Bird: Independent Judiciary Vital to Rights of Minorities

by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES — California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird emphasized the importance of maintaining an independent judiciary, which she called "the keystone of constitutional government on this earth" on behalf of the most powerful people within the society as well as the weakest.

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JA Commissioner Named

by Clayton Fong

SACRAMENTO—Marilyn Murata-Demetre has been appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian as the first Japanese American commissioner of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. 

The daughter of Robert and Mary Murata, who were married in an Arizona internment camp, Murata-Demetre was born and raised in East Los Angeles, where her parents moved after the war.

She graduated from the University of Redlands with a bachelor of arts in public management services in 1979, and thereafter became a commissioner by taking extension courses at UCLA in Los Angeles, and at CSU Los Angeles in safety administration.

Prior to joining the Deukmejian administration in 1983, Murata-Demetre was the health and safety manager for the city of Inglewood, which at that time had a workforce of 1,000 full and part-time employees.

During her seven years in this position, she developed and implemented the city's safety and health management program that successfully addressed safety concerns of employers as well as traditional vocational rehabilitation programs. The program has resulted in a $234,000 safety and health management savings every year.

In order to devote more time to her new position, she developed and implemented a comprehensive study beginning in November on the development of diabetes and heart disease in the city.

She was one of the candidates endorsed by the Democratic Club of Lower Manhattan on Sept. 9, 2008. According to Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), "I'm very optimistic about Marilyn's election. She's going to need to be understood and become a representative of the community."

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Bil Will Raise Hong Kong Immigration

WASHINGTON — The immigration bill approved by the House last week (Representatives on Oct. 9 contains a provision to increase the quota on immigration from Hong Kong to 5,000 per year, according to Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.).

"If this immigration reform bill successfully passes, we can say goodbye to this vestige of racial bias." The current quota is 600. Mine and other House members have worked on raising this level for more than two years.

by Dorothy Chin Brandt

SEATTLE — The University of Washington Japanese American Community Diabetes Study is recruiting Nisei women born before 1944 and Sansei men and women born before 1953 for a comprehensive study beginning in November on the development of diabetes and heart disease.

Applicants, who must reside in King County, do not have to be diabetic. Info: (206) 543-0507.

Nakasone Flap May Help Ties With Japan, Young Says

TOKYO—Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, whose recent controversial remarks about U.S. minorities may result in better relations between the two countries, said during a meeting with Mayor James Appel today that he "has been satisfied" with the remarks.

"The sooner we get over these mistakes, the better off we're going to be," Nakasone said.

In an interview with Young and Nakasone on Sept. 20, the Japanese leader reiterated his apology for the comments. In the meeting, Nakasone and Young said that the episode would create "a greater understanding as well as a great-
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With relatively little discussion, Jerry Enomoto, former presiden­
tial president, was approved as head of a special Committee on
Electoral Reform. The committee will seek to develop Rules and
Rules to look into the elec­
tion disputes. Approval of his ap­
pointments of the 10 other pre­
idential nominees, 10 committee
chairmen, and 10 board members
was approved by voice vote.

Several of four other presiden­
tial nominees, 30 committee
chairmen, and 30 board members
were approved by voice vote
by the board, as requested by
National President Harry Kajikawa.

Other business conducted by the
JACL Board are as follows:

JACL will indefinitely end its relationship with the Japa­
nese American Insurance Association (PANA). A letter of apprecia­
tion will be sent to the president of PANA and the PANA USA to inform them of their decision to thank them for their efforts and to let them know that individual JACL members will continue to participate in PACA activities.

National JACL, through its president, will communicate with heads of political parties and major media of Japan to inform them of formal action taken in the United States to recognize “Jim” as the abbreviation for the word Japanese American. It was negotiated to advise that Japan adopt a similar abbreviation.

The $35,000 threshold, as proposed by SRS Associates, will roll back to December. If a $35,000 response threshold is reached by Nov. 30, 1986, or earlier, as proposed, is expected.

The first SRS mailing was sent out in March, at a cost of $15,000, to 5,000 Japanese Americans and 25,000 other individuals whose names were taken from a list of known liberal donors. The re­
response from the 5,000 Nikkei re­
resulted in 208 new members and a net gain of $12,000. The re­
response from the other 25,000 was tepid and unproductive.

