Appeals Court Overturns Conviction in Chin Case

CINCINNATI — The 1994 conviction of Ronald Ebens for civil rights violations in the beating death of Vincent Chin was overturned by a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 11.

Ebens, accompanied by his stepson, Michael Nitz, clubbed Chin, a 27-year-old Chinese American engineer, with a baseball bat in June 1982 after an altercation in a Detroit bar. Chin died four days after the attack.

The initial conviction of the two men on manslaughter charges and the sentence of probation and $5,000 fines, given in Wayne County Circuit Court, caused protests from the Asian American community and led to a new trial on federal charges of violating Chin's civil rights.

Nitz was acquitted; Ebens was found guilty on one count in June 1984 and sentenced to 25 years in prison in September 1984.

The Appeals Court judges ruled unanimously that Ebens did not receive a fair trial. In a 37-page decision, the court listed three major reasons for the ruling:

- The use of a tape of an interview between attorney Lisa Chan and three prosecution witnesses, Friends of Chin, who were with him the night of the incident, was restricted by Judge Anna Diggs Taylor, Defense attorneys, who charge that the witnesses were coached to testify that Ebens and Nitz used racial slurs prior to the killing, want unrestricted access to the tape.

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New Supervisor Gets Mixed Reviews

SAN FRANCISCO—By appointing
architect Thomas Haisch to
replace Supervisor Louise Renne
on Aug 27, Mayor Diane Fein-
stein fulfilled her commitment to
put an Asian on the Board of
Supervisors. "The Asian com-
munity is grateful to you," Haisch
told Feinstein in accepting the
post.
Not everyone in the Chinese
American community was happy
with the choice of Haisch, however.
Michael Chan, president of the
Chinese American Democratic Club,
said the fellow Democrat: "His record...has a lot
of drawbacks. The issues of small
business contracts, affirmative
action and civil rights are very
critical to us, and he is weak
on these."
CADC had endorsed Com-
munity College Board member
Julie Tang and Alan Wong and
Board of Education member
Ben Tom for the appointment.
The club issued a statement say-
ing it was "profoundly disappoint-
ent" with Feinstein's decision.
The appointment reflects her
complete disregard and total
disregard to the wishes of the Chinese
American community. Instead of
choosing a Chinese American with
broad Chinese community and
citywide support, she picked one
that represents her pro-
tests and minimal community
backing. It is a clear example of
big money over community inter-
tests, political expediency over
citywide and downtown inter-
ests over Chinatown welfare."
Rose Pak, spokesperson for the
Civic Chamber of Commerce,
described the appoint-
ment as "a very sad day for San
Francisco and the Chinese
community...Mayor Feinstein
went through the charade of
interviewing a lot of candidates
when her mind was made up long
time ago.
Lobbying by community activ-
ists who opposed Haisch "ap-
parently fell on deaf ears," said Pak.
"She looked upon it as a irritation
and trouble for her."
Pak recommended that the
community watch Haisch's per-
formance closely "to see whose
interests he's serving."
State Appellate Court Justice
Harry Low, on the other hand,
called the appointment "a very
significant day for the Asian com-
munity, particularly the Chinese
American community."
Haisch will "need the support of
the community, and I hope
that we can put any differences
on issues behind us and all work
together," said Low. "I think it
just detracts from our own effect-
iveness if we don't get together."
Attorney Gordon Lau, who
served as supervisor from 1971
to 1979, also felt that Haisch's ap-
pointment was "good for the Chi-
inese American community." In
response to the discussion, he
said, "In any community there are
always factions. Some are with
you and some are against you."
Low was among those who en-
dorsed Haisch's supervisory
campaign, which was announced
in February. After the death of
City Attorney George Bittker on
Aug 10, Feinstein appointed
Supervisor Renne to take his
place, thus creating the vacancy
that Haisch filled.
Following the appointment,
supervisory hopeful Tang said,
"While I am disappointed, I re-
spect his right and right to
make her personal choice...I
have to believe that she also
weighed carefully the credentials
of the appointee. He is her choice
for reasons she holds dear."

