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Anti-Asian Violence Seen as Nationwide Problem

Justice Dept. to Retry Chin Case

DETROIT — 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 after an argument in a Highland Park night club, guilty of killing the Chinese American engineer because of racial prejudice. Ebens was sentenced to 25 years in prison, but the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled earlier this month that he had not received a fair trial.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) complimented the Justice Department on its decision to retry the case, calling it "correct and timely." The department "cannot have been unmindful of the strong feelings all Americans of Asian ancestry have over this tragedy," he said.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) said, "The prompt response of the Justice Department in pursuing this matter is evidence of the gravity and strength of this case. I am pleased that this case will be decided on the merits and not on the basis of a legal technicality."

James Shimoura, president of American Citizens for Justice, was also pleased by the "very rapid fashion" in which the decision was made. ACJ, a Detroit-based Asian American community coalition, was formed in response to the Chin killing.

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Commission Report Released

WASHINGTON — The case of Vincent Chin is just one example of anti-Asian violence examined in "Recent Activities Against Citizens and Residents of Asian Descent," an 87-page report released this month by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The report is the culmination of a study begun by the agency in 1984. Reasons for the independent study were twofold: first, to examine anti-Asian violence, vandalism, harassment and intimidation; and second, to explore the reasons behind such sentiment and activity.

In examining anti-Asian activity, the report cites several incidents which occurred in no one particular geographic area and have been aimed at a wide range of Asian ethnic groups. A few examples are as follows:

- In New York City, a Chinese American woman was pushed in front of a subway train by a man who pleaded insanity, claiming he had a "phobia about Asians."

- In Houston, a public health official characterized Chinese and Vietnamese restaurants as having "different standards of cleanliness than we do. They think it's clean and we think it's awful."

- In California, the word "Jap" was spray-painted on the garage door of a Japanese American state legislator.

- In San Francisco, anti-Asian brochures have been placed on car windows and on posts by a group calling itself the White American Resistance Movement.

Also cited by the commission are several acts of violence directed at Asian refugees in Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas and California.

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JACL Election Spawns Controversy

Do Delegates Obey Chapter or District?



Clockwise, from top right: Dale Ikeda, Peggy Liggett, Yosh Nakashima and Paul Igasaki.

by Robert Shimabukuro

Conflicting interpretations of written and unwritten election policies prior to and during the JACL national convention in Chicago (July 20-25) have led to bitterness, charges and countercharges of intimidation and a call for a review of the election rules of procedure.

At the center of this controversy are the Central California District delegates and CCDC Gov. Peggy Liggett, whose actions have exacerbated a tense situation created by the hard-fought campaign for JACL national president.

Bloc Voting

Everyone seems to agree on the basic facts: (1) JACL Central California District Council, by a majority vote of the chapters (five of six present) decided to vote as a bloc for Harry Kajihara at the convention; (2) Of the CCDC delegates at the convention, four out of the five delegates representing the nine chapters expressed a preference for Rose Ochi; (3) CCDC Gov. Peggy Liggett had two proxies transferred to herself at the convention, ending with five proxy votes.

INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED		
VP Gen. Oper.	Yosh Nakashima	
Interim Legal Counsel	Paul Igasaki	
CCDC Governor	Peggy Liggett	
CCDC Delegates:		
Clovis	Dale Ikeda	
Fowler	Kimihiro Sera	
Delano	proxy—Liggett	
Fresno	Debbie Ikeda	
Parlier	Kathy Sasaki	
Reedley	proxy—Liggett	
	transferred to Dale Ikeda;	
	then back to Liggett	
Sanger	proxy—Liggett	
Selma	proxy—Debbie Ikeda;	
	transferred to Kim Sera;	
	then to Liggett	
Tulare	proxy—Maude Ishida	
CCDC Chapter Presidents		
Clovis	Gene Tsukamoto	
Fresno	Wayne Nishio	
Reedley	Tom Shitanishi	
Selma	Mits Shirogama	
Tulare	Kay Hada	

CCDC July 9 Meeting

While the controversy erupted at the convention, it began in a July 9 CCDC meeting in Fresno. According to the district meeting minutes, six out of nine chapters were present. Absent were Fowler, Parlier, and Delano.

Fresno delegates Debbie Ikeda and Kathy Sasaki, along with Clovis delegate Dale Ikeda, had already left for Chicago, with instructions from their chapters to "vote their conscience." Debbie Ikeda 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 Liggett held four proxies (Parlier, Sanger, Delano and Reedley) was brought up. Because of an assumption that no more than three proxies could be held by one person, Reedley's proxy was transferred to Dale Ikeda, Clovis' 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.

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On CBS, ABC

Asians Featured in Fall Shows

Asian American actors are featured as regulars in three new network television shows this fall.

In the situation comedy "Together we Stand" (CBS, Mondays at 8:30), Ke Huy Quan, whose film credits include "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" and "Goonies," plays a Vietnamese teenager adopted by a Caucasian couple (Elliot Gould and Dee Wallace Stone). The family also adopts a Black girl played by Natasha Bobo.

The cast of "Kay O'Brien" (CBS, Thursdays at 10), a medical drama set in New York, includes Keone Young as Michael Kwan, described as a "by-the-book" doctor who works with the title character, a surgical resident played by Patricia Kalember. In addition to appearing fre-

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Ernie Reyes, Jr. of "Sidekicks"

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."

Black Candidate Wanted

One of those chief factors and a stumbling block facing the 41-year-old Nishikawa is the likely endorsement of a so-far unnamed Black candidate by Mayor Tom Bradley, himself a former councilman of the 10th District, and

Cunningham, who is resigning from office Sept. 30 "to pursue life as a private citizen."

Just last week, Bradley called for a meeting of more than two dozen Black civic and political leaders to establish a selection committee for such a candidate. The move by the mayor was a clear attempt to prevent a split of Black votes within the district.

Bradley handpicked Cunningham as his successor for the 10th District seat in 1973 and this latest move is part of a strategy by the mayor to repeat the same selection process.

Nishikawa, however, said that such a united effort by itself will not stop him from pursuing the 10th District seat.

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Dennis Nishikawa

Community Calendar

Sept. 27 - Oct. 10

ALBANY, Calif.

