Anti-Asian Violence Seen as Nationwide Problem

Justice Dept. to Retry Chin Case

DETOIT - The Justice Depart­ment decided on Sept. 19 to retry Ron­ald Ebens, whose conviction for civil rights violations in the June 1982 bludgeoning death of Vincent Chin had been over­turned the week before.

The decision to retry was made by Assistant Attorney Gen­eral William Bradford Reynolds, head of the department's Civil Rights Division, according to spokes­man John Wilson.

In June 1984, a federal jury found Ebens, who beat Chin with a baseball bat between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. in a Highland Park night club, guilty of killing the Chinese American man in a racially motivated hate crime. Ebens was sen­tenced to 23 years in prison, but the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap­peals in Cincinnati ruled earlier this year that Ebens had not re­ceived a fair trial.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif), chair of a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee on civil rights, said the decision to retry the case, calling it "correct and timely," was "unavoidable given the strong sentiment of this case in the Japanese American community." The decision to retry was made, Wilson said, based on new evidence not known to Ebens, "suggesting that Mr. Ebens did not commit the crime."

Additionally, the Justice Department found Ebens guilty of acting in a "racially prejudiced" manner.

The case was also a part of an Asian American "coalition" called the Citizens for Justice, which was formed in February 1984. The group, led by Robert Shimabukuro, was formed to "support the legal interests of Asian Americans and Americans of Asian ancestry who have been subjected to such a racist assault as the one Ebens committed." The group's legal counsel, Richard Aoki, was pleased by the "very strong and promising" decision to retry the case.

The 23-year-old Ebens had been serving his sentence at a federal prison in Oakbrook, Ill., since 1984. The retrial is expected to take about six months and is scheduled to begin in 1987.

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JACL Election Spawns Controversy

Do Delegates Obey Chapter or District?

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Freno delegates Debbie Beda and Kathy Sasaki, along with Civics delegate Dale Beda, had already left for Chicago, with instructions from their chapters to "vote their conscience." Deb­be Beda also held Selma chap­ter's proxy.

Three candidates for national office, Kaji­hara, Ochi and Mary Nishimoto, made presentations and fielded questions from the district representatives.

Limit on Proxies

After the presentations, the candidates were excused. Dur­ing the ensuing discussion, the fact that Liggert held four proxies (Parlier, Sanger, Delano and Bede) was brought up. Be­cause of an assumption that no more than three proxies could be held by one person, Bede's proxy was transferred to Dale Beda, Civics delegate.

Unknown to the CCDC, how­ever, was an Apr. 21 memo from Tulare County delegate and Cre­dentials Committee chair Maude Ishida to Kaji­hara campaign chair Roy Makino, stating that there was no limitation on the number of proxies a delegate may hold.

Nishikawa a Potential L.A. Council Candidate

by Lynn Sakamoto-Chung

LOS ANGELES — Dennis Nishi­kawa, chief of staff for 10th Dis­trict Councilman David Cunning­ham, is "looking very seriously" into running for the office his boss will vacate Sept. 30.

"There are a lot of factors that must be taken into considera­tion," Nishikawa told the PC. "If I decide to run, it will be because I have the critical endorsements and the dollars necessary to run a serious and viable campaign."
25th Year

PC's Ozawa to Retire Next Month

LOS ANGELES—East Los Angeles JACL and the Pacific Cit-
izen will co-host a retirement bulletin party for James M. Ozawa.
Oct. 13, 4 p.m., at the Golden

Shark Restaurant in Japanese Village Plaza (next to First Street near Central Avenue in Little Tokyo).

Ozawa is completing 25 years of employment with JACL in the PC business department. During that time, she has been the famili-

ar "PC voice," taking phone calls from throughout the country and overseas.

Ozawa, a 1000 Club member of the East Los Angeles Chapter and a JACL, sapphire pin awardee, will retire Oct. 13.

Tickets for the party are $8.50 and include tax and tip. For reserva-

tions, please contact: Mabel Yoshi-

zaki, G-268-8804; Michi Oka, G-260-

8501; or the PC, G-213-628-0347.

TV PROGRAMS

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try to carry out the wishes and authority of CCDC." Liggett told PC. She also said that she should have threatened to defec-
tory any one, saying, "I never threaten anybody with anything I don't know how to do, and I don't know how one would go about doing that (a threat of a wardlocking). What I told Maude was she had to deal with her chapter presi-
dent. I also asked her for not telling us about the negligence on proven matter.

Fresno chapter delegate: Be-
da and Sanchez, along with Clorvis delegate Beuda, felt that it was not permissible to support Ochi after asking national director Ron Wakahayashi whether a district could contact JACL to vote their proxies as a bloc. Wakahay-

shi told them, “I don’t think I can do that. We don’t have the legal counsel’s opinion.”