The second mailing was sent out in September to 3,000 Nik­
kei, at a cost of $12,000. (The $12,000 net gain from the first mailing was reinvested with an additional $12,000.) The response to date has resulted in 650 new members and a gross of $25,000. The $25,000 thresholds, in all likelihood, will be met.

• Establishment of a $9,000 ad­
vance from JACL to LEC to be
deposited upon action is taken in the latter’s favor by court.

• Seattle Convention Com­
mittee will be allowed to use the National Board name in its con­
vention fundraising purposes and the long-term funding of Na­
tional JACL with the appro­
cificate staff support. Any contrac­
tual obligations of the National JACL will require prior ap­
proval of the National Board.

• A committee, consisting of Mary Nishimoto, Mas Hironaka and Alan Nishi, was formed to manage the 1,000 Club Life Trust Fund until the next National Board meeting in February 1987.

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JACL project, also voiced her hopes of recapturing non-renewing mem­
bers. “We realize that some of these people will not be returning because they have passed on,” she said, “but from what I understand, many of our former 100 Club members and I believe they will be more likely (than regular renewals) to respond.”

In Nishimoto is promoting the New Member Incentive Program which was adopted at this board’s month meeting. Ac­
cording to the plan, each chapter will receive a rebate of $10, in­
stead of the usual $2, for every new member enrolled during the peri­

Knowledge of JACL

“Just,” she added, “the direct mail approach is not sufficiently successful because those individuals have had an exposure to JACL. That knowledge of the organization, unless there have been negative experiences, will help.”

• New Member Incentive Program will provide a $10 rebate, as opposed to the usual $2, rebate, to each chapter for every new member enrolled between Oct. 1, 1986 and Dec. 31, 1986. The term “new member” applies to in­
dividuals who have not been a JACL member during the last 12 months.

• LEC Board motions passed during their meeting are as follows:

• An appropriation of $9,000 will be made to share legal costs in­
curred by the Asian Legal Defense and Education Fund (ALEDF) in the presen­
tation of and work on the amici curiae brief in the appeal of the National Council for Japanese American Redress’ class action suit law suit.

• A Finance Committee will be directed to develop the ways and means of appropriating funds to cover expenses for a network of JACL-LRC area coordinators in each district.

• Resolution for reasons of health for LEC Chair Mir Yasui was accepted. Yasui was designated honoray chair of the LEC.

• Resignation of board mem­
ber Kez Mayeda accepted.

• Deferment of $25,000 ad­
vance from JACL against fourth­
year pledges accepted.

• LEC financial paperwork for fund-raising to be transferred from Harry Kajikawa to a contracted person at a rate not to exceed $900 per month.

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Nihonmachi.
A story of San Francisco’s Japantown

By Mildred M. Oshiro

“Nihonmachi: A Story of San Francisco’s Japantown” by Mildred M. Oshiro

This book continues to tell the experiences and history of early residents of San Francisco’s Japantown. It’s an autograph edition of the book containing all of the photographs and illustrations that characterized the earlier edition.

The book itself is well-structured and provides a good overview of life in San Francisco’s Japantown. It offers a glimpse into the lives of the early residents and their families, as well as the challenges they faced.

One of the most interesting aspects of this book is the inclusion of numerous photographs and illustrations that provide a visual representation of the area. These images help to bring the history of Japantown to life and offer a unique perspective on the experiences of its residents.

Overall, “Nihonmachi: A Story of San Francisco’s Japantown” is an excellent resource for anyone interested in the history of San Francisco’s Japantown. It provides a wealth of information and offers a fascinating glimpse into the past.

The book is available at local bookstores or can be ordered online. It is a valuable addition to any collection of books on San Francisco’s history.

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Ironically, the allocation of seed money for another direct mail effort aimed at increasing JACL memberships also is being blamed for part of the projected six-figure deficit. That effort, be­

ing conducted by SRS Associates, was approved by the board at a cost of $15,000, or earlier. Current figures indicate that the threshold will be met.

Oponentes of the third mailout argue that, in view of JACL’s cur­
rent financial situation, the money spent on the second mail­
out should be used to offset its deficit. Proponents argue that the increase in membership for longterm financial solvency outweighs any immediate cash re­
ward. Against this, however, was reinvested with an addi­tual $7,000 from JACL for a second mailing in September. Total results of both mailings through May are 650 new members and a gross of $25,000.