Oct. 2
6-8 p.m. Sakura Kai opens its 10th annual benefit art exhibit and auction with a reception at Sumitomo Bank, 1451 Solano Ave. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

PALO ALTO

Oct. 4-5
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Palo Alto Japanese Cultural Festival will be held at Mitchell Park Community Center. Exhibits, demonstrations and films on various aspects of Japanese culture will be featured. Performers include San Francisco Taiko Group. Japanese foods and handicrafts will be sold.

LOS ANGELES

Oct. 3
6 p.m. Asian Business Association and Asian American Architects/Engineers hold their 9th annual awards banquet in the California Ballroom of the Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figueroa St. Honorees are Takashi "Tak" Shida, Asian American Architect of the Year; Yum Yum Donuts co-chair Frank Watase, Asian Business Owner of the Year; and actor George Takei, Lifetime Achievement Award. Cost: \$150 per person, \$1,500 per table. Info: Lynne Choy Uyeda, (213) 933-1151.

MONTEREY

Oct. 4
4:30 p.m. The fall MIS NorCal dinner meeting will be held at the Officers Club, Presidio of Monterey, followed by social hour at 6 and dinner at 7. Col. Monte Bullard will be the principal speaker. Reservations: Goro Yamamoto, 1149 Shafer St., Seaside, CA 93955; (408) 394-4487.

ANAHEIM

Sept. 27
7 p.m. Orange County Sansei Singles holds a discussion of "Single Sansei" at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale. Psychologist Gail Kawanami Allen and Harvey Hanemoto, director of a health institution, will speak on interpersonal relationships, self-actualization, intimacy, coping with stress or identity crisis, and sex. Cost: \$5. Info: Harvey Hanemoto, (714) 492-1229; Gail Allen, (714) 494-6264; or Ann Miyake, (714) 472-8667.

IRVINDALE

Sept. 28
1 p.m. A San Gabriel Valley Singles' meeting will feature Kei Higashi, owner of Alu-Mont Furniture, who will share his experiences as a hunter and deep-sea fisherman. Meeting will be held at the Alu Mont Furniture showroom, 5400 N. Irwindale Ave. Admission: \$2. Info: Irene, (818) 965-2165, or Toshi, (714) 861-9676.

FRESNO

Oct. 2-3 Central California Forum on Refugee Affairs will sponsor a two-day regional conference at Hacienda Resort and Convention Center, 2550 W. Clinton. Topics will address the impact of refugee resettlement on state systems such as social services, criminal justice and community-based organizations. Info: Nancy Germanetti, (209) 453-6164.

NEW YORK

Oct. 7 through Nov. 1 Pan Asian Repertory Theatre will present "The Imposter," a comic, controversial romp from modern China, at Playhouse 46, 423 W. 46th St. Info: (212) 505-5655.

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LOS ANGELES — East Los Angeles JACL and the Pacific Citizen will co-host a retirement buffet party for Jane M. Ozawa Oct. 19, 4 p.m., at the Golden Shark Restaurant in Japanese Village Plaza (east 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 familiar "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. 15.

Tickets for the party are \$15 and include tax and tip. For reservations, please contact Mabel Yoshizaki, (213) 263-8469; Michi Obi, (213) 256-8551; or the PC, (213) 626-0047.

TV PROGRAMS

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quently in television and films. Young produces and performs in plays at East West Players in Los Angeles.

In "Sidekicks" (ABC, Fridays at 9:30), Ernie Reyes, Jr. plays a child martial arts expert who, after the death of his grandfather Sabasan (Keye Luke), is adopted by a policeman (Gil Gerard). Luke's character, who appears in flashbacks, comes from "Patasan," a fictional Asian country. The pilot for the series was "The Last Electric Knight," which aired on the "Disney Sunday Movie."

Reyes has appeared in the films "The Last Dragon" and "Red Sonja." Luke, who played the "Number One Son" in 13 "Charlie Chan" films in the 1930s and '40s, has been a regular in the TV series "Kung Fu" and "General Hospital."

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ELECTION CONTROVERSY

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When asked why she didn't comment on the proxy limitation at the meeting, Ishida said, "[Peggy] didn't ask me. She didn't give me a chance [to comment]. She automatically started giving her proxy away. So I thought that at the May national board meeting, they had clarified the ruling on proxies."

In subsequent action, CCDC passed, with one abstention, a motion to vote as a bloc at the national convention. Tulare County abstained, pending further chapter consultation.

With one dissenting vote from Tulare county, the district council also decided to vote for Kajihara for president. In addition, the council decided to support Nishimoto for vice president of membership and to keep the decisions of the council confidential until the day of the balloting "in order to use the bloc as a bargaining factor."

July 20-23 in Chicago

Of the nine chapters in CCDC, five were represented by proxy. Of the six CCDC delegates to the convention, four expressed a preference for Ochi. These four delegates controlled five votes, including two proxies. Liggett had three votes.

At a July 20 Governors Caucus Liggett learned of the existence of the Ishida-to-Makino memo. After learning of the delegates' preference for Ochi, Liggett, who felt that the district's mandate was being subverted, decided to have the two proxies in question transferred, and reportedly told Ishida that she (Ishida) would be decertified unless she agreed to vote for Kajihara.

"I was just trying to carry out

the wishes and authority of CCDC," Liggett told PC. She also "categorically denied" that she had threatened to decertify anyone, 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 [decertifying a delegate]. What I told Maude was she had to deal with her chapter president. I also scolded her for not telling us about the no limitation on proxies matter."

Fresno chapter delegates Ikeda and Sasaki, along with Clovis delegate Ikeda, felt that it was permissible to support Ochi after asking national director Ron Wakabayashi whether a district could direct delegates to cast their votes as a bloc. Wakabayashi said that he told them, "I don't think so, but you should get the legal counsel's opinion."

Yosh Nakashima, whose position as vice president for general operations places him in control of the operations at the national convention, also was asked by CCDC members about bloc voting. He too expressed an opinion that it was not permitted.

July 24

The following day Liggett sent Nakashima a request for a ruling on two items: (1) the authority of the VP/Operations to "dictate or proscribe actions by the District Council"; and (2) the prohibition of a bloc vote by a district after a majority at a properly-noticed meeting decided to vote as a bloc.