Yoshi Nakashima, whose posi-
tion as national president for general operations places him in control of the operations of the national convention, also was asked by CCDC members about bloc vot-
ing. He said, “We have decided that it was not permitted.”

July 24

The following day, Liggett sent Nakashima a letter about two items: (1) the authority of the chapter executive committee to proscribe actions by the District Convention; and (2) the prohibition of a bloc vote by a district after a majority in a properly noticed meeting decided to vote as a bloc.

Acting legal counsel Floyd Shimomura had left the conven-
tion; President Frank Sato called a point of order and chaired the meeting.

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NEW YORK — Representatives of Asian American community organizations expressed their needs and concerns before a panel of officials from 17 city agencies Aug. 11 at PS 124 in Chinatown. The hearing was one in a series sponsored by the Asian American Task Force to address major issues in the rapidly growing Asian American populations in each of the city’s five boroughs.

Speakers emphasized the need for low- and moderate-income housing; bilingual/bicultural services; language and programming; job training for recent immigrants; regulations controlling commercial rents; and measures by city law enforcement agencies to protect Asian American victims.

Cyril Nishimoto, speaking for Japanese American Social Services Inc., emphasized the need for more bilingual/bicultural services for Japanese Americans, including recent immigrants. He also highlighted social service needs such as counseling, information regarding housing and immigration status, and help for senior citizens.

Because the Japanese American community does not have a geographical area like Chinatown, he said, providing services depends largely on outreach efforts.

Social worker Fumi Rakii of the Japanese unit of Asian American Mental Health Services said that “Japanese, like any nationality here in New York, are not immune from emotional distress and mental disorders” but that “there is a stigma attached to those who seek mental health services.”

She recommended additional funding for eye, vision and outreach programs as well as the recruitment of more mental health professionals.

Margaret Fung of Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund identified four problems in her “that deserve special attention:” racially motivated violence against Asians; attacks on the rights of immigrants and undocumented aliens; lack of bilingual assistance for limited-English-proficient Asians seeking government services; and displacement of low-income Chinatown residents.

The hearing was part of the creation of a special task force to examine bilingual services currently provided by government agencies. Fung warned against the move to make English the nation’s official language. The city, she said, “should reaffirm its support for bilingual services and denounce the racist and nativist sentiments of the ‘English Only’ movement.”

Margaret Chin of Asian Americans for Equality also placed emphasis on the Chinatown housing crisis, calling for the abolition of the Special Manhattan Bridge District and creation of a “Chinatown housing task force with direct negotiating authority with the City Planning Commission.” Regarding anti-Asian violence, Chin recommended that Mayor Ed Koch “set up an inter-ethnic council with adequate staffing and budget allocation.” She also urged the city to “take a lead in developing affirmative action policies throughout its agencies and institutions.”

—from a report by New York Nielsen

Task Force Hearings
New York Asians Speak on Community Issues

A/P Education Concerns to be Addressed

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Results of a study on educational needs and concerns of Asian/Pacific Islander students in California public schools will be discussed Oct. 8, 7:59 p.m., in the Santa Ana Unified School District board room, 1460 French Street.

Members of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig’s Advisory Council on Asian/Pacific Islander Affairs will share their findings, recommendations and the joint plan of action agreed upon by the California Department of Education and the advisory council earlier this year.

Copies of the report, based on information gathered at a series of public hearings held throughout the state from 1984 to 1985, will also be available at the meeting.

The briefing is the fifth in a series of six public meetings scheduled be council. The last briefing will be held Oct. 14, 4:40 p.m., at the Ted C. Willis Community Center, 770 N. San Pablo Ave., Fresno.
The Mysterious Mania for Matsutake

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Bill Hosokawa

Hereabouts, which means the Denver area, September is the month when the mushroom madness begins. I have written on this subject on previous occasions but so widespread is the search for these mushrooms that I have to repeat the warning.

Matsutake is a mushroom that has a unique flavor and is prized by Japanese and Japanese Americans. Several years ago some eager-beaver matsutake hunters, alleged to be Frank and Lily Fujita, happened upon some in July. That, obviously, was a freak situation because matsutake normally don't begin to push through the pine needles beds until late August or, some say, September.

The fact that matsutake might be available in mid-summer stirs a frenzy among some locals almost as soon as springtime in the Rockies is over. Unable to contain their anxiety, they begin exploring nature long before the season logically could be expected to open.