Last fall’s membership is far from the only reason behind JACL’s financial dilemma. An­
other factor is that the organiza­tion’s budget deficit is the un­
derwhelming lack of fourth-year redress money coming in from the chapters. As of Sept. 30, more than $170,000 remained out­
standing.

Repayment by Sept. 30

This chapter pledged money, cal­
culated at $7 per member, was
designated in a 1982 resolution as resolution as funding for JACL’s redress program. And, in antici­
pation of an uneven flow of the revenue, an item was included in the resolution approving a loan from the Endowment Fund to ac­
commodate any cash flow prob­
blems. All members of the loan.

However, state that repayment must be met by Sept. 30, or an­
other amount borrowed from Sept. 30 of the preceding year.

Lastly, the loan from the En­

dowmen Fund was $600 and,

because only $43,000 in pledges were received by Sept. 30 of this year, JACL had to come up with the additional $17,000. None, however, another unpredictable outcome which chipped away at the organization’s cash flow.

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Airing Dirty Laundry

Bob Shimabukuro

While doing my wash at the laundromat recently, a man walked in with a shopping cart loaded down with three garbage bags full of dirty laundry. He started loading his bag and then went out, and came back with another two. A total of five garbage bags.

As he proceeded to separate the laundry, I noticed the clothes—linen, towels, etc., while appreciatively staring the absorbtion of sudsiness and automatiosm from the rest of us in the laundromat, another man asked him what period of time his load represented.

"Oh, about one-and-a-half months," he replied.

"You shouldn't let it go that long," the other man said. "You'd be surprised how much things can grow on your clothes, you know."

Well, this amused me. Advice was not exactly what my laundry procrastinator wanted or needed at that point and he snapped back: "I'm just a real busy man, thank you."

And I continued on his task, sorting out clothing, spraying various "dirty laundry" variety. Well, my mother says that dirty laundry that doesn't get aired out once in a while gets smelly and moldy and sometimes suffers irreparable damage.

Deductions to Publications

For Typing Fund

As of Oct. 18, 1986: 1,975/42.50 (500)
9/26: $6.00, 5/18: $11.00, 6/1: $11.00
Last week total: $195.42 (102)
9/5: $25.00
9/9: $25.00
9/12: $25.00
9/16: $25.00
9/18: $25.00
9/20: $25.00
9/22: $25.00
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Now is the time to learn from the experience and plan toward the prevention of a similar dispute by clarifying the election guidelines. That should be the major task at hand.

There is talk of forming a presidential investigative committee to come up with recommendations for action. Is this at all necessary? Any attempt to justify one side over the other can only further the controversy. Any perception of partiality on the part of committee members can call to the conclusion as question.

As for clarifying election guidelines, officers in place who are knowledgeable can do a credible job. It is their responsibility.

We all have a single goal—a hard-fought, clean campaign and a new JACL for the current and future membership which a consultant recommended. To do this, we should support and vote for the JrACL president was not conducted in the spirit of freedom and best interest of all concerned.

Has everyone forgotten the fact that JACL was formed in the years of intense mental discrimination and hatred to defend our freedom and to seek justice? We should vote for one of the candidates who were imprisoned during World War II, not the point of view of the paper. This is not the time for us to play politics. This is the time for us to be united and to support the candidates and officers who have been quoted in the public prints recently in connection with the election.

The election controversy of the Chicago convention has created a major split within the JACL for the past several years.

The PC, editorial staff is to be congratulated for researching an issue and bringing it before the membership. This is in contrast to a decade ago, when PC was not free to bring a severe intra-organization dispute before the general membership. The result was the inability of members to obtain pertinent information on the dispute, and the erosion of public trust in the organization.

Major JACL disputes are frequently based on the interpretation of principles. Whatever they may appear to be, the oppositions, actions are usually taken in the hope of strengthening the organization's credibility. The Chicago election controversy has been open in various ways in order to provide an open and honest discussion.
Bird Issue Are Individual Rights Right?
by J.K. Yamamoto

The debate over the confirmation of California Chief Justice Kevin Murphy, whose Rosen name is reflected in the stands taken by two Los Angeles Asian-American community
organizations. Japanese American Bar Association, JABA, and the Los Angeles Japanese-American Republican Caucus are both
opposing the nomination, as it applies to individual rights.