Acting legal counsel Floyd Shimomura had left the convention; President Frank Sato appointed Chicago attorney Paul

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"Having worked for Councilman Cunningham for eight years and having worked for Mayor Bradley as a volunteer since 1974," said Nishikawa, "I fully understand the delicate politics of the situation, especially under the current redistricting that took place within the city."

A lack of support from the mayor "because I am not of the 'right' ethnic background deeply hurts," he confessed, "but I don't hold it against him."

The new redistricting lines have resulted in an increase in the district's Blacks and Whites from 38 to 44 percent, and 11 to 22 percent, respectively. The Hispanic figures dropped from 37 to 22 percent, and the number of Asians remained relatively unchanged at 12 percent.

Nishikawa's current base of support is concentrated in the Asian/Pacific communities, both in and outside of the 10th District, and it has come primarily in the form of donation pledges. To date, those pledges total approximately \$80,000, a respectable start in an effort to raise the \$250,000 Nishikawa feels it will take to run a viable campaign.

And, although he admits that his Asian/Pacific support cannot help him much in terms of votes, he is counting on his own good track record and knowledge of the 10th District to carry him in all of the district's ethnic communities.

"This is a coalition district," he said, "and in spite of the strong vocalization of Black elected officials and Black community leaders that it remain a Black-elected official district, I believe that it will be a coalition of voters from various ethnic communities that will elect the next official to the 10th councilmanic district."

So, will he run or not? Nishikawa has a while to make up his mind. Chances are good that the 10th District seat will remain vacant after Cunningham's departure until a successor can be chosen in the city's regular elections in April. If that happens, Nishikawa has until Jan. 17 to file his intention to run for office.

"If I do run," he said, "I hope that I won't burn my bridges with the Bradley team or with the Black community, and especially with Councilman Cunningham, whom I admire greatly."

"If I don't run, I know that I will try and continue my city services, but as a magnet or lightning rod for the Asian/Pacific community. In that kind of capacity I will work to ensure that those who are trying to power-broke for the 10th councilmanic seat had damn well not ignore the Asian/Pacific community because we are a very viable force within the city of Los Angeles."

USAF Facility Named After JA Astronaut

SUNNYVALE — Fallen astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka received another posthumous honor Sept. 3 when the Sunnyvale Air Force Station was renamed after him.

The name change was made official during a dedication ceremony at the California station which serves as headquarters for the Air Force Satellite Control Facility.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who introduced legislation in May to rename the station after Onizuka, attended the ceremony, as did the late astronaut's wife, Lorna.



Participants in the Chilivisions Chili Cookoff, the Aug. 23 fund raiser for Visual Communications, included, standing from left, Lisa Javier, People's Choice Award; Ronnie Matsuda; June Kuramoto; Bob Uno, second place; Dan Kuramoto; and Warren Furutani with children, Joey and Sei Malik. Kneeling, from left, are Phil Mosley; Ben Tagami, People's Choice Award; and Jeff Chop, first place. The cookoff was followed by the Pioneering Visions film screening of "Freckled Rice" and "Beacon Hill Boys" at the Japan America Theatre in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

Task Force Hearings

New York Asians Speak on Community Issues

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 and language programs; job training for recent immigrants; regulations controlling commercial rents; and measures by city law enforcement agencies to curb anti-Asian violence.

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 center like Chinatown, he said, providing services depends largely on outreach efforts.

Social worker Fumi Raith 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 expansion 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 "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.

In proposing the creation of a special task force to examine bilingual services currently provided by government agencies, Fung warned against the movement 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 Nichibei

A/P Education Concerns to be Addressed

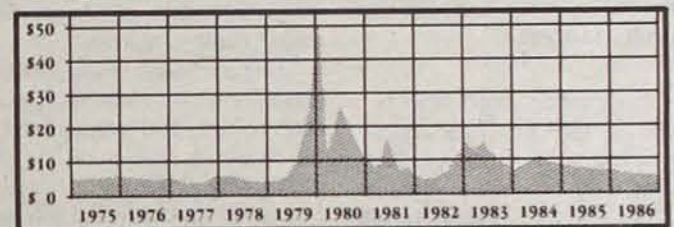
SANTA ANA, Calif. — Results of a 15-month study on the educational needs and concerns of Asian/Pacific Islander students in California public schools will be discussed Oct. 8, 7-9 p.m., in the Santa Ana Unified School District board room, 1405 French St.

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 by the council. The last briefing will be held Oct. 14, 4-6 p.m., at the Ted C. Wills Community Center, 770 N. San Pablo Ave., Fresno.

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Hereabouts, which means the Denver area, September is the month of *matsutake* madness. I have written on this subject on previous occasions but so widespread is the interest that it will bear repeating. *Matsutake* is a mushroom that grows in the pine forests of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, and sometimes in Colorado. It has a tantalizing aroma and is highly prized by Japanese and Japanese Americans.

Several years ago some eager-beaver *matsutake* hunters, alleged to be Frank and Lily Fujita, happened to find some in July. That, obviously, was a freak situation because *matsutake* normally don't begin to push through the pine needle beds until late August or, some years, early September. However, the fact that *matsutake* might be available in mid-summer stirs a fever among some locals almost as soon as springtime in the Rockies is over. Unable to contain their anxiety, they begin exploratory forays long before the season logically can be expected to open.

I say "*matsutake* madness" because the search for these mushrooms borders on insanity. The more intent of *matsutake* hunters get up in the middle of the night and drive three hours or more to favorite forest glens in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming. Arriving at the hunting grounds at dawn, they tramp all day through the woods, eyes glued to the forest duff for tell-tale blisters that might hide emerging *matsutake*. Then they drive homeward another three hours through the gathering dusk.

That's only part of the madness. *Matsutake* hunters become secretive about their favorite hunting grounds. They respond to inquiries with shameless white lies. They decline to share information even with relatives and good friends. They keep their ears alert, like jackrabbits, for rumors about where *matsutake* have been found. They may be level-headed individuals about every aspect of their lives, but they are willing to listen and give credence to the most outrageous rumors.

This is particularly true in poor seasons. We are now reaching the end of the second consecutive bad year so that you can understand the madness is rampant. Last fall the Rockies produced virtually no *matsutake*. This season is only a little better. At first it was common to blame the shortage on lack of moisture or rains that were too early or too late.