I say "matsutake madness" because the search for these mushrooms borders on the pathological. I'm repeating, three they drive homeward another day having failed in their exploratory forays to find some wau1d of interest in the lobby beds they have cleaned out. The fact that matsutake might be available in mid-summer stirs a frenzy among some locals almost as soon as springtime in the Rockies is over. Unable to contain their anxiety, they begin exploring nature long before the season logically could be expected to open.

This year new theories have begun to emerge. One of the most interesting is this: if acid rain is afflict ing mountain lakes, making them inhabitable for fish, wouldn't it make sense that delicately matsutake also would be affected? Perhaps it is the acid from Chemol, or Mount Adams. I don't pretend to know.

The pessimism of our summer is ended and there has been another crop failure. The optimists say that we are in the early stages of a matsutake season. They begin to pop up in October. I believe. I'm looking forward to the view of the pessimists.

Both schools of thought agree there's always next year. The problem with that bit of optimism is that time is a long time away. The drive to the mountains becomes more tedious, and climbing them becomes more difficult with each passing year. What we need is matsutake this year.

Another SETBACK for DIE-HARD MALE CHIVALRISTS

It Said, 'Planning & Development'

By the Board

by Bill Marutani

VP of Planning & Development

Let me start with a confession. When I ran for the office of vice president of Planning and Development, I thought the responsibilities centered on something such as R&D—research and development—as many business operations have. You know, keep some zesty scientists who come up with ideas, nurtures and develops them, gets them operational and then lets the company (in this case National JACL) take over, through its new management functions as the midwife, and so on. I envisioned myself as that zesty scientist, being happy about bringing into existence new concepts, new directions, new programs.

One can hardly blame me; look at the title of the office: Planning and Development.

There are six committees under the responsibility of this particular office. They are: Aging & Retirement, National Youth Council; Scholarship; Singles Concerns; Veterans Affairs; and Women's Concerns. Fortunately, each of these committees was chaired by competent and conscientious person who was working on the proverbial shoestring budget and dimearily. Each chairperson is responsible for many tasks besides attending to the overall budget of the organization. They have to operate within their own pockets in many respects to work at their particular program viable and productive.

I am delighted to have these committees to work across and to each chair my full support. Although I suspect a number of them can get along very well by themselves, thank you. But I'll be there if they need some moral support.

And now about that zesty scientist who looks forward to doing some R & D work, along with many of you. In this office of Planning and Development, I do wish all of you to engage in some free wheeling brainstorming, to plan ahead for the next five to 10 years, to look at that JACL may have a chart, a road map as to where we should be, how to go about realizing those objectives, and what the target dates are. It is my hope, my expectation, to have vigorous, working groups in each of the districts whose brain storming ideas are reviewed, refined and then reported out to the National Board and to the National JACL two years hence.

ELECTION CONTROVERSY

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Igasaki interim legal counsel. Issaaki issued the following ruling:

ISSUE: Can a District Council, at a properly-notified meeting, di­rectly require, delegate, or otherwise mandate a District from that Court to cast its votes as a bloc?

CONCLUSION: No. All dele­gates to the National Council repre sent Chapters and would thus be free to cast their votes on whatever the Chapters represent without control from the District level.

In his discussion of the issue, Igasaki said that the influence of the elections is limited to the nominations level. Citing rules of the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, Igasaki ruled that the National Council, which is composed of delegates from chapters in good standing, is the final authority on election matters.

The National Council allows for two votes for each delegate, he said, and "absent separate authority, which does not exist in any of these rules or documents, it is clear that District Councils cannot compel dele­gates to vote in any particular way at the National Convention."

ISSUE: Does the Vice President for General Operations have the au­thority to dictate or prescribe ac­tions by a District Council, in the context of ruling on bloc voting at a National Convention?

CONCLUSION: Generally, the Vice President for General Operations shall have no authority over the working procedures of District Councils, as separately constituted entities. She or he shall, however, have some authority over the ap­plication of the election rules to the National Council or over the National Council or Convention.

Attorney's Ruling

Igasaki ruled that the VP Gen­eral Operations does not have the re­sponsibility for the internal affairs of the National organizations, in­cluding those of the National JACL. She or he would also be an of­ficer with authority to respond to matters of Procedure of the National Convention. The statements of District Councils is limited by the National organization's Constitu­tions and Bylaws. Only delegates as representatives of the Chapters may participate in the internal affairs of the Na­tional Organization, through its officers and staff, may then pro­tect the Chapters' right to vote by issuance of opinions or advice.

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The national director and I met on Sept. 6. We discussed the budget, cash flow, repayment of the loan to the endowment fund, status of the SHS mailout, manpower, and JACL to JLEC. Many concerns on budgetary matters were pointed out at this meeting. I have had a large portion of the upcoming budget meeting to be devoted to fiscal matters.