JABA, in a statement endorsed by Countess K. Takemoto, said that unlike a legislator, who represents the voters’ wishes, “a judge, in reaching the decision in a given case, must not resolve the matter in a particular way simply because a majority of the citizenry demands this outcome.”

“...all too often, the majority of the public demands that certain constitutional rights not be afforded particular minority groups,” the statement continued. “This is to serve its intended function, it is not to serve the purpose of the Constitution.”

“During WW2, thousands of law-abiding Japanese Americans were forcibly relocated and placed into concentration camps...”

The judiciary, instead of maintaining its role as the protector of the rights of all the people, bucked to the will of the majority during the internment. Witness too the court’s upheld the California Alien Land Law of 1913, which barred non-approximate Asian Americans and their descendants from owning land.

Accountability to Public
J. A. President Lance Inui’s (SF) community support rating on the public is partly of any elected position. In an interview with PC, he quoted State Supreme Court Justice Edward Panelli as saying, “It’s our job to call ‘em as we see ‘em.”

If Inui’s position had to be disagreed with us and throw us out of office, “Then we are not just a law- applying body,” said Inui, “but we are a public gate supposedly good laws and throw out supposedly bad laws, and that’s what the public has a right to a check upon, and that check is usually exercised through an election.”

If Bird’s supporters do not want judicial decisions to be subject to popular vote, “The only way to avoid that is to change the Constitution in this court is appointed...to advocate lifetime appointment.”

Impact on Asians

“Just because a judge has a Rosen name doesn’t mean he or she is going to be a Rosen,” said Inui. “I am not a Rosen,” said Inui, “I am not a Rosen.”

Inui said of appointees who may replace Bird and other Rosen-named justices, “I don’t think the rigorous protection of the Vincent Chin case by a conservative Reagan Justice Department.”

Inui echoed a charge frequently made by conservative Republicans, the Supreme Court has strained to find any technical

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by the court, problems with the lowering to be worked out and "the reversal rate in going to be much greater than it’s going to be at a later time when those issues have been worked out.”

Bird, who was appointed to the court by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1977, added that the death penalty is an emotional issue which makes the real reason for the move to outlaw in the confirmation elections, which California justices must face every eight years.

Real Issue is Court Control

Control of the court is the real issue, she said, adding that agribusiness interests, corporate interests, in particular, are seeking to see independent and competitive judges are responsible for the money to oust her. Deukmejian wants to appoint two more members to the court, giving him a court with a majority of justices who see issues his way, she claimed.

"When you have a judiciary that is truly independent of the public as well as independent of the Congress, then you have a judiciary that will protect every human right in this land. If you oppose the court, said Bird, "see only one kind of judge, and that judge has to have a mindset that is preconceived and will spit out what was written. But isn’t part of the beauty of our institutions that everybody has their chance to be heard and see themselves?... Isn’t the bill of Rights about tolerance?” she asked.

"A court has to have the strength to stand up to those who are in the majority, and tell them, "Wait a minute, you have to be careful of your rights minorities, you violate your rights ultimately, because minority groups are minorities at some point.”

Bird, who presently is trailing in public opinion polls, asked what would happen if she lost her confirmation election. "I think my loss would be less of a loss than the loss of Justice Sceppano,” she said, “He is the true Latino constitutionalist, a statesman among us in the Supreme Court. “We don’t say who it should be, because we have very capable, competent, male and female Asian jurists and lawyers who are qualified to sit here on the Supreme Court.

She thought that it was especially important in California ‘where in the early days Asians were not even held to be people.”

When the court will reach a decision on the death penalty by majority vote, she noted, “because they weren’t even considered people. Well, it’s time we change that, and we allow the people within our society to look up to us, and become responsible to themselves. That’s important, that’s basic, and that’s fundamental.”

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In the meantime, the JACL National Board approved at its Janu­ary board meeting a $75,000 grant to LEC, apparently assuming that all the pledge money estimated at approximately $15,000 would come in, and, after paying back the $9,000 loan, $75,000 would be left over to give to LEC. A schedule of payment was established and, beginning March 1, monthly checks will be issued to the LEC fund.

By the time the board met in May, however, there was a clear deficit on the LEC income and expenditures. It was decided to adjust its prior month’s reorganization and recharacterized the $25,000 grant for the future if the current budget were necessary. Another adjustment was made at this month’s board meeting with the following three purposes in thirteenth and fourteenth check upon, and that check is usually exercised through an election.”