This year new theories have begun to emerge. One of the most interesting is that acid rain is at the root of the problem. I don't know that there is any scientific basis to this idea, but if acid rain is afflicting our mountain lakes, making them uninhabitable for trout, wouldn't it make sense that delicate *matsutake* also would be affected? Or maybe it is the fallout from Chernobyl, or Mount Adams. I don't pretend to know.

The pessimists say our season is ended and there has been another crop failure. The optimists say that the season is late, and that *matsutake* will begin to pop up in October. I incline to lean toward the view of the pessimists.

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

ANOTHER SETBACK
FOR DIE-HARD
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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, let loose some kooky scientist who comes up with ideas, nurtures and develops them, gets them operational and then lets the company (in this case National JACL) take them over, then works on a next new project, functions as the midwife, and so on. I envisioned myself as that kooky scientist, the midwife helping to bring life to 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 a competent and conscientious person who, working on the proverbial shoestring, performed admirably. Each chairperson dug into his/her own pockets in many respects to keep their particular program viable and productive.

I am delighted to have these committees to work with and I pledge 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 should need some moral support.

And now about that kooky 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 so that JACL may have a plan, a chart, a "road map" as to where its objectives are to be, how we're going to realize 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 brainstorming ideas will be reviewed, refined and then reported out to the National Board and to the National Council two years hence. Such

brainstorming sessions themselves should not be dampened by considerations such as finances, workability, and other negative thoughts such as "It won't fly" or "They'll never buy it." Let us freely dream, be openly daring, and yes, idealistic. We can always sort things out later as we go along.

There are some "hard-headed" projects that we have in mind. One of them is to promote and hopefully realize a codification of the various provisions that govern the national organization along with National Council decisions. We need a compilation, a single book where everything is gathered in some understandable fashion so that they appear in some coordinated, logical fashion. It will be a major task, but one that needs to be done.

I happen to believe so strongly in that R & D aspect of this particular vice-presidency that I've (foolishly) requested the national president to appoint me as chair of that committee; and the national president (even more foolishly) has done so. But in all seriousness, I hope not to disappoint either of us.

So I start with this earnest call to each of you. Send me your suggestions, your ideas, your brainstorming thoughts. You can write me: Bill Marutani, 8112 Algon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19152. It'll only cost you 22 cents.

ELECTION CONTROVERSY

Continued from page 2

Igasaki interim legal counsel. Igasaki issued the following ruling:

ISSUE: Can a District Council, at a properly-noticed meeting, direct, by majority vote, delegates from that District to cast their votes as a bloc?

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

In his discussion of the issue, Igasaki said that the District's influence in the elections is limited to the nominations level. Citing references to the Constitution, 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 only for chapter representation, he said, and "absent separate authority, which does not exist in any of the above-mentioned 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 au-

thority to dictate or proscribe 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 workings and actions of District Councils, as separately constituted entities. She or he shall, however, have some authority over the participation of even the District Councils in the National Council or over the National Council or Convention.

Attorney's Ruling

Igasaki ruled that the VP/General Operations is the "officer responsible for the internal affairs of the National organization, including the National Convention. She or he also would be an officer with authority to respond to inquiries relating to the Rules of Procedure of the National Convention. ... The autonomy of District Councils is limited by the National organization's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules. ... Only delegates as representatives of the Chapters may participate in the election of officers. The National Organization, through its officers and staff, may then protect the Chapters' right to vote by issuance of opinions or advice consistent with the above."

Liggett was not happy with what she termed "shoddy legal reasoning."

What the ruling seemed to be saying, she said, "was that because there is nothing that says the districts can [direct votes], they can't."

On the other matter, Liggett felt that what it said was "because the VP/Operations was not specifically denied the right to control the actions of the districts, he could." Neither ruling seemed acceptable to her.

Liggett added that she had not known that Shimomura had left the convention and she did not know who Igasaki was. She felt that "they" [Ochi supporters] had just picked a delegate who would issue a ruling favorable to them.

Liggett instead decided to rely on the advice of long-time JACLers in her district, Tom Shimasaki and Fred Hirasuna. Both advised her that the delegates should vote as the district wanted. They also advised Liggett that she could attempt to have the chapter presidents transfer proxies to delegates who would be more inclined to vote the chapters' wishes. And both said that bloc voting was permissible as long as the district had voted for it.

Decision 'Not Unilateral'

As a result of her discussions with Shimasaki, Hirasuna, and CCD chapter presidents, Liggett

felt it was within her bounds to ask for the Reedley proxy back.

In addition, she asked that telegrams from the chapter presidents be sent to the National staff at the convention authorizing the transfer of Reedley's proxy back to Liggett and Selma's proxy to Fowler delegate Kim Sera.

While there were differences of opinion as to the events which necessitated the two-hour delay of the election voting on Friday, the net result was that Liggett ended up with five legal proxy votes.

According to Liggett, all she was trying to do was to insure that the wishes of the district

were carried out. "I did not act unilaterally on all this. I was getting the advice and support from Tom Shimasaki and Fred Hirasuna, long-time active JACLers. I also felt it necessary to inform chapter presidents how their delegates were voting."

Hirasuna echoed her feelings. "Peggy was doing her job as CCDC governor. She had the CCDC mandate and she was just trying to ensure that the wishes of CCDC were honored."

Next week: Clifford Uyeda asks for a review of election practices; Dale Ikeda presents his recommendations; the issue of pre-convention voting commitments is discussed.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Harry
Kajihara

The LEC of JACL must temporarily pursue redress without the physical presence of the "Ole Warrior," Minoru Yasui. All members and non-members of JACL who know about Min's untiring, spirited and illustrious work on redress and civil rights issues are hoping and rooting for his rapid recovery so that he can resume his leadership role in the pursuit for redress.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all scholarship winners. Appreciation is also extended to all scholarship sponsors and the JACL Scholarship Committee, chaired by Jan Yoshiwara. Anyone familiar with scholarship committees knows the tremendous time, effort and energy required to evaluate and rate all the submittals. I am sure that each scholarship winner wrote a letter of appreciation to the scholarship sponsors, and perhaps to the scholarship committee chair. It would really be marvelous if the winners would, in the future, drop a short note to JACL and their scholarship sponsors to keep us informed on their academic and personal achievements.