In our more recent contacts with Chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) and Chairman Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) of the subcommittee, it seems that the subcommittee 42 has not been scheduled be called by Chairman Dan Glickman of the subcommittee. It seems that the subcommittee 42 has been postponed by the Senate impeachment trial of Judge Robert Bork. The House Judiciary subcommittee on Administration of the President and Government Reformation has not been scheduled.

Congressman's Plea

On Sept. 11, California Congressman Henry Mayo and Robert Matsui wrote to Glickman, urging him to support H.R. 442 and said that "this once a bill is cleared by your subcommittee it will proceed to the floor of Congress with increasing speed and rapidity. However, we cannot be sure that the House will pass the subcommittee acts." For all this to happen, we must be working diligently during this session of Congress—and to date, we have had hearings, of which 130 have votes—let me say we have not given up. With the base- ball season winding down, I would say that JACL can be very active if the subcommittee acts.

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- Ventura County JACL Singles, a mostly Sanysei and Oyasei group, will go to Los Angeles County Museum of Contemporary Art, 352 N Central Ave. in Los Angeles, to see "the Tokyo: Form and Spirit" exhibit on Oct. 5. Carpools leave from Camarillo and meet at 12:30 p.m. at Los Angeles' Orange County Fair. Info: Sue Ann, (905) 493-5479, or Gay, (905) 865-7056.

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Cambodian Runs for Office

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Neil Hul, a retired Long Beach police captain, is running as a Cambodian immigrant in the nation to run for the 6th District City Council seat, now occupied by the recent death of James Wilson. Although he received 154 votes to win smoker Clarence Smith’s 1,515, Hul believes he has gained ground for future political aspirations from the Cambodian, Vietnamese and Laotian communities. Long Beach has the largest Cambodian community population—about 25,000—of any U.S. city.

“This is a steppingstone for other campaigns,” Hul told the Los Angeles Californian. “We’re going to hear from us again and again—from the city level and the county level and the state level and, later on, on the national level.

“We’re going to prepare our collaterals and talking points to make it. If not this time, then the next time.”

Hul is a business executive and army officer in his native country. Hul is now a grocer and has employment consultant. He is married and has four children.

The $8,000 raised for Hul’s campaign came largely from the Southeast Asian communities in the city. The Cambodian, Vietnamese and Indo-chinese Americans walked door to door, seeking to register new citizens as voters. Hul came in 132 votes behind John Tambo, who finished third. Also in the running was Mineo Miyagishima, who garnered 33 votes.

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Floating Clouds," an oil painting by Hisako Hibi, is one of the works on dis­play through Sept. 30 at the National Japanese American Historical Society.

VINCENT CHIN CASE

Shimouma said his group plans to monitor the trial, which is ex­pected to begin early next year. When Judge Charles Kaufman of Wayne County Circuit Court found Ebens and his stepson, Mi­chael Nitz, guilty of manslaughter and sentenced them to pro­bation and fines in March 1982, ALC and other Asian American groups protested that eventually the prompted the Justice Department to have Ebens and Nitz indicted on charges of vio­lating Chin's civil rights. Nitz was acquitted and Ebens was con­victed on one count.

After the conviction was over­turned on Sept. 11, ALC urged the Justice Department to retry Ebens on an appeal. It is not acceptable that the imperfections of our criminal justice system can permit an ad­judged killer to continue to roam the streets," said Shimouma on Sept. 12. "After more than four years, the family of a man who died in 1980, Ebens has not spent a single day in jail."

The Appeals Court ruled that U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Ebens, the victim, was innocent of any personal responsibility.

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The appeals court decision was also denounced by the De­fault Press, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, JACO, national director Ron Takaki, and the Asian Pacific American Coal­tion of Los Angeles, who met recently to announce their decision. Assistant U.S. Attorney William A. Price, who represented the Depart­ment of Justice, said that the court's decision is "a sad day for Americans and the public...that it is going to kill Chinese and Japanese Americans."

After the Appeals Court ru­led, Ebens, quoted in the Detroit Free Press, said that he had com­mitted "a grievous wrong," but in­sisted, "I have never been a racist. I have never had anything against anyone in the whole world.

SAN FRANCISCO—An exhibit of oil paintings by Hisako Hibi depicting the Korean War Race Track Assembly Center in California and the Tanforan Deten­tion Camp in Utah has been ex­hibited through Sept. 30 at the National Japanese American Historical Society, 550 Solano St.

Hibi, an Issei, was incarcer­ated at Topaz during WW2 along with 10,000 other Japanese Americans. Her paintings, which capture scenes from the barren desert surrounding Topaz, have been viewed by more than 4,000 people in the past two months.