If Bird’s supporters do not want judicial decisions to be subject to popular vote, “The only way to avoid that is to change the Constitution in this court is appointed...to advocate lifetime appointment.”

Impact on Asians

“Just because a judge has a Rosen name doesn’t mean he or she is going to be a Rosen,” said Inui. “I am not a Rosen,” said Inui, “I am not a Rosen.”

Inui said of appointees who may replace Bird and other Rosen-named justices, “I don’t think the rigorous protection of the Vincent Chin case by a conservative Reagan Justice Department.”

Inui echoed a charge frequently made by conservative Republicans, the Supreme Court has strained to find any technical

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Volunteer Tutor to be Honored

LOS ANGELES — Alkira Sumiki, a 67-year-old volunteer at All Peoples Community Church, will be honored Oct. 26 for her work tutoring elderly adults through the center’s Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The center-sponsored program will take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 5066 W. Century Blvd. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and dancing will follow. An award certificate will be presented to Sumiki at an address by Tamlyn Tomita, star of “Karate Kid II.” Eileen for the tribute will be Calvin Peterson, former Los Angeles Raiders linebacker. Sumiki, a former Department of Water and Power employee, first worked as a part-time tutor at All Peoples in the late ’40s. He returned in 1981, when he began teaching literacy classes. Since that time, Sumiki has expanded his program to both English and Spanish as second languages and math.

Tickets to the dinner-dance may be obtained by contacting Mary Reynolds or Grace Kim at the RSVP office, (213) 747-6507.

County Commends Volunteers

SAN MATEO — More than 80 San Mateo JACL volunteers received certificates of commendation for their services from Anna Ebshin, president of the County Board of Supervisors, during a Sept. 18 luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Redwood City. Special tributes were paid by Ernie Tokuhashi, chairman of the Community Center Advisory Committee, to those who have volunteered for more than 15 years. Lucy Shin, Mitsuuye Muramoto and Kumi Watanabe, Chapter Vice President, Nancy Tokuhashi expressed appreciation to the volunteers for their time and effort, in among other things, staffing the community center, providing blood pressure services, planning and implementing programs for three senior citizen groups, maintaining the Japanese American Center, and mailing out the monthly JACL newsletter.

Graduate

PHRSHO — Diane Sudar, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Sudar, recently was awarded the degree of doctor of dental medicine from Harvard University. Sudar’s studies were focused on the specialization field of endodontics.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Fred and Hana Aoyama, of Reno, Nev., will display their wedding anniversary Sept. 20 at an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren at their home on Folsom Drive.

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San Francisco — Now in its third season, "Silk Screen," a series of documentary and dramatic films by and about Asian Americans, will be broadcast on WGBH-TV (Channel 44) in other cities.

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Onizuka Street

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nese community" and "played an important role in the resurgence of Japanese American identity in the community" after WWII, he said.

Kats Kunigaki, executive secretary of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, said, "It's not the history of Wel­

ler Street but the history of Japa­

nese Americans we are trying to preserve in Little Tokyo.

Kunigaki said Onizuka said the community "needs this type of hero to look up to" and noted that a street in Little Tokyo is named for a Japanese American.

"The Japanese members of the community and the Japanese American members of the community are not even speaking to each other," she said. If the (Oni­

zuka) law... there will be no divis­

ion that this has created, he would say, "Leave it alone, I have revered and honored him.

She added that the late astro­

naut deserves more than having "a little strip of street less than one block long" named after him.

Support From Veterans

Linda Mortimo, an aide to the mayor of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee for the youth of our community a very positive role model of an American-Japanese Desseendant, while community fund-raiser Les Hamaaki said that by re­

naming the street, "the name change in a Durham, NC newspaper. Because Onizuka is "a national hero," he said, "that's the only place to look up to" and "noted

that Japanese nationals oppose that any objections to it

for Pacific

would "honor the spirit of Amer­

nica, honor the spirit of liberty." Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents the Little Tokyo community, said that "a great percentage, would want the change to be made.

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quired to ensure that the defend­

ant was fairly and impartially convicted and sentenced.

Imizu finds the endorsement of Bird by lawyers' associations to be "suspicious. The lawyers have an interest in that." Yaroslavsky said that the late astronaut deserves more than having "a little strip of street less than one block long" named after him.

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