WCC Conference

NCWNP Gov. Mollie Fujioka sent me a copy of the registration form for the "Japanese American Women in Transition: 1986"

conference sponsored by JACL Women's Concerns on Sept. 13. Many substantive workshops were detailed on the form. I fully appreciate the enormous effort involved in sponsoring conferences because these programs are truly beneficial to the community and to JACL. By showing the JACL "flag," the community sees JACL's vitality, non-members are encouraged to become actively involved in JACL and current members maintain their berths. Thank you very much, Chizu Iiyama, Contra Costa; Susan Nakamura, San Jose; Pat Orr and Alice Nakahata, Marin; Kathy Reyes, Golden Gate; and Mei Nakano, Sonoma.

Board Meeting

The first full-blown board meeting of the 1986-88 biennium will take place in San Francisco Oct. 10-12. The board will be approving some 35 committee chairs and presidential appointees. After the meeting, I will publish a list of the new chairs in the PC.

Vice President Bill Marutani has prepared and distributed a schedule for article submission to the PC by elected officers, appointed officers and governors. This way, grassrootsers will be able to read informative articles on happenings by the National Board.

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 SRS mailout, management of funds, and contracts to JACL by LEC. Many concerns on budgetary matters were pinpointed at this meeting. I expect a large portion of the upcoming board meeting to be devoted to fiscal matters.

JACL Membership Count

Jan. 1/Dec. 31, 1986

Monthly Membership Totals: Report No. 2									
Mon	Reg	Fam	TC-50	TC-100	Corp	Stdnt	Youth	Assoc	Total
Jan	1,841	614	189	13	1	31	4	-	2,693
Feb	1,671	882	276	22	2	28	2	8	2,891
Mar	2,261	1,317	243	16	-	48	6	2	3,893
Apr	1,226	637	234	16	-	39	2	-	2,154
May	916	416	104	10	-	27	2	1	1,476
Jun	699	327	152	13	-	37	9	1	1,238
Jul	886	212	104	13	-	20	1	-	1,236
Aug	456	189	65	4	g-1	8	3	1	727
YTD	9,956	4,594	1,367	107	4	238	29	13	16,308
1985 Final Membership									26,478
1986 Year-to-Date									16,308
YTD Percentage of 1985									61.6%

October: The Final Days

With only two more weeks left in the 99th Congress, it remains to be seen whether there will be an extension on its targeted closing date of Oct. 3.

This last month in Congress is quite a lively one. The members of Congress have left some very important work for this short period which followed the Labor Day recess.

The budget resolution which must deal with the deficit is a top item to be completed. The tax reform bill is another major one to be considered. There are other bills, such as a new higher education act and environmental legislation which includes Superfund authorization. There is also the unresolved foreign policy question of South African sanctions.

Among all these legislative matters, you and I who are working to see that the redress bills move forward need to know what is happening with our bill, H.R. 442, which we wanted to see go to mark-up in the House Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, where the bill now rests.

In our more recent contacts with Chairman Peter Rodino (D-N.J.) of the Judiciary Committee and Chairman Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) of the subcommittee, it seems the plan to mark up H.R. 442 has not been scheduled because both Rodino and Glickman are presently tied up with the Senate impeachment trial of Judge Harry Claiborne. Glickman's staff in his subcommittee office stated that he is unable to schedule any committee meetings while the impeachment is in progress.

Congressmen's Plea

On Sept. 11, California Congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui wrote to Glickman, urging him to report H.R. 442 for his subcommittee "so that the injustice of the internment can be corrected." Glickman was told that "once this bill is cleared by your subcommittee it will proceed through the legislative process with increasing speed and rapidity. However, we cannot begin down that road until your subcommittee acts."

For all of us who have been working diligently during this session of Congress—and to date, we have 141 co-sponsors, of which 136 have votes—let me say we have not given up. With the baseball playoffs coming, I am reminded that Yogi Berra once said, "It isn't over til it's over." So we must go on right to the very end to find more support for the redress bills and move H.R. 442 and S. 1053 forward until Congress is finally adjourned.

I am as disappointed as all those who have taken the time to lobby that to date we must report that the House bill has not been scheduled for additional

LEC UPDATE

Grayce
Uyehara



action by the committee, but we must continue our effort to seek additional support right up to the time of the congressional elections in November.

At the same time we recognize the effort which is being carried by so many individuals, chapters and organizations to present educational programs to people throughout this nation who know so little about the tragedy of 120,000 Japanese Americans who were denied freedom and justice.

Yasui Update

Many subscribers to Pacific Citizen have been concerned about Minoru Yasui after the announcement of his resignation as chair of LEC due to his health. We have been informed by his wife True that he is doing as well as can be expected, though he is quite weak following surgery. He is home for a short period before he returns to the hospital. We hope that the strong fighting spirit which sustained him over the years as he fought for the redress cause will be working for him in his fight to regain his health.

In his letter to me which accompanied his resignation, Yasui said that he deplored quitting the redress battle. To give him peace of mind that the fight for equal justice continues, let us all keep the momentum going by taking our share of completing this great task.

Class Action Suit

Harry Kajihara, National JACL president, and I as executive director of JACL-LEC signed on the joint *amicus curiae* brief in support of the petition for writ of certiorari filed by William Hohri, et al. in their class action suit against the United States.

In our letter of interest sent to Stanley Mark of Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, we wrote, "To remedy the shameful episode for the Japanese American survivors and to affirm the guarantees of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution for people at all times, we join in support of the petitioners."

We have been informed that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Asian Law Caucus have also joined AALDEF in submitting this support brief.

We wish Hohri, et al. the best as they seek review of their case by the U.S. Supreme Court for the purpose of restoring the legal claims dismissed by the lower federal courts.

Letters

Onizuka Honor

I support the idea of a statue and/or street named after Challenger astronaut Lt. Col. Ellison S. Onizuka in Little Tokyo.

Lt. Col. Onizuka was the first Japanese American and the first Hawaiian to fly in space. His dream as a young man was to become an astronaut. When he was growing up, there were no Asian, Black or women astronauts. His dream seemed too big. However, Lt. Col. Onizuka persevered and achieved his dream. He will be remembered.