Holiday Issue Ads

This year's Holiday Issue will be "higher" in terms of the
ing of a column on a page from 14 to 16 inches, and the
rates from $10 to $11 per inch. The increase will help us
maintain a full production schedule this holiday season, as
well as benefit the JACL chapters at the same time. Details are
in the Holiday Issue advertising kits now on their way to all
chapters and district councils.
The new page format provides 96 column inches of space
for advertising (90 column inches if a one-inch header is used
to across the top of the page) as compared to 72 column inches
per page last year. Because of the approximately 20 percent
increase in space, the chapters which have reserved space at
bulk rate will be alerted to this additional space as future
satisfaction is involved. The best commission rate is based on
ordering a pair of pages and setting the entire space. We want
the audience to make each chapter is aware of this opportunity.
The rate increase is expected to cover the higher postage and
preparation costs. PC has eroded over the past 18 months with
out raising the subscription rate, which was frozen in the
1989-90 budget. PC is still running a dollar per share subscription
in the 1990-97 budget, as opposed in Chicago, so it was either
the frequency of the magazine or raise the advertising rates.
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will help.

—Harry Honda

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Bun Vong and Vincent Chin: Similarities and Differences
by J.K. Yamamoto

The story seemed ominously familiar: two white men who had attacked two Cambodian refugees, fatally injuring one of them, tried for assault and battery; they received six-month sentences and were each required to pay a $5 fee.

The Asian Americans for Justice coalition denounced the outcome as "insulting." Coalition members saw parallels between the case of Bun Vong, who died in August 1983 after being beaten on a New York street, and that of Vincent Chin in Detroit. Like Bun Vong, the two men who killed Chin were given probation and ordered to pay $5000 fines.

But according to Gail Sayemoto, a legal assistant in the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's office, there are significant differences between the two cases.

The Vong case arose from a traffic dispute on Aug. 4, 1983, when Vong and Song Him-Young cut in front of Scott Arsenault and John Poulin, two veterans of the Vietnam War. After hearing angry shouts, the Cambodians pulled over, hoping to explain. Most of the Bobbys would drive by. Instead, the assailants pulled over and attacked. Song Him-Young fractured ribs, and Vong, whose skull was fractured, subsequently died.

The six-month sentences Arsenault and Poulin received on May 1 were for assaulting Song, not for the fatal beating of Vong, said Sayemoto in an interview with Pacific Citizen. The most they could have received was two and one-half years: District Attorney Scott Harrisharpe had requested two years, and Middlesex County Superior Court Judge gave a one-year sentence with six months suspended.

"It's unusual in Massachusetts to go to jail for assault and battery the first time around," said Sayemoto, who considered the sentence relatively severe in view of the fact that neither defendant had a prior criminal record.

The $5 payments were "an administrative cost" which "goes to victim-witness programs in Massachusetts," she added, explaining that they were consistent with similar cases.

For the Record

In the Sept. 5 scholarship issue, the amount of the Samitomo Bank of California freshman scholarship given to Julia Seom should have been given as $1,000. Also, the abbreviation of GAA, listed in the supplement as having given four undergraduate and four graduate awards of $2,500 each, stands for California Japanese Alumni Association. I apologize for the error and omission.

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Pithic and Predictable

Behind James Oda’s pathetically predictable style (Letters, Aug. 15 PC), intertwined with false bravado and fringed righteous indignation, one detects a sense of desperation. This is understandable. After all, he claims to deplore infighting yet he was an instigator.

According to the document cited in my previous letter (Aug. 1 PC), it is very clear that the three informers (Oda, Kori Yoneda and Koji Arisuyi) denounced the Manzanar inmates in formal interrogation sessions. In one such session, Koji Arisuyi denounced 10 inmates. He is quoted verbatim throughout and concludes his testimony with, “You can use my name in any place.”

As for Oda’s irrelevant one-upmanship (“I ask Suzuki, what in defense of his role as apologist and agitator (the present euphemism is ‘activist’) for the second front while at Manzanar.”) Also, contrary to his notions, my letter was accurate. Yoneda’s Anzaku Kenmei and other anti-American phrases, terms, labels and shibboleths as used in his book, his CWRC testimony, his letters to PC and who knows where else, in defense of his role as apologist and agitator (the present euphemism is “activist”) for the second front while at Manzanar.

Incidentally, Masanobualtura, the newly published book by Haruo Teraoka, which I referred to in my Aug. 15 PC, on the other hand, was prepared with the utmost care by a committee of experts, with the expressed intent of stopping the recriminations, and contains no such defamatory statements.

