenticeship position a crack after attending an orientation program where I saw women who didn't carpentry, that is. My spirit was uplifted.

It was especially inspiring to see other minority women in the trades, including those who had broken out of the office routine. Who knows—some years from now I too may be one of them.

In Chicago, a Common Past and Present

by Fae Minabe

"But hey, I know your cousin..." "...your mother and I went to grammar school together..." "...I remember your dad from the convention year after year, often on their own time and expense. Having now seen and felt the emotional importance of JACL, it's clear to me that the organization does indeed have a future."

I can't remember when I've seen so many sets of bloodshot eyes. In December the National JACL Convention committee were surviving on two or three hours of sleep a night. The hotel was overcrowded late over a drink with old friends or partners with new ones. Nonetheless, the excitement of the convention kept everybody going, and by the time I arrived I was charged with campaign hopes and promises, or maybe just coffee jitters.

The politicking was fast and furious, and in the end the more organized group secured positions for their candidates. Doing your homework really pays off. There were a few surprises, a few tears, but most heartening was a convention-wide commitment to working together in the next bimillenium. Redress is still our number one priority, and the newly elected officers are committed to seeing it through, but they need you, our sisters and congressmen needs to hear you.

The convention dinners are generally pretty dull stuff. But when you're honoring Walt and Mildred Watanabe (Orchid Island), Ellison Onizuka (this wife Lorna accepting), and Cong (and next Speaker of the House) Jim Wright of Texas, it's hard not to have a little sympathy of emotions and tears soon follow. It's a rare opportunity to hear and meet each of the "honorary leaders" of JACL—and they are leaders, even if self-created. It was a gift that each of us was able to bring home.

Chicago has some very special friends.

Minabe is a New York City vice president and Eastern District Council vice governor.
FRESNO

• Annual picnic takes place Sept. 6, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Parkview Shelter in Woodward Park. Cost is $30 each and includes a steak lunch. Children under 12 will be given free hot dogs. RSVP to Don Kanaski, (209) 435-6510.

BRIDGETON, N.J. - Longtime JACL 100 Club member and Seabrook Communities, Dies

Bridgeton over 10 years.

Information of Seabrook Young Bud­

School in 1966. During WW2, Na­

mura, 70, passed away July 30 fol­

served on the

Company K Veterans to Hold Reunion in S.F.

and their wives met on Nov. 13, 1974 for their first reunion since the end of WW2. At that time, the Company K Club was formed, and its members have been meeting every year since then.

Nakamura, Leader in JACL, Seabrook Communities, Dies

Founded Scholarship Committee

Nakamura, Leader in JACL, Seabrook Communities, Dies

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Preventive Measures Urged to Curb Violence

by Sophia Kim

Korea Times

LOS ANGELES—Growing anti-Asian violence in America was the topic of an Aug. 25 seminar in which police leaders wrestled with the problem from different angles. There was a consensus to be a consensus from all present that the problem is a serious one that needs to be addressed not only by the Asian community, but by mainstream America as well.

The San Diego City Council's new director of Asian Pacific American Affairs called on what he felt were factors contributing to growing anti-Asian sentiment across the country.

* America's economic uncertainty caused by a trade imbalance between Japan and other Asian countries.

* Hysteria against immigrants, and Asian violence.

* Myths that Asian immigrants receive special government benefits unavailable to non-Asians.

Using statistics gathered by the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, Kwon noted that in 22 documented racial motivated incidents so far this year, 11 of the victims were Asians, making them the "most victimized ethnic group" in the category.

The mainstream media has portrayed Asians as the "soft target" of all hate crimes. The fact of the matter is that the Asian community is the majority ethnic group in the U.S. and yet the mainstream media has portrayed the Asian community as the victim of all hate crimes.

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In conclusion, it is important to remember that the Asian community is not a single group, but a diverse one with many different experiences and perspectives. It is important to listen to the voices of the Asian community and work together to create a more inclusive and supportive society for all.

For more information on the Asian Pacific Islander American Federal Credit Union and their research, please visit their website at www.apiafcu.org.
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