JOHN F. MAHER
Torrance, Calif.

Gimme a Break

I was very disappointed with the article entitled "A Double Standard" (Sept. 5 PC).

Yosh Nakashima states, "it was the women voters who supposedly gave the victory to the new national president. I don't have the actual facts, but in discussions with a number of people who happened to be women, and who were perceived to have key votes, it was clear that they voted for the male candidate... You all had an excellent opportunity with a well qualified candidate, and in my mind you all didn't come through." (Italics added.)

In reading these comments, several thoughts and questions come to mind. I understand that 42 of the delegates in attendance at the National Convention were women. How many did the writer actually talk to? Ten, twenty, thirty? Two? Of these women, how many were actual voting delegates? How many were wives of delegates or non-voting boosters?

As representatives of their chapters, how many women delegates were instructed to vote for the male candidate? Did some delegates cancel each other out by splitting their chapter vote? Were chapters within a district urged into voting as a bloc? How many proxy votes were cast as intended by chapters that were unable to attend?

The election result was 62½ to 59½, which is a three-vote margin and a very respectable showing. For our female presidential candidate to receive 49% of the votes when only 17% of her voting constituency is female is a remarkable feat!

The facts and figures do not substantiate Dr. Nakashima's assertions. I suggest that next time he have more than "a hard hat and flak jacket" to support his comments.

PAULA SHIMIZU
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Support Official English

In response to Jack Umezaki's letter (Aug. 1 PC), we do agree with him 100%.

As a deaf Nisei, I wish for all immigrants of all races to know the facts as follows:

We, the deaf and hearing-impaired, fought for better education in English; we fought for the closed-captioned adapter on our television in English; we fought for the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) to increase our better communication with the hearing world in English.

Yes, we need to be well educated in English. We must support English as the official language locally, statewide and nationwide.

HANNAH TOMIKO HOLMES
Los Angeles

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THE 1986 REPORT

Total This Report: #18—\$800.00
Budd S. Fukei \$200 (sust for '86), Alice H. Hirano \$500 (in memory of the late James M. Hirano), Alice H. Hirano \$100 (in memory of Mr. Masaoka's daughter Midori).

Fund Summary: Sept 2, 1986

Emeritus (1) \$ 2,500
Fellows (10) 10,000
Sustaining Members:
1st Year (17) 3,900
2nd Year (13) 2,600
3rd Year (11) 2,200
4th Year (6) 1,400
5th Year (3) 600
Amicus (4) 520
Contribution (3) 850
Fund Total \$24,570

Redress Pledges

Actual amounts acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:
#30: AUGUST, 1986
1986 Total to Date: \$ 68,728.02

Prev. Gross Total: 303,872.54
This Report: (7) 21,505.52
Grand Total: \$325,378.06
(Since Aug 11; Aug 5 receipts noted in Report #29)

Oakland JACL \$40 (previously into "Support Redress", should be Redress Pledge); PSWDC (1985-86 pledges); Marin County JACL (1986 pledge balance) \$325.

1986 DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

(Actual: Jan.—Aug. 1986)
NC-WN-Pac 29,185.50
Pac Southwest 14,940.52
Midwest 12,985.00
Pac Northwest 4,135.00
Central Cal 3,719.50
Intermountain 1,500.00
Eastern 1,400.00
Mtn-Plains 862.50
Aug 31 Total: \$ 68,728.02

Redress Support

These amounts come with membership form check-offs. Actual amounts from the JACL Chapters acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the period of:
#7: AUGUST, 1986
Philadelphia (4) \$12, Oakland (s/b Redress Pledge—\$40), Mile-Hi (2) \$10, Houston (?) \$50, Mid-Columbia (?) \$60, East L.A. (2) \$10, Selanoco (1) \$5, Lake Washington (1) \$50, Puyallup Valley (1) \$5.

1986 Redress Support Summary

Month	Count	Received
'85 Dec	(62)	\$ 420.00
Jan.	(164)	1,001.00
Feb.	(187)	1,298.00
March	(105)	1,062.00
April	(204)	1,774.00
May	(33+)	309.00
June	(47+)	323.00
July	(27+)	225.00
August	(12+)	172.00
1986 Total:		\$ 6,584.00

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Thank You!

Asian Groups Unanimous in Opposing Prop. 63

by J.K. Yamamoto

LOS ANGELES—Speakers from different Asian communities gave their perspectives on Proposition 63, which would make English the state's official language, at a Sept. 16 press conference held at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center.

Alan Nishio, co-chair of National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, said that Japanese Americans "can readily attest to historical efforts that have been made to impose 'English Only.'"

"When we were put into concentration camps in WW2, English was the only language that the government allowed to be used in conducting camp business. Thus, many Issei... were not allowed to participate in any government in the camps because of their limited English-speaking ability. The imposition of this 'English Only'... served to further disrupt and divide our community."

More recently, the JA community "has benefited from a variety of bilingual services that have increased access to social services," he said. "We clearly see these services under attack as a result of Proposition 63."

When asked whether former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, who strongly supports the measure, is representative of the JA community's position, Nishio responded that Hayakawa's views are "not in line with the concerns or perspectives of the Japanese American community or the Asian community overall."

City Councilman Mike Woo said that in addition to threatening government-funded bilingual programs, Proposition 63 "would do nothing to increase funding for English-language programs which are already overenrolled by enthusiastic newcomers anxious to become proficient in English."

There is strong bipartisan opposition to the initiative, Woo said, pointing out that incumbent Gov. George Deukmejian, a Republican, and the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Mayor Tom Bradley, are both against it. Woo urged public officials to "do their part in promoting greater understanding and harmony between different ethnic groups."

Duncan Lee, external vice president of Korean American Coalition, said that the largely immigrant Korean community is striving to learn English but needs bilingual assistance "to ease into the mainstream English-speaking society."

Noting that early European immigrants experienced problems while assimilating into American society, Lee said, "Today, unfortunately, people feel that we as [new] immigrants have to also suffer."

Andy Anh, a native of Vietnam and executive director of the Economic and Employment Development Center for Indochinese, warned that Proposition 63 "will force all non-Anglos to give up their cultural heritage... My first name has already been Anglicized. Perhaps Prop. 63 will force me to Anglicize my family

name as well."