I would like to commend the work of the legal team which undertook the lawsuit based on the premise of protecting the community and supporting my integrit. These legal efforts were led by Michael Lee, Philip Banai, Garrick Lew, Dennis Hesse, Louis Hattori, Ken Ikeda, Tenero Maeda, Shida, Emak Shira, Egon Tominobe, and Dale Minami. Thank you.

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Donations and Deductions: Time Is Running Out

Tax reform bills emanating from Washington are saying this may be the last year for individuals to make tax-deductible charitable contributions or, at the very least, the kinds of contributions that would make your tax savings next year, if you are still alive, will be substantially diminished.

From this vantage point, therefore, if donations such as those that have been possible to the JACL/Pacific Citizen for the Typestip Fund are to be disqualified in 1988, let's plan to contribute now (not later than Dec. 31, 1987).

For the remaining year-end planning (for most of our friends and readers) should be to defer part of our income and gain until 1988 and establish the largest possible deduction for the year. Hence, now is the time to contribute to the JACL/Pacific Citizen to minimize your 1986 federal income tax liability.

To date, some $35,000 has been raised since the campaign was initiated in 1986. The new CTR-800 digital typestip equipment is now in use, which has been in place for two years, has been generating the "new look" to the PC as well as additional revenue from upstamping for the Typestip Fund.

To repeat, please take advantage of the current tax laws and contribute as much as eligible. You may contribute in 1987, but without the tax benefit. It would be "sash" (as they say in Nippon).

-Harry Honda

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The Cross at Tule Lake

The GROUP COUNTED 40 souls who took a chartered eight-hour bus ride from the Bay Region, stopping at various locations to paint additional pilgrims. Approaching the peak, a portion of the accent had to be done by foot, using ropes to complete the ascent. Present at the dedication were five ministers: Reverend Thomas Grubbs, Rev. Shingo Koba, Rev. Frank O. Omri, David Tumrimore of Tule Lake Presbyterian Church, and Nelson Young. Other than the Rev. Tumrimore, the other four were those whose names are inscribed in the memorial plaque at the cross site. It must have been a moving experience.

The WOODEN CROSS, which had fallen in 1973, was made of railroad ties. Considering the difficulty of reaching the top of the peak, one today can picture the determination of those who climbed to plant the wooden structure there. It resurfaces, in some ways, the vision and suffering of other campers in another century, to convey a message in the millennia that followed.

You may wonder whether that message was heard, or whether the message silently declared from atop Castle Peak is being heard today.

The CHARTERED BUS wascaptained, as fate would have it, by a black driver, who obviously was not touched by this pilgrimage. On the return trip, he was heard to complain: "Every week I drive people on this bus to Las Vegas or to Reno. This trip has been unique, so inexplicable I say that I feel God's presence throughout this entire trip. It is one that I shall never forget. It was not merely a pilgrimage but a crusade."

That says it all.

I DON'T KNOW whether I'll ever return to Tule Lake, a place which I was forcibly shipped and spent six years existing in barepapered barracks. It may prove to be too much of an emotional shock, but every time I drive people on this bus to Las Vegas or to Reno.

The PACA Kickoff Dinner is fiscally set to make this payment.

To those who chapters still owe some or all of the fourth-year pledge, please make your best effort to send as much as you can to the National JACL office. (Pacific Southwest District, submit according to established procedure.) Thank you.

Harry Kajihara National JACL President

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Deukmejian Nominates Nikkei for Appeals Court Judgeship

SACRAMENTO—Merio Fukuto of Torrance was nominated on Aug. 20 by Gov. George Deukmejian to be an associate justice for the 2nd District Court of Appeals. Decision 2.

Fukuto, 56, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge since 1978, is being nominated to replace Justice Edwin Beach, who is not seeking reelection. A 1961 graduate of UCLA, Fukuto received his law degree from UC Berkeley in 1964. From 1967-74, he was a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney. As a director of Central Opera- tions, he was responsible for pro- secution of felonies in the coun-

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A joint potluck picnic for singles will be held Sept. 21, 10 a.m., at Deutsch Park, 1800 S. Fiesta, in Gardena. Admission is one dish and $2. Beverages will be provided.