Rose Ibanez, a member of Filipino American Community Committee on Education, stated that although many Filipino immigrants can speak English, cuts in bilingual services could hurt those who have recently arrived.

Richard Katsuda, a member of Californians United Committee Against Proposition 63, served as moderator.

Legislature to Hold Hearings on Initiative

SAN FRANCISCO—Joint hearings of the State Senate Elections Committee and a special Assembly task force will be held on the potential effects of Proposition 63, the so-called "English-Only" initiative, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the State Building Auditorium, 350 McAlister St.

A Los Angeles hearing is scheduled for Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at Kinsey Auditorium, Museum of Science and Industry, 700 State Dr., Exposition Park.

Speakers will include Proposition 63 supporters, such as former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa and California English chair Stanley Diamond, and opponents, such as Attorney General John Van de Kamp and JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi.

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Chapter Pulse

RIVERSIDE

- The 19th annual Sendai Festival, honoring Riverside's sister city in Japan, will be held Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at Canyon Crest Town Centre, Central Ave. and Canyon Crest Dr. The event features cultural programs, including folk dancing, origami, koto, and martial arts. Admission is free. Info: (714) 684-7962.

SO. CALIF. ASSN. OF NIKKEI

- The chapter holds a personal development workshop Nov. 9, 9 a.m., at Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr. in Mar Vista. Topics include: assertiveness communication, time management, stress management, interpersonal relations, and discrimination against Asians at the corporate level. Pre-registration fee: \$7; after Oct. 24, \$10. Fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Info: Galen Murakawa, (213) 822-1144 or 822-7470 (evenings).

- The chapter is hosting a car rally and barbecue on Oct. 12. A prize will be awarded to the winner. Winner will be determined by time and mileage. Reservations: Jackie, (213) 214-0314 (weekdays); Paul, (213) 207-2030 (weekends); Art, (213) 379-8362.

VENTURA COUNTY

- Ventura County JACL Singles, a mostly Sansei and Yonsei group, will go to Los Angeles County Museum of Contemporary Art, 152 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. in front of the museum. Info: Sue Ann, (805) 488-5479, or Guy, (805) 985-7896.

Nisei Post to Pay Homage to Issei

SACRAMENTO—Approximately 150 Issei parents will be honored by Nisei Post 8985 on Oct. 5, 4 p.m., at Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd.

The annual dinner was started 30 years ago by post members to thank and honor their parents for enduring prewar hardships and the 1942-45 internment of Japanese Americans.

The event, which costs approximately \$2,000, is financed each year by paper drives under the direction of George Matsushita.

Japantown Run Raises Funds for Senior Service

SAN JOSE — A total of \$6,827 was raised by the second annual Japantown Banner 10K Walk/Run held May 4 as a benefit for the building fund of the Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service, 565 N. Fifth St.

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Nikkei Newsmakers



Ken Fujimoto of Harbor City, Calif., has been appointed vice president of Merit Savings Bank. He has been with Merit Savings since 1981 as a business development representative and as a marketing executive.



Irene Hirano, executive director of T.H.E. Clinic in Los Angeles, is a 1986 recipient of the Asian American Achievement Award for contributions in human resources. The award is sponsored by Organization of Chinese Americans.



Shinzui Sanada of San Jose, a career agent with New England Mutual Life Insurance Company's (The New England) San Jose agency, recently received the company's All Star Team award for "outstanding promise and high insurance marketing potential."

Board of Supervisors Hopefuls to Address Asian Community

SAN FRANCISCO—Candidates for the Board of Supervisors, Board of Education and Community College Board will speak at a Candidate's Night sponsored by 11 Asian and Pacific community organizations Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m., at Christ United Presbyterian Church (corner of Sutter and Laguna streets).

Among those invited are the Asian American candidates: Community College Board member Julie Tang and Dr. William Gee, who are running along with 17 others for the Board of Supervisors; Gilman Louie and Leland Yee, who are among the nine Board of Education candidates; and incumbent Alan Wong and Moy Velasquez, who are among the six Community College Board candidates.

Each candidate will be given four minutes to speak and additional time for questions and answers.

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LOS ANGELES—Actor George Takei, Mr. Sulu in the "Star Trek" TV and film series, will receive a star on Hollywood Blvd's Walk of Fame, Asian Business Assn. (ABA) has announced.

Sponsored by the Walk of Fame committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 30, 12:30 p.m. Takei will be joined by fellow "Star Trek" cast members as well as representatives of Asian business and community organizations.

ABA spearheaded the effort to secure a star for Takei in 1985 and was formally notified of the selection by Walk of Fame committee chairman Johnny Grant.

Other Asian American actors who have received a star include Sessue Hayakawa, Anna May Wong and Philip Ahn.

Takei will also be given the ABA's Lifetime Achievement Award at an Oct. 3 banquet. As a board member of So. Calif. Rapid Transit District, he has made Asian American business owners aware of subcontract opportunities available from the L.A. Metro Rail project. As a result, a number of consultants, vendors and suppliers obtained contracts.

Scholar

SEATTLE — Becky Sasaki, a junior at the University of Washington, has been selected as one of the nation's 1986 Truman Scholars. Sasaki was one of 102 college and university students selected from campuses throughout the United States to receive the congressional scholarship.

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Cambodian Runs for Office

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Nil Hul, believed to be the first Cambodian immigrant in the nation to run for office, placed fourth out of 10 candidates Sept. 2 in a special election for the 6th District City Council seat left vacant by the recent death of James Wilson.

Although he received 154 votes to winner Clarence Smith's 1,515, Hul, 53, believes he has broken ground for future political aspirants from the Cambodian, Vietnamese and Laotian communities. Long Beach has the largest Cambodian population—about 25,000—of any U.S. city.

"This is a steppingstone for other campaigns," Hul told the Los Angeles Times. "You'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 youngsters. I know we're going to make it. If not this time, then the next time."

Formerly a business executive and army officer in his native country, Hul is now a grocer and county 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 area. The Organization of Indochinese Americans walked door to door, seeking to register new citizens as voters.

Hul came in 132 votes behind John Rambo, who finished third. Also in the running was Mineo Miyagishima, who garnered 53 votes.

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VIOLENCE

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The attacks on Asian refugees may be tied directly to some specific causes of anti-Asian sentiment cited by the commission such as the large and sudden increase of immigrants from China, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea and the Philippines between 1966 and 1983; a feeling shared by many Americans that refugees take jobs away from other Americans, receive special treatment or are too dependent on government assistance; and the feeling of low income and disadvantaged Americans that new refugees are cutting into their share of scarce resources such as public assistance.

However, overall reasons for anti-Asian sentiment, concludes the report, can be blamed on "no single factor." Rather, the report states, "it appears to be a combination of many factors of which race is one."

The "many factors" cited by the commission include misinformation and misconceptions about Asian Americans, immigrants and refugees. The report goes on to say that according to many of those interviewed during the study, those misconceptions have been popularized in and reinforced by the media.

Report findings are limited in only one respect; they cannot statistically show an increase or decrease in anti-Asian violence due to the lack of that type of information on a national level. In fact, of the 50 law enforcement agencies contacted during the study in cities with concentrated Asian populations, only two — New York and Boston — maintained such figures.

But, because of this lack of information, the study, which in the beginning was to be based primarily on social science literature and previous research, was expanded into an intensive field research project. Interviews were conducted with local, state and federal officials in eight states and Washington, D.C.

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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

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Shimoura 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 1983, ACJ and other Asian American groups organized protests that eventually 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, ACJ urged the Justice Department to retry Ebens. "It is unacceptable that the imperfections of our criminal justice system can permit an admitted killer to continue to roam the streets," said Shimoura on Sept. 18. "After more than four years since Vincent Chin's death, Ebens has not spent a single day in jail."

The Appeals Court ruled that U.S. District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor, who presided over the civil rights trial, should not have restricted the defense attorneys' access to recordings of a pretrial conversation between attorney Lisa Chan and three of Chin's friends, all of whom were with him the night of the incident. The tapes, which were not heard by the jury, show that the prosecution witnesses were coached to testify that Ebens used racial slurs before the fight started, the Appeals Court judges contended.

Shimoura responded that a guilty verdict could be reached

even if the tapes are played in their entirety. "The use of the transcripts of the tapes was done out of context with the specific intent by Mr. Ebens' attorneys to give the appearance of coaching or orchestration," he charged at a Sept. 19 press conference held prior to the Justice Department's announcement.

Mother Speaks Out

Lily Chin, the victim's mother, said, "I want everybody to tell the government not to drop the case. I want justice for my son."

Other speakers included Elaine Prout; Winston Lang, Detroit NAACP executive secretary; Horace Sheffield, founder of Detroit Association of Black Organizations; and Art Featherstone from the office of Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.).

Exhibit of Issei Artist's Works Extended

SAN FRANCISCO — An exhibit of oil paintings by Hisako Hibi depicting the Tanforan Race Track Assembly Center in California and the Topaz Detention Camp in Utah has been extended through Sept. 30 at the National Japanese American Historical Society, 1855 Folsom 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 6,000 people in the past two months.

The Appeals Court decision was also denounced by the Detroit Free Press, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, JACL national director Ron Wakabayashi, and Asian Pacific American Coalition USA president Alan Seid.

At a Sept. 19 press conference in San Francisco, held prior to the Justice Department's decision, Alan Yee of Asian Americans for Justice said that the court's decision sent a "message to Asian Americans and the public... that it's okay to kill Chinese and Asian Americans."

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



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PACKAGE DEPARTURES ON SATURDAYS
Oct 4, Oct 18, Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 6,
Dec 20, 1987—Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 7,
Feb 21, Mar 7, Mar 21.

Includes round trip direct flight from LAX; \$8 U.S. departure & custom tax; arrival transfer from Narita to Shiba Park Hotel (2 blocks from Tokyo Tower), 4 American breakfasts, half-day Tokyo tour; with option to extend • Arrange to visit relatives or other tours within Japan.

● 1986 Tour Dates

(Sept. 3 Update)

#15: Sept 26-Oct 18
Hokkaido/Kyushu-Honshu Tour

#16: Sept 13-26
Fall Foliage-2 Nations,
Niagara Falls (4 seats open)

#16a: Oct 3-20
Japan Omote Tour

#17: Oct 18-Nov 1
Japan Fall Foliage Tour

#18 & 19:
(These tours cancelled.)

#20: Dec 20-Jan 3
Japan Highlights Tour

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● Tour Itineraries

Hokkaido/Kyushu-Honshu
Sep 26-Oct 18

Tour A: Sapporo, Lake Toya, Noboribetsu, Shiraoi Aino Village, Chitose; Fukuoka, Beppu, Mt. Aso, Kumamoto, Matsushima, Shimabara, Unzen, Nagasaki, Hiroshima. Land tour: ¥250,000 (dbl occ) plus airfare. Tour escort: Bill Sakurai.

Tour B: Hiroshima, Inland Sea, Kyoto, Takarazuka Excursion, Nara, Gifu, Nagoya, Shuzenji Spa, Atami, Hakone, Lake Kawaguchi, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo. Land Tour: ¥199,000 (dbl occ). Tour escort: Bill Sakurai.

Japan Omote Tour
Oct 3-20

Tour #1: Tokyo, Nikko Excursion, Kamakura, Hakone, Atami, Nagoya, Toha, Kashikojima, Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima (11 days). Land tour: ¥251,000 (dbl occ), plus airfare. Tour escort: Steve Yagi.

Tohoku Fall Foliage
Oct 18-Nov 1

Visit Tokyo, Asamushi Spa, Lake Towada, Ohdate, Lake Tazawa, Tamagawa Spa, Hachimantai, Morioka, Hiraizumi, Sendai, Matsushima Excursion, Toggata, Zao, Yamagata, Yonezawa, Izuka Spa, Bandai Plateau, Higashiyama Spa, Koriyama, Utsunomiya, Nikko, Tokyo. Land tour: ¥360,000 (dbl occ), plus airfare. Tour escort: Toy Kanegai.

TOUR/FLIGHT MEETING:

Every third Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. at Felicia Mahood Recreation Hall, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles (west of the San Diego Freeway). Next meeting:

Sept. 21: Showing film on Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

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