Those interested in programs geared for singles are invited to attend chapter meetings, held on the second and fourth of each month at 7 p.m. at Founders Savings and Loan, Redondo Beach Blvd. and Gramercy in Gardena. Programs and socializing follow the short business session. Monthly raffles, including car- nities, dancing, bowling, rap sessions, and camping, are also on the agenda. Info: (213) 825-1700 or (714) 855-2180 (evenings).

LAKE WASHINGTON
A benefit breakfast seminar "Planning for the Future," takes place Sept. 27, 9 a.m., at Kirkland Ramada Inn, 10200 NE Northlake Way. Topics include personal and business estat- ing and planning and will. Cost: $20 members, $30 non-members. Couples receive a $10 discount. Proceeds go to L.E.

VENTURA COUNTY
Ventura County JACL Singles, a mostly Sansei and Yonsei group, will go to Los Angeles County Museum of Contemporary Art, 122 N. Central Ave. in Los Angeles, to see the "Tokyo: Form and Spirit" exhibit on Oct. 5. Carpools leave from Camarillo and will meet at 7:30 p.m. in front of the museum. Info: Sue Ann, (805) 283-0766, or Gay, (805) 987-7956.

SOUTHERN
Reception for newly elected JACL President Kevin Kajihara and VP for 100 Club, Membership & Services Mary Nishimoto is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2-5 p.m., at Torrence Recreation Center, 3041 W. Torrence Blvd.

WASHINGTON D.C.
The Keiro Kai Dinner, held annually to recognize members and guests over 70 years of age who firmly believe in the goals of JACL, is scheduled for Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m., at Bradley Presby- terian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. Reservations: E., (703) 334-6452, or Carole Coleman, (703) 914-6126.

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The chapter is hosting a car rally and barbecue on Oct. 12. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a cause yet to be determined by time and mileage. Reservations: Jackie, (213) 214-0314 (weekdays), Paul, (213) 207-3000 (weekends), Art, (213) 379-6382.

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He is also former chairman and continuing board member of the Pacific Island and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

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The items are being sought for display in an upcoming CAAM exhibit entitled: "Black, JA Artifacts Sought: The Flight to Freedom for the California Dream, 1850-1900.

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Jennie Rhine, vice-chair of Pacifica, reiterated those sentiments. "Under Maeda’s leadership, she has laid the way in attracting and developing women and people of color in top management positions and has moved the organization from the deep red to the black," Rhine said.

"Political Attacks." The changes initiated were not welcomed by everyone, according to Rhine, who viewed the changes as compromising the political identity of Pacifica, especially after Maeda fired two reporters who flew to El Salvador for the elections for Pacifica without authorization. In addition, there was resistance to her demands for more diversity on Pacifica staff and station boards.

"It is interesting to note that for the most part, white males led the political attacks," she said. "Rarely were the attacks made by people of color."

In addition to the changes in personnel and fiscal management, Maeda also takes pride in Pacifica’s increasing role as "an information clearinghouse for Third World countries to broadcast their perspectives to the American public and to share their cultures."

Maeda emphasized that she did not have other changes in mind. "Pacifica has always known what they wanted—they just didn’t know how to get there. We consulted with experts wherever we could find them, and used common intuition."

Jack O’Neill, chair of Pacifica’s board, said that Maeda’s resignation was just the beginning of the next six years. "It is an outstanding accomplishment for Pacifica and we feel a deep loss at her departure. Throughout her tenure, Maeda has shown a genuine concern for community and global issues and a commitment to Pacifica’s continued dedication to peace and justice for all.

Pacifica plans to seek a new, freewill, independent and independent media management consultant. I would be happy to talk to media groups about their get their act together workshops for "expanding the free flow of information," she said when asked about her future plans.

However, before she returns to Seattle in April, Maeda will work with her new "Harrison Point" campaign for the Los Angeles School Board.

Maeda came to Pacifica after serving as general manager of radio station KRAB in Seattle. She also served as deputy general manager of the National Public Radio syndication network, helping her become a strong financial manager. Within her 23 years at KRAB, she increased the station’s net of an $800,000 debt and into a financially solvent position. Maeda graduated from the University of Washington Ethnic Culture Center and worked with the University of Washington television station before being hired at KRAB in 1979, she attended the advanced management program at the Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1982 for the Public Broadcasting Scholarship recipient.

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